

## DRIFT.

The winter is over.

The usual rain fell Tuesday night. Clap-trap goes further than logic. Court in the new court room Monday.

Eggs ought to come down to fifteen cents a dozen.

It will take the roads about all summer to get good.

A club is a very good weapon, but a boomerang is dangerous.

The Clerk of the Court moved into his new office this week.

The Parish Item has changed its day of publication to Saturday.

There will be no ball given in the Court House, as a house warmer.

Almost everybody is willing to admit the necessity of ample drainage just about now.

Miss Rosa Beer left for her home Natchez, Miss., Thursday, after a brief visit to her aunt, Mrs. Beer.

Mr. J. M. Johnson, the agent of the V., S. & P. R. R., is so pleased with Tallulah that he has brought his wife here. They are boarding at Mrs. Spencer's.

The Parish Executive Committee called for the organization of Ward clubs. Each Ward will determine the day for organizing. Sunday, (to-morrow) is the day set for the organization of the 4th ward club.

The club business is a fine stroke of policy. Of course the members of the club are expected to be bound by the majority, and the club dodge is expected to make things solid for Mr. McClellan.

Your attention is called to the advertisement of the Madison House under the management of Mrs. J. C. Hope. She has a nice reception room fitted up for the accommodation of ladies, and as she gives her personal attention to the House, you can rely on everything being properly done.

## THEY WANT TO KNOW

If Mr. McClellan hopes to wipe out his past political record by his present affected fear of "stirring things up."

If the Parish Executive Committee was appointed directly in the interest of Mr. McClellan.

If the men who almost succeeded in giving the vote of Madison to Stevenson in 1884 are entitled to instruct the democrats of this parish in 1888.

If it ain't about time to start the report, that the round hole in the dormer window on top of the Court House is intended for a port hole for a cannon that Captain Holmes has on hand with which he intends to bombard the town, if everybody don't vote for him.

If it is not a trifle breezy for the independents of 1884 to profess such devotion to democratic principles in 1888.

If prodigal sons deserve more of the democratic party than the regulars.

If Mr. McClellan is not the legal nominee, why he should not withdraw.

If Captain Holmes is the legal nominee of the mass meeting, why the friends of Mr. McClellan are not the ones who are responsible for "stirring things up."

If it is thought that the 107 men who voted for Captain Holmes can be induced to believe that the (less than) 90 legal votes cast for Mr. McClellan make him the nominee of the democrats of this parish.

If the Court House won't look like an armoured ship with those clumsy iron shutters during high water.

If the iron shutters on Court House won't batter down that little gallery over the east door.

If strangers intending to settle here would not think the Court House was intended to stand a siege, and think it a dangerous country to settle in.

If the iron shutters won't make the Court House look like a fort.

If the iron shutters won't greatly disfigure the Court House.

If the iron shutters are being put

up just because they have been ordered.

If the building committee don't wish they had never ordered iron shutters.

The Executive Committee says, in effect, that they approve of the legal voters being defrauded of their rights.

## PROMULGATION OF THE

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana. Adopted by the General Assembly in 1884 and 1886.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, Office of the Secretary of State.

In pursuance of the provisions of the Constitution, publication is hereby made and given to the qualified electors of the State of Louisiana of the proposed amendments to the Constitution of this State, which have been concurred in by two-thirds of all the members elected to each house of the General Assembly of this State, at the regular sessions thereof, held at the city of Baton Rouge, in the years 1884 and 1886, and which are required to be published for the information of the qualified electors of this State or three months next preceding the General election for Representatives, and which proposed amendments more fully appear in Act No. 43 and Joint Resolution No. 112 of the Regular Session of 1884, and in joint Resolutions Nos. 28, 75, 88, and 92 of the Regular Session of 1886 which are hereinafter officially published for the information of the qualified electors of this State, and which will be submitted to them for their approval or their rejection, at the next general election which will be held on Tuesday, the 17th day of April, A. D. 1888 (it being the Tuesday next following the third Monday of said month) in such manner and form that the qualified electors may vote for or against each amendment separately; and if a majority of the qualified electors voting, at said election, shall approve and ratify all or either of said proposed amendments then such proposed amendment or amendments or either, of them, so approved and ratified, shall become a part of the Constitution of this State.

Act No. 43 of the Regular Session of 1884.

Amendment No. 1.

Tulane University Amendment.

The terms of Act No. 43, of the Regular Session of 1884, adopted at the Session of the Legislature in the year 1884, are hereby ratified and approved; and all provisions of the Constitution of 1879 repugnant thereto, or in any way impairing the passage thereof, are hereby repealed, so far as the operations of said act are concerned.

