

FELICIANA DEMOCRAT.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM.—Do not the following noble sentiments of Webster rise far above the miserable, narrow and bigoted policy of modern advocates of religious intolerance and persecution?

It seems to be the American destiny, the mission which has been entrusted to us here on this shore of the Atlantic, the great conception and the great duty to which we are born, to show that all sects, and all denominations, professing reverence for the authority of the author of our being and belief in his revelations, may be safely tolerated without prejudice either to our religion or our liberties.

We are Protestants generally speaking; but you all know that there presides at the head of the Supreme Judicature of the United States, a Roman Catholic; and no man, I suppose, through the whole United States, imagines that the judicature is less safe; that the administration of public justice is less respectable or less secure, because the Chief Justice of the United States has been, and is a firm adherent of that religion.

In both houses of Congress, in all public offices, we proceed on the idea that a man's religious belief is a matter above human law; that it is a question to be settled between him and his Maker, because he is responsible to none but his Maker for adopting or rejecting revealed truth.

And here is the great distinction which is sometimes overlooked, and which I am afraid is now too often overlooked in New England, the glorious inheritance of the sons of the Pilgrims.

Men, for their religious sentiments are accountable to God, and to God only.

DANIEL WEBSTER.

THE war steamer Mississippi, flagship of the Japan squadron arrived, at this port yesterday from the Pacific, by way of Valparaiso, the Straits, and Rio Janeiro. While at Rio the Russian Minister came on board whereupon the Russian flag was run up and a salute of seventeen guns fired.

AN UNANSWERABLE ARGUMENT.—At an association dinner a debate arose as to the benefit of whipping in bringing up children. Old Mr. Morse took the affirmative. His opponent, a young minister, whose reputation for veracity was not very high, affirmed that parents often did harm to their children by punishment, from not knowing the facts of the case.

THE cry of high prices for all kinds of provisions comes up to us from every quarter of the country, even from those states, like Texas and Indiana, which we have vainly called the granaries of the world.

But, I repeat, what I said in a former letter, that the curse of the earth, by free labor, is not pursued, or likely to be pursued, in this country, otherwise than in a slovenly and reluctant manner.

The Western States do not produce as much in proportion to the labor and extent of land employed as the Atlantic States, notwithstanding their possession of new lands at low prices.

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Until agriculture shall become a more favorite employment in the non-slave-holding

States, we must endure scarcity of bread-stuffs, and high prices of all kinds of provisions.—Baltimore Sun.

THE BENEFIT OF CIGAR SMOKING.—We find in our Northern exchanges, the following striking illustration of the value of smoking cigars as furnished by an incident said to have occurred to Col. Phillips, of Mobile.

Col. Phillips of Mobile, a member of the late Congress, had a narrow escape from death, a few days since, while on his way from Weldon to Charleston. The cars stopped at a station house and Col. P. left his seat and went out in the open air to smoke a cigar.

The news by the Nashville affords scarcely a glimpse of the future, through the confusion of the present. The position of the allies becomes rather more complicated and perplexing with every arrival, and it is now beyond a doubt that they are fully convinced of the mistake of the Crimea expedition.

Vienna is in a fog, as thick as any that ever descended upon London town. We must wait for a Russian breeze to clear the atmosphere and enable us to see the respective parties in their relative positions.

The proposed British loan is significant. It smells of gunpowder. Fifteen millions sterling, however, is but a small item of the expense of another campaign unless it is to be conducted much more discreetly and economically.

FORCIBLY SAID.—Mackenzie, of the Kalida Venture, writes down the following truths forcibly: "Know Nothingism is the best exposition of the practical atheism of the times."

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WE trust that the sober sense of our religionists—that the intelligence of those outside the Church—will yet unite to crush and put down an order of politicians who require secrecy as a means, and darkness as a cover, and who, while making good professions can have no better end than the bad means they employ.

A GOOD HIT.—At the festival in New York, in honor of Henry Clay's birthday, the Rev. Sam. Osgood made the speech on the occasion in which he raked the secret-oath-bound order of Know-Nothingism in the following style:

But in saying that we go for American citizenship, we do not mean to denounce any man. An American is a man who believes in American ideas, no matter what his birthplace may have been, and I am one who welcomes to our shores every person who is a lover of our liberty and our laws.

Judge Lumpkin still holds his seat on the Bench of the Supreme Court of Georgia, and will probably decline the Court of Claims Judgeship.

Commercial.

From the New Orleans Prices Current, May 1 NEW ORLEANS QUOTATION.

