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Mr. D. D. O'BRIEN, No. 6, Exchange Place, New Orleans, is our authorized Agent for that city.

Those friendly to our undertaking, who may hear of any local, or other items, that will prove of interest to our readers, will favor us by handing in the same at the office of the News.

We will be pleased to receive contributions from our friends, in and around Shreveport. An occasional article from our planters, relative to the crops, will be very acceptable. In fact, we desire correspondence from every section of the States.

Personal articles will not be published, either as communications or advertisements.

Postmasters are requested to act as agents for the News, and retain ten per cent from amount forwarded.

Wild Goose Chase.

We were strolling along the street the other day, and met a stranger, who was evidently suffering from the effect of exertions made by him to ascertain the whereabouts of a good establishment to get a watch repaired, as the poor man appeared "green," he was made a tool of by the boys of our town; he was sent in every direction but the right one, until he finally gave it up, swearing in an awful manner. Should he or any other person visit our place with a similar intention, we would recommend the establishment of Mr. V. Shidet. Read his advertisement.—Strangers should make it a point to refer to advertisements in the papers, for what they may want, and go to the places; this saves much trouble and time.

Read the notice of Mr. Staley, published elsewhere, relative to a large quantity of shingles he has for sale.

See the advertisement of Geo. W. Kendall, Esq., Dental Surgeon, published on the first page of this issue.

Mr. Emmet D. Craig, Attorney and Counselor at law, is prepared to attend to all business intrusted to him, see his card on our first page.

Such of our readers as may wish the services of a good Dentist, would do well to call on Dr. Hinson. See his card.

The New Orleans *Picayune* and the Weekly *Mirror*, have been forwarded to us during the past week, as exchanges, for which we are under many obligations to the proprietors.

Job Printing.

Persons who may be in the habit of sending their orders to New Orleans for Job Printing, will please favor us with a call. Billheads, Cards, circulars, handbills, labels, wagon receipts, tickets, etc., neatly printed.

To Advertisers.

On the first page of our paper will be found the contracting rates for advertisements, which we have put at very low figures, and consequently expect a large advertising patronage. In reading the rates, remember that advertisements are published daily, not once a week, for the prices mentioned, which makes a material difference. We shall be pleased to have our merchants and professional gentlemen to pay us a visit.

Our types are from the establishment of Messrs. Thos. H. Shields & Co., New Orleans; gentlemen whom we take pleasure in recommending to the craft, as honorable in all their dealings. We publish their card elsewhere.

Number One.

With this number of the Daily News, we make our bow to the people of Shreveport, hoping our efforts to furnish them with a daily paper, will be appreciated, and that due allowance will be made for any neglect on our part. A vast amount of labor, talent and money is requisite for the publicity of a paper every day in the week; more particularly, when we take into consideration, the drawbacks which present themselves to our view; the labor we can do, but we are not over blessed with tremendous talent, nor a great surplus of sinking funds; however, such as we have of both, we risk; fully determined to do battle against all obstacles; commencing with this intention, regardless of the troublous times, and depression in business, success will ultimately follow our enterprise, if the citizens of Caddo so wish it, for with them lays the power. Our paper, as the name indicates, is to diffuse news, not politics, except when absolutely necessary, for we desire making our paper, eventually, a paper for the people, regardless of their political opinions. Neutral we are not; independent we are; and decidedly in favor of, and determined to have, Southern rights at all hazards.

We desire the patronage of all persons who have the welfare of Shreveport at heart; and trust that every one will assist us, not beyond his means, but to such an extent as they conscientiously can. Let each assist a little, be it ever so little, and we can assure them that in six months hence, Shreveport can boast of a good daily paper.

Our Name.

It may appear strange to some of our friends, that we make our appearance under the title of *The News*, instead of the *Counselor*, as proposed in our prospectus, the reason is, that some of our friends in this city did not approve of the name we selected, and so, to please them, we place at our head the cognomen chosen by the majority.

As we intend trying to please those who favor us with their countenance, we shall always so long as not too much inconvenience is attached to the wishes of the people, endeavor to follow their suggestions relative to improvements. We must acknowledge, while on the subject, that our present title is far better than the one we contemplated having (the *Counselor*).

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Papers receiving this number of the *News*, will please place it on their exchange list.

Our Mails.

As it would be altogether wrong on our part to find fault with the mail arrangements, in this, our first number, we have concluded to lay this grievance on the table for future consideration, and will therefore not say anything about it; however, if we could persuade the Post Master General to make this the distributing post office, North Louisiana would no longer have any cause of complaint. Let our citizens get up a petition to this effect and they will succeed in having things all right about the post office, and do a good act for the people in this section of Louisiana.

