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TO OUR CANDIDATES.

We are ready to print at a day's notice any quantity of Election Tickets. Such jobs have to be paid CASH. We cannot depart from this rule, as we have in our books, yet unpaid, similar jobs made since five or six years, without any prospect of settlement.

CANDIDATES WILL TAKE OUR NOTICE OF THE SAME. April 4 t. f.

Mr. J. L. BULLARD, is our authorized Agent to collect, renew and receive subscriptions for the Natchitoches Times, for Natchitoches, and adjoining Parishes.

Our Candidates.

For Sheriff.

- R. W. McConel, James G. Hughes, J. J. Raines, J. B. Fleming, John J. Bossier, George W. Molloway, J. M. Elliot, W. W. L. Brown, Wm. D. Rain.

For Recorder.

- George W. Kearney, Louis J. Bossier, Thos. J. Stimpson.

For Clerk.

- B. J. Bout, J. W. Hamilton, John B. Cloutier.

For District Attorney.

- J. Lemce, J. F. Smith, David Pearson.

For Coroner.

- G. W. Goss, N. B. Whitfield.

For Assessor.

- W. P. Cannon, Willie E. Evered, J. Leonard Bullard.

For Mayor.

- F. Metoyer, S. B. Hyams.

For Justice of the Peace.

- C. A. Bullard, C. J. Fern, F. Hertzog, P. Myers.

For Ward Constable.

- H. W. Geter.

For Town Constable.

- S. W. Griswood.

Our thanks to Capt. Johnson of the steamer Louis D'or for special favors.

We are indebted to Capt. Smoker, of Steamer National and Capt. Hays of Steamer Starlight for favors.

Clerks—For the New York Day Book and N. Y. News. We are making a club for each of those two staunch Democratic sheets. Price \$2.00. Now is the time to register your names.

See Hamonet & Seichepine's notice in another column.

In our columns, will be found Mess. J. Israel & Co's advertisement. They have received a large and well selected assortment of fresh Goods. Their Cash facilities have enabled them to purchase at low prices, and their customers will find it to their advantage by calling early at their store.

Special for the "Times."

Commercial Life in New Orleans

The first year of business since the close of the war is also closing in the gay, the beautiful and charming city of the South. Only those who have conversed with the Patriotic Ladies of New Orleans can have an estimate of life and energy in the city. Stopping at the City Hotel, where all Confederate soldiers during the war and months after, as they were returning, maimed, from Federal prisons, found a welcome reception from Mr. Morse, the generous Proprietor. The Hall is filled nightly with many of our prominent merchants, who are now closing, and of none of great wealth. The immense trade which New York has received, has nearly all gone to New Orleans. This is as it should be. The place is more Southern than before the war. There is an enjoyment in such a place, why should gentlemen of the South go North? The best houses are importing direct from Europe, which was not done before the war.

Wallace & Co., 74 Canal St. and 91, 93, 95 Common St., this six-story building joins the City Hotel and is full of dry goods, boots, shoes and plantation clothing, except the 2nd floor occupied by the renowned hardware merchant Sloomb—this man of generous bearing, secured all his former clerks who like himself served in the Confederate cause and paid the back salaries. Having just gone over much of Texas, conversing with hundreds of merchants, I found their hardware from Sloombs, Wallace & Co. guarantee their sales at New York prices, this with the fact that all their clerks were in the Confederate service is certainly the best recommendation. They have heavy stocks of domestic and foreign dry goods, boots, shoes and plantation clothing, and soon will have their large factory near the city, for boots and shoes—this giving employment to hundreds of working men—who receive but a pittance in Europe and live very hard in the North. The house with Mr. Baldwin as the junior partner and manager, so universally known as a superior man, has gained the name, the first place in the South. Their sales amount to a half a million dollars per month.

Joining them 72 Canal St. Thos. C. Payan, the great clothing merchant, so favorably known in every part of Louisiana, with his thirty years reputation in the City as his native state, has all his wealth invested in the great clothing house of the South; he is every where known, as a correct and obliging gentleman, showing a stock of fine goods in the boxes, Gen'l King of Walkers, Division is in this house; he was wounded in Mansfield battle, his success at Bayou Bourdeaux was honored enough for the war—entering into the service as a private—he became soon a General—his presence in this house will gather around him many new permanent purchases.

Speaking of Walker's division another good soldier, same command, Col. Redwood, will give a cordial welcome to his many friends at Red & Hunt's 21 Magazine St. dealers in Boots and shoes. This is an excellent house—in quality and workmanship, no stock in the great city surpass theirs—while certainly no gentlemen can do more than those named. At 30 Canal St. North, Dresh & Mason in the elegant house have a stock of fancy goods in line keeping with the attractive building—here Capt Seaman so well known where the Times is read—by his attention to all—invites to the house a valued trade, the intimate knowledge which the gentlemen of the firm have of their beautiful business—their extensive connections and great trade facilities render this beautiful house of fancy goods—house furnishing goods—with their direct importations from Germany and France an unrivalled house.

