

FELICIANA DEMOCRAT.

CLINTON, LA.

Edited by a special Democratic Committee.

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Our thanks are due Capt. McComb, of the Steamer Music, for city papers.

Address to Michael Harris and J. G. DeArmond, for circulation, to the 5th inst.

Advertisements, this is today for the Democratic Meeting.

GRANDE FOR JUNE.—This ever welcome monthly, has before us, well stored with Romance, Poetry, and light literature. The embellishments are very finely executed, the fashions superbly illustrated, with well written explanations and numerous designs for needle work, all combining to render Grande, what it really is, one of the best of the Monthlies.

NEWSPAPER CONSOLIDATION.—Wm. H. Green, and C. T. Dunn, having purchased the interest of John B. Harris, in the American Patriot, the Feliciana Whig goes out of existence, and is merged in the Patriot.

EARLY COTTON BLOOMS.—Mr. Frank Dixon of Amite county Miss., sends us some Cotton blooms, plucked on the 1st inst. That portion of his crop which was early in commencing to bloom, while his late planting is just coming up.

EXCURSION ON THE RAIL ROAD AND STEAMER CAPITOL. We received an invitation to an excursion to be given on Monday next, from the gentlemanly officers of the above named Company and Steamer. The invitations are quite numerous, and we look forward to a day of enjoyment.

The Hall of the Thespians was well filled on Tuesday evening last, to witness the second representation of Don Cesar De Bazan. The spirited and earnest endeavors of the company to please, received the marked approbation of the audience. The orchestral department, always good, surpassed its former excellence on this occasion.

This was the last performance of the season. The company, however, give another representation for the benefit of the Clinton Fire Department, on the 20th inst. For the programme of which, see advertising columns. Also, special notice.

TOWN ELECTION.—The election of last Monday, resulted in the choice of H. B. Chase, for Mayor, and Messrs. Marston, Chapman, Ward, Bowman and Langworthy for Aldermen.

SUPREME COURT.—In the Supreme Court on Monday the following decision was rendered:

The State of Louisiana, vs. the Judge of the Seventh District Court of the Parish of East Feliciana. James Bell, praying for a writ of mandamus, Spofford J. Appeal from the Seventh District Court of East Feliciana. Petition for mandamus dismissed at the cost of the applicant.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE.—The principal members of the Bar of New Orleans, have addressed a letter to Joak K. ELOAN, a distinguished lawyer of Alexandria, Rapides Parish, soliciting him to become a candidate for Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

A portion of the Bar of Baton Rouge, have made a similar request of J. M. ELAM of that place.

Thomas H. Lewis, of Opelousas, and E. T. Merrick, of East Feliciana, have also been named in their respective parishes.

Thos. J. Cooley, of the Parish of Point Coupee, is also announced.

The Shreveport Democrat makes the estimate that there are upwards of 100,000 bales of cotton, waiting for shipment, at various points on the Red River.

The commissioner of pensioners has ferreted out, and successfully brought to conviction, eighteen individuals, charged with forgery claims against the government for Pensions and Bounty Land claims. The last conviction, was that of A. B. Graham, at Rochester, New York. He was sentenced to seven years imprisonment in the penitentiary.

Good Advice.—The Port Gibson (Miss.) Herald of the 25th, comments on the drouth and scarcity of provision, and takes the opportunity of giving some sensible and well digested facts for the consideration of the planters. We extract from the article the following:

In some parts of the South, the people are actually starving; they have no bread and no money to buy any; provisions of all kinds are rising with fearful rapidity, and the prospect between this time and harvest is gloomy indeed. And why is this? Why is the south, which is truly called the garden of this country, thus so short of this staff of life. The last season was propitious—the crops were good. It is because our planters, in their immoderate zeal to accumulate wealth, have turned all their attention to the raising of cotton; that more than one in ten raises sufficient provisions to last him through the year, trusting to the sale of his cotton to furnish the means, and to other sections to furnish his provisions; and if his crop fails, and the market from which he obtains his supplies falls also, which to a great extent happened last year, dire distress falls on him, and the accumulations of years are swept rapidly away. This course is entirely wrong and should be immediately changed. Every planter should make it a point to raise his own provisions and some to sell.

