



JACKSON, MI., March 25th, 1848. In obedience to an act of the Legislature of the State of Mississippi, approved March 3rd, A. D., 1848; I, JOSEPH W. MATTHEWS, Governor, &c., do hereby publish and make known the following act to take the sense of the people of the State of Mississippi, on the propriety of calling a convention to amend the constitution of the State.

AN ACT to take the sense of the people of the State of Mississippi on the propriety of calling a convention to amend the Constitution of the State.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Mississippi, That on the 1st Monday and day following in Nov., 1849, the sheriffs or other proper officers for conducting elections in this State, shall hold, at the several precincts of their respective counties and cities, polls for the purpose of ascertaining the sovereign will of the people of this State, as to the propriety of holding a convention of delegates, who shall be authorized to amend, or re-model, the constitution of this State, which constitution, or amended constitution, shall be submitted to a direct vote of the sovereign people of this State, for ratification or rejection.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That the Governor shall, upon the passage of this act, cause the same to be immediately advertised in so many newspapers as he shall deem sufficient, not less than three; and that he further direct the proper officers to hold polls, for the purpose herein set forth.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted, That the sheriff, or other proper officer, shall, at the time herebefore specified, open and hold polls for the purpose of ascertaining the sovereign will upon the call of a convention which said election shall be conducted upon the same principles, and under the same pains and penalties, as are now prescribed in conducting elections for the election of Governor, and the result of the vote for each county, town or city, shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State as is now required in the election of Governor.

Sec. 4. Be it further enacted, That the Auditor of Public Accounts the State Treasurer, and the Secretary of State shall in the presence of the Governor, on the first Monday of January, 1850, open and count all the votes thus polled and forwarded; and if it shall appear that a majority of all the votes so polled for members of the legislature, and forwarded, shall be in favor of a convention, the Governor shall thereupon issue writs of election by general proclamation, and by the usual requirements, to call upon the sheriff, and require him, or the proper officer, to hold an election on the 1st Monday and day after in March 1850, in the several counties, cities and towns, entitled to representation, to elect the same number of delegates to the convention that the several counties, towns or cities, may be entitled to elect representatives to the house of representatives of the State Legislature; which said election shall be conducted in the same manner, and under the same pains and penalties that are now required in the election of representatives to the legislature; and the sheriff, or other officer conducting said election, shall give to the person, or persons, as the case may be, certificate, or certificates, of election, and in like manner make returns to the Secretary of State; and should any delegate so elected, lose his certificate, or fail to procure one, the Secretary of State shall furnish such certificate: Provided, the returns of his office shall show it to be just.

Sec. 5. Be it further enacted, That the delegates so elected shall assemble at the State house, on the first Monday of April, 1850, and shall proceed to the duty assigned them, by such organization as to them shall seem meet, and shall have power to adopt such rules and regulations for the transaction of business as will secure to themselves order, and security from molestation or hindrance, in any matter pertaining to the great objects of the convention; and the better to secure said convention from any molestation, they shall have power to select a sergeant-at-arms, who shall be authorized to suppress all disorder by the direction of the convention; and the civil authority of this State is hereby required to sustain all orders, and to conform to all mandates from said convention, whilst in session, to be certified by the presiding officer thereof, so far as the preservation of order therein, and the security of the members thereof, whilst attending to the business of said convention. And the members of said convention shall be entitled to all the immunities & privileges that are at this time extended to the members of the legislature, and shall likewise be entitled to the same pay and emoluments. Said convention shall have power to employ a reporter, to report such proceedings as by them may be had, and a printer who shall in all respects be guided by law. Said convention shall have all the necessary power to carry out the great objects of its organization, and pay all necessary costs attending the same, and all drafts for the necessary expenses shall be signed by the president thereof, and attested in the same manner that similar drafts are now certified and attested by the authority of either branch of the legislature.

