

PLANTERS' BANNER.



"GIVE TO THE LABOR OF AMERICA THE MARKET OF AMERICA."—Choate. FRANKLIN, La., THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1849.

THE PLANTERS' BANNER.—We have now been laboring little more than a year as editor of this paper, and whatever others may think, we feel that we have done our duty.

We glory in the noble advances which our citizens are making in whatever conduces to their happiness and prosperity, and we shall always be found ready to volunteer our humble services on the side of those who oppose existing evils, and raise their voices in favor of wholesome reforms of any kind.

This week we go to the city to obtain new type, to enable us to present our paper to the public in a more acceptable dress, and with more and better matter than usual.

TEMPERANCE BALL.—Five hundred ball tickets have been struck off at this office by direction of the Sons of Temperance.

THE FANCY DRESS BALL.—Mr. Whitmore requests us to state that no tickets of invitation will be issued for the Fancy Dress Ball.

REMOVAL.—Dr. G. N. ... has removed his drug establishment from the old stand on Main street, to Odd Fellows Hall.

SUGAR CANE IMPROVING.—Since the late cold snap the cane generally has become very sweet. Some planters are now making three hogheads to the acre from cane that was blown down.

THE TEMPERANCE MOVEMENT.—We copied an article last week from the Baton Rouge Gazette, alluding to a call for a convention to be held at Baton Rouge during the ensuing session of the Legislature to promote the cause of temperance.

In another column of our paper will be seen Mr. Andrew P. McLain's card. Mr. McLain is a most excellent workman, and we were much gratified to have a physician say that being much at a loss to alter an instrument for a peculiar purpose, he applied to Mr. McLain, who immediately arranged it in a manner completely to answer his purpose.

IN THE WHOLE PLACE.—We are informed by one of the Atchafalaya pilots that a light ship has been stationed for more than five months, half way between the "middle ground" and the "Grand state," without benefiting mariners at all, and at quite a heavy expense to government.

LESLIE KNOWER.—A young lady, when told to take medicine for her health, said she would jump at an offer and run her own risk.

DARING BURGLARY.—The store of Messrs. Blush & Godchaux was forcibly entered by some daring burglars on the night of Saturday last. They got admittance by the window, boring through the shutters to enable them to unlatch the fastening and actually carried off the strong-box about half a mile, when they opened it forcibly.

We have had of late frequent robberies of this kind; and we do feel surprised that our Town Council, who evinces generally so much judgment and zeal in discharging their duties, do not employ a regular police to watch about the town day and night; the idea of ever accomplishing anything by a patrol is absurd and has been too often tried for any man of sense to wish to try it again.

The gentlemen having, fortunately for them, made a considerable remittance to the city a few days previous, the scoundrels were disappointed in their booty; having only got with all their trouble about \$40. They had removed a trunk of clothing, but seem on reflection to have come to the conclusion that it would be rather dangerous to wear the clothing where the keen eyes of the legitimate owners might come in contact with them, and so left them without removing any.

DEAD, OR DYING.—One year ago Tucco's Grog Shop in this place was thronged with visitors, and thousands of dollars were spent there for liquors at a dime a glass. The respectable grog drinking of the village has always been at that place, or at the shop of the former proprietor of Tucco's establishment.

On the first day of January we hope and trust that we shall see but one grog shop in operation in Franklin. Then Franklin will smile as she never smiled before.

Sons of Temperance, stand by your arms! and whenever an opportunity offers make a manly charge upon the common enemy of our parish—work, toil and sweat for the good of the great cause which you have thus far so nobly sustained.

THE FRANKLIN AND NEW ORLEANS RAILROAD.—Some of our citizens say that this railroad scheme would do well if the object could be accomplished. Very well. We contend that it can and will be accomplished, and if we live five years we expect to be able to go to New Orleans, from Franklin in five hours, at an expense of less than five dollars.

A SLAVE ON A NEW YORK VESSEL.—A short time since a slave was found secured in a vessel bound for New York with a cargo of sugar which she had taken from Antigua.

A WRITING YARN.—A Hoosier, an awfully ugly man, relating his travels in Missouri, said that he arrived in Chickenville in the afternoon, and just a few days after, there had been a heavy frost, and a heap of people scalded and killed, one way and another.

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STRIKING DEFINITION.—At the examination of the children of the Windsor Infant School, a short time since, a little boy was asked to explain the meaning of "bearing false witness against your neighbor."

CHANGING EMPLOYMENT.—A genius who had made something of a figure as a writer but who run himself into rags, by his devotion to Bacchus, was found by an old acquaintance, on a recent occasion driving an omnibus in Broadway.

For the Banner. St. Mary's College.

It is at present a melancholy fact that in meeting a planter, whatever may have been his success this season in regard to his crop, he never fails to wind up by saying, with a sigh, that he has examined his seed cane and finds it much injured and that he is afraid it will become still more so.

These are sad reflections, and proper and becoming the occasion, and he who has done all that man can do, need never fear that God will do the rest for him.

Build a good College, and have proper masters to teach the various branches and classes, and not have one man to teach everything, from the alphabet to Newton's Principia, (but more of this hereafter)

The capacity of legally conveying the knowledge acquired by one generation down to another is, after all, the great distinguishing quality between man and the beasts that perish; it is only by education that we are able to have a share in this conveyance to posterity, and those of the posterity who are unable to read the dead conveyances may not inherit.

THE PLEAS FOR RELIEF OF SIR J. FRANKLIN.—The Providence Journal, whose editor has evinced a peculiar interest in, and knowledge of, the progress of the Arctic discovery, suggests what appears the most practicable plan for releasing Sir John Franklin from his supposed ice-bound home.

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For the Planters' Banner. Plank Walks in Franklin.

Mr. Editor.—The Planters' Banner has of late manifested a laudable pride in publishing to the world the flourishing condition, and the growing beauties of Franklin, and St. Marys parish, and it is gratifying to know that your laudations are just and well merited.

Our side walks, it must be confessed, are any thing but what they should be. The shells of which they are made fit them neither for wet nor dry weather, being at all times extremely unpleasant for man or beast to walk upon, and for the ladies quite intolerable.

Now these shells, though so utterly unsuitable for the surface would make the best possible foundation for walks, and especially for plank walks, and would tend greatly to preserve them from decay.

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temperance reform attacks the disease and secures its extirpation. Should the temperance effort prove completely successful, there would be no necessity for many of the societies now in existence. There would be nothing left for them to do.

The success of the temperance cause would also furnish an immensely increased support to all needed organizations. The millions of money now wasted in dissipation might be turned into the channels of Christian benevolence, and the multitude of men redeemed from vice, or prevented from falling, would become willing workers in the great harvest field of the world.

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