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The Rev. Mr. HAMLIN will preach in the Baptist church to-morrow (Sunday). Service to commence at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Thanks to the Hon. John Sidel for late favors.

Attention is called to the article found in another column under the head of "Plan of Organization." The ideas therein advanced, suit our views exactly, and we recommend them to the attention of our readers.

The position of things now will not allow any Native American member so far to compromise the dignity of his party and his own self respect as to vote for the Democratic candidate.

A new filibustering expedition has been under way in and about the city of New York for some time past.

The article under the title of "A model man," found in another column of the paper, is recommended to the special attention of our delinquent subscribers and patrons.

It is rumored that Banks is elected speaker of the House of Representatives, in congress, but the report wants confirmation.

We hope that the rumor may prove to be false. Richardson or any good national man free from Abolition taint, is our choice, but away with Banks.

The Eighth of January.

This day, the anniversary of the victory of New Orleans, was appropriately celebrated in our town on Tuesday last by the "Fire Company," which turned out on the occasion in full dress uniform, parading the streets much to the entertainment of the crowd assembled to witness the display.

The conservative portion of the American party—the National Americans, hoped at the beginning of the Session, that some plan might be adopted, which should keep from the Black Republicans the tremendous power which the possession of the patronage belonging to the House of Representatives will throw into their hands.

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being engaged in violating the neutrality laws by having on board soldiers and munitions of war destined for Nicaragua, and U. S. officers were put on board her to prevent her sailing. She, however, started for her voyage, carrying the U. S. officers along with her.

Anticipating an event of this character, an immense concourse of people had gathered along the walls of the battery and the piers adjacent, among whom the most intense excitement was now manifested, as the movements of the respective vessels indicated a purpose on the one part to attempt a fight, and at this moment with apparently a fair chance of success; while on the part of the pursuer the race was kept up with resolute perseverance.

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posts of profit between the two parties who may thus have effected the organization.

Upon no grounds can an alliance take place between the National Democrats and National Americans, until the gross insult embodied in those Democratic resolutions referred to, is revoked. Until the resolutions are rescinded by the body who passed them, no National American can, without ignoring his self-respect, and that of his party, vote for the Democratic nominee.

As to the second feature of our plan, its fairness is apparent. It needs no elaboration. Now, Mr. Editor, we think our plan, if adopted, would lead to a safe and speedy organization of the House without any sacrifice of dignity or self-respect by either party.

To use a common phrase, the telegraph has taken the starch out of this document, and the substance of it has been made known to our readers some days ago. It is necessary, however, to publish it entire, as well for the convenience of reference, as being a historical epitome of the condition of the country, both in its foreign and domestic relations.

A portion of our people—and they are not small in number—will not read the message, as they will no other newspaper article of such inordinate length, simply because it will occupy too much time to do so.

After a very brief reference to the tranquility, peace and prosperity enjoyed by the country, he proceeds to review our foreign relations beginning with Central America.

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In regard to the Army he advocates the institution of a retired list and a partial reorganization. He recommends that the staff be mainly composed of details from the line.

He urges, a gradual increase of the Navy, but says nothing in regard to the action of the late Naval Retiring Board.

The letter part of the Message consists of an elaborate review of the Slavery question. We have before given an ample summary of the views of the President upon this subject. He takes high Southern ground in favor of State rights, and treats the spirit of aggression manifested by the citizens of the non-slaveholding States in a bold, manly style.

The message has been the subject of very general remark for the extraordinary high tone it has assumed, and by the freesoil press is most severely criticised and commented upon.—N. O. Com. Bul.

The Eighth of January. This day, forty-one years ago, was fought one of the most memorable and decisive battles recorded in the history of our country.

It was the last blow struck at the foe of our ancestors; the oppressive tyranny that would have throttled our infant Republic and smothered that incipient liberty whose stalwart growth and magnificent development is now alike the admiration and the envy of mankind.

The Eighth of January should be to Americans what Yorktown was to our revolutionary fathers—the grand finale to the clash of steel and roar of cannon that proclaimed anew the invincibility of freedom when striking for their families and families—and should be the last day whose anniversary be suffered to pass in Louisiana without its importance and glory being remembered.

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THE OLD YEAR'S DIRGE.

Almighty spirit, Ruler of the skies, Thy inspirations humbly I invoke, to breathe Thy softer bliss upon a human heart, Susceptible of human frailties, human joys And woes—inspire my soul to sing aloud The notes of Nature's Muse!