Sec. 6. Be it further enacted, That said convention shall publish, in pamphlet form, such a draft of a constitution as may be adopted by them, which proposed draft shall be submitted to a direct vote of the people

which vote shall be taken by the sheriff or other proper officer, under such rules and regulations as said convention shall prescribe; and the proper officer so conducting the election for the adoption of said proposed constitution, shall make a fair and full return of the votes polled for and against such proposed constitution, to the Secretary of State, as is now required by law in relation to the election of the Governor.

Sec. 7. Be it further enacted, That the Secretary of State shall, on the first Monday of October, 1850, make returns of all the votes that may be in his office, to the Governor of the State, who, thereupon, shall immediately submit the same to the Auditor of Public Accounts, the State Treasurer and Secretary of State, and shall proceed to open and count the same; and if it shall appear that a majority of the votes so taken and returned, shall be in favor of the proposed constitution, the Governor shall issue his proclamation, requiring the sheriffs, or other proper officer, to hold elections for members of the legislature, who shall be elected in accordance with the present apportionment, with authority to give the proposed and newly adopted constitution validity and effect: Provided, that informality in the returns of the votes shall not vitiate such polls, if they shall fairly set forth the proceedings had in conducting such election: and provided further, that if any returns from any of the counties shall not be made to the Secretary of State, in any of the elections held under the provisions of this act, within—days after the holding of such election, the Governor shall, by special messenger, call on the proper officer for a transcript of the polls, which may be by him retained; which transcript, or a certified copy thereof, shall be considered valid.

Sec. 8. Be it further enacted, That at the general election held on the first Monday and day following, in November, 1849, it shall be the duty of managers of the election, at each precinct in every county in this State, to ask of each and every voter whether he is in favor of, or against the said convention, and the votes for and against the same shall be taken and returned, as is provided for in this act.

JOHN J. McRAE, Speaker of the House of Representatives DABNEY LIPSCOMB, President of the Senate. Approved, March 3, 1848. JOSEPH W. MATTHEWS.

The Southern, Jackson, Democrat, Columbus; Organizer, Oxford; Free Trader, Natchez; and Eastern Clarion, Paulding; will publish the above once a month, until forbid, for which they will be paid the same rates allowed the State Printer by law.

R. S. DILL, Commission Merchant. AND AGENT FOR THE GEORGIA COTTON AND WOOL FACTORIES, NO. 69 CAMP STREET, NEW ORLEANS.

Rev. E. A. Meaders, Maj. Jesse Lowe, Hon. J. Thompson, Benj. F. Dill. October 30th, 1847. Lafayette Co. Miss. 0-ly

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, LAFAYETTE COUNTY. To all persons interested in the lands, tenements and hereditaments of S. King deceased.

YOU are hereby cited to appear before the Probate Court of Lafayette County, at the Court House thereof on the third Monday in February next, then and there to answer the petition of Samuel T. King, administrator of the Estate of said deceased, of said lands, tenements and hereditaments, described in said petition, as lying, situate and being in the county of Yellowish, and State of Mississippi, and known as lot number (31) thirty-one, in the town of Grenada, and part of the E. half of the North E. quarter of Section eighteen (18) 1/4 township (22) twenty-two, of Range (5) five East, containing 4 20/100 acres, and to show cause, if any they can, why the said lands, tenements and hereditaments should not be sold, and further, to do and suffer such things, as shall be considered and ordered in the premises, by the Court aforesaid.

Witness the Hon. JOHN P. STOCKARD, Judge of said Court this 3d, Monday of December, 1848, and the seal thereof annexed.

ASA NIX, Clerk. Dec. 23, 1848. J. F. CUSHMAN AND JOHN P. STOCKARD, CUSHMAN & STOCKARD, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, OXFORD, MISS.

Will attend the Circuit Courts in this and the neighboring counties, the U. S. District Court at Pontchartraine, and the Chancery Court at Holly Springs. All business entrusted to their care will receive prompt attention. In this association the practice in the Probate Court in Lafayette County will be executed, in which practice Mr. Cushman will be sole.

TAKEN UP by David Craig living 3 miles from Oxford, on the Coffee Hill road, one light bay mare, about 14 hands high, 11 years old last May. No marks or brands perceived; appraised to \$50.00.