COMMUNICATED. THE CLINTON HARMONIC SOCIETY.—This society was fully organized on Tuesday evening. A Constitution and By-Laws were adopted, and the following officers elected: Mrs. Z. S. Lyons, President, Mrs. F. Hardesty, Vice President; Miss Bythella Haynes, Secretary; Mrs. Dunbar, Treasurer; Mrs. G. A. Neafus, Librarian; Mr. Bernhard Moses, Musical Director; and G. Rosenberger, Vocal leader. The object of the Society, is the practice and performance of vocal and instrumental music, by those who understand music. The meetings are held every Tuesday evening, at Thespian Hall. We hope it will imbue our townfolks with a love for really good music.

A Deep Laid Scheme.

The Know Nothings are attempting to do that, without law, which the Constitution most plainly and emphatically declares shall not be done. By their secret organization, oaths, and councils, they have set on foot a plan to govern the country, not in obedience to public opinion, under the law, but by management, chicanery, and deception independent of it. They are seeking by combination, under pretence of reforming the evils of foreign emigration, and Catholic influence in this country, to effect by indirect means, that which they know full well, they never can accomplish by fair, manly, and open discussion, at the bar of public scrutiny. In violation of the plainest provisions of the Constitution, and the clearest dictates of reason, justice, and sound national policy, they seek to degrade our naturalized citizens on account of their place of birth, and to disfranchise those who profess the Catholic faith on account of their religion.

Our national government is formed by the people being united in their state capacities, under a written constitution, creating it, and defining the extent of its powers. All this is open to the world. It was established by public opinion upon full investigation after the most open, candid, and elaborate discussion of its various provisions. A sound public opinion based upon virtue, truth, and morality alone can sustain it. The government never was intended by its founders, to be upheld in any other way. It cannot exist, and be perpetuated without this wholesome influence.

The Know Nothings are seeking to unite, by a secret political machinery, this same people, in such a way as to neutralize public opinion, and thereby accomplish ends, not of the majority of the people, but of the ambitious few, who have control of the councils and are seeking to gain place and power for themselves, regardless of the means, by which it is to be obtained, or the danger to which the country may be exposed. They know full well that if the people are left free and untrammelled in the exercise of the elective franchise, as the constitution and laws provide they shall be, their chance of success in carrying out their plans will be hopeless. They can never succeed.

Under fair promises, and specious arguments, many unsuspecting citizens, have been induced to join the know nothings, thinking they were doing a good thing. Having gone in, they have heard but one side, and are probably confirmed in their first impressions, whereas if they could have had an opportunity to hear both the sides, upon the question, they would have acted differently. To sign away under oaths their birth right, the right to vote as freemen, is to not comprehend as intended by those who would so entrap them, or meant by themselves. No many who are the most active and zealous in inducing others into the lodges, are laboring under the same delusion, and would argue strenuously that such was not the fact, yet it is nevertheless true. The very design and tendency of Know Nothingism is to transfer the political power of the masses, into the hands of an irresponsible few, who control the know nothing organization. It binds under solemn obligation, those who join, to perpetual secrecy, no matter how treasonable may be the measures proposed. Nothing is ever to be divulged, not even the name of the order.

Let us look into its machinery. It has set up a government of its own, within our government, and independent of it. It has a Constitution and laws; officers, legislative, executive, and judicial. It prescribes penalties, tries offences, and inflicts punishments. It has power even to try its own members. It has a grand council, for the Union, a subordinate council in each state and territory, and lodges, in every county, village and neighborhood, throughout the United States. The lodges work under dispensation from the state councils, and the state councils under dispensation from the "Grand Council of North America," in regular gradation. With the grand council resides supreme power, and the commands and orders, are imperative upon all the members, lodges, and councils, throughout the Union.