Let no lady especially—fall to call at Broussau No 19 Charterst., no city can produce a more obliging gentleman or one who knows the beautiful business better—it is the great carpet store of the South, nothing can be found like it in excellence, extent and variety of every description of carpeting—floor oil cloths, Canton and cocoa matting and rugs. The house is full of every article in their line, purchasers from all parts of the country can replenish with every thing new in designs, excellent in quality and moderate in price, and pronounce Mr. Broussau a gentleman of the olden times—In this house Masons and Odd Fellows can secure these beautiful carpets for their halls with all their devices in brilliant colors, while the window shades are perfectly charming.

Corner of Royal and Canal St. is the honored house of Goodrich & Co., with a reputation of fifty years, here are the pure diamonds, silver ware and the richest and most brilliant jewelry, while most of the work is done in the establishment. You patronize a Southern house—Gentlemen who are adding much to the brilliant future of the South—All is warranted here, their long experience in business and the extent of their business, place them with the best houses in New York.

New York, especially Boston has flooded the South with cheap goods, and all the people of the South are suffering enough to free them forever from Parisian goods, they will read no more such abusive works. At 118 Canal St. Bloock & Co., are completing their publishing house. During 1866, they will furnish the people with good school books, as ever in manuscript form are ready for the press prepared by Southern Teachers and have been All the Southern Teachers of the South, Northern Teachers will be imported now only from the Freedmen's Bureau. Principally Teachers from Southern lands, will hereafter be piled up in New York, Philadelphia and Boston. Harpers and other Publishers will keep their works near home.

At Bloock's, books from Southern authors are meeting with quick sales. The Albums having the photographs of our heroes we love, are selling as fast as brought out. Dolbear's Commercial College with the reputation of a third of a century, and always well patronized is the place where gentlemen are fitted for Commerce and the Cotton Trade, an elegant building opposite the City Hotel, is full of students; no longer will young men go north to receive an education of any kind. All those who have taught the longest in the South, will receive the patronage, and not those who drop down since the war closed.

The south has spent her millions of gold in houses and stores. All the changed, New Orleans is hereafter our Paris, from her locations and valley, where the great levee is being constructed with the hundreds of rivers pouring into the one; the grain the cattle and the Cotton, Roads will soon reach the Pacific, and pass nearly all come to New Orleans—even our Railroads will soon reach the Pacific, and pass represented there, by the Paris, we will be nobles, Gov. Henry Watkins Allen, and the Heroic Sterling Price. Heaven guided the mind of the author in giving so expressive a name of his work.

I draw no fancy sketches. The Crescent City is 6 to 6 our Paris. The great central point for south, we export the great bulk of our goods, on hundreds of battle fields, we are fixed in our purpose to make the south, the brightest and richest part of the United States. This is done by fostering our schools, and Publishing houses, our manufacturers, our cities, our Hotels, our Watering places.

Merchants—enter the houses just named, examine the goods, judge for yourselves. Oh! remember when you are in the four years war, and remember the vast trade in New Orleans, since the war closed, then our friends, embracing their money and efforts will be properly directed, new Orleans is our city—

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We love it, the atmosphere is pure, serene, never can we forget her noble women. It will, it shall rival any city in America. Merchants—give your cordial support to those houses striving to make it a manufacturing city, thus furnishing a home to countless numbers from Ireland, Germany, France and the great West, thus you will give an earnest of your love for the south. ADVANCE.

April 24 1866.

For the Natchitoches "Times."

THE LOVERS STAR.

BY STANNIE LEE.

It was a beautiful night in early May and the stars were shining with a radiant light over the Crescent City. Their mild beams rested on a young man and maiden who stood together on the steps of a stately mansion, seemingly engaged in a lover's parting interview. From the brilliantly lighted drawing rooms floating on the perfumed air and merry feet within those halls kept time to the waltzing melody. It was the residence of Col. Hastings, an officer in the Confederate ranks. The war between the North and South, had just broken out, and tonight he had given a farewell ball to the officers and men of his command previous to leaving for Virginia in the morning. The beauty and the chivalry of New Orleans were gathered here to night and "bright the lamps shone o'er fair women and brave men." Many amid that throng would have to bid adieu on the morrow to those they loved best, and that thought mingled with the entrancing music as it swept by and gilded their hearts with a deep, sad sorrow that haunted them even in that bright and festive scene. The fond father, loving husband, and devoted lover had nerved their hearts as they imagined, to bear the parting bravely between those they loved and had come hither to-night to spend a few hours in pleasures fairy paths ere they entered on the bloody battle of war. But when music's magic notes came gushing by and touching their hearts hidden springs then enthusiasm, warrior's fame and glory's bright beams were all forgotten in the wish to remain forever with the loved and cherished. Oh! Music, music, thou art

"The silver key to the fountain of tears, Where the spirit drinks till the brain runs wild."

But let us turn from the scene within to those two left standing on the steps without. The young girl looked supremely beautiful as she stood there with the gossamer robes floating about her like a cloud and the moon beams encircling her like a halo. Her features were tinged with sadness as she stood there besides her companion, a tall, handsome young man of about twenty years of age, and who was dressed in the uniform of Col. Hastings's regiment. He was a private soldier but no man in all that band of gallant officers and trusty men stood higher in Col. Hastings's estimation than did Norman Howard. He had been engaged to Nellie Hastings with her father's consent, for some time, and their union had only been delayed on account of the war's breaking out.

