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THE NATCHEZ FAIR.

We call attention to the announcement of the Natchez Fair to be held there November 15-20, 1897. Natchez is a delightful city to visit during a festive occasion; her people are very courteous and hospitable to strangers, and every effort is made to give them a good time. Many of the citizens of Tensas are either natives of Adams and the adjoining river counties of Mississippi, or their ancestors were, and a strong chain of sympathy and interest binds them to the City of the Bluffs.

We hear that the Fair Grounds at the Concord place, the former residence of the Spanish Governor of Mississippi, are rapidly being prepared, so as to have the grounds ready for the fair in November.

Following is the announcement the management has issued:

"In addition to notices through the public press, the Natchez Fair Association takes this method of announcing an Agricultural, Mechanical and Stock Exposition to be held in the City of Natchez, from November 15th to 20th inclusive. Prompted by the earnest wish to advance and promote the material advantage of our entire section, and especially that tributary to Natchez, the managers of this enterprise will spare no effort to show the phenomenal advancement of this glorious region, in such manner as to fix the attention of the whole country.

"Natchez, beautiful in situation, like a queen, sits radiant upon its sun crowned bluffs, looking down sheer 250 feet to where the swift current of the Mississippi dashes its golden spray beneath the cliffs. Beyond lies the fair demesne of Louisiana in all its pristine glory, even as when the Chevalier du Ponte founded this City of the Bluffs. To the right and left the great river curves like enveloping arms about the green shore. 'The Spanish explorers came looking for gold, and found the gold of sunbeams lighting up this beauteous country, the long shafts of sunshine pointing like golden fingers down the mighty river and touching the Natchez shore.'

"The development of this fertile section, promotion of agriculture, building of railroads, carrying of the beacon light of progress into remote districts, attracting capital and immigration, is the motive of this undertaking.

"Our committees have raised funds with which they have secured magnificent grounds and have begun the work of erecting buildings, tracks, exposition hall, etc., etc. The Fair Grounds are situated within one mile of the center of the city, at 'Concord,' the historic home of the first Spanish Governor. A grand old mansion graces the spacious grounds, long flights of circular stone steps lead up to the broad hall of carved oak and mahogany—adjoining is the celebrated "Pharsalia" race course of ante bellum fame, which modern talent and engineering have placed in condition second to none in the South.

"Our premium lists have been arranged with the utmost care, and particular attention has been given to offering a class of premiums most suited to the especial needs of our people.

"Our race purses are generous and will attract the attention of the best horse owners in the South and West. The time of the meet allows been arranged to follow those then St. Louis and Dallas Fairs, and immediately after that of Vicksburg which takes place November 8th to 13th.

"Premiums for fine stock, horses, cattle, hogs, sheep, etc., are especially worth considering. The best of talent has been selected as judges for different departments—and entries are being made by many celebrated breeders and owners.

"Buyers will appreciate this excellent opportunity to attend the auction sale of blooded stock which will be held during Fair week.

"We have prepared a programme of amusements that cannot fail to attract even the most fastidious—good racing, foot ball games, bicycle races, track racing, amateur and profession athletics, and field sports of all kinds.

"Special provision will be made for the colored people. Our premium lists are open to them and we will afford them every facility for competition.

"'Our Military Day' will be one of the most brilliant features of the Fair and we invite correspondence from all Companies in this and other States.

"Excursion rates on all rail and steamer lines have been arranged for and special rates for exhibits.

"We intend to make the Fair a great success and that we may assemble all those interested in stock raising, agricultural and mechanical occupations and pursuits—farmers, merchants, laborers, capitalists seeking investments, all those interested in the furtherance and development of mutual interests to every man and woman who works for a living in any branch of industry, we extend this our greeting and ask for your assistance, your co-operation and your presence.

"For further information address R. I. Metcalfe, Secretary, Natchez, Miss."

