

The Semi-Weekly News.

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a satisfactory progress in preparation, and a certainty of early completion of vessels of a number and class on which we may confidently rely for contesting the vaunted control of the enemy over our waters. The financial system devised by the wisdom of your predecessors, has proved adequate to supplying all the wants of the Government, notwithstanding the unexpected and very large increase of expenditures, resulting from the great augmentation in the necessary means of defence. The report of the Secretary of the Treasury, will exhibit the gratifying fact that we have no floating debt; that the credit of the Government is unimpaired; and that the total expenditure of Government for the year has been, in round numbers, one hundred and seventy millions of dollars—less than the value of a single article of export—the cotton crop of the year.

The report of the Postmaster General will show the condition of that department to be steadily improving, its revenues increasing, and already affording the assurance that it will be self-sustaining at the date required by the constitution, while affording ample mail facilities for the people.

In the Department of Justice, which includes the Patent Office and Public Printing, some legislative provisions will be required, which will be specifically stated in the report of the head of that department. I invite the attention of Congress to the duty of the organizing a Supreme Court for the Confederate States, in accordance with the mandate of the constitution.

I refer you to my message communicated to the Provisional Congress, in November last, for such further information touching the condition of public affairs, as it might be useful to lay before you; the short interval which has since elapsed not having produced any material changes in that condition other than those to which reference has already been made.

In conclusion, I cordially welcome Representatives who recently chosen by the people, are fully imbued with their views and feelings, and can so ably advise me as to the needful provisions for the public service. I assure you of my hearty co-operation in all your efforts for the common welfare of the country.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

We publish the undersigned card at the solicitation of Mr. Eberstadt, who thinks he has been improperly attacked in an article published in the Caddo Gazette of March 1st, signed by W. E., in reference to a letter written by him to the editor of this paper, from Memphis. Said letter was published entire, but contrary to the wish of Mr. Eberstadt, who countermanded the same the following day, but too late, as we had already gone to press. It is not our intention to admit controversies of such a personal character into the columns of the News, and asking pardon of our readers for this single indulgence, we put down our breaks at once on such controversies in future.

A CARD.

Mr. Editor: By inserting these lines you will greatly oblige the undersigned. A letter appeared in the "News" of the 28th Feb'y, which, although, I had written myself to you,

but still I had no idea that you would publish the same. I very much regret that the same has been made public. I wrote it in the moment of excitement after the news of the surrender of Fort Donelson had arrived, and as I have done wrong, I am very sorry for it. I did not think or study at the time of my writing, of the effect a few lines could have. But as far as the article in the "Caddo Gazette of 1st March, signed by W. E. ———, referred to the closing remarks, are uncalled for and ungentlemanly. He answered my letter, not on account of his patriotism and Southern feelings, but owing to a grudge he has against me, and happily embraced an opportunity in order to injure me—what a nice opportunity for revenge!

It was not necessary for him to write who I am, enough to know is, that W. E. ———, with his artful dodge can't make an abolitionist or submissionist of me, even if I have committed this error. I have never been out of the Southern Confederacy; have resided here for 13 years; have been twice sent to conventions to represent this parish, once to a Congressional convention, when I voted for Col. J. M. Landram, a South Carolinian by birth, and one of the first secessionists here, also, a States Right man; the second time to elect Presidential candidates, when I voted for advocates of J. C. Breckinridge. It is true, I went to New Orleans with a lot of goods which I disposed of there, but they not being necessities of life, most of them were luxuries and could be spared here at the time, such as sardines, champagne, cigars, playing-cards and coffee.

As regards the following remarks of Mr. E.: "Who overrun this country to purchase the necessities of life for the purpose of getting exorbitant prices for the same; who is now on his way to get, by hook or crook a slice of the loaves and fishes of our beloved country, as an army contractor." I declare one and all of these charges as base falsehoods and slanders, and I dare him to prove his cowardly assertions.

As to being a married man, that should not be an excuse for such a patriot as W. E. I am satisfied in my mind that I have done so far, my duty towards the Confederate States, (I recruited 90 or 100 men into the Confederate army,) more than those who make such a great fuss, and the war not over yet. Mr. E. ——— nor his collaborators can't force me into measures nor drive me off before I am prepared to so.

In conclusion, allow me to state that feeling well satisfied that the citizens of Caddo parish are aware of my attachment to the South, I shall take no notice through the press of anything in future from Mr. W. E. EDE EBERSTADT. Shreveport, March 6, 1862.

New Advertisements.

Notice.

T. C. WALLER is my authorized Agent, during my absence. feb11 1862 GEO. W. KENDALL.

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They may be left at the store of Mr. C. McCarty, in Shreveport, who has kindly consented to take charge of them, until they can be shipped. feb12tf ROBERT V. MARYE.

SOLDIERS FOR THE WAR.

