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The Police Jury and the School Board meet Monday.

Mr. J. B. Elam has our thanks for Congressional documents.

Mr. H. M. Ragan will preach in Court House, Monday night, at 8 o'clock sharp.

Considerable ground has been cleared in these parts preparatory to the spring planting.

The river fell a couple of feet during the past week, but is now beginning to rise again.

A post-office has been established at Black Creek, in this parish, and O. C. Watson is the clever manager thereof.

Mr. Swafford, the wife of Mr. Swafford, member of Police Jury of this parish, died on the 1st day of January.

We regret to learn of the death of Mr. Hines, the printer who labored with us up to a month ago. He died at his home in Monroe.

About forty feet of earth, for a distance of a hundred yards or more, have caved off the point of the river between Cane and Red rivers, near Colfax, during the past six weeks.

The fine and fast passenger steamer, the new Burt Able, never to be on time in her weekly trips, and always favors us with a complete file of late papers. Long adieu wave.

We put our trust in the "devil" week, and he "went back" on us—pelled our "received" and "steal." And now he knows if that don't spell "steal" and "steal," then what do it!

Mr. Peter, our efficient deputy clerk, is back again, after having been his colored fellow-traveler in the hands in Baton Rouge. We are still as useful as usual, and did excellent service to our citizens last Wednesday and yesterday by the use of which he cleared the parish boarders, in cleaning the public cistern.

Browned in a Cistern.

On Saturday night a little negro boy, named William Brandon, aged about twelve years, fell from the eastern at the back of Mr. Mumford's store, and the fact was not discovered until Monday morning, when the body was found floating on the water.

On Saturday night Mr. Kraft asked the little fellow if he could get a bucket of water. As he disappeared and did not come back that night Mr. Kraft concluded he had fallen into the cistern. Sunday morning a bucket was discovered in the cistern, when it was supposed that the boy had dropped it in the night, and, becoming frightened, had run home to his mother, and nothing was thought of it.

It seems the child's mother all while supposed he was in town, and she herself no uneasiness as to his whereabouts, and no one suspected the truth until Monday, when the horrible discovery was made by a negro man, who had been sent to catch the bucket.

Mr. Goode was notified, and a verdict being held, in accordance with the above stated.

The cistern is a huge affair, and several families with walls of the year round, each one having his own rope. This sad accident should warn against any carelessness. A pump should be put in, and the top securely battened down. And now that the water is all out of it, is as good as any.

Our town was taken by surprise last Saturday morning by a party bent upon committing matrimony. It was a runaway match, and this served to make it interesting, as attest the crowd that gathered to witness Miss Matilda E. Johnson and Thos. P. Thompson made one. We glory in your spunk, young folks, but fate is against us.

The weather for the past week has approached all the extremes. First clear and cold, then cloudy and cold, dry and warm, drizzling, raining then blowing.

The Protestant clergymen of Philadelphia are organized, with few exceptions, into a society known as the Ministerial Union of Philadelphia. A stated meeting of this association was held on the 31st of December, when, after making arrangements for the observance of the week of prayer by union meetings beginning next Monday, the subject of hell was broached. The result of the discussion was the adoption of the following positive resolution, upon motion of Rev. Dr. Swayn, by a rising vote:

Resolved, That we put on record as the sense of this body that the old orthodox doctrine of future and endless punishment of the finally impenitent is firmly held by all evangelical churches of this day within our limits.

There was no outspoken dissent from this resolution.

In the United States House of Representatives, on the 17th inst., Mr. J. B. Elam, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill to authorize the construction of a railroad bridge at or near Shreveport, and also another across the Onachita river, at or near Monroe, which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

In the Senate, on the 17th inst., Mr. Matthews presented the memorial of Geo. W. Wells and Geo. M. Dutcher, of the District of Columbia, in reference to the sale of intoxicating liquors in that District. The memorial was read by the clerk, and referred to the committee on the District of Columbia, as follows:

We, your petitioners, humbly state that we are citizens of the United States, now temporarily residing in the District of Columbia, and we humbly pray your honorable body to make inquiry by what authority the traffic in intoxicating drinks is protected and made legal. The Constitution was ordained to establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, and promote the general welfare. The traffic in intoxicating drinks infringes upon these provisions of the Constitution to a terrible degree, and we again humbly request your honorable body to make inquiry by what authority the privileges and enjoyments of the great majority of the people of this District are interfered with, and the expressed stipulations of the great law of the land abrogated and annulled. We claim that the fruits of this traffic being evil, and that continually, there can be no constitutional right to protect it, and that upon the removal of the protection of law by which it is now surrounded it could be driven from the community as a common nuisance. And we shall ever pray.

The United States.

