

It has been remarked that no road system based upon day labor will make the roads free, for as a general rule no such system will make them good, and bad roads never can be in any just sense of the term, free roads.

We have received the Report of the State Engineer on Bayou Manchac, but have not had time to examine it. It will, however, be published in our next. We are glad to perceive that he is opposed to its being re-opened.

The Plank Road System.—We invite the attention of our readers to the communication, respecting the utility of Plank Roads, written by Mr. L. CALDWELL, commencing upon our first page.

A Handsome Present.—We saw yesterday a splendid Mexican saddle, with appropriate bridle, &c., a present to our worthy and popular Sheriff, from a whole-souled gentleman, well known to this community, and whose periodical visits here are always welcomed by our citizens.

Sale of Intoxicating Liquors.—The license law that has now passed both Houses of the State Legislature gives the exclusive power to police juries and to the mayors and aldermen of cities to make such laws and regulations for the sale, or prohibition of the sale, of intoxicating liquors as they may deem advisable, and to grant or withhold licenses from drinking houses or shops as a majority of the citizens and voters of any ward, parish, town or city may determine by ballot.

We notice that the call for a convention of Sugar Planters, says the Thibodaux Messenger, to be held in New Orleans on the 1st Monday in May, to take into consideration the subject of Tax on Sugar, appears to be universally sanctioned by the Press of this State, so far as heard from.

Citizens' Bank Bill again Vetted.—By reference to our Legislative proceedings, it will be seen that the Governor has again vetoed this bill, as re-produced by Mr. BENJAMIN. GOV. WALKER certainly must have great faith in the correctness of his views and the infallibility of his wisdom, when he presumes to write his veto to a second time to a bill which received but two negatives in the Senate, and 21 yeas to 61 nays in the House.

The Grand Jury.—The March term of the District Court for this Parish, has been in session during the past week. The Grand Jury, we understand, have learnt of nothing criminal as having occurred in the Parish during the past six months, as evidenced by their making no presentment. The prosecuting attorney, disgusted perhaps, returned home in the early part of the week.

It is rather difficult to believe that nothing has occurred in our Parish within the time mentioned, deserving the notice of the Grand Jury; if it is really the fact, we live in a blessed community. According to the manner in which cases have been disposed of heretofore, we do not see the necessity of presentments, nor the use of the Parish incurring the expenses attendant upon criminal prosecutions. But a "good time is coming" we trust—a time when equity, clear judgment and good hard sense, will predominate in all suits decided here, of any nature whatever.

The late amendment to the charter of our town, which has been passed by the Legislature, provides that a person shall be a resident within the limits of the corporation for six months previous to the election, to entitle him to a vote or to hold office.

Our Reading Room.—The public will bear in mind that our Reading Room is free and at the service of all who wish to see the papers from the various parts of the State and the Union.

New Books.—We have received from the publishers, D. APPLETON & Co., 200 Broadway, New York, through J. B. STEEL, New Orleans, the following works, which have just been issued: "Letters from Three Continents," by MAT. F. WARD: A work of travel, written in a lively and spirited style, which cannot fail to be interesting.

"The First Book of Oratory." A new collection of extracts in prose, poetry and dialogue, from distinguished American and English orators, divines and poets, for the use of schools.—by E. B. MANSALL, M. A.

"Adrian or the Clouds of the Mind," a Romance by G. P. R. JAMES, and M. B. FIELD, Esq., a work which contemporaries have highly spoken of—of course it must be interesting with JAMES' name affixed to it.

"Class Book of Zoology," designed to afford to pupils in common schools and academies a knowledge of the animal kingdom.

"A Concise Practical Grammar of the English Language," with exercises, analysis and parsing, by J. T. CHAMPLIN.

"Women of Christianity, exemplory for acts of piety and christianity, by JULIA KAVANAGH; a standard work of high merit.

See the advertisement of Mr. Cook—a fine musical instrument sold cheap.

Progress of Whig Measures.

In our paper of to-day will be found the advertisement for the election on the 12th April next, for "Convention" or "No Convention." This is the first great Whig measure of the present year, that the Constitution may be changed, so that other important measures for the benefit of the people may be adopted. It is the first scene in the great political panorama of the next eight or nine months, and who can doubt the approbation which awaits it? The people of the State, through their representatives in the Legislature, have expressed too decidedly to be mistaken their almost unanimous desire for a change of existing statutes, and the Convention, which will be a triumphant measure in itself, but opens the gate for the adoption of still greater ones—for healthy and stable laws to strengthen energy, encourage industry, and give to mind full scope for progression in this age of extraordinary intellectual developments and attainments. Uncontroversially, the present is equally the Whig legacy of Louisiana and the era of great reforms and substantial measures, to aid and nerve the spirit of enterprise and industry throughout the land.

