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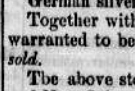
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An assortment of Northern made Buggys, always on hand.
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WORMS, MEYER & Co.
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HARDWARE, CROCKERY, GROCERIES, &c.
They are now well situated to offer every facility in their line of business and accommodate those who may favor them with a call.
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HARRIS & DE ARMOND,
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HAVE constantly on hand, a general assortment of goods usually kept in their line. Possessing superior facilities, offer inducements to purchasers for CASH.
☞Liberal CASH advances made on consignments of Cotton, to our MICAJAH HARRIS, New Orleans. a 28

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RESPECTFULLY inform their friends and the trading public, that they have on hand a large and complete stock of
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a 41 WM. SADLER. Brick Row.

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.

The Feliciana Democrat.

THE CATHOLIC TEST.

The action of the Philadelphia K. N. National Convention on this important article of their creed has already produced its effect in Louisiana, as we anticipated it would. The boldest advocates and fiercest partisans of the new organization in this State have turned upon its proscriptions of Catholicism, and now assail it with a bitterness and rancor which rarely ever characterized the Democratic and conservative press of the South. The N. O. Bee, one of the first and as it is the ablest of the influential journals which espoused the cause of the new creed in the South, in a recent issue, records its opposition to Know Nothingism as it stands since the adoption of the Catholic test of the Philadelphia Convention:

"Rather than march under the banner of a party which violates the Constitution and every democratic principle, by proclaiming religious intolerance and pointing out the creed of a large number of citizens for the animadversion and hate of other sects our people would prefer to withdraw from political struggles altogether and remain utter strangers to public life. Moreover, several of them we are persuaded are determined to *give practicrl value to their protestation by sustaining the democratic cvndidatc.*

The editor of the Bee does not stand alone in his indignant denunciation of this high-handed measure to disfranchize and ostracise our patriotic Catholic Creole and naturalized population. It expresses the almost unanimous sentiments of every native-born man, woman and child in the State, whether Catholic or Protestant, and the hint conveyed that the Creole vote would be polled for the Democratic ticket is not at all a matter of surprise, when we consider their intelligence, patriotism, love of liberty and hatred for oppression, whether social, political or sectarian and religious.

As further evidence of the indignation and dissatisfaction prevalent in Louisiana in consequence of the Catholic proscription clause being engrafted on the platform of the order, the American Exponent, the organ of the faction in New Orleans, uses the fellowing bold and manly language:

No enlightened, no southern state, can accept the anti-Constitutional doctrines therein contained—nor will we, under any circumstances, fight under its banner. We are not a Catholic—we were raised a protestant—but may this right arm wither, before we endeavor to strike one blow at a constitutional right guaranteed to a Catholic as well as ourself.—It will not do to tell us that no attempt is made to render this test as against Catholics alone. Why did the convention refuse our delegates a seat?—because our ritual is founded on a liberal—a constitutional basis!—and because we had accredited some Catholic gentlemen of American birth—gentlemen who have met on a common platform—the Constitution—and repudiate every and any instrument that would be set up against it as a superior.

There is an honest and manliness about this paragraph that promises much good to the cause of toleration and a return to reason of the mistaken people who have assisted in rearing up in our midst this worse than Lernæan hydra, with its many devouring heads sapping and feeding upon the most sacred principles of religion and equal rights. We repeat that the Exponent and Bee have acted up to what the good of our country demands from every individual in thess days of danger; when folly and absurdity shine out so conspicuously in the political firmament. But why did they not go further? Why have they spared those delegates from Louisiana who were admitted and took their seats iu the Philadelphia Convention, as representatives from this State, when they must have known that the people who sent them were averse to the sentiments contained in the platform they adopted? Why do they not hold up to public reprobation those individuals who took their seats with a body of men who refused to receive in fellowship a number of the first citizens of Louisiana, because they represented in their persons the religions faith that their sires for ages had taught them to venerate and adore? Why, we ask, were those delegates spared by our indiguant contemporaries? Did not the fact of their holding their seats in the Convention until it adjourned give an applied sanction to the action of that body in excluding their colleagues from their seats? In all the proceedings of the Convention that have come to light we looked in vain for a letter from Messrs. Bunch and Hardy agains this outrage. They observed an ominous silence throughout, and in no instance, as we have seen, did they raise their voices in remonstrance against the exclusion. Who knows but they were instrumental in consummating the foul wrong? Does the Bee or Exponent.

