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## U. S. GRANT.

OUR CHOICE FOR PRESIDENT

We are authorized to announce the name of

HON. J. MADISON WELLS, of the Parish of Rapides, as a Candi-

date for Representative in Congress, from this District, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of the late Hon, James McCleery.

During the last few days we notice the workmen have considerably advanced towards completion of Levin & Ferguson's iron-post verandah to did not appear to see it. their new building corner of Front and Murray Sts., extending a considerable

Levin & Ferguson's corner is already a favorite loating place, and will no doubt become considerably more so, as the heats of summer progresses, and the cool shades and South breezes of Murray street become more inviting.

THE BALL. For the last time we remind our ball goers of the opportunity they will have of enjoying that innocent amusement next week under the most favorable auspices, as the ball to be given by the Hebrew congregation for the benefit of their Syn- guest, it was most deair able so to im agogue will no doubt be one of the press. most perfect one in its arrangements and details given here for a long time.

Some little momentary excitement of a local nature was gotten up, in our quiet burgh a few evenings day of the month, we had a veritable since, by an abortive attempt of a snow storm, and since a succession of juvenile fifteenth amendment, to get freezes and cold rains. Nothing plantto the windward of A. Keatt, who proved too cunning to be thus caught progress, whilst a greater pertion of the napping, and the unlucky operator instead of the contents of a drawer, had to put up with the inside of a jug.

The two first Mondays of April, are likely to be comparitively memora ble, at any rate with us Alexandrians, and our immediate neighbors, particu larly the young, and still younger. Next Monday we are to have a ball, and Monday after Noyes Great Crescent City Circus. Well, one line we remember will apply to both.

"A lofty jumping and a leaping round."

We call the attention of our readers, to the sprightly communica-tion of "Town Talk," and wish that others of our friends, would thus come to our aid in assisting to make our paper readable in these dull times, and

## Martial Law.

Martial Law, or the suspension of the writ of Habeas Corpus, seems now to have become as universal a parnacea for political or even private grievances, as ever Moffatts or Morisons pills. or Phenix or Plantation bitters, ever or supposed to be, to those of which flesh is heir to, and according to the opinion of some, it is a remedy which must be administered nolens volens, rather as a preventative which might be possibly useful, than a cure which was positively needed.

Many of our readers, will no doubt. be somewhat surprised to hear, that Rapides is regarded by some, to be a rather infected locality, and that application has been made to the Gener al Commanding the district, to have precautionary doses of the chologogue served out. Hapily for us up here, however, General Emery happened to be one of the prudent and just, as well as brave and loyal commanders, and he thought it would be as well to make ADVERTISEMENTS inserted at the rate enquiries directly upon the sliedged spot of sedition, or rebellion, or Kuof his officers, who after making every possible enquiry, and taking the opinions of the most reliable individuals, of every shade of political feeling, he could meet with, or be refered to, returns as we understand, entirely convinced that the whole charge was 20 00 frivolous and groundless.

> In our remarks in our leader last week, we had not supposed that we had conveyed the impression, that we advised our agricultural friends to eschew politics and public matters generally entirely for the plow and the hoe, for certainly a compliance with such advice would bring about a re sult which we should deprecate as much as any other man in the parish or State, a revival of democratic rule. What we did mean and we are mortified at having to explain our meaning, fist ?" was that too much time should not be lost in the way so much has been already lost. We take this occasion to repeat again that our sympathies and sentiments are with the Republican party, and we cannot see how the advice to try and make themselves independent and comfortable can be construed otherwise.

We refered last week, to the card of our genial and accommodating friend, John Deegan, Esq., of the infernal revenue service, and had no idea at the time, that we should have seen him so busy with other people's business, as he has been the past week, at his parlor at the Exchange Hotel, into which he every now and then invites a fly, though he lets them out againhe not being the last executioner under the law. We tried to throw ourselves in his. way, thinking perphaps a short interview might possibly be of advantage to us, as we noticed it appeared to have an exhilerating effect upon some of his constituents, but he leading up to it.

We were again unlucky enough to miss the hospitality of our host of the Exchange Hotel, in a little enter tainment, he gave to some of his friends, among whom were several of the prominent members of the Rapides Bar, on Monday evening last, to meet Lieutenant Bandy, the officer sent up here by General Emory, to make enquiries into alledged disloyalty. We have no doubt, we missed an intilectual, as well as a gustatory treat, and that as many good things came out as went ic, and at any rate we understand, such was the opinion of the

THE SEASON.-With the exception of the last few days, March has been much more of a Winter, than a Spring through Jesus Christ-our Lord." month in this latitude. On the first ed so far has made any satisfactory corn-has never germinated. There is some prospect now of seasonable weather, and we suppose every one will improve it, for if ever a people seeded to exert themselves ours do.

