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National Democratic Ticket FOR PRESIDENT,

W. S. HANCOCK
OF PENNSYLVANIA.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT.

WILLIAM H. ENGLISH,

OF INDIANA.

FOR CONGRESS,

HON. E. W. ROBERTSON,
OF East Baton Rouge.

For the Press Convention to be held Oct. 10, at

BATON ROUGE,

Sugar Planter. Patriot Democrat. Southern Watchman. Pelican Sentinel. New Orleans Democrat. Greensburg Gazette. Amite City Independent. Gretna Courier. Shreveport Daily Times. North Louisiana Journal. Morgan City Review. Iberville South. Marksville Bulletin. Lake Charles Echo. Lafayette Advertiser. Pointe Coupee Banner. Richland Beacon. Madison Democrat. Opelousas Democrat. Donaldsonville Chief. Morehouse Clarion. St. Bernard Eagle. Alexandria Democrat. Opelousas Courier. Livingstonia. Ponchatoula Gazette. Sabine Index. Total. 28.

To Members of the Press.

Having been requested by a number of the press of this State to act as Provisional President of the proposed Convention until it shall have met and organized in due form, I have assumed the duties imposed upon me and hereby call upon the editors and publishers throughout the State to meet in Convention in the city of Baton Rouge, on the SECOND MONDAY of October, 1880.

All editors are requested to urge a full attendance at the time and place designated. H. J. HYAMS, Editor Sugar Planter, Provisional President.

A man on Black river, in Harrison county, Miss., bought a pair of No. 14 shoes, and had to return them as they were too short.

Kearney, at the sand lots of Frisco, is nursing his wrath to keep it warm. He threatens to appear as the hero of another political revolution, and is just as sure of winning as he was the other time.

The company in Florida that has been experimenting with Palmetto for making paper has met with such gratifying success that it will erect about twenty paper mills in the State, where palmetto trees grow in abundance and where the transportation facilities are good.

Samuel J. Tilden has offered \$1500 for "the largest dog in America," which is now at Wormelsdorf, Berks county Pa. The dog is an old dog and was bought in Germany last summer. He weighs 182 pounds, measures 6 feet 9 inches from tip of nose to tip of tail, and is only two years old.

Banana's Barrel, says the New York Times is rolling quietly through Ohio and Indiana. In the first State the Democrats are making a still better showing than the Republicans are processionating three nights in the week. In Indiana Banbury and English are pulling the ropes lustily. The Times is preparing the Republican mind for a defeat in possibly both these States.

It is not necessary for Grant to repeat so often his assertion that he intends to vote for Garfield and Arthur. It makes no particular difference who he votes for, but it is eminently fit and proper that he should support one of the chief abettors of his reign of riot and corruption. His ballot will count no more than the humblest laborer's.

N. O. States: Messrs. W. J. Behan and J. C. Devey severally deny that they signed a special bond for Gauthreaux, to cover his responsibility in the collection of city taxes. The terrible suspicion, therefore, arises that their names were forged—but by whom?

That is the question. An official bond should have been signed in the presence of some responsible official.

N. O. Country Visitor: We are informed that Gov. Wiltz made an application to Gen. R. C. Drum, Acting Chief Signal Officer of the "Western Bureau," at Washington, for special fast telegrams to New Orleans during the taking off of the sugar crop, three days in advance, if possible, to enable sugar planters to save portions of their crops that might be injured or destroyed by an unexpected spell of freezing weather, which resulted in orders that the desired telegrams be forwarded as early as practicable, commencing with the first of October, each year, and continuing as long as may be necessary.

A PATRIOTIC GREENBACKER.

Gov. Jacob C. Ziegley, in withdrawing his name as the chosen candidate of the Greenbackers of Indiana for Secretary of State, assigns the following reasons for his patriotic course: "For the Nationals to continue the hopeless struggle against the two old parties alike is practically to slap friend and foe in the face with idiotic vehemence. To elect such a man as Gen. Garfield President of the United States over so brave, loyal and pure a man as Gen. W. S. Hancock, against whom his political opponents have not been able to make a single derogatory charge in his life-long services to his country, would be a national calamity. The true and logical question, therefore, is, shall we continue the present administration or defeat it? I shall, therefore, act with the Democratic party in the future."

COL. W. PRESTON JOHNSTON.