Measures of Government, of the gravest character, will be projected in secret by the absolute authority of this grand council, carried into effect without ever being discussed in public, or approved by the people, should their attempt to get hold of the reins of the government prove successful. It will soon draw to itself all the powers of the state, and the people will be, but mere instruments in their hands to register its edicts. This is no idle dream, a fair deduction, drawn from a careful examination of the know nothing constitution, oaths, and ritual recently published in Virginia, and which is admitted to be genuine. People of Louisiana, are you willing that such a result shall be brought about with your consent? Are you willing to supersede the best government ever devised by man, for an invisible, irresponsible oligarchy? God forbid.

Presto Change. We hear no talk of Whigs, or the Whig party since the know nothings made their advent in our midst. Presto change has been their watchword, and changed they have, until scarcely one is found bold and brave enough to avow the name. The Whig party, politicians, and presses, have all gone over in a body to know nothingism. Scarcely one of those who fought, bled, and died, for whiggery in days gone by, are left to tell the mournful tale. We remember well when the National Republican party, in the same manner changed their name to Whig. They then set up to be the Whig party of Revolutionary memory, and in derision called the Democratic the tory party. Although they changed their name, and assumed one hallowed in the history of this country, yet we knew they were the same. We knew they had changed their name, but not their principles. They have done the same thing now. The know nothing party is made up of whigs, with a few democrats. The veil is too thin not to be seen through. Their object is too apparent, not to be known. To divide and break down the democratic party was their aim, when they changed from Federalists to National Republicans from National Republicans to Whigs, and now from Whigs to Know Nothings. Such tricks may succeed for a while, but the party that resorts to them will never prosper, mark the prediction.

There has been public rejoicing by the Democracy, in nearly all of the large cities of the Union, over the present victory in Virginia. The Know nothing party in Washington city are exemplifying their doctrines of proscription, and intolerance, by excluding all but their own order from acting as commissioners of election in some of the wards in that city. They have also refused to permit one or two persons of both parties to be present when the votes are to be counted, although requested so to do. Can such injustice long prosper in a free country? Will not such proceedings lead to the most serious consequences. This party oppose even the freedom of speech if we are to judge from their recent conduct towards the Hon. Henry A. Wise, whom they insulted and prevented speaking, as the same party had done towards the Hon. Mr. Florence, in the same city some months past, and towards the Hon. Stephen A. Douglas, in Chicago during last year. No wonder such a party keeps every thing secret.—Will not such conduct open the eyes of the people? In order to protect their own rights, and prevent fraud, the anti-Know Nothing party of Washington have adopted the following resolutions, in one of the largest meetings ever held in that city: Whereas, the Know-nothing councils of this city having elected for some of the wards boards of election commissioners, all of whom are members of an oath bound secret political association, refusing to represent in those boards, which was never before done in this community; and whereas, the Know-nothing lower council aforesaid have refused to pass a resolution requesting the said election boards to permit one or two unaffiliated persons of both parties to remain in the room while they may be canvassing the ballots, which privilege has always heretofore been conceded in every ward of Washington—be it therefore Resolved, by this meeting of the anti-know-nothing party of this city, that all who vote for the anti-know-nothing candidates in the municipal election on Monday next be requested to show the tickets they vote, and give their names to be recorded by the anti-know-nothing team, to be stationed at each poll in this city; this course being deemed necessary by this meeting to guard the rights of the anti-know-nothing voters of Washington against the possible perpetration of fraud.

THE NEW STRAM FRIGATE.—Engineer-in-Chief, Martin, United States Navy, has just returned to Washington, from a tour of inspection of the steam machine work in progress for all these steamers.—He reports everything going on as well and as rapidly as can be wished. The Merrimac, being built at Boston, will be ready for sea as early as the last of September. The Minnesota, being built in the Washington navy yard, will be the next one finished.

KANSAS ELECTION.—The pro-slavery ticket in the Leavenworth District has been again elected—the result is the same in every other district. The election was to fill vacancies in the Territorial Legislature, the election in some of the districts having been declared null by Gov. Reeder on account of supposed informality.

KNOW NOTHING CONVENTION.—The National Convention of the American party assembled at Philadelphia, June 5, and was attended by two hundred and ten delegates. We have as yet no inkling of the proceedings.