We have to ask this week, the indulgence of our readers in regard to original articles, for though we never feel disposed to try their good nature too much in that way, indisposition has prevented us in the present num ber, almost from making the attempt.

We ask our friend who twitted ns with being a Reformer, to take our extract headed "Nomadic Parties." selected before our conversation with him, as an answer.

Look out for Noyes' Big Circus.

## Communicated.

" TOWN TALK."

Like every one else is luxuriating in the dull times, and getting no gayer fast over the prospect of "wus a comin." His" phiziog "naturally long has been, for some time growing gradually longer, for want of something to cheer him up-and, at last, it is come, in the shape of the organization of a Glee Club; and in consequence, his late woebegone mug has shortened up. slightly, and he congratulates himself on being now able to get up a smile without an effort, at the flattering prospect of having lots of wocal music-such singing as will lay the proudest of the great Opera singers in the

A permanent Club Room is secured and furnished regardless of expense with all the modern appliances; and the acknowledged artistic taste of the members is a sufficient guarantee of their ability to get up and render satisfactorily, to the most criticising audience, an puexceptional programme. Kluxism, and accordingly detailed one The good people may be en the qui vive to enjoy soon a rare musical treat as the Club have in rehearsal such geme as, "I am blind, I cannot see," for the tobacco smoke. "Vive Lumour," for all I care. "The Ram of Darby." "Drink it down" and a httle more Cider do. To conclude with that favorite air, "Here lies my old Cabin Home: Solo, by the Internal Revenue ;-all under the ably handled baten of Her von Bismarck No. 2.

> A PRECISE ANSWER .- Bill Spooner a dry, humorous fellow, had been summoned as a witness in a case of assault and battery, and Mr. S-, a lawyer given greatly to badgering and brow-beating, in the course of a senseless cross-questioning, said to him-

"Mr. Spooner, you say you saw the defendant strike the plaintiff with his

"I did, sir."

"Distinctly ?"

" Yes sir."

" How far were you standing from the parties at the time ?"

"I was standing six feet four inches and a half from the defendant, and seven feet three inches and a quarter from the plaintiff."

"And pray, sir, if I may ask, how can you be so precise !"

"Why, sir," replied Spooner, with the utmost coolness and candor, "I said to myself at the time, 'Some peeping, poke-your-nose rascal may take a fancy to ask me about this, so I'll just take out my rule and measure it.' And I did."

Mr. S-collapsed, and Bill-Spoon er stepped down.

STEPS .- A man had committed murder,-was tried, found guilty and condemned to die. A few days before his execution be drew upon the walls of his prison a gallows with five steps

On the first sep he wrote, "Disobedience to parents.

On the second, " Sabbath breaking!

the gallows stood representing Death.

This poor man doubtless wrote the history of many a wasted and lost life. Thousands are ruined every year by pursuing these steps although they may not reach the platform.

Paul describes another path for those who seek an interest in Christ. 1st. "Being made free from sin;" 2nd, "Become servants to God;" 3rd "Have fruit into holiness;" 4th. "Everlasting life."

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life

A friend has informed us, that we have very unwittingly, and certainly, very undesignedly created some dissatisfaction, by articles copied and original, which have appeared in the Gazette, for some numbers back, in which colored as -well as white dignitaries were freely spoken of, and commented on. Our object was merely amusement, taking a shot at folly as it flew, and as to making any discrimination or invidious comparison, we have only decidedly to say, such was never our intention.

A guest at a hotel in Beltast, Maine, on being told that dinner was ready, stripped off his coat, and, accompanied by his wire, entered the dining-room in his shirt sleeves. A waiter brought him a bill of fare, which he regarded curiously, and then laid it down. Pretty soon another bill of fare was placed in his plate. Then he arose in his wrath, and exclaimed, "I didn't come here to read show bills. I came after some dinner."

REPUBLICAN STATE CONVEN-TION.

TO MEET MAY 9, 1872.

CALL OF THE STATE CENTRAL COM-MITTEE.

STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ) Republican Party of Louisiana, New Orleans, March 13, 1872, The committee met pursuant to adjournment, President Pinchback in the

There being a quorum present the committee proceeded to business.

The following resolutions, presented by Hon. A. E. Barber, wes unanimous-

Resolved, That the president of this committee be and is hereby authorized to call a State convention of the Republican party of Louisiana, to meet at the Mechanics' Institute, in the city of New Orleans, at twelve o'clock M., ou THURSDAY, May 2, 1872, for the purpose of electing delegates to attend the National Republican Convention, called by the National Republican called by the National Republican Executive Committee, to be beld at Philadelphia, June 5, 1872; also to Convention to be held at Philadelphia, nominate a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State. Auditor of Covernor, Lieutenant Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor of Public Accounts, Superintendent of Public Accounts of and Representatives in Congress, and to transact such other business as may come before it.