A. WOLVERTON, (Ranger). Jan. 19, 1848-49.

THE MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI. THIS Company, incorporated by an act of the Legislature at its last session has been organized under said act, and is now ready to effect insurances on lives, upon like terms with those adopted by the best and soundest northern companies insuring Northern persons. When Northern companies insure the lives of Southern citizens they invariably add one half or one third per cent to the regular rates. Our table of rates is as follows:—The premium to be paid by the insured may be paid quarterly, half-yearly, or annually.

Rates of premium for insuring One Hundred Dollars on a Single life.

Table with columns: Age, Annual premium for seven years, Annual premium for whole life, Age, Annual premium for seven years, Annual premium for whole life. Rows for ages 14 to 67.

To illustrate—A man aged 35, of sound health and constitution, free from hereditary or family disease, and of temperate habits, can insure his life for the sum of One Thousand Dollars, by paying six dollars and eighty-seven and a half cents quarterly, or twenty-seven dollars fifty cents annually for the whole life. At his death his family will receive the sum of One Thousand Dollars, and the accumulated dividend, earned by the premiums, in each premium generally fifty per cent.—Each insurer for the whole life is a stockholder, and participates in the profits.—Lives may be insured for one year or term of years. When one insures his life for the whole life, he pays, as the premium or price of insurance, the same sum every year, no matter how long he lives. A man of thirty-five could insure his life for the whole life, for \$1000 dollars, at twenty-seven dollars and fifty cents, payable each year, and he would pay no more than the sum at 60 years of age—if he insures a year after year, the premium is increased every year, and at the age of 60, he would pay forty-one dollars and fifty cents.

The advantages of Life Insurance are now too well understood to need a long exposition. In all countries, the prudent and foresighted, whose means are limited, and who have dependent families, effect insurances for their benefit. Assured that when they die, the widowed and fatherless will not want, but will receive, from the insurance offices, a certain amount, moderate in comparison, husbands & fathers may toil happily during the day, and sleep, untroubled by distressing dreams, at night. An immediate need for the family is secured, let the insured die when he may, in debt or out of it.

The company is now ready to receive applications, and when applications to a sufficient amount to insure a safe commencement shall have been accepted by the Trustees, the policies will be issued. Parties making application must hold their lives thereafter, or renounce to pay the first premium, at all times. A failure to pay the premium when due forfeits the policy. No insurance will be granted for more than five thousand dollars in a life at present. No person need apply, who is sound in health & of a constitution, or habit to any family, or hereditary disease, or in temperate in his habits. If one, whose life is insured become immoderate, to the injury of his health, thereafter, the policy on his life will be forfeited. A life may be insured in the name of trustees, or by a wife to ensure to her, or her children if she die before her husband. This is a sacred and not subject, by an express provision of the charter, to any debts or liabilities. The profits of the company can be loaned only upon unincumbered, improved real estate, with a sworn cash valuation, to the amount of land.

The investment of, as an investment merely, a good one. Ten dollars will insure for a year the life of a man aged 25 years for 1000 dollars; it would require more than 30 years at compound interest for ten dollars to reach this sum. Faithful agents, who can assure the board of Trustees of their responsibility, are wanted in every town in the State. Applications, not age paid, to be made to the President.

Up a post-paid application, the form necessary for an applicant for insurance, will be furnished.

Board of Trustees. J. M. Duffield, F. S. Hart, Charles Seay, D. W. Adams, W. P. Anderson, R. M. Hobson, C. M. Price, W. Yeager, H. Highman, H. Kobler, J. C. Carpenter, T. Fietzer.

J. M. DUFFIELD, Pres't. W. P. ANDERSON, Sec'y. Jackson, Miss., Aug 4, 1848-21-1

TAKEN UP by Samuel Simpson living 8 miles north of Oxford, one bay filly, supposed to be 4 years old; has a white spot on her forehead; about 14 hands high; no other marks or brands; appraised to \$75.00.