ILLUSTRATION OF A PHYSIOLOGICAL FACT.—If mortification is a sign of death, the Know Nothings must be very dead; for a more mortified set of fellows since the Virginia election, we never saw.—Courier

The interments in the various cemeteries of New Orleans, for the week ending on Sunday the 3d inst. was 504. Of this number, 287 are reported as having died of cholera.

The Shreveport Democrat gives a very favorable report of the growing cotton. The planters, the Democrat says, are in high hopes of the largest crops ever made in that part of the country.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

For the Benefit of the Fire Department, OF CLINTON.

THE Shakspearean Society of Clinton will perform on TUESDAY Evening, June 26, 1855, for the Benefit of the Fire Department, the beautiful play of

EVADNE, or the HALL OF STATUES. Cast with the entire strength of the Thespian Company, with new scenery, costumes, &c.

King of Naples, S. H. Butler, Ludovico, his Prime Minister, J. K. Keadlie, Colonna, J. Young, Vicentino, H. A. Nichols, Spalato, J. Sumner, Evadne, Mrs. H. Nichols, Olivia, Miss Nichols.

Guards, Pages, Courtiers, &c. Stage Manager, H. A. Nichols.

Act 1. Scene 1.—Palace of the King of Naples. Act 2. Scene 1.—Room in the King's Palace. 2.— " " Colonna's Palace. Act 3. Scene 1.—Street in Naples. Act 4. Scene 1.—Bay and view of Naples. 2.—A Prison.

Act 3. Scene 1.—Vast Hall in Colonna's Palace filled with statues. Grand tableaux.

Tickets can be procured from any of the committee. je 9

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Invite the attention of the people of Clinton, and vicinity, and the ladies especially, to their new and well selected stock of goods.

WATCHES, JEWELRY, &c. comprising T. T. Cooper, Tobias, and real Joseph Johnson movements; Swiss and English Levers, together with a splendid stock of Eastern JEWELRY, of the latest style and best finish, SILVER & PLATED WARE, all descriptions.

TOILET ARTICLES; Perfumery, Hair Oil, Pomatum, Fancy Soap and Extracts, direct from Harrison's manufactory.

WORK BOXES, Port Monnaies, Fine Pocket, Books.

CARD CASES; silver, pearl, and shell. RAZORS & KNIVES, Rogers' best brand.

Books, consisting of standard and miscellaneous works. SCHOOL BOOKS, recommended for their high and instructive character.

POEMS, of American and British authors. NOVELS, latest and best published, with a great variety of other interesting reading.

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We have suitable arrangements to procure books, so that orders left with us will be promptly filled.

Watches and Jewelry carefully repaired by the best of workmen, and warranted.

We solicit a share of the public patronage, feeling convinced we shall be able to give entire satisfaction.

All articles sold, warranted as represented, or the money refunded.

Sign of the BIG WATCH, east of the Public Square, opposite the Post Office. je 9 NAUMAN & STRAUSS.

BLACKSMITHING.

I HAVE engaged a competent work man, and will personally see that all wood work done by me is properly ironed. All orders for Blacksmith work will be promptly attended to and faithfully executed. BUGGIES, on hand and for sale. je 9 RICHARD RIGBY.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION.

THE Law Partnership heretofore existing between James Welsh and J. B. Samford is this day dissolved by consent of parties. Clinton, June the 7th, 1855. je 9 WELSH & SAMFORD.

JUST received, a fine lot of Drawing and Blotting Paper: NAUMAN & STRAUSS.

SILVER SPOONS, tea and table, just received by NAUMAN & STRAUSS. je 9

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. JAMES B. SAMFORD, Attorney and Counsellor at Law, CLINTON, LA. WILL attend to any professional business entrusted to him in East and West Feliciana, East Baton Rouge, and St. Helena Parishes. je 9

GINGER BRANDY. FOR SALE, by the subscriber, the celebrated GINGER BRANDY, an excellent stomachic, and for persons afflicted with the Dyspepsia, it is invaluable. WM. GURNEY. je 9

DESIRABLE TOWN RESIDENCE For Sale.