On motion of Hon. H. J. Campbell, the minutes were ordered to be printed in the official journal.

By order of the committee. P. B. S. PINCHBACK WILLIAM VIGERS, Recording Score tary State Central Committee Repub

lican par of Louisiana. All Republican newspapers through out the State are requested to copy.

ADDRESS OF THE REPUBLICAN CEN TRAL COMMITTEE.

STATE CENTRAL COMMITTE, Republican Party of Louisiana. New Orleans. March 18, 1872.

To the Republicans of the State of Louisiana The Republican State Central Com mittee having, in the discharge of th duties imposed upon it by the las State Convention, arrived at the regu-lar period which has been set apart by the usages of the party for its State Conventions, and having authorized its President to issue the usual call therefore deem the occasion suitable to address these brief remarks upon the political situation to their fellow Republicans. The quadrennial election for a President of the United States occurs this year. The election of this high officer of the republic whose character and political view are so important, especially to the Re publicans of the South, and whose se lection almost decides our politica fate for the next four years, and per haps the whole tuture, makes this election one of the deepest and most vita interests to all our people. We fee that we speak their unanimous senti ment when we invite them to respond to the call of the National Republican Committee, and advise them to send our best representative men to the Philadelphia Convention, to help in selecting a tried, true and unflinching Republican to be our next President Our State election is also of the great est importance. We have to elect Governor, Lientenant Governor, Sec retary of State, Auditor of Public A counts, Superintendent of Public Edu cation, Attorney General, a new General Assembly, and Representatives i Congress. In fact, this election is t determine a question still more important to us than who shall be the next Right Bank On the third, "Gambling and Drunkmness."

On the fourth, "Murder."

The fifth was the platform on which he gallows stood representing Death.

This poor man doubtless wrote the people, black as well as white or in the second, "Sabota the next out than who shall be the next of the next of the next four years whether the State government of the next four years whether the State government shall be Republican or Democratic; in favor of equal rights, or against them; in favor of progress, education and improvement for all people, black as well as white or in the second representing the second from the various parish committees throughout the State are requested to call parish conventions to elect delegates according to this apportionment.

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We wish plainly and distinctly to understand the fact that all parties opposed to the Republican party, whether under the name of Democrats, Reformers, People's party, or any other title whatever, are simply the old Democratic party under a new name, and have for their object but one thing, that is to throw the State government ont of the control of the Republican party and into the hands of their ene-mies. Our people will also see that to defeat the strong and determined efout of the control of the I forts of the enemy to again get control of the State, one thing is the great essential, that all Republicans shall be UNITED AND WORK TOGETHER.

If we do this, victory is certain.

To this end, we cordially invite all true and earnest Republicans, without regard to past differences, to unite in this convention and to nominate such a ticket and adopt such a platform as will command the respect and support

will command the respect and support of the whole people.
All good Republicans also desire that our party shall, as we are assured it will, declare itself decidedly, distinctly and definitely in favor of retrenchment, reform, reduction of taxes and the removal of all unnecessary burdens on compared and tendensia. burdens on commerce and trade, and in favor of equal and just legislation for all interests and all classes of per

By order of the committe P. B. S. PINCHBACK. WILLIAM VIGERS, Recording Se retary Matte Central Committee

APPORTIONMENT OF DEEEGATES.

By authority vested in me, and in unanimously adopted at a meeting of the State Central Committee of the Republican party, held March '8, 1872, at the committee rooms, to wit— Resolved, That the president of this committee be and is hereby authorized to call a State Convention of the Re-

publican party of Louisians to meet at the Mechanic's Institute, in the city of the Mechanic's Institute, in the city of New Orleans, at twelve o'clock M. on Thursday, May 2, 1872, for the purpose of electing delegates to attend the National Republican Couvention called by the National Republican Executive Committee, to be held at Philadelphio June 5, 1872. Also, to nominate a Governor Lieutenant Governor Covernor Coverno inate a Governor, Lieutenant Gover-nor, Secretary of State, Auditor of Public Accounts, Superintendent of Public Education, Attorney General and Representatives in Congress, and to transact such other business as may come before it.

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The basis of representation to said

convention shall be as follows, viz: NUMBER OF DELEGATES.

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	Cameron
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n	Winn
d	Washington
e	Webster
n	Orleans— First Ward
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WILLIAM VIGERS, Becording Secre-tary Republican Executive Committee. Republican papers throughout the State are requested to copy.

