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BOOTS AND SHOES,

GROCERIES,

WINES AND LIQUORS,

Hardware, Crockery,

MEDICINES, ETC.,

all of which he is offering at extraordinary low prices for CASH or COTTON.

HE STUDIES TO PLEASE!

His efforts in the past are the best evidence of the truth of this assertion; and he takes this occasion to return his thanks to the citizens of Grant and adjoining parishes for the patronage so liberally bestowed upon him in the past, and solicits a continuance of the same. ja10

WHAT SHALL THE HARVEST BE?

The question now agitating the American mind is, what will be the result of the Conkling resignation? We say Conkling resignation for Platt is nearly the tail to the Conkling kite. Conkling has resigned in a huff because he was not allowed to dictate to the President who should fill the important Federal offices in New York. The general belief is that Conkling's resignation was tendered with the expectation and belief, on his part, that he would be immediately re-elected by the New York legislature, and his course of opposition to the administration indorsed and himself vindicated by such re-election. What action that legislature will take no one can predict with any degree of certainty. Although Conkling has wound up his affairs in Washington, and is offering to sell his property there, still it is believed that this is mere pretense, and that, to put it tersely, he is "just honing" for a re-election. At first his friends claimed that this would be a matter of course, and that two weeks would see the lordly Roscoe again strutting through the halls of congress, while his opponents have all along proclaimed that Conkling has committed political *hazardi*. Now his friends say they are not so sanguine. Whatever will be the action of the New York legislature, the Republican party in that State is split past mending. If Conkling is returned, administration Republicans will resent the slap given the President, by refusing to act with the Conkling wing. If he is quietly

shelved and some other man elected senator, the Conklingites will "sulk in their tents" at the next election.

Let the performance in the Republican menagerie proceed, and let the side show at Albany open. We are simply spectators on the outside of the ring.

NOW WE CATCH IT.

As was to be expected, our leader last week roused some ire. The first one to pour out the vials of his wrath upon our devoted head does it thus:

Editor Colfax Chronicle:

In an editorial headed "Scanty Assessments" you have taken my name to lead your remarks upon several "skin-flint" culprits. Your statement, so far as I am concerned, is entirely erroneous; and, if there is any truth in what the assessor tells me, you must have known it to be so when published, as he told you when making out the list that the Fairmount plantation, of about 1000 acres, assessed to me last year, was not on my assessment this year. This alone, if there was nothing else, would account for the \$5000 difference in valuation for this year. Neither is it true that I have given in 3000 acres of land for \$8800. I gave in about 1200 acres, valuing the land in cultivation at \$10 per acre, and the land in woods and thickets at \$3 per acre, which is as high a valuation as any land is assessed at in this parish or the adjoining ones.

As to the statements that land is more valuable this year than last, not being personal, does not require refuting. As to my not being willing to sell at four times this valuation, is a mistake, that being double what I paid for the land when cotton was selling for 30 cents a pound. With the prospective low price for the coming crop, we must naturally conclude that assessments will be lower instead of higher. For the purpose of equalizing State taxes our land must be valued at what the same lands are in adjoining parishes. As to our parish becoming "financially ruined," don't let that trouble us. Our police jury have had experience and know exactly how to rid us of that trouble. As you have made these charges publicly against me, please give this statement the same publicity, and oblige

THOS. K. SMITH

We have to plead guilty to a piece of bungling last week in getting Mr. Smith's name substituted for Col. E. G. Randolph's. In 1880 the following entry appeared on the assessment roll:

"Randolph, E. G., 3000 acres, known as the Randolph plantation, between bayous Darro and Riggolette, ward 2, valued at \$8800."

Our next sin was in failing to credit Mr. Smith with Fairmount plantation, valued at \$5000. After we had completed our list last week, the assessor, to whom we showed our figures, a short time afterward mentioned the fact that Mr. Smith was entitled to a credit for Fairmount, but we neglected to give it. Having discovered the error, we intended to do Mr. Smith the justice of correcting it this week.