A. WOLVERTON, (Ranger). May 27, 1848-49

Cancers. IMPORTANT TO THE AFFLICTED. AMONG the many discoveries which are making in the blessings of the present generation, the undoubted confidence it excites the public that he has discovered a remedy for that dreadful disease called

CANCER. Hitherto deemed incurable. The origin of the disease was in his own case, who almost against hope, he succeeded in curing, after many trials of other remedies without success. He has been using the same remedy now for seven years, and in all cases a successful result has been made in time. He considers it judicious, perhaps improper, to be at his treatment, or to make promises beyond any possible performance, for there are cases so far gone as to be incurable; but he invites the afflicted to consult him, and if he shall satisfy them of his ability to make cures, they can then try his remedy.

All persons who apply in person or by written description of their case giving age, size, location, age, general health and habits, together with the remedies that have been used, may expect candid answers as to the result of their case. It is much to be regretted that the afflicted with Cancer, to make early application is so delay is dangerous, and prolongs the cure.

CANCERS OF THE TONGUE have an excellent remedy treated with this remedy. He will be in Columbus, Mississippi, until the first of June, where those who are afflicted may see the numerous testimonials and certificates to attest the efficacy and efficiency of his mode of treating every variety and description of CANCER.

As letters sent paid, will receive immediate attention. DR. EURNHAM SHEPARD Office at the Columbus Hotel. Dec 30, 1847-30-3

SNOW CREEK SULPHUR SPRINGS. Tipton Co. Miss. Fifteen miles East of Holly Springs, and 10 miles South of Salem.

Dr. TROOST, of Nashville, the celebrated Chemist and Geologist of Tennessee, has furnished the Proprietor with the following analysis of these Springs. His knowledge of these Springs, his known character is a sufficient guarantee for its correctness.

Nashville, Feb. 23d, 1847. Mr. O. Beck—It appears, from my analysis, here annexed, that the only ingredient in that water is SULPHURETTED HYDROGEN, (20 fluid ounces, Sulphuretted Hydrogen, 7 cubic inches, other ingredients matter, which it contains are so minute that they offer almost imperceptible traces with the most delicate tests. Now, as in my opinion, that the most essential mineral ingredients in the Sulphuretted mineral waters, is the Sulphuretted Hydrogen. So I believe that you will be found to be beneficial as any of the more common Sulphur waters. Respectfully yours, G. TROOST.

THE subscriber would respectfully inform the public generally, that he is improving the above specified Springs very extensively, and further announce that he will open for the reception of visitors by the 10th, of June.

RATES OF FARE Board and Lodging per month \$20 00 " " " " " " 15 00 " Lodging by the week 6 00 " By the day for Man & horse 1 75 " Single meal 30 " Keeping box per week 3 50 " " " " " " 75 Children and Servants will be invariably charged half price, 2/3 Table.

ORRIN BECK, May 19, 1848-12-6w [Proprietor]

House of Entertainment. THE undersigned, having opened a House of Entertainment at Cockrum's Roads, Desoto county, Miss., which is calculated to render great accommodation to the traveling community. This house is large and commodious, divided into various departments, so as to furnish private rooms with fires. It is my intention to make all who may favor me with their patronage, as comfortable as North Mississippi will admit of. I have large stables and experienced ostlers. Charges as low or lower than usual in the country.

J. P. COCKRUM. July 17, 1847-20-1f

Franklin Academy. THE Trustees of Franklin Academy having secured the services of Mr. J. A. KIMBALL, an experienced teacher, have re-opened their School for the reception of pupils. I will be the design of this institution to afford facilities for the pursuit of any branch of science pertaining to practical life. The great desideratum aimed at in instruction and discipline, is to cultivate habits of punctuality, and exact critical investigation; so that the pupil may be prepared to enter upon the duties of life with an ability to adapt himself to its various demands. To secure this, such means will be adopted as to lead the pupils to think for themselves.

Terms for a session of five months: Arithmetic, Grammar, Philosophy, Chemistry &c. \$5.00 Algebra, Geometry &c. 12.50 Latin, Greek, French &c. 15.00 Boarding can be obtained in good families at \$5 per month.

