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AGENTS.

Mr. A. A. Goodwin, of Alexandria, is an authorized agent of the Chronicle, and will contract for advertisements and receive subscriptions.

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LOCAL DOTS.

Melons are coming in.

Rust is reported to have slightly injured some cotton.

The Fourth was the hottest day this year—92 degrees in the shade.

The shipping of cattle has become quite a business lately with the folks hereabouts, and it seems to pay.

It is said the Bell has made her last trip until the fall trade opens, and a smaller boat will come out in her place next trip.

Does any one know what has become of the petitions for locating the parish seat? They seem to have disappeared again.

Mr. McKnight is building a new gin house on Rock Island, this side of the bayou, and to-day (Saturday) he will have a "house raising."

The new assessment will increase the revenues of the parish fully 25 per cent. A number of persons not on the list before have been added.

Our report was wrong last week in saying the river was rising slowly, as it had commenced to fall. It has been going down rapidly ever since, and has fallen fully four feet.

When a pretty girl gives one a pretty boquet it is pretty apt to make one feel pretty vain—at least that is the way we feel about it—and there is somebody else that feels so, too.

We have lately made a change in our Washington correspondent, and hereafter our readers will find the "Washington Letter" more interesting and in accord with their views.

Two different parties from Montgomery, numbering five or six each, out in search of Wheeler, the negro who killed Mr. Phillips, have passed through Colfax within the past two or three days.

The School Board met last Saturday, established four schools and appropriated all the funds on hand. As the secretary, Dr. Deal, has been unwell, we are unable to give their proceedings, but have the doctor's promise of a synopsis of what was done, which will appear next week.

Capt. Noel, of the little Cane river steamer Kolegon, arrived on the big Bell, which loaded a barge for him, and Tuesday evening the Kolegon tacked on to it and went kicking up Cane river. She was only able to go within a few miles of Clourtierville, as the water was low and falling fast.

Last Monday night, when the Bell landed at Colfax, Mr. Arthur Watson reported a roustabout to Sheriff Teal as wanted by the authorities of Natchitoches. Upon arresting him, the negro, a mullatto about twenty-four years of age, who gives the name of Wm. Carter, drew a pistol, apparently to defend himself, but it was taken from him in a twinkling. Carter says he merely wanted to throw it away to keep from being fined for carrying concealed weapons. He informs us he broke out of the Natchitoches jail last May in company with two white men, Chales Molen and Alex. McDonald.

Last Friday evening Miss Hero, teacher of the Colfax school, gave her scholars a "review" in grammar, in which they showed that they are beginning to understand how to apply the rules of syntax and orthography. As the scholars expressed a desire to have a spelling match, a little boy and girl were selected to "choose sides," and then the fun began. One after another went down until only one remained standing on the little girl's side, a tribute to her good judgment in selecting spellers. But the boys all say it isn't fair to let Howard McKnight in, because he knows the book by heart. However, he got hold of a word after while he couldn't manage, and went down.

A Negro Kills a White Man.

Mr. Thomas Phillips, a well to do and respected citizen of this parish, met a tragic death last Tuesday, at his place, some six miles north of Montgomery, near the line of Winn parish. The particulars are about as follows: A negro by the name of Harry Wheeler was employed on Mr. Phillips' place. Wheeler's wife commenced to abuse Mr. Phillips, when he turned to Wheeler and told him to make her shut up, which Wheeler tried to do, but the woman kept on. Mr. Phillips then said he would make her hold her tongue if Wheeler did not, and picked up a switch and started to strike her with it, when Wheeler, who had stood with a gun in his hand all the time, without a word of warning, shot him in the back of the head with a load of small shot, killing him instantly. From the circumstances, it is believed that it was a made up agreement between Wheeler and his wife to kill Mr. Phillips. Great excitement prevails in and around Montgomery, and a *posse* of from thirty to forty men have been out all the week hunting for the negro, but so far without success. He is described as a dark griff or ash black, about 6 feet high, tolerably square built, about 160 pounds, rather high cheek bones, thin face, long chin, thin beard, heavy thick hair, low forehead, is so badly ruptured as to be plainly visible. The arrest of this man is very much desired, and it is requested that a sharp look-out be kept for him in adjoining parishes. He is said to be a most malignant and cruelly vindictive individual. Mr. Phillips leaves a wife and several small children.

