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feb3 SHREVEPORT, LA.

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SHREVEPORT, LA
Watches and Jewelry Repaired and Warranted. n1-1y

Simpson & Hunsicker,
Auctioneers.
WILL give particular attention to selling Real Estate, Slaves, and other property. [jan8-tf

RANAWAY.
FROM the steamers Fox, at Alexandria, about December 1st, 1863, the negro man Jessie, aged 25 years, about five feet five inches high, very black, with a scar across one of his fingers, and a small scar on his forehead. Any information leading to his recovery will be thankfully received and liberally rewarded. Address Christian Keller, Shreveport, La.

HD QRS TRANS-MISS DEPT.
Shreveport, La., Jan 12th, 1864.

GENERAL ORDER,
No. 3.

I. All authority to raise new organizations from men liable to conscription is hereby withdrawn, and after the expiration of the month of February next will be arrested and sent to the Conscript Bureau.

All officers who have received such authority may, however, continue in office the full month of February next, unless sooner relieved by the proper authority, when the organization is complete or not.

II. In accordance with orders from War Department, Major Gen. E. Kirby Smith is hereby assigned to the command of Trans-Mississippi Department.

By command of
LIEUT-GEN. E. KIRBY SMITH.
S. S. ANDERSON,
Asst. Adj't General.

Louisiana, Arkansas and Texas papers publish 2 weeks. jan7-2w

Notice.
Parties having goods in the warehouse lately occupied by Calhoun & Pickett, will please instruct the undersigned in regard to the disposition of the same, charges &c. &c. WM. WHITTY.
Feb2

OFFICE POST QUARTERMASTER,
SHREVEPORT, LA., JAN. 18, 1864.

ALL farmers and planters who have hauled corn, fodder, &c., for Fax in kind to this Parish to the 1st day of January, 1864, are requested to bring their receipts at once and receive pay for transporting the same. F. R. HEARD,
ja19-1m-c.t. Maj. & P. Q. M.
Southwestern and Gazette copy.

HD. QRS. TRANS-MISS DEPT.,
SHREVEPORT, LA., JAN. 15, 1864.

[*Extract*]

SPECIAL ORDERS,
No. 11.

XII. In accordance with instructions from the War Department at Richmond, Va., the following named officers will report to their commands East of the Mississippi river without delay:

2d Lieut. Wm. Wilkins, Co. F, 24 Ark. Vols
Capt. W. E. Johnson, Co. D, " "
2d Lieut. W W Williams, Co K, " "
3d Lieut J G Anderson, Co C, " "
1st Lieut Jacob Foster, Co A, 25th Ark " "
Capt W W Thompson, Co B, " "
Capt S W Jackson, Co C, " "
2d Lieut W T Washington, Co E, " "
3d Lieut C Mobley, Co G, " "
Capt W A Cotter, Co H, " "
2d Lieut W T Ferguson, Co I, " "
Major J R McCulloch, 4th Ark "
2d Lieut M J Coughran, Co H, " "
2d Lieut J W Elkins, Co C, " "
1st Lieut E McLaughlin, Co A, " Battalion
1st Lieut J H Dodson, " "
2d Lieut A M Tenison, Co C, " "
2d Lieut John C Hill, Co C, 1st Ark Vols.
2d Lieut T J Yarbrough, Co D, " "
1st Lieut W J Wasson, Co E, " "
2d Lieut Jas Roper, Co E, " "
2d Lieut W D Kittle, Co F, " "
3d Lieut R F Baldwin, Co F, " "
2d Lieut B J Benefield, Co I, " "
3d Lieut Sam J McGolin, Co K, " "
Captain J W Clark, Co A, 31st Ark " "
Captain J Jocoway, Co K, " "
Lieut J C Holden, Co A, " "
2d Lieut Chas Sims, Co E, " "

By command of
LIEUT.-GEN. E. KIRBY SMITH.
S. S. ANDERSON.
Ass't. Adj't. General.
ja19-3w] Louisiana, Texas and Arkansas papers copy 3 weeks.

SHREVEPORT LODGE, F. A. M., meets every Friday evening, at seven o'clock. By order of
oct30 H. HUNSICKER, W. M.
ED. EBERSTADT, Sec'y.

I. O. O. F.
NEITH LODGE, No. 21, I. O. O. F., meets every Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock, at their Hall, on Texas street.
Bros. in good standing are invited to attend. H. LINMAN, N. G.

$25 Reward.
RANAWAY from the subscriber, on last Friday, 12th inst., the negro boy named Bill; he is about 21 years old, 5 feet 10 inches high, slim made and of yellow complexion, and has one of his front teeth out. The above reward will be paid for his apprehension and delivery to me. A. HASSEBRAUK.
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The State of Louisiana, } *In District Court,*
Parish of Caddo,
Succession of J. W. Brantley.

NOTICE is hereby given that Sarah M. Matthews, Executrix, has to-day filed an annual account of her administration of said succession, and an application that the same should be homologated and unless opposition be made thereto in thirty days, the time prescribed by law, said account will be homologated as prayed for.

Given under my hand and seal of office this February 10, 1864.
A. H. LEONARD, Clk.
Feb2

State of Louisiana, } *In District Court,*
Parish of Caddo,
Succession of J. M. Landram, dec'd.

NOTICE is hereby given that Rufus E. Sherrell, Executor of said succession, has this day filed in my office an account of his Administration, and an application that it be homologated.