Joint Resolution No. 112 of the Regular Session of 1884.

Amendment No. 2.

"The General Assembly may divide the State into levee districts and provide for the appointment or election of Levee Commissioners in said districts, who shall in the method or manner to be provided by law, have supervision of the erection, repair and maintenance of the levees in said districts; to that effect the Levee Commissioners may levy a tax not to exceed ten mills on the taxable property situated within the alluvial portions of said district subject to overflow; provided that, in case of necessity, to raise additional funds for the purpose of constructing, preserving and repairing any levees protecting the lands of the district, the rate of taxation, herein limited, may be increased when the rate of such increase and the necessity and purpose for which it is intended shall have been submitted to a vote of the property tax-payers in such district, paying taxes for himself, or in any representative capacity, whether resident or non-resident, on property situated in the alluvial portion of said district subject to overflow, and a majority of those in number and value, voting at such election, shall have voted therefor."

Joint Resolution No. 28 of the Regular Session of 1886.

Amendment No. 3.

"In those districts composed of one parish, there shall not be less than six terms of the District Court each year."

In all other districts there shall be in each parish not less than four terms of the District Court each year, except in the parishes of Cameron, Franklin and Vernon, in which there shall not be less than two terms of the District Court each year."

"Until provided by law, the terms of the District Court in each parish shall be fixed by a rule of said court, which shall not be changed without notice by publication at least thirty days prior to such change."

There shall be in each parish not less than two jury terms each year, at which a grand jury shall be empanelled, except in the parishes of Cameron, Franklin and Vernon, in which there shall not be less than one jury term each year, at which a grand jury shall be em-

elled."

"At other terms the General Assembly shall provide for special juries, when necessary for the trial of criminal cases."

Joint Resolution No. 75 of the Regular Session of 1886.

Amendment No. 4.

Article 180—"The New Basin Canal and Shell Road and their appurtenances shall not be leased nor alienated."

Joint Resolution No. 88, of the Regular Session of 1886.

Amendment No. 5.

Articles 65—"That in the event of the death, or from whatever cause the office of Lieutenant Governor shall become vacant, then, and in that event the President pro tempore of the Senate shall fill the office of Lieutenant Governor, performing all the duties incident to the office and receiving its emoluments."

Joint Resolution No. 92, of the Regular Session of 1886.

Amendment No. 6.

Articles 207—"The following property shall be exempt from taxation, and no other, viz: All public property, places of religious worship or burial, all charitable institutions, all buildings and property used exclusively for colleges or other school purposes, the real and personal estate of any public library, and that of any other literary association used by or connected with such library; all books and philosophical apparatus, and all paintings and statuary of any company or association kept in a public hall; provided the property so exempted be not used or leased for purposes of private or corporate profit or income. There shall also be exempt from taxation household property to the value of five hundred dollars; there shall also be exempt from taxation and license for a period of twenty years from the adoption of the Constitution of 1879, the capital, machinery and other property employed in the manufacture of textile fabrics, leather, shoes, harness, saddlery, hats, flour, machinery, agricultural implements, manufacture of ice, fertilizers and other articles of wood, marble, or stone, soap stationery, ink and paper, boat building and chocolate; provided, that not less than five hands are employed in any one factory."

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto affixed my signature and attached thereto the seal of the State of Louisiana at the city of Baton Rouge, this 13th day of January, A. D. 1888.

OSCAR ARROYO, Secretary of State.

## CONSTABLE SALE.

State of Louisiana, 7th Justice Court, Parish of Madison.

W. A. BRIDWELL vs. P. P. BRUCE.

BY virtue of a writ of seizure and sale to me directed from the Honorable the 7th Justice Court of the Parish of Madison, in the above entitled cause, I will proceed to sell at public auction, at the front door of the 7th Justice Court in and for the Parish of Madison on Saturday, the 25th day of February, A. D. 1888, the following described property to-wit:

- 1 Bed spring,
- 1 Box harness,
- 1 Wardrobe,
- 1 Bureau and glass,
- 1 Washstand,
- 1 Saw and 5 pigs,
- 1 White sow,
- 1 Clock,
- 8 Turkeys.

Seized in the above suit.—Terms of Sale, cash with benefit of appraisement. Dated this 8th day of February 1888. DENNIS SMITH, Constable 7th Ward.

## SHERIFF SALE

State of Louisiana, Parish of Madison, 8th Judicial District Court.

Walter E. Johnston & Others, VS. The British & American Mortgage Company (limited).