After the election which authorizes the Convention to change the Constitution, for there is no doubt of the result, the minds of the people must next be turned towards selecting proper candidates to represent them in that body. In this parish, and on the part of the Whigs, as a primary and all-important consideration, which should be impressed upon the minds of all, perfect unanimity of feeling, free from prejudice and jealousy, should prevail in every section. It is not to be supposed possible that every individual or community can be fully satisfied in the choice of candidates. We should desire and struggle to obtain in public meeting, by fair and legitimate means, the ablest men of our party, and then to struggle with united zeal for their election. We predict a signal triumph of our ticket in June; apathy and regrets, from no cause whatever, will have an existence in our ranks, we trust, as was the case at the last election; and consequently, being active and zealous for the success of each individual upon our ticket, evidence to the State by electing our entire delegation from the Parish and Senatorial District, that Iberville is not in the rear of any of her sister Parishes in demanding the abolition of laws which have cramped our energies in past years, and that she takes a bold and decided stand, knowing their worth and legitimacy, for the institution, progress and permanency of Whig measures.

Fire at Providence, La.—A letter to the Picayune, dated the 25th ult., states that on that morning a fire broke out in Providence, which destroyed the dry goods store of J. T. Sibley, the store of Marks & Lewis, the office of the Louisiana Republican, the Masonic Hall, and one or two more buildings. The following are the probable losses: John T. Sibley, dry goods \$7,000, insurance \$3,000; building \$2,000, no insurance. Marks & Lewis, dry goods \$12,000, insurance \$8,000. Isaac N. Kent, Republican office and building \$5,000, no insurance. J. M. Berry & Bonner, groceries, etc., \$1,500, no insurance. T. Cummings, saved nearly all. F. Sterible, saved nearly all. Masonic Hall building \$7,000, said to be insured for \$5,000.

TO THE SUGAR PLANTERS OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA.

[From the True Delta.] Fellow Citizens.—As one of you, I consider that the moment has at last arrived for us to unite and resist the encroachment on our rights attempted by a class of individuals, who, for many years, have enriched themselves at our expense, and who, not satisfied with their rich harvest, have erected themselves in a new Areopagus, and aspired to enact the laws that are hereafter to govern us. The patriotic parish of St. James, has been the first to unfurl the flag of resistance, and declare her determination to resist this unauthorized assumption of power. Several other parishes of the State have followed the noble example; are they to remain unsupported in the position they have assumed, or will those other portions of our State who see interest and industry are similar, rally to sustain them, and thereby make good their resistance to the threatened oppression of a self-constituted tribunal, a tribunal of lawyers, who assembling in, conclude on their strong hold, the Levee, determine whether we are or not to be remunerated for our labor? Are we to abide by their decision, are we to submit to their determination? No, fellow citizens, we must resist, and work out for ourselves the path we are to follow. What is the cause of the faltering state of our industry? Want of union and intercourse between the sugar planters of the State, and the fatal habit existing therefore of ever considering our greatest interest, not as that of a large and powerful body, but as that of so many persons wrapped up in their own individuality. Let us no longer be blind to the well established fact, that in union there is strength, and let us then take immediate steps to bring about this union.

The first act of aggression has been made, it will not be the last, let us prepare then in time, this is the moment, let us seize it. The depreciation of the great staple of our State, is a warning to you that before long, our property will be a burden, and all of us reduced to beggary like the unfortunate planters of the West Indies. Fellow citizens, union is the order of the day; union saved our beloved country, union will save the sugar planters of Louisiana. A SUGAR PLANTER OF JEFFERSON.

At Marlborough, in Stark county, Ohio, a strong abolition community, William Anderson and Harriet Smith were married on the 15th inst. The former was of the black color, the latter of the white.

In the Nivree, about sixty persons are about to be tried on capital charges. The Journal de Nivree expects that this department alone will furnish 1,000 prisoners for transportation to Cayenne.

The Concerned Editor.—"Oh Jerusalem! here's a nice fix! An original article to write and somebody's stole the scissors!"

Legislature of Louisiana.

[ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS. BATON ROUGE, Feb. 26.]

The House met pursuant to adjournment. The Judiciary Committee reported the following bills: An act relative to the powers of clerks of district courts. An act to prevent obstructions to telegraphic lines. An act to exempt cemeteries of municipal corporations from seizure and sale for debt.

The following bills were introduced—By Mr. Flemming: An act concerning justices of the peace. By Mr. Monday: An act to regulate the practice of law in this State. (This bill gives the privilege to any person to practice law.)

The following were passed—An act relative to the appropriation of lands for railroads and other works of public utility. Reference was made of a large number of local relief bills to the Committee of the Whole and other committees.

The calendar of private bills on the clerk's table was cleared. To-morrow the House will go into Committee of the Whole.