COMING TO SOUTH CAROLINA.—We learn that the tardiness of North Carolina to assist her independence of Abolition rule, has determined many of her wealthy citizens to remove their families and effects from the State. Among others, we learn that Richard Ellington, Esq., a wealthy citizen of Rockingham county, intends removing to our district. Mr.

Ellington is a large tobacco manufacturer, and intends removing his tobacco screws and presses to South Carolina, and manufacture tobacco from the raw material. Besides being a gentleman of means, we learn he is the trustee of the Douglas estate in North Carolina. This estate belongs to Senator Douglas' children by his first wife. [Greenville Enterprise.]

What was Said.

Before coming to Shreveport, we made many inquiries respecting our prospects, looks of the town, the affability of the people, etc., all, we are sorry to say, were discouraging; we were advised not to come here under any circumstances; determined to satisfy ourselves, we visited Shreveport, and before landing at the wharf, were perfectly satisfied with the appearance of the place. We find in Shreveport an energetic class of men; persons ready and willing to assist or embark into any enterprise that they deem advisable for the enhancement of the place, in a commercial point of view. The first impression cast upon our minds when walking about the town, with an idea of seeing things generally, was, here is enterprise, we then decided to cast our lot among the people by whom we are now surrounded, and we now call this our home; being bent on but one object, i. e. earning, by industry and perseverance, an honest living.

Many think our chances of success very poor; they look upon our undertaking as an experiment, while on the contrary it is a fixed fact; we have a daily paper, established with slim prospects, tis true, but we did not embark in this business as an experiment, for Shreveport can support such a thing, though it is not for us to say she will. Those of our citizens who may, at any time have been connected with the press, know that it is not a business that will admit of experiment, and further, to the point, we are not experimentalists. Our sheet placed along side of our cotemporaries of Shreveport, may appear to the unreflective mind a trifling thing (in size); so we will inform them that we are young,—just born—and calculate growing. Our motto is, "to commence small and get large," for we do not approve of making a grand appearance and dwindling down to nothingness. As our patronage increases, so will our paper.

Many of our citizens who have been called upon for their advertisements, or names as subscribers, we understand, desire to see our first number, others wish to know how the news of the day is to be had, and refuse their countenance on this account. Persons desirous of the prosperity of our undertaking should not speak thus, for, without their assistance, a good paper cannot be published. We shall use every exertion to make the *News* what it should be, but it cannot be done in a day.

If our citizens will use a little exertion toward aiding us in our undertaking, we promise them a larger and better paper by the time business commences in the fall. Don't forget this kind friends.

Discovery of Secreted Arms—Two Hundred Tomahawks in the Woods.

Says the Alexandria (Va.) *Sentinel* of 22d ult.,

We have in our possession several samples of a murderous instrument, some of a large number, of which the following account is given by the merchant in Washington City who has them for sale. He says they were brought to him by a man Bailey, who lives somewhere in Fairfax county, with instructions to sell them. He says Bailey informed him that he found them secreted under a pile of leaves in the woods, or in some outbuilding. There were about two

hundred in them all; nearly a hundred and fifty were deposited for sale, as above stated.

The weapon itself is in form like a tomahawk, except that the part opposite the blade is beaten out into a strong spike or spear, slightly curved inward, and terminating in a sharp point. The blade is five inches long and three inches wide at the edge. The spike or spear part is four inches long. A stout handle of ash wood, two feet long, is very strongly inserted and secured by jaws six and a half inches long. The handle has a rim around the end to prevent it from being drawn through the hands of the holder. The metal is considerably rusted by the exposure.

Altogether, these are fearful weapons for a hand-to-hand encounter; Their numbers and their secretion, and the weapon itself, indicate an extensive scale of murderous purpose, and point to the agents expected to be employed.

Whether there are other military depositions, we know not. But circumstances have been mentioned to us which will justify distrust. Mysterious and suspicious looking boxes have been received here from the North, and taken into the interior. Inquiry is already on the track of some of these but the discovery of such deadly weapons under such circumstances and in such numbers as above stated, is of itself sufficient to make the utmost vigilance of our people. Who are these, that while good men sleep are collecting in our forests, and by hundreds the instruments of wholesale murder?

A soldier who served at Harper's Ferry, and became familiar with the weapons captured in John Brown's mountain depot, says that the appearance and the finish of these battle-axes and of the handles to them, are precisely similar to those of Brown's pikes. Like them also, those do not contain the name of the atrocious manufacturer.

We have deemed it due to the public to make known these facts, as revealing the necessity for a greater vigilance than we have yet displayed, and for adequate military preparations. When we obtain fuller information we will recur to the subject.

See notice of Election, published to-day, to be held on the 1st Monday in May, for a Mayor, Treasurer, and seven Trustees.