Viewing this matter from the light before us, we are not prepared to indulge in deep regrets at this first effectual blow at the stability of the new party in Louisiana. It will prove to our people that their liberties are not safe in the hands of a bigoted and intolerant class of men who have no political principles to recommend them to public favor, but who depend upon the prejudices and national animosities of the day to carry them into power over the well-tried and faithful patriotism of Democracy. And that the Creole and foreign Catholic vote of the State should be cast for the Democratic ticket, and for Democratic *principles*, in opposition to men and measures who manifest so much eagerness to ostracise them, is not at all wonderful to us, however startling the Bee may consider the circumstances. They naturally look upon the broad nationality and sound conservatism of the Democratic party as the only haven of safety in this the hour of their great peril. They know from past experience that here they have their family religion and fireside idols respected, and their political rights fully guaranteed and protected. Is it matter, then, for surprise, to see them choose Democracy and denounce the illiberal spirit of Know-Nothingism?—*Advocate*

MEETING OF CITIZENS OF WEST FELICIANA.

At a meeting of the citizens of the parish of West Feliciana, held at the town of Bayou Sara on this day, the 18th of June, 1855, on the motion of J. B. Wederstrandt the meeting organized by calling Col. C. C. S. Farrar to the chair, and appointing Robert Hall Secretary. On motion of L. T. Maddux, J. B. Wederstrandt was appointed assistant Secretary.

The object of the meeting was then explained by the chairman.

On motion, a committee of five was appointed to draft resolutions expressive of the sense, of the meeting.

The chair appointed on said committee, Charles E. Tooren, Samuel J. Powel, William M. Rankin, P. V. Wicher and H. C. Stannard, who made the following report:

The committee appointed by the chair to adopt resolutions, and appoint a sub-committee for certain purposes, beg leave to make the following report:

Whereas, the recent distressing conflagration which has visited the citizens of the town of Bayou Sara has elicited the sympathies of the citizens of Waterloo, in the parish of Pointe Coupee, and Woodville, in the county of Wilkinson, Mississippi: therefore, be it

Resolved, That this meeting recommend the following named persons to constitute a committee to receive such donations as may be forwarded for the aforsaid purpose, to wit: Chas. Tooren, C. C. S. Farrar, S. H. Lurty, J. S. Smith and F. Leake.

Be it further Resolved, That said committee be empowered toselec a ttreasurer and coresponding secretary, and to do all other things necessary to carry out the object of this meeting.

Resolaed, That this meeting recommend a meeting of the citizens of this parish on Monday, the 25th inst., at the Court House in St. Francisville, for the purpose of making such other provisions as they deem necessary.

On motion, the above report was unanimously adopted.

It was moved and seconded that a commitee of three persons be appointed to ascertain the amount of losses sustained by the conflagration.

Whereupon the chair appointed P. M. Moore, F. A. Leake, and L. T. Maddux to constitute said committee, who were instructed to report to the called meeting on Monday, the 25th inst.

Whereupon the Chair named the following persons: Robinson Mumford, John H. Henshaw, and P. M. Moore, to act as said committee.

It was then resolved that this meeting express its thanks to the citizens of Waterloo, parish of Pointe Coupee, for the prompt aid tendered the sufferers, through Messrs. Trudeau and Zimmerman; and also to the citizens of Woodville for their kind expressions of sympathy, conveyed through Col. Hoard, and their desire to contribute their mite to relieve the suffering citizens of Bayou Sara.

It was further resolved that the papers of New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Pointe Coupee, Natchez, Woodville, Jackson, Clinton, and Bayou Sara, be requested to publish the proceedings of this meeting.

On motion, the thanks of the meeting were tendered to the Chairman and Secretaries; and to Mr. Maddux for the use of his house.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

C. C. S. FARRAR, Chairman.

ROBERT HALL, J. B. WEDERSTRANDT, } *Secretaries.*