The House then adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

In the Senate, the whole day was occupied in discussion of resolutions offered by Gen. Martin in regard to the compromise. They were finally disposed of by an amendment providing that no censure should be attached to Downs or Soule.

The Senate also passed the retrenchment bill, cutting down all the State salaries, with an amendment that it should not take effect until after the expiration of the present terms of office.

The Senate then adjourned. BATON ROUGE, Feb. 27. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Flemming, on behalf of the Committee on Grievances, reported favorably on the bill entitled,

"An act to prohibit card playing in this State." Mr. Sever made a long minority report in favor of allowing the claim of W. H. Williams.

Mr. Cameron offered a joint resolution in relation to the compromise measures, regarding them as a final settlement.

The following bills were passed—An act to abolish usury laws. An act concerning bills of exchange.

The House then resolved itself into Committee of the Whole. A bill came up to appropriate \$1,500 to T. B. Thorpe for a full-length portrait.

The discussion on this bill occupied about two hours. It was finally disposed of by referring the matter to a committee of five.

The bill for relief of Robert Spidden, allowing him \$125 for requests on board the steamboat Louisiana, was adopted in Committee of the Whole.

The House then adjourned until 10 o'clock, A. M., Monday.

In the Senate, the bill in relation to the Navigation Company, and the one to regulate judicial sales, were the only matters of interest disposed of.

BATON ROUGE, March 1. The Senate is not in session. In the House, Charles Dumouche, member newly elected from St. Bernard, was sworn in. The compromise resolutions of the Senate were referred to the Committee on Federal Relations. The House discussed an act proposed by Mr. Ranney, of New Orleans, introduced another bill of the same character. They were both made the special order of the day for Wednesday. The bill prohibiting card playing in the State, was laid on the table. I think the Governor will veto the act relative to the New Orleans Navigation Company.

BATON ROUGE, March 2. A bill for the relief of the New Orleans Mechanics' Society, granting it \$6,000, has passed the House to a second reading.

The Veto on the Citizens' Bank Bill.—The following is the Governor's message, sent in to-day at 12 o'clock to the Senate and House, vetoing the Citizens' Bank bill:

"I send herewith a veto message to the gentlemen of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

"I have examined with care and attention the act entitled, 'An act for the relief of the Citizens' Bank of Louisiana,' passed by both Houses of the present General Assembly, and presented to me for my approval, on the 26th February, ultimo.

"I regret to be constrained, under a proper sense of what I deem to be the constitutional objections to the bill, to return it to the House, whence it originated. I refer the Senate to my objections, presented to that body in returning a former bill entitled, 'An act for the relief of the Citizens' Bank of Louisiana,' for the use of the Citizens' Bank of Louisiana,' as the reasons there expressed apply with equal force to the bill now returned.

(Signed) JOSEPH WALKER."

In England an editorial notice of half a dozen lines is charged at the rate of about twenty times the price of the advertisement to which it refers. Here it is demanded as a something to be thrown into the bargain.

Parents who spend their income in clothing the bodies of their children, and neglect the cultivation of their minds, sacrifice their immortal interests for the show of exterior decorations, that fade in a day; but those who devote their energies and pecuniary substance to the intellectual and moral culture of their children, furnish them with robes of unfading and imperishable beauty, increasing in brightness in this life, and becoming to them pearls of inestimable worth when time shall be no more.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

SIXTH DISTRICT COURT, Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana. William and David Ughart vs. Widow Jean Louis Comau—No 534.

By virtue of a writ of Fi. Fa. to me directed from the Hon. the aforesaid court in the above entitled and numbered cause, I have seized and will offer at public sale to the highest and last bidder for cash, on SATURDAY the 3rd day of April, 1852, between the hours of 10 A M and 12 M, at the Court House of the Parish of Iberville, all the right, title, interest and claim of Widow Jean Louis Comau in and to the following described property, to wit:

A Sugar Plantation, situated in the said parish of Iberville, on the right bank of the river Mississippi, measuring four arpents front on said river by eighty arpents in depth, more or less, bounded above by lands belonging to John D. Murrell, and below by lands belonging to Henry G. Doyle, together with all the buildings and improvements on the said plantation, and all the appurtenances thereto belonging; also the following slaves:

- 1. Zenon, negro man, aged about 26 years; 2. Isabele, negresse, aged about 55 years; 3. Valentin, negro man, aged about 38 years; 4. Jean, negro boy, aged about 11 years; 5. Catherine, negro girl, aged about 9 years; 6. Marie, negresse, aged about 17 years; 7. Arthur, a griff man, aged about 50 years;

8. Jack, negro man, aged about 34 years; 9. Annicky, a griffone, aged about 55 years; 10. Pelagrie, a negresse, aged about 40 years, and her child James, aged about 11 years; 11. Elizabeth, a griffone, aged about 24 years; 12. Emelien, negro man, aged about 26 years; 13. William Diggs, negro boy, aged about 18 years.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS. Three thousand dollars on the 25th June, 1852, the purchaser assuming the payment of said sum of three thousand dollars due the 25th June, 1852, and the balance of the price of adjudication payable cash. Seized to satisfy the judgment and costs in the above suit.