ANIMATING TO THAT OF LIVERPOOL. Inferior, 6 1/2 @ 8 1/2; Ordinary, 8 @ 8 1/2; Good Ordinary, 8 1/2 @ 9; Middling, 9 1/2 @ 10; Good Middling, 10 1/2 @ 10 1/2; Middling Fair, 10 1/2 @ 10 1/2; Fair, 11 @ 11; Good Fair, nominal; Flour, 7 @ 11; Flour, 7 @ 11; Flour, 7 @ 11.

ILLINOIS and Missouri, do 11 00 @ 10 90.—St. Louis City, 11; St. Louis, Miss 7 1/2 @ 10 16 75; M. O. 15 50.

BACON.—HAMS, 7 @ 12 1/2; Do, canvassed, 10 1/2 @ 12, sides, 9 @ 9 1/2; shoulders, 7 1/2 @ 7 1/2.

O. P. LANGWORTHY, [1855.] NORWOOD TILDEN, LANGWORTHY & TILDEN, Druggists and Apothecaries, AND DEALERS IN BOOKS AND STATIONERY.

A WELL selected assortment of Perfumery, Toys, and Fancy Goods. Music and Musical Instruments. Paints, Oil, Lead, and Varnish. Brushes of all kinds, Fine Cutlery, Razors, and Soap.

See Advertisement on fourth page. a14 BRICK ROW—CLINTON, LA.

WORMS, MEYER & Co. HAVE constantly removed from their old stand, to the store formerly occupied by M. Bloom, where they keep constantly on hand, a complete assortment of

FANCY AND STAPLE GOODS, CLOTHING, BOOTS, SHOES, HATS, HARDWARE, CROCKERY, GROCERIES, &c.

They are now well situated to offer every facility in their line of business and accommodate those who may favor them with a call. a 28 3-y

HARRIS & DE ARMOND, PROVISION & GROCERY Merchants, CLINTON, LA.

HAVE constantly on hand, a general assortment of goods usually kept in their line. Possessing superior facilities, offer inducements to purchasers for CASH.

NOTICE To Teachers and Directors of Public Schools in the Parish of East Feliciana.

ACCORDING to a late Act of the Legislature, the Parish Treasurer cannot pay any Warrants, unless the Teachers and Directors comply with section 23, of the School Act, giving a statement of the number of Schools in each District, the time taught; that is, the number of months and days, the number of children attending School—designating male and female—the number of children attending, and the compensation of the Teacher.

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Teachers and Directors are requested to comply with the above Act, in issuing their Warrants, without which no Warrant will be paid. a 28 A. W. DELEE, Parish Treasurer.

NEW BOOKS. WHITE SLAVES OF ENGLAND; My Courtship and its Consequences, by Wyckoff; Life of Webster; Ups and Downs, by Cousin Cicely; Faber's Pers and Places, by N. P. Willis; Buds and Blossoms, by T. S. Arthur; just received and for sale by a 28 LANGWORTHY & TILDEN.

SHERMAN'S PATENT TRUSSES, and all other remedial, shoulder braces, lace and elastic abdominal supporters, body braces, &c., for sale by a 28 LANGWORTHY & TILDEN.

MILLS & CLEVELAND, PROVISION and Grocery Store, RESPECTFULLY inform their friends and the trading public, that they have on hand a large and complete stock of

GROCERIES & PROVISIONS, together with a well selected assortment of Dry Goods, Hats, Boots, Shoes, Hardware, and in fact every article in demand, for Family or Plantation use.

They are prepared to make advances on Cotton consigned to OAKLEY & HAWKINS, and to afford all the facilities usual in their line of business. a14

JOHN G. ARCHIBALD, Painter & Grainer.

OFFERS his services to the citizens of Clinton and surrounding country. He will give particular attention to Zinc Painting, in either the flat or polished white, or any other that may be desired.

Any persons wishing his services will apply at the Drug Store of Messrs. Langworthy & Tilden, in Clinton. a 21

SPRING AND SUMMER GOODS. LARGE invoice of Ladies and Gentlemen's Fashionable Dress, Spring and Summer Goods, just opened and for sale by a 21 MILLS, CLEVELAND & Co.

WORK BOXES, shaving cases, razors, razor straps, pull boxes, &c., for sale by a 28 LANGWORTHY & TILDEN.

LOT of new Novels and standard Books, just opened and for sale by a 28 LANGWORTHY & TILDEN.

HOTELS,—STAGE LINE.

Verandah Hotel, Corner of Common and St. Charles Streets, NEW ORLEANS.