We learn from Dr. M. A. Dunn that the committee, which met in Natchitoches last Monday, has appointed that place for holding the Congressional convention. Grant parish is apportioned three delegates. The Doctor is not certain about it, but thinks the time appointed is the first Monday in September. He gets his information from Capt. C. C. Nash, who attended the committee as a delegate, but has been sick at Montgomery since his return.

Jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace.

Last week we published a communication from Mr. J. P. Hadnot, in relation to the arrest of Sheriff Teal, in which he takes us to task for intimating that it was a case in which he had no jurisdiction. At the time we thought nothing of it, but since a closer examination we find that Mr. Hadnot usurped jurisdiction in the outset over a matter in which he had no jurisdiction. Article 126 of the new constitution says:

"They shall have jurisdiction as committing magistrates, and shall have power to bail or discharge in cases not capital or necessarily punishable at hard labor."

Judge T. T. Land, in commenting on the above article, says:

"Under this article justices of the peace may arrest and commit for all crimes and offenses, whether capital or punishable by imprisonment in the penitentiary or not; but for such offenses they have no power either to bail or discharge the accused. It is only when the offense charged is not capital or necessarily punishable at hard labor in the penitentiary that justices of the peace have the power to examine the witnesses, and, on the evidence, to bail or discharge the accused."

The affidavit upon which the arrest was made was, that the accused had committed an assualt with intent to kill, "thereby breaking the leg of said Dunbar," making a case of maiming, "neccessarily punishable at hard labor," over which Mr. Hadnot had no jurisdiction "either to bail or to discharge the accused."

In the second place Mr. Hadnot is wrong in claiming the right to order the sheriff to bring a prisoner before him. He should have sent his constable with an order for the prisoner, in which case it would have been the duty of the sheriff to deliver him up to the constable. It would be a pretty kettle of fish if the sheriff had to hold himself subject to the beck and call of all the justices of the peace in the parish.

So thoroughly is Mr. Teal now convinced of the fact that he cannot be used in this way, he says that if the same thing were to occur again he would simply tell the justice of the peace to go to the devil. As jailor of the parish he will respect the mittimus of any magistrate, but all other orders eminating from their courts he can treat at his option.

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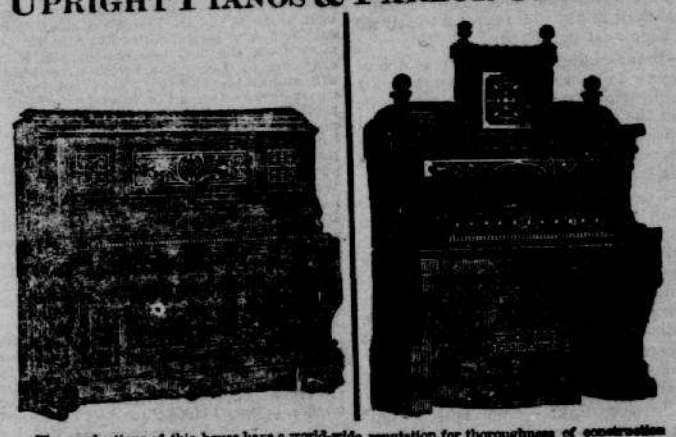

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Letter from Senator Brian.

Big Creek, July 1, 1880.

Editor Chronicle:

I see in your issue of June 5th that I am accused of selling out to the Lottery Ring. The charge is undue and unjust in every particular, and I hope that no Senator has been so unjust as to bring against me so base a charge without a cause. Believing the author of the rumor to be a political enemy, and holding such in great contempt, I would not stoop to notice the matter at all but for the satisfaction of those of my constituents who may have misunderstood my motives. Therefore I will give you a correct report of the affair as it stands upon the official journal.