The Vicksburg Herald has the following spicy notice of Major Lamar Fontaine, who is well-known throughout the South, particularly for his spurious claim to the authorship of the poem "All Quiet Along the Potomac," which was written by Mrs. Beers and first appeared in Harper's Weekly. Those of our readers who have met the Major will enjoy what the Herald says of him:

"Though uncorked and on tap always, Lamar Fontaine, the Baron Munchausen of the Mississippi Delta, like good wine improves with age. At the Nashville reunion we observe that he has added some choice new legends to his repertoire; which have gotten in the New York World. One is a certificate from Stonewall Jackson, which reads thusly:

"'I believe that during his service with me as sharpshooter, Lamar Fontaine killed more of the enemy than were killed by any company in my command.'

"This is pretty good, but a certificate from Gen. Lee sees the raise and goes better. It is to the effect that this famous sharpshooter, with his mouth, had killed 60 men in 60 minutes. Lamar Fontaine, like Artemus Ward's kangaroo, is 'an amoosin cuss,' but he makes a great mistake in not writing a book."

HON. THOS. M. WADE, of this parish, took an active part in the convention of School Superintendents in New Orleans last week. We copy from the T.-D. as follows:

"Hon. T. M. Wade, of Tensas, spoke on the 'Relation of the School Board of Education to the Parish Boards.' He contended that the question of the collection of the poll tax was of paramount importance, and urged the parish superintendents to confer with the parish school boards and police juries relative to enforcing the payment of this tax. In Tensas parish a collector was employed with most satisfactory results. Owing to the employment of some one to look after this matter, together with the co-operation of those interested in the collection of the tax, about 50 per cent, amounting to $2428, was collected last year. Mr. Wade said there was always great difficulty in collecting the poll tax from day laborers, and at one time they were exempt from payment in Tensas parish. The Attorney General was finally consulted about the matter and that officer held that this class of citizens were liable to the tax, and since then every effort had been made to collect it.

"Mr. Wade urged that the text-books adopted by the State Board of Education be used in the schools. In some instances the official list was ignored and other books bought. In his own parish, he said, local dealers had been charging more than the price regulated by the State board, and when spoken to about it said they were compelled to do so, as they were only allowed a discount of 10 per cent by the wholesale dealers. This, Mr. Wade said, was a mistake. The State board has fixed the discount to be allowed retail dealers at 20 per cent. When local dealers charged more than the list price in any locality he said text books could be had at regular rates by applying to the parish school boards.

"Mr. Wade said there was a matter of which he desired to speak, but he did so with the greatest delicacy. That was the high schools. He said that he had found, when serving in the Legislature, by expressions from those with whom he met, that there was a strong and growing opposition to these schools. This feeling, he said, appeared to be traceable to the belief that the parish boards often appropriated an undue amount of the school funds to these high schools, to the detriment of the grammar or common schools. Mr. Wade said he was a friend of the high schools, but he warned the superintendents that there was a growing feeling of hostility, and unless they were careful there would be a reaction and their growth would be retarded."

The corps of Engineers is busily engaged in cutting out work for the contractors. There will be a general raising and strengthening of the levees all along the line.

The price of cotton is advancing. Before any great proportion of the coming crop is marketed, there is likely to be a regular "cotton famine" among the spinners and manufacturers. Many of the Southern mills have already shut down in July for want of cotton, a thing that never happened before. Our planters are encouraged to hope for a good price for their leading product this fall and winter.

Spokes, wagon tongues, wagon bolts, tire bolts, buggy bolts, single and double trees, plow handles, plow beams, etc., at Kershaw's.

Ice cold Bohemian beer for sale for sale at A. J. Beaumont's saloon. Nice and attractive card room attached to the saloon. He invites the public to try this beer, the finest made in this country. Price: 5 cents a glass.

Be sure and call for Pabst Export Bottle Beer and Pabst Bohemian Keg Beer. Take no other; it is superior to any beer in the market for its purity, flavor and excellence. For sale at all first-class saloon in the parish. For prices write to P. U. Benjamin, Agent for Brewery, at Natchez, Miss. june4-6mo.

NASHVILLE, TENN. VIA Y. & M. V.