Now that we have crawled gracefully as we know how, it is hoped that Mr. Smith will forgive the single mistake we made among the twenty odd names given in our last issue. And right here let us say that we do not have a word further of apology to make for our comments upon the decreased assessment. Every man who gives in his property subscribes to the following oath:

"I do further swear or affirm that the valuation affixed opposite each item of said property in said list is the actual cash value thereof, according to the best of my judgment, knowledge and belief.

So help me God.

No man can honestly give in his property at one-fourth or one-half its value. And for the reason that all men will not be honest in giving in their assessments, we advocate a State board for the equalization of assessments. Because men in other parishes put an unfair valuation on their lands is no reason that the same should be done in Grant parish. That it has been done to a large extent we can abundantly substantiate, and Mr. Smith's exception in no way refutes our charge against the "skin-flints."

The *Chicago Weekly News* is what its name indicates—a newspaper. It fairly bristles with news. The *Weekly News* and the *Chronicle* both for \$2 50 a year, postage included. Send your subscription to this office.

Reed's Gilt Edge Tonic cures Dyspepsia.

The Chickasaw Guards, of Memphis, were the victors in the competitive drill in New Orleans, last week.

Judge Robertson has been confirmed as Collector of the port of New York. As his confirmation was almost unanimous, it is a further eye-blackener for Conkling.

Wm. E. Chandler has been rejected by the Senate, as Solicitor General of the Treasury. Thus slowly but surely are the perpetrators of the fraud of 1876 being punished. But for Chandler's participation therein, he would have received the votes of the Democratic senators, and been confirmed.

Conkling and Platt are candidates for re-election to the Senate. The "half breeds," or independent Republicans of the New York legislature, swear they will not vote for them. If they stand to their promise Conkling and Pratt will retire to the shades of private life, as these are Democrats enough in the New York legislature to combine with "half-breeds" and prevent their re-election.

How Does it Get Out?

MONTGOMERY, La., May 11, 1881.

Editor Colfax Chronicle:

Since the grand jury has been in session, the findings have been reported from day to day—not always correctly, but often in strict accord with facts. I do not know that justice has been defeated as yet by these rumors or reports, but such knowledge should be confined to rumor. If I remember anything of the form or spirit of the law that governs juries, the oath of a grand juror prohibits his furnishing any information regarding jury proceedings, and the oath administered to witnesses should embody the same facts. The ends of justice demand that jurors and witnesses refrain from comment or information for at least a sufficient period to enable the bills to be made out and the sheriff to execute. I have not attended court, do not charge any one with any thing wrong, still it has existed, and the dignity and efficiency of the law demands that the screws be turned on. This community is greatly pleased with the action of the court in the suppression of crime, particularly the offense most common in our parish, of carrying concealed weapons. The court can count on our support of the most stringent measures. Respectfully,

WEST END.

Reed's Gilt Edge Tonic restores appetite.

The *Colfax Chronicle* publishes a long article on whipping children. Howard Goodwyn, the publisher, was married about last Mardi-Gras, and we do wish he would be a little less precious in his remarks on training offspring.—*Morgan City Review.*

Having entered the noble army, we thought it our turn to advise in the drilling of the infantry. Our friends will bear in mind that the "little folks" have always been special favorites with us, and no one dislikes to see them abused more than we do. But, while this is the case, we believe a tight rein is essential to their future good, and adds materially to their present happiness. A child allowed to indulge in willful passion becomes a burden to itself, a curse to its parents and a nuisance to its neighbors. If it may please the good Lord, we shall prefer children brought up by the Bible standard.

Reed's Gilt Edge Tonic prevents Malaria.

Harper's Young People.

