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LOCAL DOTS.

Gilt Edge Tonic cures Fever and Ague.

Nice gold jewelry and silverware at Ferguson & Schnack's.

The river has declined nearly three feet since last Monday.

Low Middling cotton rules in New Orleans at 11c; Good Ordinary 10c.

The repairing of watches by competent workmen a specialty at Ferguson & Schnack's.

Considerable cotton remains in the fields yet, but the most of it will be saved if the weather continues as fine as at this writing.

The silent Wheeler & Wilson No. 8 and White sewing machines delivered at Colfax at New Orleans prices by Ferguson & Schnack, watchmakers and jeweler.

Partridges are plentiful, and so are squirrels and ducks—at least every body says so, but we find them remarkably scarce when out on a hunt for them. Remarkable, isn't it?

The Jewel made Colfax the terminus of her trip this week. She laid here two hours, leaving for New Orleans about noon yesterday. C. P. Truslow, captain, N. Puckett, clerk.

Solid silver patent lever watches for \$12 50 and upward at Ferguson & Schnack's.

Judge Machen went down on the Bell. It is supposed he will join in with Capt. Noel, Jeff Pirtle, Henry Grant and Nick McNeely, to help them pull the Lelia up to this point, so she can go in the Cane river trade by Christmas.

Sheriff Teal, with our good looking young friend, R. S. Cameron, is making the rounds of the parish for the purpose of collecting taxes. Report says the revenues are coming in better than ever before. Our parish is lucky in having such a thorough-going collector as Mr. Teal proves to be.

Old Santa Clause has concluded to set up his headquarters at the store of Mrs. A. C. Deal for the coming holidays. Here may be found toys in abundance, jumping-jacks, drums, dolls, Noah's arks, tin soldiers, guns and swords, and all the little tricks that make glad the hearts of children. Christmas comes but once a year, and the little folks should have a good time when it does come.

Read's Gilt Edge Tonic cures Dyspepsia.

The Jesse K. Bell slipped up on us last Monday morning about 11 o'clock, from which it will be seen she had been putting in her best licks. Captain Dick paraded her decks as healthy and cheerful as ever, while Capt. George Hamilton and Tom Dowdy did the clerical work, assisted by Private Hamer, he of the pale and interesting features, who, by-the-by, looks a bit more rosy than usual. The Bell went through to Coushatta, returning to Colfax about 7 o'clock Wednesday night with 2017 bales of cotton, all of which shows her to be as popular as of old.

A good point in etiquette is that one bow should include all the persons in the room you are leaving. Another is to enter at once into conversation when introduced. At table you should thank the one who waits on you. A note requires as prompt an answer as a question addressed to you. Never rinse your mouth at the table, and always lay your knife and fork together, with the handles pointing to the right, when over with your meal. Never do all the talking at any time, nor be a mummy. Above all, be natural—nothing is more ridiculous than forced or studied politeness. True gentility never gives offense, and overlooks rudeness in others. To whistle, pat or sing, when others are talking, speaks of ill-breeding. To do to others as you would have them do to you is the sum total of all etiquette.

Murderous Incendiaries.

There are a set of cowardly cut-throats some eight or ten miles south-east of Colfax, on Bayou Philip or Bayou Darro, who richly deserves a term in the penitentiary or justice at the end of a limb. Last Thursday night, about ten o'clock, they set fire to a store owned by two colored men, Israel Smith and Hanson Briscoe, and burned it to the ground. The store had goods in it amounting to nearly \$800, and the building was worth about \$100 more. While the store was in flames several volleys were fired into it. No one was in it at the time, the occupants being at a house several hundred yards away, and too frightened to venture near. This party is evidently the same set who killed a young negro man in the same store early in the fall, by shooting through the walls. Measures should be taken to break up this nest of outlaws, and we hope to see active operations to do so commenced at once. These negroes are entitled to protection, and our community cannot prosper with such a set of cut-throats in it. Israel Smith, one of the store proprietors, says he has no clue as to whether the party consisted of white or black men.