Prices reduced to the old Standard. JOHN GALPIN, Proprietor.

The Union Hotel, (LATE CARMAN'S.) N. E. CORNER OF THE PUBLIC SQUARE, CLINTON, LA.

HAVING thoroughly repaired and refurbished this popular and well known house, the undersigned are prepared to receive Boarders and entertain Travellers. Their table will be furnished with the best the market can afford, and no pains or exertions will be spared to please and accommodate those who may favor them with their patronage.

LIVERY STABLES. Connected with the Hotel is a large and roomy stable. Every attention will be paid to Horses placed at livery.

Horses, Buggies, and Carriages, for hire. a14 WORSHAM & DIXON.

The Killian House, N. W. CORNER OF THE PUBLIC SQUARE, CLINTON, LA.

THIS well known establishment is now open for the reception of Boarders and the accommodation of Travellers. The House has undergone a thorough renovation, and is now in complete order, and the proprietor will spare neither pains or money in rendering it a desirable retreat for all who may favor him with a call.

There is a large and commodious STABLE attached to the premises, and good and attentive groomers. EVANS WHITE.

WILLIAM ELDER'S Clinton and Baton Rouge Daily Line, of MAIL STAGES.

HAVING resumed the management of the Mail Stage Line, between Clinton, Baton Rouge, and Jackson, the undersigned would respectfully inform the travelling public, that his Coaches will run each way, EVERY DAY IN THE WEEK, excepting Sundays, leaving Clinton and Baton Rouge, at 9 o'clock, A.M.

From Clinton to Baton Rouge, \$3 00; From Baton Rouge to Clinton, \$3 00; Mt. Willing, 2 00; Plains, 2 50.

Every attention paid to the comfort and convenience of passengers. WM. ELDER.

For the Spring and Summer. NEW GOODS. NOW receiving and opening, a splendid supply of new goods for the

SPRING AND SUMMER, at the old established house of LEVI BLOOM, & Co., which will be disposed of on the most reasonable terms.

Silk Tissue, Bareges, flowered and plain, Plain Jaconet, organdie, and dotted muslin, Printed ribbed muslin, Plaid and check gingham, Edging and thread lace, Ladies collars, chemisettes and undersleeves, Handkerchiefs, plain and embroidered, Silk do, Gents' cravats, all kinds, Bonnet, cap, and belt Ribbons, Trimmings for ladies dresses, Irish Linens; brown, plaid, and check, do, French and Attakapas cottonades, Brown and bleached domestics, Fancy articles, &c.

Spices, Sauces, All kinds of fancy Linens for pants, Perfumery, a large and superior assortment. CLOTHING, BOOTS AND SHOES.

A large and superior stock of fashionable Clothing, and Hats, direct from New York. Gents' boots, brogans, and shoes, Ladies' gaiters and booties, Children's shoes, The trading community are respectfully invited to give them a call.

1855.] I. N. LEMON, [1855. WHOLESALE & RETAIL DEALER IN

Drugs, Medicines, and Chemicals. DYE-WOODS AND DYE-STUFFS, Oils, Paints, and Painters' articles; Varnishes, Window Glass, Putty, Glassware, Perfumery, Fine Soaps, Hair, tooth, nail, hat, paint, and clothes' Brushes, Surgical and dental Instruments, Trusses and supporters, all kinds, Patent and proprietary Medicines; all sorts, Letter, cap, and fancy Paper; Inks, Pure Medicinal Wines and Brandies, Field and garden Seeds; fresh, Toys, Shoe brushes and blacking, Razors, fine socket Knives, Table Cutlery, School Books by various authors.

I offer goods equally as low as they can be obtained from any similar establishment in this section, all warranted to be FRESH AND GENUINE.

ORDERS FROM THE COUNTRY filled, and satisfaction guaranteed, with regard both to price and quality.

PHYSICIAN'S PRESCRIPTIONS will receive my personal attention at all hours of the day and night. a 14

JOHN R. DUFROCO, GENERAL AGENT & AUCTIONEER, BATON ROUGE, LA.

WILL attend to posting books, drawing and collecting accounts, writing leases, deeds, &c. Also any business to be transacted with the State Government, relieving Lands forfeited for Taxes, &c.

Orders left with J. B. Sans, J. P., will be promptly attended to. a 21

BUSINESS CARDS.

FURNITURE. FURNITURE. ALWAYS ON HAND, AT THE STORE OF H. B. GAY,

SOUTH SIDE OF THE PUBLIC SQUARE, CLINTON, LA. CONSTANTLY RECEIVING.

large assortments of plain and fancy Furniture, which he offers low for cash or city acceptance; or on time, where the bill is accepted by any of the respectable mercantile houses of Clinton.