THE SIZE, WEALTH AND PRODUCTIONS OF THIS COUNTRY.

A newspaper correspondent has recently obtained from the bureau of statistics, Col. Dodge, of the agricultural department, and other sources at Washington, the following facts and figures: Leaving out Alaska, fit only for savages, thirty-eight States and Territories of the United States cover an area of 3,010,000 square miles, 1,926,400,000 acres. No similar area in the world has so much fertile soil, such excellent climate characteristics, or is capable of such varied and valuable productions. The ten Eastern and Middle States cover an area of 171,788 square miles, or a little more than a twentieth of the whole territory, and about two-thirds of the area occupied by the single State of Texas. Until recently ten Eastern and Middle States preponderated over all the other States and Territories, both in population and wealth. But

"westward the course of empire takes its way," and this condition of things is now reversed. The West and the Southwest together now hold the larger share, not only of population, but of political power and actual wealth.

Taking the value given to the real and personal estate of the country by the census of 1870, and allowing for the same progress as was made during the war decade, from 1860 to 1870, the property of the people of the United States at this time—excluding government property—amounts to the enormous and incomprehensible sum of \$54,000,000,000.

In estimating the amount of products of the country, I have consulted the carefully prepared statistics of the agricultural department, and, when these were wanting, have depended upon other equally reliable sources of information—these estimates are for the year 1876. According to these, the natural and art products of the country for 1876 were as follows: Farm products, including every variety known to the United States, \$3,594,061,832; mining, \$162,598,594; fisheries, \$12,096,522; manufactures, \$3,732,325,412, making a total of \$7,501,082,790.

Of this vast amount of annual products, the Eastern and Middle States are entitled to nearly three-fifths of the manufactures, while the other States and Territories should be credited with a still larger proportion of the mine and farm.

Remarkable Success.

The success of the leading literary paper of the West, the Chicago Ledger, is truly remarkable. Since its introduction to the reading public, six years ago, the Ledger has steadily advanced in favor, and is now acknowledged second to no paper of the kind in the country. Its circulation is national, and has been obtained through the efforts of its publishers to produce a paper of high moral character, and at the same time sell it at a price consistent with the present hard times. That they have succeeded, and well, too, the thousands of readers of the Ledger scattered from Maine to Texas and from Oregon to Florida will bear testimony. The Chicago Ledger is a large forty-eight column weekly paper, which contains stories both complete and continued, in each number, written by the best authors of the day, and a great variety of information interesting to every one. The subscription price is only \$1.50 per year, postage paid, and it is equal in every particular to other papers of the same character which sell for \$3 a year. Three copies of this valuable paper will be sent to any one who sends ten cents and their address to the Ledger, Chicago, Ill. 1374

Market Report.

COTTON—Low Ordinary 7 1/2; Ordinary 8 1/2; Good Ordinary 9 1/2; Low Middling 10; Middling 10 1/2; Good Middling 11; Middling Fair 11 1/2.

SUGAR—Common 4 1/2 @ 5; Prime 6 1/2 @ 7; Choice 7 1/2 @ 8; Yellow Clarified 8 1/2 @ 9; White 9 1/2 @ 10.

MOLASSES—Choice 36 @ 38; Strictly Prime 32 @ 34; Prime 30 @ 32; Fair 24 @ 26; Common 16 @ 22; Centrifugal 16 @ 25.

MESS POKE—\$12 25.

BACON—Shoulders 5 1/2, clear rib sides 7, clear sides 7 1/2 @ 7 1/4.

DRY SALT MEAT—Loose and packed 4 1/2 @ 5; shoulders, loose, 4 1/2.

HAMS—Choice Sugar-cured 9 @ 10; Plain canvassed and uncanvassed 8 1/2 @ 9.

LARD—Refined tierce 8 1/2 @ 8 1/4; packers tierce 8 1/2; kettle 8 1/4; reduced kegs 9 @ 9 1/2; packers kegs 10 @ 10 1/4.

FLOUR—Fancy choice \$5 50 @ \$7; Family \$5 25 @ \$6 1/2; best low to choice, \$5 25 @ \$6; double extra \$4 75 @ \$5 00; single extra \$4 50; super choice \$4 25 @ 30; fine \$4 @.

CORN MEAL—Good to choice \$2 35 @ \$2 40.

POTATOES—\$1 50 @ \$1 75 per bbl.

ONIONS—\$2 25 @ \$2 50 per bbl. for red and yellow.

RICE—Choice 6 1/2, prime 6 @ 6 1/2, good 5 1/2 @ 5 1/4, fair 5 @ 5 1/4, ordinary 4 1/2 @ 5, common 4 @ 4 1/4, No. 2 3 1/2 @ 4 1/4.