MY FAMILY RESIDENCE in the town of Clinton, in which I am now living, including the entire premises, lot, dwelling house, kitchen, store-rooms, carriage houses, stables, cribs, and flower and kitchen gardens, besides all other appurtenances necessary and convenient for a comfortable family residence.

The lot is situated just near enough to the public square to be both convenient and retired; measures seventy-five feet front by three hundred back, bounded on the east, north and south by a public street, and on the west by the residence of D. C. Hardee, Esq.

The dwelling house is two stories high, is large and airy, raised several feet off of the ground, to admit the free passage of air underneath. It contains eight large rooms, four above, and four below; four measures eighteen feet square, and four are seventeen by eighteen. There are also two large halls, one above, and one below stairs. Also two balconies, both on the upper story, one in front, the other in the rear of the house, with a piazza on the lower story, fronting the street.

This house was built for a family residence, and every attention was paid to the construction of every portion of it, with a view to beauty of structure, comfort and health. No residence can be found in the Parish surpassing it in these particulars.

The kitchen is large and commodious, containing four extra rooms.

There is a most excellent well on the premises, affording water in good quantities, amply sufficient for all family purposes.

The entire establishment built in the fall of 1853, is entirely new and in an admirable state of repair.

I will also sell all my kitchen and household furniture, comprising: sofas, chairs, tables, window curtains, of fine quality, selected for my own use, &c. &c., on the most reasonable terms, and in lots to suit the purchaser.

The house and fixtures are insured to the 7th of May, 1856. The purchaser will have the benefit of the insurance. A. LEVI.

For further particulars inquire at the store of je 9 A. LEVI, BLOOM, & CO.

BOOKS, BOOKS.

FASHION AND FAMINE, by Mrs. Stephens, Mammon, or the hardships of an Heiress, by Mrs. Gore, Grace Agular's works, Fridge Doings, by Ike Marvel, Botany of the southern states, by Darby, Kame's elements of criticism, Life of Sam. Houston, Masonic charts, Odd Fellows manual, do Offering. je 9 NAUMAN & STRAUSS.

Saddle, Bridle, and Harness Manufactory.

S. LOOMIS, North side of the Public Square. WOULD respectfully inform his patrons and the public in general, that he has just received a large and well selected assortment of LEATHER, HARDWARE, &c. suitable for the manufacture of any and every article that may be wanted or called for in his line of business: viz.

SADDLES, BRIDLES, HARNESS, &c. His stock of Leather has been selected with great care, and is of the best quality.

The Saddlery Hardware is direct from New York, and is of the latest style and pattern.

Wish competent and experienced workmen to manufacture this material, he hopes to give perfect satisfaction, and will warrant all work, both as to quality and execution.

CALL AND EXAMINE.

I can furnish planters with a superior article of leather for sewing gin bands.

N. B. All open accounts must be settled on the 1st of November. je 9

S. H. BUTLER. N. LARCOM.

BUTLER & LARCOM,

PLAIN AND FANCY PAINTERS.

CARRIAGE, HOUSE, & SIGN Painting, Graining and Gilding, Glazing, Transparent Curtains, Ornamental Painting, Masoique and Odd Fellow's Banners, and all kinds of plain and fancy work, done in the neatest and most durable manner, and shortest notice.

They will sell all colors of paint in small quantities, ready for use for the accommodation of those who prefer using it themselves.

Store, first door east of B. Lyons. je 2

SYRUPS.

THE undersigned has the following varieties of the most delicious syrups, viz. VANILLA, ORANGE, LEMON, GINGER, BANANA, PEAR, &c. &c. which he offers at a lower rate than any other house, and in quantities to suit the buyer. WM. GURNEY. je 2

ICED BEVERAGE.

CALL on the undersigned, for a mild and most pleasant iced beverage. WM. GURNEY.

GROCERIES & PROVISIONS.

ON hand, and for sale, a fine assortment of Groceries and Provisions, which will be sold low, for Cash. WM. GURNEY.

WINES, CORDIALS, & LIQUORS.

CALL and examine the subscriber's stock of Wines, Cordials, and Liquors. WM. GURNEY.

RUTH HALL, just received and for sale by LANGWORTHY & TILDON.