BY VIRTUE OF A WRIT OF SALE to effect a partition to me directed from the Honorable Eighth Judicial District Court for the Parish of Madison aforesaid, in the above entitled cause, I will proceed to sell at public auction, at the door of the Court House, in the town of Tallulah, in Madison Parish, Louisiana, on the 3rd Saturday, the

18th day February, A. D. 1888, between the hours prescribed by law, all the right, title and interest of the plaintiff and defendant in and to the following described property to-wit:

A tract of land described as lot No. three of fractional section number twenty-nine, and the undivided half of lot No. six, being the south-east fractional quarter of section number twenty-eight, all in township number sixteen north, of range twelve east, containing three hundred and seven acres, and commonly known as the "Grisham" place and situated in Madison Parish, seized in the above suit.

Terms of Sale—Cash, with benefit of appraisement.

H. B. HOLMES, Sheriff, Sheriff's office, Tallulah, La. 9th Jan. 1888.

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## Immigration Convention.

The Governor has issued the following proclamation:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, Baton Rouge.—In pursuance of a request of the presidents of police juries of several parishes in North Louisiana, the president of the cotton exchange of the city of Shreveport, the mayor of said city, and the president of the North Louisiana Immigration Society, I hereby call an immigration convention to assemble in the city of Shreveport on March 15, 1888, at 12 m., for the purpose of devising means for promoting immigration to the State of Louisiana, and particularly to North Louisiana; and of organizing a bureau of immigration to carry out the objects and purposes of said convention.

The convention as requested, will be composed of delegates, two to be appointed by the governor from each parish and five by the president of the police jury of each parish and delegates appointed by commercial bodies, railroad companies and labor organizations interested in the objects of said convention.

I respectfully and urgently request all delegates appointed to attend the meeting of said convention, and the citizens of the State to give it their earnest and cordial support.

Given under my signature and the seal of the State of Louisiana, at Baton Rouge, this 4th day of February, A. D. 1888.

S. D. McENERY.

By the Governor:

OSCAR ARROYO, Secretary of State.

The places in the republican State ticket made vacant by the declination of Messrs. Minor and Wyly, have been filled by Messrs. Andrew Hero of Orleans, for Lieut. Governor, and Robert Ray of Ouachita, for Attorney General. The republicans are advised to vote for the democratic nominee for Superintendent of Education.

## Proceedings of the Parish Executive Committee.

Pursuant to call the Democratic Executive Committee of Madison Parish met, present, T. L. Fleming, Chairman, A. S. Coltharp, G. A. Richardson, Geo. W. Sevier, L. O. Ireson, T. F. Ward and T. B. Goff.

On motion of Geo. W. Sevier, seconded by L. O. Ireson the appointment of Geo. W. Montgomery as a member of the State Central Committee from this parish, as made by the Hon. James Jeffries chairman of the State nominating convention, held at Baton Rouge, Jan. 19, 1888, be endorsed by this committee on motion of T. F. Ward the following resolution was adopted.

That Whereas Capt. H. B. Holmes having requested to be allowed to appear before the Executive Committee, and having appeared, said that he wished the Executive Committee to take some action in regard to complaints he had to present against the action of the mass meeting, held Dec. 14th 1887, as to nomination for Sheriff.

Resolved, That we cannot take any action in regard to this matter.

Resolved, That we fully endorse the nomination of our State convention held at Baton Rouge Jan. 19, 1888, and also of our parish convention held at Tallulah, Dec. 14th 1887.

On motion of T. F. Ward and seconded by G. A. Richardson it was adopted that each member of this Com., be requested to try and form Dem. clubs at the following places: White Church, Tallulah, Milliken's Bend, Mound, Delta, Duckport, Waverly and Omega.

Upon motion meeting adjourned subject to a call. T. L. FLEMING, Chairman.

T. B. GOFF, Secretary pro tem.

## FOR SALE.

BY VIRTUE OF A resolution of the Police Jury, the building used as the Clerk and Recorder's office, is offered for sale. Sealed bids will be received by the Chairman of the Committee, and opened by the committee on Monday.

February 27, 1888, At Noon.

If satisfactory bids are received, the building will be sold to the highest bidder. Only the building is offered for sale.

G. A. Richardson, Chairman.

J. B. Snyder, Committee.

W. H. Ziegler, Committee.

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1 do 10,000 is 100,000

1 do 5,000 is 50,000

1 do 2,500 is 25,000

2 PRIZES OF 10,000 is 20,000

5 do 5,000 is 25,000

25 do 1,000 is 25,000

100 do 500 is 50,000

250 do 200 is 50,000

500 do 100 is 50,000

1000 Prizes of \$500 is \$500,000

100 Prizes of \$100,000 is 10,000,