APPLES—\$3 50 @ \$5 per bbl.

ORANGES—\$4 @ \$6 per bbl.

POULTRY—Old chickens \$4 25 @ \$5, young \$2 @ \$2 50, ducks \$3, geese \$3, turkeys \$12 @ \$15 per dozen.

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JUDGMENT.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, Ninth District, for the Parish of Grant, January Term, 1878.

Elizabeth McKnight, wife, vs. Howard McKnight, husband.—No. 179.

In this case, by reason of the law, and the evidence being in favor of the plaintiff, Elizabeth McKnight, and against the defendant Howard McKnight, it is ordered, adjudged and decreed that the said plaintiff do have and recover from the defendant the sum of Sixteen Hundred and Fifteen Dollars (\$1615), with five per centum interest thereon, from the 15th day of December, A. D. 1877, and cost of this suit. It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that the community of acquets and gains heretofore existing between the plaintiff and her said husband, H. McKnight, be and the same is hereby dissolved; and that the said plaintiff be authorized to administer her separate property in future free from the control of her said husband. This done, read and signed in open court on this 13th day of January, A. D. 1878. W. F. BLACKMAN, District Judge.

HENRY C. WALKER, Clerk.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, at Colfax, on this the 27th day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight. S. B. SHACKELFORD, n2-3t Deputy Clerk.

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STATE OF LOUISIANA, Parish Court, Parish of Grant, December Term, A. D. 1877.

Julia F. Wilder vs. Hiram Williamson, her husband.

In this case, on motion of A. Cazaubon, counsel for plaintiff, it is ordered and decreed that the judgment by default entered herein be confirmed and made final.

And by reason of the law and the evidence being in favor of plaintiff, Julia F. Wilder, wife of Hiram Williamson, against her husband, Hiram Williamson, defendant, it is ordered, adjudged and decreed that plaintiff recover from defendant the sum of Five Hundred (\$500) Dollars; that the community of acquets and gains heretofore existing between plaintiff and defendant as husband and wife be and is hereby dissolved; that plaintiff be henceforth separated in property from defendant, her husband; that she have the sole and full control of her separate and paraphernal property, and that the lien and mortgage in her favor upon the property of her husband be recognized, confirmed and enforced according to law, and that defendant be condemned to pay the costs of suit.

This done, read and signed in open court this 14th day of December, A. D. 1877. A. V. RAGAN, Parish Judge.

A true copy. Clerk's Office, Colfax, La., December 14th, 1877. S. B. SHACKELFORD, n12-5t Deputy Clerk.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

Ninth Judicial District Court, Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana.

Mrs. Zeline Laysard vs. F. E. Laysard.

BY virtue of a writ of fi. fa., issued and to me directed, in the above entitled suit, I have seized and will offer for sale, during the hours prescribed by law, on the Laysard Plantation, on

SATURDAY, the 2d day of March, A. D. 1878,

the following described property, seized as the property of defendant in the above entitled suit, to wit:

One undivided sixth and part interest in a certain tract of land, the Laysard Plantation, containing about 1500 acres more or less; also, one-sixth interest in five (5) mules, two (2) horses, eight or ten hogs, one hundred head of sheep, one old wagon and cart, an engine and milk household furniture, and about ten head of cattle, the same being all the right, title, claim and interest of defendant, F. E. Laysard, as one of the heirs of Pamela and Malefred Laysard, deceased.

Terms of sale—Cash, with benefit of appraisement. C. R. NUGENT, Sheriff. Sheriff's Office, Colfax, La., Jan. 10, '78. n12-5t

SHERIFF'S SALE.

Ninth District Court—Parish of Grant.

Britton & Moore vs. William and Virginia Bush et al.—No. 33.

By virtue of a writ of fi. fa., issued and directed to me in the above entitled suit, I have seized and will offer for sale, on

Saturday, the 2d day of February, A. D. 1878,

in front of the Court House door, in the town of Colfax, between the hours of 12 o'clock M. and 4 o'clock P. M., all the right title and interest of William and Virginia Bush, said interest being two-sevenths and two-sixths of one-seventh in the following described property, viz:

A tract of land fronting on Red River, at the junction of the Darro, bounded above by Bayou Darro, in the rear by lands of Josiah Hite's succession, and below by the Bellvue plantation, containing about thirteen hundred acres.

Also, a tract of land fronting on Red River, bounded above by the tract last described, below by the Mead plantation, and in the rear by the Darro tract, containing about six hundred and forty acres, with all the improvements upon both tracts of land.

Also, a tract of woodland lying on Bayou Darro, bounded by the Darro on the north, and on the other side by lands of Josiah Hite's succession, containing three hundred and twenty acres.

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