Lonely I sit, 'tis midnight's pensive hour, Around my lowly cot of human architecture, Lonely the surging tempest's roll and swell Upon my ear in many a mournful strain, Methinks it is the dirge of the departing years, Now moaning sadly in the zephyr's voice, And soft echoing from the lipping trees,

'Tis like the song of some departing soul, Whose life was chequered with many a pain, And many a blissful joy. 'Tis sad and yet, I love that strain so full of heavenly melody, Although my heart seems bursting over run With its great floods of thought— Thoughts not of earth and so did vanities, But brighter scenes beyond that veil, So dark that screens eternity from view, How many a hope and fond loved favorite, Hath perished in this year that now, Is sadly passing from the stage of time, How many a widowed heart bewails, The deep misfortunes it hath brought— How many a sigh from grief's affliction, Mingles with the breeze that moans its dirge, And yet how many a saddened heart, O'erflowed with sorrow finds a peace, So sweet that all of woe and grief, Is lost. How many a joyous smile, Casts its bright beam to penetrate the gloom, That midnight's path around us thrown, And if on earth so many a joy is felt, And hearts so many swell with love and peace, How many a harp of sleepless music rolls, Its melody in heaven. How many a note Of innocence bursts from the souls Of those immortal in the upper skies, Whose tongues are tuned to blissful ecstasy, Where they have found a land of happiness, So pure that human thought formed not, A slight conception of its spotlessness, Oh! could the ear of one on earth but hear, Those songs of love on high, then might we hope,

A like sensation—then the soul might rise, In sweet hosannas to its God!—This sang The year moves from the stage—it seems Alive, alone in memory—its incidents, In dark oblivion crushed. 'Tis just as men, A transient traveller below—one day is born, Young, his soul awakens to the scenes, Of busy life, to sport a moment here, Then hurries to the grave, to sleep forgotten, And alone. And I must pass This same short course, must meet a doom, So dark and drear. But when this body, Solitary moulders in the lonely grave, Oh! then, may this same soul burst forth anew, In those bright regions of eternal day, And revel there amid seraphic hosts, Content and happy with its former—God!

THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, PARISH OF EAST FELICIANA, Monday, Jan. 7th, 1856. The Police Jury for the parish of East Feliciana, La., met at the Mayor's Office in the Town of Clinton on this day, it being the regular time of meeting for the month of January, when the President called the Jury to order, and the roll being called, the following members answered to their names, to-wit:

WARD No. 1.—R. FLOWELL—(absent) " 2.—J. A. NORWOOD " 3.—T. HOSKINS—(absent) " 4.—C. GORE " 5.—D. C. McMILLAN—(absent) " 6.—M. PERKINS; " 7.—I. N. DELIE " 8.—D. BARFIELD—(absent)

When J. A. Norwood, member elect from the 2nd Ward, in place of J. M. G. Brown resigned, presented his credentials, took the oath of office, and entered upon the discharge of his duties as a police member.

There not being a quorum present, the President of the Police Jury ordered the Clerk to have the absent members notified that they have adjourned to Monday 14th of January 1856, when they are requested to be in their places.

ATTEST: C. GORE, W. H. GREEN, Clerk. Pres't. Police Jury.

CONSTANTLY on hand, fresh and genuine GROCERIES & PROVISIONS. As I am undetermined how long I will remain here, I will sell for cash only at low prices to suit the times. Those indebted to Harris & D'Armond or myself, will please call and settle without delay.

AS I am endeavoring to close business, I will sell all my articles at cost. I shall keep on hand a general assortment of provisions and groceries, at lowest prices for cash. Persons indebted please settle without delay.

CLOTHING AT COST. AS I am anxious to dispose of my stock of clothing, I am now offering it at cost for cash. Those wanting to buy would do well to call.

SUCCESSION SALE. THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, Seventh District Court, Parish of East Feliciana, No. 2394. In the matter of the succession of Martha A. Kent, deceased.

IN pursuance of and by virtue of a commission directed to me from the Honorable Court aforesaid, I will offer for sale at public auction at the Court house door, in the town of Clinton, Parish aforesaid, on WEDNESDAY 30th DAY OF JANUARY next, at the hour of ten o'clock A. M. The following described property belonging to the said succession, to-wit:

A certain tract of land situated in the aforesaid parish, supposed to contain one hundred and sixty (160) acres, bounded on the north by Albert D. Woodard, west by the Ragland tract, east by lands of Mrs. Cassandra Harrell.

Terms of Sale—Cash, provided the land brings the amount of the appraisal.

JAMES WELSH, Auctioneer. P. P.