The best service. Two trains every day, double daily connections going and returning. Only 18 hours from Vicksburg. Cheap rates advertised elsewhere in our columns. The local packet line running into Vicksburg makes connection with morning trains. The Y. & M. V. road's ticket agent at Vicksburg will reserve sleeper space for you in advance upon application.

THE STR. ST. JOSEPH left New Orleans last Monday, where she has been completely overhauled, re-painted and refurnished, and has resumed her place in the trade. Judge Reber felt that it was due to the patrons of the St. Joseph that no expense be spared to make first-class in every respect and it has been done. It is a pleasure to travel on such a boat and her officers use every effort to make her passengers feel at home. Our town is proud of her namesake.

INFORMATION WANTED. Mr. Sol. Elgutter, W. M. of St. Joseph Lodge No. 79, F. & A. M., writes us that he has received enquiry from the Sheriff of Denton county, Denton, Texas, asking for informrtion of one H. P. Peaden, a white man about 50 years of age, who left Denton, Texas, with a herd of horses on May 31st, 1897. He went to Monre, La., and from that place he started for St. Joseph with the horses. He is a blacksmith by trade, red complexion and weighs about 155 pounds. He had a negro boy with him. He has not been heard of since May and his friends are very anxious about him. Any person knowing anything of him will please let Mr. S. Elgutter know at Newellton, La. Our Richland, Franklin and Madison parish exchanges please make a note of this.

SUCCESSION NOTICE.

State of Louisiana, Parish of Tensas, 23rd District Court.

Succession of Joanna Jackson, dec'd.

PUBLC NOTICE is hereby given that George H. Woods has applied to be appointed Administrator of above succession.

Now, therefore, unless written opposition thereto be filed in my office within ten days from publication hereof, the said appointment will be made as prayed for.

[L. S.] Witness, my hand and the Seal of said Court this 22nd day of July, 1897.

JOSEPH CURRY,
Clerk of said Court.

CONSTABLE SALE.

State of Louisiana, Parish of Tensas, Seventh Justice Court.

D. FUCA

vs.

J. H. GARRISON.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that by virtue of a writ of fi fi to me directed in the above styled suit, I have seized and will on

Saturday, the 7th day of August, 1897,

offer for sale at the Highland store, within the hours prescribed by law, that is between the hours of 11 A. M. and 4 P. M., to the highest bidder, the following described property, seized as property of defendant, J. H. Garrison, to-wit:

Three (3) circular saws.
One (1) power swedge.
One (1) log rule.
One (1) lumber rule.
One (1) saw gummer.
Terms of sale: Cash.

E. W. HARDIN,
Constable Seventh Ward.

Notice to Mortgage Creditors.

TENSAS PARISH.

SHERIFF AND TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE FOR THE PARISH OF TENSAS, LA.
St. Joseph, La., July 20th, 1897.

In conformity with the laws of the State of Louisiana, as contained in Section Sixty-three (63), of Act Eighty-five [85] of the Acts of the Louisiana General Assembly for the year 1888, public notice is hereby given to all parties holding mortgages upon real estate in the Parish of Tensas, State of Louisiana, upon which the State, Parish and Fifth Louisiana Levee District taxes and forced contributions for the year 1896 have not been paid, that I will begin the sale of the same at the Court House door in St. Joseph, La., on *SATURDAY, the 28th day of AUGUST, 1897*, and that a number of pieces of property so delinquent are now being advertised in the Tensas Gazette, the official newspaper for the Parish of Tensas, Louisiana, in conformity to the law preparatory to such sale. The attention of the mortgage creditors is especially called to these advertisements of tax sales, and they are warned to take such steps prior to the sale as may be necessary to protect their rights in the said property.

W. C. YOUNG,
Sheriff and Ex-Officio Tax Collector for the Parish of Tensas, La.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Registration Notice.

I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that the Registration Books will be open at the following places in the Parish of Tensas on the days specified below, for the purpose of making an entire new Registration of voters, in pursuance of Acts of the Legislature of 1896.

Monday, July 5 to July 16 at St. Joseph.
Monday, July 19 at Hollywood.
Tuesday, July 20 at Newellton.
Wednesday, July 21, Viamede School House.
Friday, July 23, New Light.
Monday, July 26, Hard Bargain.
Wednesday, July 28, Waterproof.
Thursday, July 29, Highland.
From August 1st to August 31st at St. Joseph.