Unless opposition be made thereto in the time prescribed by law, said account will be homologated as prayed for.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this the 1st Feb. '64.
A. H. LEONARD, Clk.
Feb2

WM. WHITTY.
Commission Merchant,
[Late Calhoun & Pickett]
COMMERCE STREET,
Feb2 Shreveport, La.

Sugar Molasses, &c., &c., in lots to suit purchasers.
feb2 WM. WHITTY.

LOST OR STOLEN—On the 3d instant a dark BAY HORSE and a Saddle. A reward of $20 will be paid for the recovery of said horse to stage office, or for information leading to his recovery. feb12—2t

Notice.
ALL persons having claims against the succession of J. J. Wells, deceased, will present them without delay to the undersigned.
W. H. WRIGHTON, Executor.

HD QRS. TRANS-MISS DEPT.
SHREVEPORT, LA., Feb. 5th, 1864.

GENERAL ORDERS,
No. 15.

VALL details upon Steamboats on the Red and Concordia rivers are hereby revoked. All such detailed will report for duty to companies by the twentieth of February next.

By command of
LIEUT.-GEN. E. KIRBY SMITH.
S. S. ANDERSON,
Ass't. Adj't. General.
Louisiana papers, publish 2 weeks.

$500 REWARD!!
STOLEN from E. C. Hart's plantation, on the night of the 6th inst., one large brown mare MULE, about 10 hands high, branded perceptible. A little dear in the left ear bob slaved. The above reward will be paid for the delivery of the mules or any information leading to their recovery received.
STUART & JENKINS.
Feb2-2t

HEADQUARTERS, DIST. WESTERN LA.,
Alexandria, Jan. 22, 1864.

General Orders No. 6.

Brigadier General H. W. Allen having resigned his position as a Brigadier General in the P. A. C. S., the officers engaged in organizing "Allen's Brigade" will report to Brigadier General St. John R. Liddell, commanding forces in North Louisiana, headquarters at Monroe.

By command of
Major-General TAYLOR.
E. SURGET, A. A. General.
Natchitoches and Shreveport papers copy twice. feb12—2t

Wanted.
FIVE THOUSAND Sheets made for Hospital purposes, for which a liberal price will be paid. Apply at Medical Purveyor's office, Shreveport, La.
feb12—2t

Legislature Proceedings.

Published by Authority.

House of Representatives.

Continued from Monday, January 25th.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly and Fellow-Citizens:

Having been called to the Executive chair by the almost unanimous voice of the State, I now enter upon the duties of that office with the proud satisfaction that I have the confidence of the citizens of Louisiana. That confidence, I trust, has not been misplaced, for it shall be the sole object of my life, to serve the State faithfully, honestly, and zealously.

Without any solicitation whatever on my part, I have been elected to the highest honor within the gift of the people. If I were ambitious, the measure of my ambition is full. To be called to the helm in these stormy times, to pilot the ship of State, (I trust to a port of safety) is indeed honor enough for any man. I would, therefore, be recreant to every principle of honor, of manliness, and of patriotism, if I permitted anything but a high sense of conscientious duty to govern me in the administration of the affairs of State. I shall not falter in the discharge of the duties assigned me by the constitution, but whenever the good of the people require it, and I have the power, I shall take all responsibilities, and trust to you and your constituents to support me.

My distinguished predecessor this day leaves the Executive chair, and returns to private life. I fully appreciate the trials and troubles through which he has been called to pass. I honor his spotless integrity and his patriotic heart. May long life and happiness attend him, for he has been to the State a faithful servant.

The people having called me from the camp to assume the robes of civil office, I come well—come worn—I am prepared to do my duty. For nearly three years we have battled with a cruel and vindictive foe. We have suffered many losses, and gained many victories. The spirit of our people is still unbroken. The fires of patriotism still glow as brightly on hilltop and on mountain, as when this great revolution began. Many portions of our fair State have been overrun by the enemy, many houses and homes have been burned and destroyed—many brave men have died in defence of our soil. Age and innocence have alike been murdered—and the widow and the orphan have been brought to the door of starvation. The enemy, gorged with murder, rapine and plunder, seem to have sickened at their own outrages, and are now offering terms of peace; a species of mock pardon. But what terms of peace does the bloody Moloch at Washington suggest to his Congress?

1st. You must give up all your negroes and make them your equals.

The Constitution of the United States guarantees property in your slaves, for Washington, and Madison, and Jefferson were slave-holders under that constitution. But Lincoln's proclamation, overrides all constitutional and judicial barriers, and aims a death blow at your dearest rights.

2d. You must assist not only to support the federal constitution, but all the nefarious acts of the Black Republican party, and the unconstitutional proclamations of Abraham Lincoln.

3d. You must, if required, hunt down your brother and your neighbor, bind them hand and foot, and deliver them up to death. The father who has sons in the Confederate army, is ordered to forswear the land of his birth or adoption, and aid in the annihilation of his own offspring.

In the land of Tell in all his native never conceived such unnatural and infernal wickedness!

Great God! Peace to whom? Peace to you whose brothers have been slain—whose wives have been ravished—whose homes have been burned—whose wives and daughters have been violated—and whose hearts are bleeding from the assassination of the noble patriots, who have fallen during your own lifetime! Peace to the immortal dead, who have fallen during your land! Peace to your wives and daughters and children! Peace to your graves and back in the cradle! Peace to the ashes of your ancestors! Peace to the dust of your fathers! Peace to the dust of your children! Peace to the dust of your children! Peace to the dust of your children