His stock consists of CABINET FURNITURE of every variety and quality, from the plainest to the most highly finished; viz: Bureaus, Secretaries, Sideboards, Book cases, Writing desks, Dining and Breakfast tables, Extension dining tables, Card and side tables, Centre tables, Work tables, fancy and plain, Wash stands, enclosed marble top and common, Parlor and dining chairs, Rim office chairs, Mahogany, Walnut, Maple, Cane, Wood, and Rush seats, Rocking Chairs; large upholstered cushioned seat, Large arm and Nurse's rockers, Cane, Rush, and Wood seats, Children's Chairs of every variety, Split bottom chairs, painted and plain, Bedsteads of extra size with cornice, square and fluted posts, walnut, Also: common size walnut, cherry, sycamore, and poplar, square, octagon and round posts, Cottage Bedsteads, Lounges, Children's Cribs, large and small sizes, Looking glasses, Toilet standard glasses, Parlor, mantle, and wall mirrors, Sofas; walnut and mahogany, spring seat, extra large and medium size, Double and single mattresses and feather beds, Willow wagons, cradles, and chairs, "clothes and knife baskets, Armoires, walnut, cherry, and common, Safes; wire and tin, walnut and common, "large and small sizes.

I offer the above in lots to suit purchasers, at as low prices as they can be procured from the city, and in much better order and condition.

Price of high post and double Bedsteads: eight and ten dollars. Extra large posts, with cornice: twenty, twenty-five, thirty, fifty-five, and sixty-five dollars. a14

CONFECTIONARY AND FAMILY GROCERY. THE UNDERSIGNED, thankful for the liberal patronage which he has received for a series of years during which his efforts to please and accommodate, he trusts, has afforded general satisfaction, with the view of increasing that approbation and support has made large and valuable additions to his present extensive assortment.

He is prepared to furnish Balls, Soirees, Weddings, Assemblies, Dinner Parties (public or private), and social gatherings, of whatever kind, with every article required.

It would be to the interest of country merchants and others, to call, examine, and leave their orders.

CONFECTIONARY. Candies, assorted Ginger, Canton Rock candy do Havana Cakes & pastry, ass'd Raisins, Layens & M.R. Sugar plums do Chermion in Brandy Preserves in syrup Cinnamon and Spice do Brandy Strawberry cordial Candies, new style Raspberry do Cordials ass'd, superior Orgeat do do common Currants

Muscet wine Citron, preserved Currant jelly Cloves and nutmegs Quince do Almonds, pecans Orange do Essences; lemon, rose Guava do Rose water, &c. &c.

GROCERIES. Pork and bacon sides Mess Beef, by the half Shoulders and Hams or whole barrel Sugar cured Hams Cheese and butter Duffield's do Coffee and tea Stag's & Shays' do Chocolate Sugars; brown, loaf, Mackerel, in kits and crushed & powdered barrels Soap and candles Salmon in kits Golden syrup, retail Dried apples Sugar cured beef Pickles, all sized jars Ketchups, &c

Comprising a full and superior assortment of superior FAMILY GROCERIES, all of which will be sold low, and in quantities to suit purchasers.

WINE AND LIQUORS. Wines, old & choice Brandy, superior Port do do do lower grades Madeira do do Whiskey, all qualities Claret do do Gin and rum, superior Champagne do Scotch Ale Muscat do London Porter American Porter Sweet Oil, in half and do Ale whole bottles

And a great variety of other articles for FAMILY use. a 14 WM. GURNEY.

W. W. CHAPMAN & Co. Importers and Dealers in Hardware, CUTLERY IRON, NAILS, CASTINGS, Boots, Shoes, Saddlery, Trunks, and Plantation SUPPLIES.

EAST SIDE PUBLIC SQUARE,—CLINTON, LA. HAVE a full and complete assortment of every thing in their line. Their old customers and the public in general are requested to call. april 8

Olive Lodge, No. 52, A. Y. M. MEETS EVERY SATURDAY, on, or preceding o, the Full Moon, at their Lodge room, in the Sturges Building.

Officers.—G. W. MUNDAY, W. M.; Wm. SADLER, S. W.; E. B. PETTIS, J. W.

Visiting Brethren are respectfully invited to attend. By order: Wm. H. O'REILLY, Secretary.

HYMN BOOKS, Methodist, select, &c., just received and for sale by LANGWORTHY & TILDEN.