"Better wait awhile, Nellie, and let Norman go and win his laurels on the fields of glory and then when the war is over he can lay them at your feet."

But poor Nellie cared little for laurels or fame now that the bugle of war summoned her father and Norman from her side. She thought of the weary marches, sleepless nights and days of blood that awaited the chosen of her heart on the warrior path that he had entered upon with such a high and trusting spirit. She thought of these and her heart grew faint, but lifting her heart in prayer to heaven she found strength and consolation, for she knew that her father and Norman both were imbued with the spirit of Christianity and she also knew that God would shield those who trusted in his grace.

"Nellie," said Norman breaking the silence that lay between them, "when I am far away from you darling, and think of me? Look at that shining orb when I am gone and think that I, too, am gazing at the same glittering gem and thinking of my long loved Nellie."

"Yes," replied Nellie, glancing upward at the star to which Norman pointed, and I will love that star for your sake and often when I see it gleaming in the ether blue I will waft a prayer up to the throne of God for you, dear Norman."

"Nellie, at this same hour every evening I wish you to come out here and look at that star beaming so gloriously from its far off home. Let us fondly believe, darling, that there is an invisible chain emanating from it and whose unseen links will draw and bind our souls together in close communion though space will divide us from each other. Good-bye my own dear Nellie, I must leave you now as my heart is too sad to enter again those illuminated halls. Good-bye," said he, drawing her to his lips and imprinting a long, long kiss on her lips, brown and cheek. "Good-bye and promise that you will love me when I am gone the same as now."

"Oh! Norman can you doubt my constancy? I shall love and pray for you the same as now even though stern war may separate us for years. For years! This parting may be forever," said Nellie, bursting into tears.

"Nay, nay, my Nellie dear, remember that Thou art to be a soldier's bride. Those tears but ill become thee."

To be Continued.

Take notice of the advertisement published elsewhere about a strayed penny, a good reward is offered, which is an inducement for our farmers.

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LATEST NEWS.

The Tribune Washington special says Alexander H. Stephens continues to receive many calls from the admirers of his course the past five years. He has become very much disheartened as to an early admission to the Senate, and says he shall go back Wednesday. He has not the slightest doubt but that he will have his seat given to him in the Senate.

Mr. Stephens estimates the coming cotton crop of the South at 3,000,000 bales. It is generally expected the President in a few days will release Jefferson Davis. Clement C. Clay on parole.

There is no probability of their ever being tried for participation in the conspiracy by which Lincoln was murdered.

It is not likely Congress will again call for the testimony, which is known to but few persons. Judge Holt has expressed his opinion in writing that it was enough to convict them, and no one is more surprised at their not being tried.

The Secretary of War has called upon Gen. Banks for his report of the battle of Cedar Mountain, Virginia, and the siege of Fort Hudson which Banks is now engaged upon.

The Herald's New Brunswick special says the reply of the Government to the address of the Legislative Council was communicated Saturday evening, just before adjournment of Parliament.

It indorses the confederation recommendations embraced in the address to the Queen. The document took the Government party in the Lower House completely by surprise, and forces it to accomplish the confederation.

New York, April 9.—A correspondent says Quantrell, the guerrilla, is farming on the Island of Cuba.

The Herald's Washington special says considerable sensation was manifested in that city yesterday, by the death of two colored people of one family, with all the symptoms of cholera.

Mr. Bonwell's resolution of inquiry was adopted: whether Jefferson Davis, Jacob Thompson, C. C. Clay, Beverly Tucker, Geo. N. Sanders, W. C. Cleary and other rebels and traitors against the Government of the United States, were involved in the murder of President Lincoln, or attempted the assassination of Secretary Seward, or whether any of them are guilty of treason against the United States.

Notice.

During our absence from the State Messrs. C. Chaplin and Son, are our Agents and Attys in fact. All persons indebted to G. Hamonet, or Harmonet & Seichepine, or Mde. Hamonet & Travailleur are requested to come forward immediately and settle with said firm, otherwise our claims will be put in suit for collection.

HARMONET & SEICHEPINE, A25.—3m.

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JAMES GENIUS.

J. ISRAEL & CO. FRONT STREET, Natchitoches, La.

We are receiving from New Orleans a large and well selected assortment of Dry Goods, and Plantation supplies, which we are offering at the lowest market prices. All our goods are purchased for CASH, and consequently can be sold with advantage to our friends, at an UNPRECEDENTED LOW PRICE. The goods having been selected by us for this market, are very appropriate for all purposes, and we feel confident, that success in business depends entirely upon the taste in purchases, as well as the prices paid for them. These two points are acquired to us. Our long standing practice, and knowledge of the wants of this Parish, our CASH facilities, will insure a marked preference against ANY COMPETITION. Purchasers will convince themselves by calling at our store. Country buyers will recollect that our store is ready to receive their orders, which will always be filled to the best of their advantage. Let us hear from you all. Let every corner of this Parish be represented in this great EMPORIUM OF THE FASHION.

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