LEGAL SALES

AUCTION SALE Of Valuable Negro Property. I WILL offer for sale at Public Auction, at the door of the Courthouse in Clinton, on TUESDAY, 29th day of JANUARY, 1856, at 11 o'clock of said day, the following named and described slaves, belonging to Mrs. Melinda Gray, to-wit: Negro man named BOB, aged about 42 years. Negro man named ALBERT, aged about 31 years. Negro girl HESTER, aged about 16 years. The above property is sold for no fault, but for the purpose of paying debts.

Terms of Sale—CASH. JAMES WELSH, Auct'r. Dec 29

SUCCESSION SALE. THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, 7th District Court, Parish of East Feliciana, No. 2353. In the matter of the Succession of Harriett R. Whitehead, dec'd.

THE undersigned, Auctioneer in and for the Parish of East Feliciana, will expose to Public Auction, on FRIDAY, the EIGHTH day of FEBRUARY next, at the hour of 11 o'clock A. M., or between said hour and 4 o'clock P. M. of said day, at the following described residence of said deceased, to-wit: A certain tract of Land, situated in said Parish, being the same upon which said deceased resided at the time of her death, containing Seven hundred Acres more or less, with all the improvements thereon. Bounded on the west by lands of J. W. Norwood, north by W. R. Rogers, east, by the Amite River, south by T. J. Rogers.

Having been commissioned by the honorable Court aforesaid, to sell said tract of Land on the 31st of December, 1855, and having said tract of land, for the sum of four thousand three hundred dollars, and the purchaser thereof having failed to comply with the terms and conditions of the sale, the said tract of land will now be sold at the risk of the former purchaser at the last sale.

Terms of Sale. Cash—provided it brings the appraisal, and if after repeatedly crying the same, and it should not bring the appraisal, it will immediately be reoffered on a credit of twelve months, the purchaser to give approved personal security, and consent that a mortgage be retained on the land to secure the payment of the purchase price.

JAMES WELSH, Auctioneer. Jan. 5, 1856.

SUCCESSION SALE. THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, Seventh District Court, Parish of East Feliciana, No. 2392. In the succession of Harriett R. Whitehead, deceased.

IN pursuance of, and by virtue of a Commission directed to me from the Honorable Court aforesaid, I will expose to sale, at public auction at the last place of residence of said deceased, on SATURDAY THE 26th DAY OF JANUARY NEXT, 1856. The following described property belonging to said succession, to-wit:

Negro man PETER, aged 36 years; " FRANK, " 60 years; " woman FANNY, " 43 years; and her seven children, to-wit: " Boy JAKE, " 15 years; " " JESS, " 13 years; " Girl NANCY, " 11 years; " " LITTIE, " 9 years; " " MARIA, " 7 years; " " FELLISA, " 4 years;

" Infant Girl HARRIETT; " Woman KATE, " 35 years, and her five children, viz: " Girl GINNY, " 18 years; " " SARAH, " 8 years; " Boy SAM, " 4 years; " " JACK, infant; " " JIM, aged 2 years;

" Woman JULIA, aged 18 years; Infant girl JULIA, child of Susan; Woman CLANSSA, aged 34 years; Girl CHARLOTTE, " 13 years; " HARRIETT, " 12 years; Negro man JOHN, " 40 years; " " LEWIS, " 60 years; " Boy MOSES, " 12 years;

Terms of Sale—A credit of one, two and three years from the day of sale, in equal annual installments. The purchaser to give his note with approved personal security, each installment to bear eight per cent interest from maturity until paid, with mortgage on the property to secure payment.

JAMES WELSH, Auctioneer. Dec. 22 1855.

SUCCESSION SALE. THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, Seventh District Court, Parish of East Feliciana, No. 2414. In the matter of the succession of Elisha Walker, deceased.

PURSUANT to an order of the Honorable Court aforesaid, and by virtue of a commission to me directed, I will offer for sale, at the Court House in the Town of Clinton, Parish and State aforesaid, at public auction, on THURSDAY, THE 24th DAY OF JANUARY 1856. Between the hours of 11 o'clock A. M. and sunset of the same day. The following property appertaining to said estate, to-wit:

A negro woman named SILVA, aged about 20 years; and her child PATSEY; aged 1 years;

Terms of Sale—One-half Cash, and the other half on a credit until the first of January, 1857, with eight per cent interest after due until paid—purchaser to give approved personal security and a mortgage retained on the property until final payment of debt, interest and cost.

JAMES WELSH, Auctioneer. Dec 22

SUCCESSION SALE. THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, Seventh District Court, Parish of East Feliciana, No. 2222. In the succession of Mrs.