

The Journal.

OPLOUSAS, LA.
Saturday, July 18, 1868.

National Democratic Nominations

For President.
HORATIO SEYMOUR,
OF NEW YORK.

For Vice President.
FRANCIS P. BLAIR,
OF MISSOURI.

Electors for the State at Large.

R. C. WICKLIFFE, of West Feliciana.
ISAIAH GARRETT, of Ouachita.

ALTERNATES:

JAMES P. FERRIS, of Jefferson.
JUDGE J. N. LEA, of Orleans.

District Electors:

First Congressional District—A. S. BOLDI.
Second—M. B. BRADY.
Third—A. S. HERRON.
Fourth—A. DEBLANC.
Fifth—N. W. COLEMAN.

ALTERNATES:

First Congressional District—P. A. SHERBURNE.
Second—GEO. W. RACE.
Third—J. H. KENNARD.
Fourth—P. N. O'CONNOR.
Fifth—J. H. BRIGHAM.

Grand Ratification Meeting and Barbecue.

Those who favor the election of the Democratic candidates for President and Vice President of the United States, are invited, without distinction of race or color, to a Grand Barbecue which will be given in the town of Opelousas, on Saturday, the 1st of August next.

The meeting will be addressed by several speakers of both races.

The Democratic platform, of which we gave a synopsis in our last issue, is crowded out this week by the proceedings of the planters' meeting and Dr. Boagni's address before that body in regard to the cotton worm. We publish the platform in French, and will give it in English next week. On first page will be found the address of G. V. Seymour on taking his seat as chairman of the late Democratic Convention. We recommend its careful perusal to every one.

Nothing of importance has transpired in the State this week, except the inauguration of Gov. Warmoth, on Monday the 13th inst., and the issuing of an order, on the same day, by Gen. Buchanan, declaring the Reconstruction laws to be no longer operative in this State, that military law no longer exists, and that civil law is supreme—in a word, that Louisiana is again in the Union.

WHIPPED TO DEATH.—On Saturday last, a freedman named Eugene Martin, residing on the plantation of Lastrape Brothers near Washington, whipped his son, a boy of 12 years, so badly that he died the following day. The entire back was deprived of skin, and two ribs on each side were left bare. The excruciating pain, and that the boy was in the habit of running away, and that he intended to cure or kill him. Martin is in jail.

Senator Harris, one of the United States Senators elect from this State, has resigned.

We have received the *Southern Cultivator* for July, published by Wm. W. L. Jones, Athens, Ga., at \$2 a year. Every planter should have it, for it is entirely devoted to Southern agriculture, and is eminently practical in its treatment of subjects.

We heartily recommend to our readers who desire to subscribe for a good family paper, the *Blaze of the South*, published by L. T. Dunbar, Co., at Augusta, Ga., and edited by the Rev. A. J. Ryan. The latter is too well known as a poet and chaste prose writer to require any notice from us. We particularly recommend this paper to the large number of our citizens who belong to the Roman Catholic church; they will find that, though liberal and charitable in its tone, it is a zealous and able advocate of the doctrines and usages of their church, and that it also contains an excellent literary department. Subscription \$3 per annum.

DECKING THE BROW.—The feeling created is like lifting up the heavy drapery of night in chaotic folds upon Nature's forehead, to watch the bosom of virgin earth heave with life, or catch the early kiss of morning's dawn upon her ruby lips, to look upon creation in her bridal robes, with her diamond fragments of jewelry—now decking her brow with the flowers of youth, and contemplating the golden treasures of health created by the use of the "Great Southern Preparations," advertised in another column.

CONCERT AND TABLEAU.—We have been requested to announce for Friday evening, the 24th inst., at the Varieties, a concert, vocal and instrumental, tableau of rare beauty and taste, with other and appropriate performances. The Varieties has been handsomely fitted up for the occasion. No effort, we are assured, will be wanting on the part of the ladies and gentlemen who tender this entertainment, to please and gratify the public, to whose generous and liberal support they appeal in aid of means to purchase an organ for the Episcopal Church. Surely no one, it matters not to what branch of the Christian Church he may belong, can hesitate in contributing his mite to so laudable and elevating an object.

Programme of performance will be issued in due time. Doors open at 7 o'clock. Tickets to be had at the Groceries of Messrs. May and Houston, and at the stores of Messrs. Phillips, Loeb, and Bloch & Dupre. Admission 50 cents.

Subscription to the Journal is reduced to \$2 per annum.

MEETING OF PLANTERS.