B. F. BONNEY, Registrar.

FOR SALE

NEW LITHOGRAPHED MAPS of Tensas parish. Price: $7.50 Apply at this office.

RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

CHRIST CHURCH.
Services at St. Joseph on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays in each month.
Newellton at 10:30 A. M. on the 3d Sunday. THOS. W. SMITH, RECTOR.

M. E. CHURCH.
Appointments for Waterproof circuit for 1897. Morning service 11 A. M.
1st sunday each month Wesley Chapel
2nd " " " Waterproof.
3rd " " " St. Joseph.
4th " " " Waterproof.
Ogden's Second Sunday, 3 P. M.
W. H. HILL, Pastor.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT.

State of Louisiana, Parish of Tensas, 23rd District Court.

Succession of Wm. H. Buck, Dec'd.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Executors of the above named succession have filed in said Court their Final Account of their administration of said succession, and unless written opposition be made thereto in the office of the Clerk of above Court, within legal delays, the same will be homologated and made the judgment of this Court and the Executors discharged.

Witness my hand and seal this 17th day of June, 1897.

[SEAL.] JOSEPH CURRY,
Clerk 23rd District Court.

Notice to Tax Payers.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the listing of property has been completed and is open for inspection and correction for 20 days from publication hereof.

B. F. BONNEY, Assessor.
ST. JOSEPH, LA., June 7, 1897.

Lost, Strayed or Stolen.

Two (2) cows from my residence at St. Joseph. One a bright tan color and has a bell chained around her neck with a brass lock. The other same color with a circle "S" on her shoulder and hip. A reasonable reward will be paid for the delivery of these two cows.

MRS. R. H. SNYDER,
St. Joseph, La.

The Gazette is but $1.50.

JUDICIAL ADVERTISEMENT.

SEIZURE AND SALE.

State of Louisiana, Parish of Tensas, 23rd District Court.

UNION MORTGAGE BANKING AND TRUST CO., Limited.

vs. No. 3571.

MRS. ALICE H. PARHAM AND HUSBAND.

PUBLIC NOITCE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of a writ of Seizure and Sale to me directed by the above named Honorable Court in the above styled suit, I have seized and will, on

Saturday, the 24th day of July, A. D. 1897,

offer for sale at the Court House door, in the town of St. Joseph, in this parish within the hours prescribed by law, that is between the hours of 11 o'clock, a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m., to the highest bidder the following described property belonging to Mrs. Alice H. Parham, situated in this parish, to-wit:

The "Arcola" plantation, containing 1713 acres more or less, and composed of Section 25, fractional section 49, fractional section 50, except that part lying South of Bayou L'Argent; all in Township 9, Range 10 East, and bounded on the North by "New Foundland" plantation, on the East by L'Argent and Aquasco plantations, on the South by Bayou L'Argent and on the West by "Consuelo" plantation.

Also the "Steep Bayou" plantation, containing 960 acres more or less; and comprised of Section 36, Township 10, Range 9 East, and the North half of Section 1, Township 9, Range 9 East and bounded North by "Highland" plantation, East by "Argyle" plantation and "Stockton" plantation, South by "Glenwood," "Linwood" and "Anderson" plantations and West by "Stillwater" and "Anderson" places.

All of the above described lands containing 2673 acres more or less, together with the buildings and machinery and appertenances thereto belonging and workstock and farming implements and immovables by destination thereon, and seven mules on "Arcola" plantation.

Terms of sale: Cash.

W. C. YOUNG, Sheriff.
ST. JOSEPH, LA., June 16, 1897.
Thos. P. Clinton, Attorney for Plaintiff.
june18-30d.

Trespass Notice.

All persons are hereby warned against trespassing on the "CLYDESDALE" plantation on Cow Slough, in this parish, belonging to me, *hunters particularly*. Trespassers will be arrested and dealt with according to law

ALEX. BLANCHE.
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