THE undersigned, just from Virginia, with authority to Recruit, wants 40 men for Artillery service. Terms of enlistment, for the war. Capt. Duke is also authorized, and will muster in as many as three companies of Infantry, for the purpose of forming a Texas Battalion with the companies now in Virginia. All men enlisting on the above terms, will receive Fifty Dollars bounty.

Full particulars given by calling on him, or A. J. Stacey, Esq., of the firm of Stacey & Wells. Will leave Shreveport for the seat of war, on the 1st of March, at which time and place, all should meet him, who wish to enlist. CAPT. W. H. DUKE, feb11-tf C. S. A.

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Castings of all kinds constantly on hand or made to order. n1-y-d

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Opposite the Presbyterian Church.

Shreveport, June 11—ly.

Confederate States

Almanac & Repository of Useful

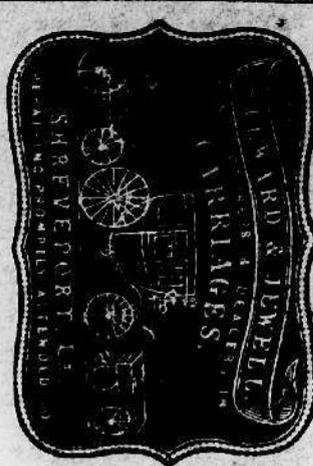
Knowledge, for 1862.

IN PRESS AND TO ARRIVE IN A few days. This is a complete Almanac, and contains much valuable and interesting information, etc. It is the second edition of this valuable work, issued by H. C. Clarke, the compiler and publisher. Price 30 cents. For sale at this office. feb7tf

FOR SALE—A beautiful pair of full blooded white Shanghai chickens, and one pair blooded Ruffed Neck Pigeons.—To lovers of fancy and rare specimens of the feathered tribe, this affords a good opportunity for investment. Apply at this office. feb7tf

To Editors and Printers.

FOR SALE—The Newspaper and Job Material, books, and outstanding debts of this office. Reasons for selling given on application, if desired. To a person who will continue the publication of the paper, a bargain will be offered. The materials are new, and there is sufficient stock of paper on hand to last six or eight months.—Address the proprietor. d90tf



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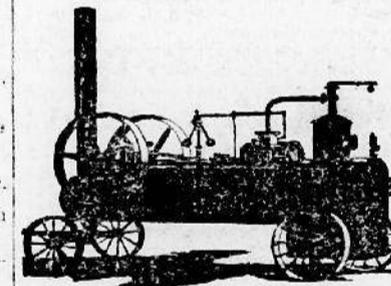
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EDWARD CONERY, WHOLESALE GROCER,

And Dealer in WESTERN PRODUCE. Nos. 2 Front, and 10 Falton Streets, n1-ly NEW ORLEANS.

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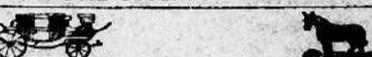
DURING the absence of Mr. A. Schaffner, I will give strict attention to the making and putting up of Wooden Cisterns.

Orders from planters promptly attended to. Address,

F. X. MULLHAUPT, Sash, Door, and Blind Factory, n13-6m Shreveport, La.

NOTICE

The Era No. 6, Captain John Kouns, will run between this place and New Orleans giving through bills of Lading. Oct. 12th 1861.



Texas Stage & Livery Stable,

On Milam St. opposite the Varandah Hotel.

THE proprietor has been to great expense to make this the most desirable Stable in the city, it is convenient to the Steam boat landing. Horses will be boarded by the day, week or month, on the most reasonable terms. Persons visiting Shreveport or going to New Orleans, by leaving their horses at this establishment, can rest assured that they will be well attended to. Only give him a call and satisfy yourselves. JOHN CALDWELL.

no 39—ly.

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No 9—dly

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DESOTO PARISH LA.

The Fall session of this Institution will open on Wednesday, 2nd October 1861, with a full and efficient Faculty. The domestic department will be under the immediate superintendence of the President and his lady, and every effort will be made to promote the comfort of those entrusted to their charge.

Cotton, provisions, Confederate Bonds or Treasury notes taken in payment of Board and Tuition.

For other information, Address, CHAS. B. STUART, President. Mansfield, La.

SCHOOL NOTICE.—The under-

signed will resume School business in Shreveport, on the Second Monday in January, 1862?

Rates of Tuition per Month:

Elementary English branches, \$2.00.

Higher English branches and the Languages, \$5.00.

js-3t D. DONOVAN.

DENTAL NOTICE.

THE undersigned will be absent from Shreveport until about March. Mr. T. E. Samuel is my legal agent during my absence, and will collect my claims and discharge debts, whenever able so to do.

My former assistant will be found in the office. S. HINSON, D. D. S.

Shreveport, Jan. 8, 1862.

Shreveport papers please copy one month, discontinue my card until my return, and present bills to Mr. Samuel. S. H.

Confederation Restaurant.

(Formerly Gaiety.)

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