This weekly periodical, issued for boys and girls, is full of merit. Every line of its 16 pages, every engraving that embellishes its columns sparkles and glistens, and in it all members of the household will find entertainment. As the season approaches when the public schools are to be closed, parents will find their cares lessened by placing in the hands of the little ones a copy, weekly, of this, the most meritorious and valuable publication issued in the interest of youth. As a safe guide and instructor it is of inestimable value. "The Cruise of the Ghost," relating the cruise of four boys in a small yacht—in a dense fog they drift to sea and meet with many adventures. Two new serials are begun in the issue of May 10th, "Susie Kingman's Decision," and a story of a May Party, written for girls. It is fresh and breezy. The Magazine and Young People will be sent one year for \$5, or the latter alone for \$1 50. A sample copy of the Young People will be sent on application to the publisher.

A RECKONING OF TIME.

TAKEN FROM THE DIVINE LAW.

Editor Chronicle:

Dear Sir—I saw the farewell address of the bogus President, Mr. Hayes, in the columns of the *Natchitoches Vindicator*, of April 2, 1881. He admits himself to be one of the tools of his predecessor, whose motto was the *League*, and whose works were and are the works of deception—Daniel, 11 chap., 23 ver. Whose footsteps have fulfilled over 700 prophecies in the short space of 4 years, 1 month, 10 days, 9 hours, and 30 minutes. And the negro is the platform on which he stood—Daniel, 11 chap., 48 ver. And under his reign your taxes were raised—Daniel, 11 chap., 20 ver. He did not receive the honor of the government—Daniel, 11 chap., 21 ver. Yet he went into office peaceably—Daniel, 11 chap., 24 ver. Who caused the churches to despise their own members—Nabum, 2 chap., 2 ver. Why was he taken away in the evening?—Isiah, 17 chap., 14 ver. The place and manner of his departure—Job, 20 chap., 26 ver. He was, but to-day is not; yet his laws remain the same as they were when he left—Rev., 17 chap., 8 ver. And now where is your merchandise of gold and silver? Nearly gone. And the slave is gone—Rev., 18 chap., 13, 14 ver. Who who will buy them to-day?—Deut., 28 chap., 68 ver. And why?—Jeremiah, 25 chap., 36 ver. B. W. V.

[The above communication is beyond our ken. We give it just as we received it.—Ed. CHRONICLE.]

Curiosity.

[*Claborne Guardian.*]

The curious man, we sometimes think, is a stranger to any of the finer feelings that should animate the human breast. In their anxiety to know what, why, when and where, they know no timidity, no embarrassment, no decency. With ears pricked and voice tremulous, with anxiety they inquire, Ha! what is it? who? and if the news learned is that shame has come upon some one, or misfortune fallen to the lot of another, they hasten to retail the scandal. Curiosity crowds out all the better feelings of their nature. They are crazy to know who is dead, not that they may condole with the grief-stricken, but that they may be the first to spread the news. They put their face between two parties who talk privately, and with ha! what is it? worry the soul of good men. This passion or weakness is a strange one, and a remarkable fact about it is that the women have not a monopoly of it. Men are just as anxious to find all that goes on, if not more so, than the women.

Sit down in a crowd on the streets any day and you will have positive proof that men have a crazy anxiety about their neighbors' affairs. We think the anxiety to know about the business of others should be ever-combated, because it is the certain father of the habit of retailing scandal. The man or woman who goes to extremes to learn the news will go equally as far to tell it after it is learned. Old men are worse than young ones. Let them set a better example so that there may be less gossip in the small communities.

The Labor of an Editor.

The *London Times*, speaking of the work of an editor, says it can only be appreciated by those who have had some experience in it. The most slip of pen, an epithet too much, a wrong date, a name misspelt, or with a wrong initial before it, the misinterpretation of some passage, perhaps incapable of interpretation, the most trifling offense to the personal or national susceptibility of those who do not even profess to care for the feelings of others, may prove not only disagreeable, but even costly mistakes; but they are about the least of the mistakes to which an editor is liable. The editor must be on the spot till the paper is sent to the press, and make decisions on which not only the approval of the public, but even great causes may hang. He can not husband his strength with comparative repose in the solitude of a study, or the freshness of green fields. He must see the world, converse with its foremost or busiest actors, be open to information, and guard against error. All this should be borne in the mind by those who complain that journalism is not infallibly accurate, just and agreeable.

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