J. L. PETIT, Sheriff. Parish of Iberville, 1852.

COUPE DU SIXIEME DISTRICT, Paroisse d'Iberville, Etat de la Louisiane. Veuve Jean Louis Comau—No. 534.

En vertu d'un writ de Fi. Fa. moi adressé par la sus-dite cour dans la cause ci-dessus intitulée et numérotée, J'ai saisi et exposé en vente publique, pour du comptant, SAMEDI le 3 d'Avril, 1852, entre les heures 10 A M et 12 M, à la maison de cour de la paroisse d'Iberville, tous les droits, titres, intérêts et prétensions de la Veuve Jean Louis Comau en et aux propriétés ci-après décrites, savoir:

- 1. Zenon, negre, age environ 26 ans; 2. Isabele, negresse, age environ 55 ans; 3. Valentin, negre, age environ 38 ans; 4. Jean, negre, age de 11 ans; 5. Catherine, negre, age de 9 ans; 6. Marie, negresse, age de 17 ans; 7. Arthur, un griff man, age de 50 ans;

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CONDITIONS. La somme de trois mille piastres payable le 25 de Juin 1852, le preneur se chargeant du paiement de la dite somme, et la balance du prix d'adjudication payable comptant. Saisis pour satisfaire au jugement et frais dans la cause ci-dessus.

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State of Louisiana—Parish of Iberville. Succession Sale.

BY virtue of an order or decree, to me directed from the Hon'ble the Sixth District Court of the State of Louisiana, in and for the parish of Iberville, bearing date the 3d of March 1852, I will offer at public sale to the highest and last bidder, on

Wednesday, 7th of April, 1852, between 10 A M and 1 P M, the following described property, belonging to the

Succession of Joseph E. Whitall, dec'd, to wit:

1. A tract of land or plantation, established and cultivated as a sugar estate, situated in the Parish of Iberville, on the right bank of the river Mississippi, measuring nine arpents and one half of an arpent more or less in front on the river, by sixty six arpents more or less in depth, with the opening thereunto belonging, which opening gives the said tract a superficies of about nine hundred arpents, being the same more or less; being the upper part of the plantation formerly belonging to Messrs. Whitall, and Edwards, and known as the Iron Plantation, agreeably to the plan of survey and subdivision thereof made at the request of said Whitall & Edwards, by Messrs. Henry and William E. Waller, surveyors, &c., on the 26th day of November A. D. 1847, which upper part or portion of said plantation is designated in said plan of survey and subdivision, as lot No 1, and is bounded above by lands belonging to Mrs. Margaret Dardeine, widow of John A. Hasse, and below by the remainder of said Iron Plantation, designated in said plan as lot No 2, and belonging to William E. Edwards; and moreover a strip of land of fifty feet in width, and about ten arpents in length, to be taken from lot No 2, described in said plan, and to extend from point F to point G, and with a certain right of drainage across the rear of lot No 2, as the whole is specified in the instrument under private signature between the deceased and William E. Edwards, late his partner, under date of 10th of April, 1850, which instrument is duly recorded in the office of the Recorder of the said parish of Iberville for reference, together with all the buildings and improvements, Houses, Sugar House, Steam Engine and Sugar Mill, and all utensils and apparatus for Making Sugar, and with all the rights, privileges and appurtenances belonging to the said tract of land, and also the crop of cane and corn now growing thereon.

SLAVES. 2. A family composed of Big Syc, negro man, aged about thirty six years; his wife Rose, negro woman, aged thirty six years and their child John Augustus, aged nine years, and old Mary, negro; mother, aged 63 years.

3. William Buley, negro man aged about forty one years, his wife, yellow Milly, aged about thirty five years, and their two children, Kitty aged six years, and Julia Ann aged five years.

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12. Hetty, negro woman, aged about twenty six years, and her child Loyd, aged 9 years.

13. Priscy Dodd, negro woman, aged about 58 years, and her daughter Mary Dodd, negro girl, aged about 19 years.

14. Miami, negro woman, aged about 48 years, and her son Horace, negro man, aged about 26 years.

15. Jack, negro man, aged about 28 years, and his brother Manuel, negro man, aged 30 years.

16. Lewis, negro man, aged about 30 years.

17. Man Charles, negro man, aged about 30 years.

18. John Horsey, negro man, aged about 34 years.

19. Bombo Charles, negro man, aged about 30 years.

20. David Jones, negro man, aged 53 years.

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