We take pleasure in announcing to our readers the election of Col. Johnston to the responsible office of President of the Louisiana State University. Distinguished for learning and ability, he is equally worthy of esteem and admiration as an amiable and polished gentleman and under such a head our University must prosper. The people of Louisiana need no commendation of such a gentleman to cause them to welcome him among them; and they will always be pleased to extend to his family a reception rendered the more cordial by the fact that he married one of our own ladies. When our civil war was over Col. Johnston was one of that able academic staff whom General Lee called to his aid in his efforts to promote Southern education, and he combines, therefore, ripe experience with eminent ability.

The Rev. Henry Ward Beecher some time ago received a letter from a young man who recommended himself very highly as being honest, and closed with the request, "Get me an easy situation that honesty may be rewarded." To which Mr. Beecher replied, "Don't be an editor if you would be easy. Do not try the law. Avoid school-keeping. Keep out of the pulpit. Let alone all ships, stores, shops and merchandise. Abhor politics. Keep away from lawyers. Don't practice medicine; neither a soldier nor a sailor. Don't think. Don't work. None of them are easy. Oh, my honest friend, you are in a very bad world. I know of but one real easy place in it. That is the grave."

Have your name enrolled on the voters' list of freemen, and cast your first ballot, young man, for Winfield S. Hancock, no matter if you are forced to swim bayous to get to the polls. You can then proudly refer to your maiden vote all through life. Thus sounds the eloquent voice of the Ouachita Telegraph. But the man is stopped, young man, and you can vote for Hancock without swimming a bayou.

The white Democrats out-number the white Republicans throughout the Union, by over one million votes. What's the reason why Ben Butler advises the 900,000 colored voters to seek protection of the party that has the most votes.

STATE NEWS.

Saline Index: Would you believe it? The leavers are getting so numerous in the creeks and bayous near here that the crash of fallen timber and the familiar "slap" of their trowel-like tails can be distinctly heard all through the night. They occasionally make raids on the corn crops of adjacent fields and commit the most outrageous ravages.

Marksville Bulletin: A genuine salt water shark was caught last week in the red river opposite the Experiment plantation. It was skinned, stuffed and brought to our office where it can be seen by our people. Very few of our citizens have ever seen this kind of fish and therefore to them it will be quite a curiosity.

Gretna Courier: Most of our sugar planters fear an early and severe winter, and consequently will begin to grind early in the season.

The St. Landry Democrat wants to know why Louisiana sugar sells in New York at \$1 and 92 cents per pound and right at home at from 10 to 32 cents.

The wedding bells will begin to chime around Sparta about the middle of October.

Rural Times: Don't forget to tell your neighbor that the Sparta Rural Times can be had the balance of this year for only one bushel of potatoes.

Pass this item along, boys, for the sake of our musical confrere.

St. Joseph Journal: Some two weeks ago, Deputy Sheriff Curney, assisted by Aids Snyder and Winter, undertook the somewhat doubtful task of driving from the Courthouse building the innumerable numbers of bats that have made it

their abiding place, almost ever since its erection, we should suppose, judging from the large amount of excrement which comes from their hiding place.

The burning of some twenty pounds of sulphur accomplished the job, and though only a few of the weaker ones succumbed to its influence sufficiently to drop down, and the boys upon returning in the evening were doubtful of the success of their scheme, yet it was found next morning that the bats had left the building during the night and did not return. A good riddance.

Lafayette Citizen: The weather this week has been very unfavorable for the gathering of the staple. Cotton is rotting in the fields from the continuous rains, and the outlook at this writing is as gloomy as can be imagined. Some fields have been abandoned in the hills, and from appearances the abandonment was justifiable, as the yield promised an actual loss on the capital and labor involved. On the river places cotton-pickers get in some work, but the work is exceedingly light. The plant rods before it can be gathered, and the loss will certainly be very great.

Cajun Chronicle: The crop of mast is unusually large this year, which is an unexpected good fortune to raisers, as two years of good mast rarely come together.

The crop was exceptionally good last year, and this, with the mild winter they had to go through, has given the porkers a better growth than for several years. As plenty of corn has been made, we may expect to have cheap meat and bread this winter.

Cajun Chronicle: Nearly one hundred persons have signed the petition to abolish Grant parish. All they want to have it put to a vote is about two hundred more names. After this, all they want to carry it is six hundred votes. They may get three hundred.

Nat. Hitchcock's Vindicator: The town of Nat. Hitchcock has been without a vacant residence for more than two years past, and in consequence there will be, this winter, a material salivation in rents.

Some of our house owners have already been offered as much as double the amount of rent now received by them for eligible houses, and they have determined to act the profilers. This speaks well for the signs improvement of this section.

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