WM. J. JONES, JOHN TAYLOR. May 27, 1848-49

D. HANSBROUGH & CO. GENERAL AGENTS AND Commission Merchants, No. 38 NEW LEVEE, NEW ORLEANS, LA. N. B. Forwarding promptly attended to. GORIN, MASON & CAROTHERS, Commission Merchants, 57 GRAVIER STREET, NEW ORLEANS. GLADIN GORIN, New Orleans, J. M. D. MASON, Tennessee, Jo. CAROTHERS, Mississippi

TO COUNTRY MERCHANTS AND PLANTERS. CHARLES C. GANE, 26 MAGAZINE STREET, NEW ORLEANS.

IMPORTER and Dealer in all kinds of Foreign and Domestic HARD WARE AND CUTLERY, is now receiving from the European and American Manufacturers a large and Extensive assortment in the Hardware line, which he offers at low prices as can be purchased in any part of the United States. Country Merchants are requested to call and examine my stocks, as I shall be prepared to sell low, being satisfied with small profits, and quick sales; the facility with which Country Merchants can obtain supplies from New Orleans makes it easier and cheaper, not being compelled to wait for their goods; thereby saving the loss, of interest, on heavy stocks of goods; my stock is selected from the manufacturers of the latest styles, making my stock on hand of the largest in the United States.

THE WEEKLY CRESCENT. PUBLISHED Every Saturday Evening. BY HAYES, McCLURE & Co. At No. 95 St. Charles street New Orleans.

The publishers of the Weekly Crescent have just issued a Weekly Paper of the largest size, printed in beautiful style, for circulation in the country. The Weekly Crescent will contain the News of the Day, Original Articles upon all subjects of general interest; and more particularly upon those in which the people of the South and West are more immediately concerned—General and Selected Sketches, Tales, Anecdotes, etc., and a Free Current carefully corrected up to the hour of publication. It will be a paper useful to all classes, and especially adapted to merchants, mechanics, planters and families. In its political character it is the largest sense of the word, independent, taking no part in mere party struggles, but aiming to inform and instruct the people upon all the great questions which arise affecting the internal welfare or foreign relations of the country.

The paper will be furnished to Single Subscribers at Three Dollars per year; to Clubs of Four or more, direct to the same Post-office, at Two Dollars and Fifty Cents a year. Postmasters and others who may act as Agents, and send orders, paid for, ten copies, will receive one copy in addition to their compensation. PAYABLE IN ALL CASHES IN ADVANCE. Single papers or packages, in wrappers, can be had at the office of publication.

Excutor's Notice. NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned Executor of the Estate of Samuel Patton, deceased, has filed in the Probate Court of Lafayette County, State of Mississippi, his petition to surrender his letters, and will, at the next February Term of said Court, present as a candidate for his Executorship, as far as the same is extended, for clearance with commissions, and apply for a final hearing of said petition.

KINCHEN C. PATTON, Ex'r. Dec. 19, 1848. —no. 35-3f.

Administrator's Notice. THE undersigned administrator of the Estate of Saml. M. Carothers, deceased, has presented a final account of his administration on said Estate to the Probate Court of Lafayette County, Mississippi, and will, at the next March term thereof, apply for a discharge and settlement.

W. H. CAROTHERS, Adm'r. Dec. 18 1848-2f

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE. WHEREAS, Letters Testamentary of the last will and testament of Michael Watson, deceased, were granted to the undersigned at the last September term of the Probate Court of Lafayette county, Mississippi. Now all persons having claims against the estate of said testator, are hereby required to present the same within the time prescribed by law, or they will be barred. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment.

JOHN M. WATSON, D. A. WATSON, [Executors] Dec. 30 1848-36-6w.

Cotton Shed. THE undersigned have taken for a term of years, the Cotton Shed known as the Bowler's Shed Cotton Shed, one mile below the Mouth of Tipton, in Lafayette County, Miss., and will promptly attend to receiving and forwarding at Cotton and Goods in other articles that may be entrusted to their care. They will also be engaged during the boating season, in building Flat Boats for the purpose of shipping Cotton to New Orleans. They hope by strict attention to business, to merit the patronage of the public.