Read Carefully.

We place in the different boxes at the Post office, the first number of our paper, with the request that such of our citizens who may wish to subscribe, will inform us of the same. If you do not wish to take the paper, please notify us by returning this number or calling at our office. The second number of the *News* will be issued on next Tuesday, and continue regularly thereafter; it will be sent or delivered only to such as signify their willingness to receive it.

Our terms for the daily, delivered by carrier is 20 cents per week; but, if delivered at the Post Office, eight dollars per annum, in advance, or \$4 in advance for six months. The price of our paper, is sufficiently low to place it within the reach of all, and we cannot, under any circumstances, deviate from the cash principle.

We announce in this issue of our paper, the name of Jonas Robeson, Esq., as a candidate for the office of Mayor of Shreveport. Mr. R. is the present incumbent, and, from what we hear, will probably be re-elected.

The New York banks, at the last account, held over forty millions of dollars. The Herald, in connection with this fact, says: "It would be a great relief to our banks, and assistance to trade, if exchange would justify the reshipment of some of this surplus gold to Europe. The decline in discounts and the increase of deposits tell a sad tale of stagnation in business and general liquidations. Unless times mend, the banks will have hard work to earn dividends this year.

See law card of B. L. Hodge, Esq. and notice of many voters. Also the card of T. W. Jones.

Notice of the Press.

We received the following flattering notices, after issuing our prospectus:

THE COUNSELOR (NEWS).—Under this title, Mr. JOHN DICKINSON, now principal manager in the office of the Natchitoches Chronicle, proposes to publish a Daily and Weekly Newspaper in the city of Shreveport. The field selected for this new enterprise, is a good one. Shreveport has become the most thriving business city in North Louisiana. Admirably situated for trade, commanding, as it does some of the most flourishing agricultural regions of Texas, connected with New Orleans by the Red River, and about to be connected with the Mississippi by the Vicksburg and Texas Railroad, which already extends from Shreveport some distance into Texas, it must soon become the most important city of Louisiana out of New Orleans. To all its natural advantages for trade, it possesses within itself what always gives character and growth to any community—an enterprising race of citizens. The professions are there filled with men of high attainments—her merchants and business men of every walk in life, are distinguished for their liberality as well as enterprise.

In such a community, a well conducted paper cannot fail to meet with success, and Mr. Dickinson has all the qualities to secure such success—fine business habits—talent—industry and perseverance.—*Natchitoches Union*.

The above flattering notice is from the pen of Judge Chas. A. Bullard, of Natchitoches. The views expressed therein regarding our city and its prospects, are the same as entertained by ourselves, in fact, no intelligent person in our community who will take upon himself the trouble to figure the hereafter of Shreveport, can say otherwise.

A NEW PAPER IN SHREVEPORT.—We were favored by a call from Mr. Dickinson, who is at present in this city perfecting his arrangements for the establishment of a daily paper in Shreveport, yecept *The News*. From what we know of Mr. Dickinson, we have no hesitation in stating that the enterprise will be crowned with success. Persons in the city wishing to transact business in Shreveport would do well to intrust their advertising to Mr. D., as the *News* is started with a large circulation and will command a great influence in Shreveport, which is the gateway to Texas.—*N. O. Mirror*.

While in New Orleans making our purchases, our friend J. H. Wilson, of the Weekly *Mirror*, gave us the above notice, unsolicited on our part. We forgive him for saying that the *News* is started with a large circulation, but trust that such will soon be the case. The *Mirror* is and always has been a good family paper, and should be patronized in our Parish.

DAILY PAPER.—Our friend Mr. Jno. Dickinson of the Natchitoches Chronicle proposes to establish, in the little city of Shreveport, a daily newspaper to be called the "Daily Counselor" (News.) Mr. Dickinson reserves and we believe will command success in his laudable enterprise. We shall publish his Prospectus in a week or two, to which we refer our readers in advance.—*Alluvion*.

Our friend C. J. C. Puckett, editor of the *Alluvion*, lays under obligations for the above notice, which, though short, is to the point. Friend P. hereafter, in referring to the city of Shreveport, favor us by omitting the word *little* before city, for we can assure you that it sounds as well, and is quite proper.

Said the *Caddo Gazette*:

"DAILY COUNSELOR."—This is the title of a paper which Mr. Jno. Dickinson, of Natchitoches, proposes to publish in Shreveport, "meeting in April or May, 1861." This daily paper is a great desideratum and we have entertained the hope that the *Gazette* would appear daily but the times would justify such a heavy expenditure. Mr. Dickinson is a man of confidence, however, heaped upon the difficulties to be encountered, and calls upon our citizens to aid him.