THE DAY OF REST.-Never was there a more blessed i nstitution than the Sunday, the sacred day of rest from labor. For the soul's health and and the body's health of the human race, on at least one day in the seven there should be an over-recurring intermission of daily toil. Thus, let a man attain to the period of three score years and ten, be has gained a holiday of ten years' duration, even if his lot has been labor for the remaining three score years. Let childhood be taught to use, and manhood discreetly use this blessed breathing time, as a day on which to raise the thoughts beyond the world, not less than for purposes of innocent recreation.

An editor and his wife were walking ont in the bright moonlight one even-ing. Like all editors' wives she was of an exceedingly poetic nature, and said to her mate, "Notice that moon; how bright and calm and beautiful!" "Couldn't think of noticing it," returned the editor, "for anything less than the usual rates—a dollar and fifty cts. for twelve lines."

At a marriage lately in Maine the bride's voice faltered, and she pansed in the midst of the impressive ceremo ny. Her little niece, a bright little three-year old, thinking the naughty minister was compelling poor aunty to say something disagreeable, stamped her little foot and exclaimed in a tonof authority, "Auntie, don't oo thay

## THE FADED VIOLET.

You gave it to me long years ago In the shadowy evening time, While the clouds stole rn'd the mount'n-side And the bells rang out a chime. The blossoms listened at our feet, The trees stooped from above; You said, "This flower will say for All that my heart says-'Love," Tis long ago; but I have yet That little faded violet.

And life was at its blithest then; The world ne'er seemed so bright; For the awestest story ever told I listened to that night; And often, often, when alone, Tve kissed my violet blue, And said, E'en as I keep my flower So will my love be true. Ah me! I have it hidden yet, That little faded vielet.

We parted long, long months ago, With not a sign to tell That once, in far-off happy days, We two had loved so well We parted with a few sold word We two who oft had said Not all the world should come between Ah, well : the love was dead-The love was dead; but yet, but yet, I keep my faded violet.

Freaks of the Japanese Em. bassy.

A Washington correspondent says hat it is hard to tell who is embe dor and who is servant, Japanese dig-Lity being a peculiar species of that article, and not the kind of dignity that we encourage. Besides, the "Japa" so much resemble each other that you can hardly tell which is which. Yesterday I happened to be in the Arlington, when Mr. Sheckles, the clerk, received an order for a sick functions ry's meal. He had marked more than twenty fancy dishes-that is, rich things that a sick Yankee will studiously avoid. And he told the waiter to be sure and bring him plenty of hard boiled eggs and ice-cream. The other night about twelve o'clock three or four of them got together in a room and ordered hard boiled eggs and icecream for supper. Sheckels says they will never get around the world if they live in other countries as they live here. They do not seem to eat much, but they live on the most "outland ish" tood.

They seem to think all the hotels are under one management, if we may judge from their movements. Yester day o lot of them went into the Ebbitt House, took breakfast, and walked of without paying or making any explanation. When they first came they were nearly all quartered at the Arlington. Some went to other hotels. Now they are scattered all over the city, some in botels, others in boarding-houses, but the principal officers of embassy all stay at the Arlington. Yesterday I was standing at the office of the Arlington when an angular fa ced Jap came up, with baggage on his arm, and said to the clerk, " Me goin' away. Me won't be here no more

"Where are you going ?" said the " Moin' goin to Ebbitt House."

"Will you give up your room?"

"No; me and two other fellows

verage a day out of each Jap, from Iwakura to Hokepoke, and it will be found that the government will have such bills to pay for the same Jape for the same time at two or three diff hotels. If any one happens to twit them about their curious antics, they say, " Me don't care; me got pleaty noney, and me goim' spend it."

Some of them smoke opium almost continuously. The chambermaids the hotels think "It's funny smellis" tobacco they smoke." They have a bag full of ivory pieces and a board on which they play a game that seems to be very amusing to them. The other evening a party get together in a room and commenced playing the game. At intervals, when a player seemed to be cheekmated, they laughed hoisterously, and went through all sorts of performances, such as turning hand springs and standing on their beads.

Never lose an opportunity of seeing anything beautiful. Beauty is God's handwriting—a wayside sacrament, welcome it in every fair face, every fair sky, every fair flower, and than Him for it, the fountain of leveliness and drink it in, simply and expectly with your eyes; 'tis a charmed dranght a cup of blessing.

Capt W. C. Capers, who was an officer of the First Louisians Regular As tillery, during the war, is now one of the editors of the Shreveport South western. He is a poet, besides having written that pretty song, "Co