OPLOUSAS, July 14, 1868.

Pursuant to a call made at the last meeting of planters at Opelousas, an annual meeting was held this day to hear the report of committees previously appointed, and to concert measures for the destruction of the cotton caterpillar fly.

Meeting called to order by Judge Martel, who, on motion, called on H. E. Reed, who was called to the chair, and Capt. W. W. Ford closed secretary.

On motion, the report of the committee on a plan for the destruction of the caterpillar fly was received and adopted, and the report resolved that the plan therein suggested be published and carried into operation from this date.

Dr. Vincent Boagni being called upon, addressed the meeting in a very able and satisfactory manner, for which a vote of thanks was unanimously passed, and a copy of his address requested for publication.

On motion, a central committee of three was appointed, whose duty it shall be to appoint sub-committees in each Ward, and to use any means they may deem best to effect the general object in the premises. On this committee were chosen Henry L. Garland, C. C. Swayze, and Dr. Vincent Boagni as Chairman.

On motion, Mr. Joseph Skinner was requested to exhibit to the meeting a lamp recently invented by him for the purpose of destroying flies and insects of all kinds. After having done so the thanks of the meeting were tendered him, and the expediency of using the same was referred to the Central Committee.

On motion, the *Journal and Courier* were requested to publish these proceedings.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

B. F. REED, Chairman.
W. W. FORD, Secretary.

To the Hon. B. A. Martel, President, and Henry L. Garland, Secretary, of the Planters' Meeting held at Opelousas July 4th, 1868:

1. This report is made in accordance with Resolution No. 1.

2. The larvae of insects, particularly of the cotton worm, are found in our fields. Wherefore, the ground should be ploughed as early as practicable, so as to submit it to the frosts of winter. The cotton and corn stalks, as well as all objects of vegetation capable of sheltering the larva, should be burnt.

3. The butterfly produces the worm.

4. The fly is attracted by light.

5. Fires should be made twice a week, on every Wednesday and Saturday, commencing from this date, and offering it practicable, by everybody and everywhere.

6. That, these fires should be small, so made as to create much blaze and as little heat as possible—be made on an elevated position as practicable, and at the distance of 250 yards.

7. Any light combustible material may be used—old shingles, piex, branches, or tallow and cotton, and if none of these at hand, then the weeds, growing in the turning rows and alleys, may be cut down, dried and burnt.

Respectfully submitted,
VINCENT BOAGNI.
THOS. H. LEWIS.
Opelousas, 13th July, 1868.

The following is Dr. Boagni's address referred to in the report of the proceedings of the planters' meeting:

Within the last two months, it has been held that the Parish of St. Landry would produce an abundant harvest of corn and 15,000 bales of cotton.

This because of the fine appearance of crops, the genial influence of the season, and the contemplated proposal of a system of action by which the cotton plant is to be protected from the army worm.

Indolence in the hope that each bale shall sell for 100 dollars, this would give an actual capital of \$1,500,000; which amount, changing hands at least ten times, would create among us a circulation of \$15,000,000—This a consummation devoutly to be wished.

Yet some do not believe in the proposition, and have done me the kindness to say that the wish is father to the thought. I beg to know, and I have a right to ask, why you do not believe? Have you gathered facts and examined the subject matter in all its bearings? If you have not, why do you say? Who is to be decreed to be the best judge of colors, between two men, the vision of the being imperfect? Will this or be chosen to criticize the frescos of Michel Angelo, the madonnas of Raphael, or a man deaf to sound, to be the censor of the execution of the symphonies of Beethoven?

Yet, strange to say, if there are many things which we are ready to judge without due consideration and are inclined to produce an opinion, there are many things which we readily believe without fully comprehending. We adduce this thing not to be so, because we are not compassed its import, and yet we do things which we hardly can appreciate or explain.

At this distance, the proposition first enunciated has been denied; still it is clearly deniable and easily solved. Yet all admit there is air in this room, which we live, and surround us, in which we live, produce an opinion, and without which we cannot live, nevertheless, do you understand? Its currents and deviations, can you appreciate them? An enormous mass of air, which you cannot see, without being thought of, is constantly passing over us, and constantly weighing upon us, and yet it is so light, that you can hardly feel it. And when you see a man carrying a bundle of 1000 pounds, will he not say, "I feel it, and yet it is so light, that I can hardly feel it." So it is with the air in this room, which we live, and surround us, in which we live, produce an opinion, and without which we cannot live, nevertheless, do you understand? Its currents and deviations, can you appreciate them? 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