In the journal of March 27th you will see my name recorded in favor of the general lottery bill. On the call of the vote I voted no, but before the vote was announced I changed my vote from no to yes, to avoid censure, having voted for the passage of the bill to its third reading, believing at the time that the constitution required it; but upon a closer examination of article 167 of the constitution I decided that it was not obligatory. Hence you will find my vote recorded against Senator Marston's amendment, endeavoring to incorporate into the general license bill a lottery license, which I believed to be unconstitutional, and which would have necessitated an extra session, (the House having voted down the same amendment by a large majority), brought a heavy expense upon the people, and disgrace upon the State. I voted with pure motives upon the whole affair, and no man has any right to impugn my motives or question my manner in voting upon this question. No man has ever dared to offer me money or anything else as a compensation for voting upon this question either way, and I hope that whoever has attempted to injure me without a cause may be governed by as pure motives through all the transactions of life as I was when voting upon this bill.

The people whom I represent are as noble and intelligent as any of the State, and when I vote I reflect their sentiments, and no man dare question the right. I served them through the first session, I hope, upon principles of honesty and integrity, and I hope to serve them so for the remainder of the term for which I was elected, irrespective of the opinions of politicians and tricksters. B. F. B.

F. Connelley, B. McFeely and E. P. Uptown visited the Lake to enjoy the cooling breezes, but fell asleep on the depot platform, near St. John boathouse. They were all three invited to change their quarters to more comfortable ones in the suburban station.—N. O. States, 2d inst.

The above item is pointed out to us as a complimentary notice of a certain editor, who has lately gone back to the quagmire of Radicalism, and indulges in free slurs and dirt slinging at the respectable part of the community in which he resides.

Commencement exercises of the University of Louisiana were held at Grunewald Hall in New Orleans on June 30th. The annual address was delivered by E. H. Farrar.

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The above described estray was taken up by S. D. Cooper, and strayed by him before me, S. B. Shackelford, Clerk 12th Judicial District Court in and for the parish of Grant, La., on the 29th day of June, A. D. 1880.

Therefore notice is hereby given to whom it may concern that if the said estray is not claimed by the owner within the time prescribed by law I shall proceed to sell the same on Saturday, the 14th day of August, A. D. 1880.

S. B. SHACKELFORD,
4t Clerk Dist. Court Parish of Grant.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

State of Louisiana, Parish of Grant—Lionel L. Levy vs. Wm. S. Calhoun.

District Court, Rapides Parish—No. 2300.

By authority of and to pay and satisfy a writ of fieri facias issued out of the honorable the District Court in and for the parish of Rapides and State of Louisiana, in the above numbered and entitled case, and to me directed, I have seized and will offer for sale, at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, within the hours prescribed by law, on

SATURDAY, the 7th day of August, A. D. 1880,

at the court house door, in the town of Colfax, Louisiana, the following described property, belonging to the defendant, William S. Calhoun, viz:

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Terms of sale — Cash, subject to appraisement. C. H. TEAL, Sheriff.

Colfax, Louisiana, June 17, 1880. j26

SUCCESSION SALE.

Parish Court, Parish of Winn, State of Louisiana—No. 34.

Succession of John Waddell, deceased.

Pursuant to an order of sale issued by the Parish Judge of the above parish and State, in the above succession, dated June 7th, 1880, and addressed to me, I will offer for sale, at public auction, at Montgomery on SATURDAY, July 17, A. D. 1880, and at Winnfield on SATURDAY, August 21, A. D. 1880, all the unsold land on the inventory of the succession of John Waddell, deceased. All the lands belonging to said succession situated in the parish of Grant to be sold at Montgomery, and all the lands belonging to said succession situated in the parish of Winn to be sold at Winnfield, on the days above specified, said lands to be specifically described on the days of sale.

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A. WADDELL,
Adm'r succession John Waddell, dec'd.
June 16, A. D. 1880. j19-4t

ASSESSOR'S NOTICE.

The tax-payers of Grant parish are hereby notified that I will be at the following places for the purpose of making the Assessment, and taking a list of the school children between the ages of six and twenty-one years. All parties interested in having their property properly listed will please take warning and be in attendance when I visit their respective wards, as follows:

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