JESSE TINER & SONS, October 12, 1848-29-3f

Book Bindery, BLANK BOOK MANUFACTORY, and Stationery Establishment, AT NATCHES. RICHARD ELWARD takes this opportunity to notify his friends, old customers and the public generally, that having disposed of his interest in the branch of his establishment held at Jackson, of the firm of R. Elward & Co., he is prepared at his establishment in Natchez, to make to order, and in superior style, Blank Books for courts, public offices, mercantile houses, &c., &c. Also, to render entire satisfaction in all and every branch of Book Bindery. An excellent lot of Stationery also on hand. Old books carefully rebound. All orders from any section of country promptly attended to. N. B. Establishment at the old stand Main street, Natchez, Miss. April 11—12—1f.

Jackson Book Bindery, AND BLANK BOOK MANUFACTORY. BLANK Books for courts, public offices, &c., made to order, in the best and most durable style. Book binding in all its branches, also, done and warranted in style and workmanship. Also on hand and for sale a number of articles consisting of Stationery. The patronage of the public is respectfully solicited. M. L. JULIENNE, Successor of Rich'd Elward & Co. Bindery at the old stand, two doors from the post office. April 11—12—1f.

MEDICAL CARD. DR. ISOM & WENDEL. HAVE become associated in the practice of MEDICINE, and respectfully tender their services to the citizens of Oxford and vicinity, in the various branches of their Profession. All cases entrusted to their care will meet with prompt attention. Office—the one formerly occupied by D. Isom, OXFORD, March 6 1848.

Paddy's Bluff. THE Proprietor of this eligible point on the Tallahatchie River, takes pleasure in informing his patrons and the public generally, that he is now prepared to shed FIFTEEN HUNDRED Bales Cotton, and will store and ship for 12 1/2 cents per bale. He has also a safe and commodious Ware House for receiving and storing Groceries, &c. PAT. CAUGHLIN. Dec. 7, 1848-33-1f.

FINAL SETTLEMENT.—Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Administrator of the estate of Joseph Duke, dec'd, has filed his petition in the Probate Court of Lafayette county, Mississippi, for Final Settlement of his Administration, and will, at the term of said Court, be held On the Third Monday in May next, present an Account of his administration for allowance with commissions, and apply for a final hearing of said account. JAMES GIDEON, Adm'r. February 20th, 1849. 45

New Store. THE undersigned having purchased the interest of J. G. Gibbs, will continue to do business at the old stand, and expects to add to his present stock of Goods in a short time, he promises to sell goods as low as any other house in town. Therefore, he expects a continuance of the liberal patronage extended the firm of S. & G. Punctual and Cash purchasers are particularly invited to call. W. H. SMITHER. Oxford, Jan. 1, 1849-37-1f.

SELLING OUT FOR CASH. HAVING determined to quit business in Oxford, I will sell out my stock of Goods at very low prices for Cash. The stock on hand is very desirable, comprising a large assortment of Boots, Shoes and heavy domestic goods, purchased and manufactured to order, during the past season. In order to close up the concern with dispatch, no goods will be sold on either a yearly or temporary credit. Customers owing the house will confer a special favor by calling and arranging at once for final settlement, as its concerns must be closed.

FOSTER FREELAND. N. B. Very decided bargains will be given in a list comprising a list of Goods from \$10 to \$40. F. F. Oxford, Dec. 30, 1848.

TERMS. Two dollars and fifty cents in advance—Three dollars if paid within six months, and Three dollars and fifty cents, if payment be delayed until the expiration of the year. No subscription taken for less than six months, and no paper discontinued until all arrears are paid, unless at the option of the Proprietors.

ADVERTISING. For every ten lines or less, one insertion \$1 00; for each continuation 50 cents. For year advertisements a very liberal deduction will be made. Articles of a personal nature never admitted. For announcing candidates for State or District offices, see county officers, \$75 dollars.