The animus of this act probably was to strike a blow at the "seed cotton" traffic. But it is rather late in the day for that; beside, it is a poor beginning to make on a couple of timid negroes, who are only following the lead of a dozen white men who have done the same business all the past fall.

A PROPOSITION

Which Ought to Settle the Parish Seat Question.

To the President and Members of the Police Jury of the Parish of Grant, Louisiana: Gentlemen—I am authorized by Mrs. M. M. A. Lane to forward you the enclosed offer to donate, for public purposes, to the parish of Grant, Block No. 11 in the Town of Colfax.

Taking great interest in the progress and prosperity of the town, and believing it to be the proper and natural situation for the parish seat, she makes this offer in the hope that it will settle the question.

If this offer is accepted and the County Seat remains here, she will be ready and willing to sell to all desiring to locate within the Town, lots or blocks at reasonable prices.

And I remain, very respectfully, FRANCIS W. BAKER, Attorney for Mrs. Lane. Colfax, La., Nov. 24, 1880.

The following proposition accompanied the above note:

Mrs. M. M. A. LANE, the owner of the real estate forming the Town of Colfax, parish of Grant, makes the following offer of donation to the Town of Colfax and Parish of Grant, and the citizens thereof, upon the terms and under the conditions hereinafter set forth:

First—Mrs. Lane offers to donate to the Town of Colfax and Parish of Grant that certain piece or portion of real estate designated as Block No. 11, on a plan of said town known as the "Bringhurst Survey," bounded on the north by "D" street, on the east by Third street, on the south by "E" street, and on the west by Second street, and measuring in front upon each of said streets one hundred and forty-eight feet six inches.

Second—The property proposed to be donated shall be used solely for public purposes for the erection of a Court House, Jail, Town Council House, Market House, School House, and such other public buildings as may be necessary, useful and proper.

Third—This donation, if accepted as hereinafter set forth, shall continue and remain in full force and effect so long and no longer, than the said Town of Colfax shall be and remain the parish seat of the Parish of Grant, and so long and no longer than the whole of said property so donated shall continue to be exclusively used for public purposes as aforesaid.

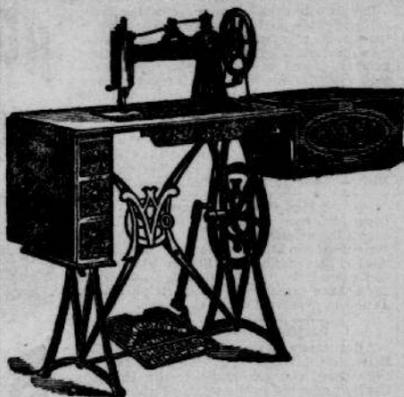
Fourth—If at any time the said Town of Colfax shall cease to be the parish seat of the Parish of Grant, or if said property at any time be used in whole or in part, for any other than the public purposes hereinbefore designated, then and in such event this donation shall terminate and said property shall revert to and again become the property, and be returned to the possession of said Mrs. Lane, without cost, expense or delay to her.

Fifth—The Parish of Grant, through its Police Jury, and the Town of Colfax, through its Town Council, shall accept this offer of donation by formal resolution to that effect within ninety days from this date, and after such acceptance Mrs. Lane will within thirty days thereafter pass and execute a formal act of donation in accordance with the terms of this proposition.

Sixth—Within sixty days from the date of the formal act of donation, the donees shall commence the erection of a Court House on the said donated property and the same shall be completed within one year thereafter, and upon their failure so to do the said donation shall be considered annulled and revoked.

Seventh—If at any time the property so donated as aforesaid should revert to Mrs. Lane by reason of the removal of the parish seat from Colfax, or the use of said property for other purposes than those for which it is donated, then and in such event all buildings and improvements placed thereon, shall be and become the property of Mrs. Lane, without cost or expense to her.

FRANCIS W. BAKER, Attorney for Mrs. Lane. Colfax, La., Nov. 24, 1880. To the Mayor and Council, Town of Colfax, Grant Parish, La.: Gentlemen—Since the communication and offer of donation on behalf of Mrs. Lane, of date 24th inst., as I have been advised that it is thought



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