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THE undersigned, having entered into partnership in the practice of their profession, will attend to all business entrusted to them in the parish of East Feliciana.  
And, to any business, entrusted to either, in the adjacent Parishes, they will attend separately.  
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WILL attend to any professional business entrusted to him in East and West Feliciana, East Baton Rouge, and St. Helena Parishes. je 9

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Office on the North side of the Public Square.

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WILL attend promptly to all business entrusted to his care.  
Office: North East corner of the Public Square.

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CONTINUES the practice of his profession, and respectfully tenders his services to the citizens of Clinton and vicinity. a 14

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RESPECTFULLY offers his professional services to the citizens of Clinton, and its vicinity.  
He can always be found, when not professionally engaged, at the Drug Store of Wm. Sadler, on Brick Row. a 14

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PROMPT attention will be given to the sale of Real Estate and Personal Property within the Parish of East Feliciana. Office, in Clinton. a 14

**T. O'CALLAGHAN,**  
Tailor,  
april 14 JACKSON, LA.

**OAKLEY & HAWKINS,**  
Factors and General Commission Merchants,  
No. 90 GRAVIER STREET,  
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BEG to offer their services to Planters and Merchants, and promise attention and promptness to all consignments entrusted to their care. a 14

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**E. M. DALEY,** **E. E. A. TALLARIE.**  
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Commission & Forwarding Merchants,  
AND WHOLESALE DEALERS IN  
WESTERN PRODUCE,  
67 Tchoupitoulas Street,  
NEW ORLEANS.

## CHARTER OF THE Clinton Branch Rail Road Company.

AN ACT to incorporate the Clinton Branch Rail Road Company.  
PREAMBLE.  
WHEREAS, a corporation, styled the Clinton Branch Rail Road Company, has been created under the Act of the Legislature, entitled "An Act for the organization of Corporations for Works of Public Improvement and Utility," approved, March the twelfth, eighteen hundred and fifty two, which said corporation was enacted in the following words, to wit:  
We, the undersigned, agree to form ourselves into a corporation under the laws of the state of Louisiana, heretofore set forth, for the purpose of constructing a Rail Road from the town of Clinton, Parish of East Feliciana, running through the Parish of St. Helena, to some point of intersection, on the line of the New Orleans, Jackson, and Great Northern Railway, and for that purpose we have formed the annexed Charter, and have signed the same.

CHARTER OF THE COMPANY.  
SECTION 1. The said corporation shall be called the Clinton Branch Rail Road Company, and its domicile be fixed in the town of Clinton, in the Parish of East Feliciana.  
Sec. 2. The said corporation is established for the purpose of constructing, working, and maintaining a Rail Road from Clinton, in the Parish of East Feliciana, eastward, through the Parish of St. Helena to a point of intersection on the New Orleans, Jackson, and Great Northern Railway, which shall be deemed the most favorable after satisfactory surveys.

Sec. 3. The capital stock of the company is fixed at Five Hundred Thousand Dollars, divided into twenty thousand shares of twenty-five dollars each. Payments shall be made in such sums and at such periods as shall be fixed by the Board of Directors.  
Provided, That the subscriptions may be paid in labor or materials, when such mode of payment is preferred by the subscribers. Provided, also, that no call shall be made for more than ten per cent at one time, and sixty days notice of each call shall be given by publication in one newspaper in the city of New Orleans, and one in the town of Clinton. Not more than four calls shall be made in one year.

Sec. 4. The said corporation shall go into operation and be organized, as soon as shares of stock to the amount of seventy-five thousand dollars shall have been subscribed.  
Sec. 5. The business of the Corporation shall be conducted at its domicile in the town of Clinton by a Board composed of twelve Directors. A quorum shall consist of at least five Directors. The directors shall elect one of their body, as President of their Company, at their first meeting after their election. No person shall be eligible as a director, who is not a share holder. At all elections by stockholders, and all their meetings, each share shall be entitled to one vote. Votes may be given in person, or in proxy. The President of the Company is the officer designated as the one on whom legal service of all process or citation against the Company, may be made, and the Company agree to be bound by service of process or citation whether made on the President in person, or left to his address at the office of the Company, in the hands of any of its officers.

Sec. 6. The first Board of Directors shall be chosen as soon as the list of subscription shall be closed. The notice of the election of the first Board of Directors, shall be given by publication made fifteen days in advance in one newspaper in the city of New Orleans, and one in the town of Clinton, and the election shall be held at the time and place designated by the commissioners charged with receiving the subscriptions.  
The first election shall be held under the superintendence of the commissioners aforesaid, who shall select three of their number, for that purpose. All subsequent elections under the superintendence of three commissioners to be appointed from among the stockholders by the Board of Directors for the time being. The first Board of Directors shall hold office until the first Monday of May, of the year eighteen hundred and fifty-six. The election shall be annual, and each subsequent board of directors shall be elected on the third Monday of April. A failure to elect directors, shall not dissolve the corporation, but the Board in office shall continue the exercise of its functions, until a new Board can be elected. All notices of elections and meeting of shareholders, after the first election of directors above provided for, shall be given by publication, fifteen days in advance in one newspaper in the city of New Orleans, and one in the town of Clinton.

Sec. 7. The following named persons are hereby appointed commissioners for the purpose of receiving subscriptions to the stock of said corporation to wit:

EAST FELICIANA.  
Messrs. Baynard & Hamilton, Clinton, La.  
" A. Levi, Bloom & Co., " "  
" Isaac N. Lemon, " "  
" Wm. Gurney, " "  
" James M. Stokes, " "  
" George A. Neafus, " "  
" Gen. A. G. Carter, Port Hudson,  
" John McKeown, Jackson,  
" William Sandel, Kellertown,  
" Samuel W. Riley, " "  
" John F. George, Bluff Creek,  
" Dr. Wm. C. Williams, " "

ST. HELENA.  
John Burton, C. D. Strickland, Jr. John Wheat,  
John M. Bach, Wilford Williams, Sam'l Davis.

EAST BATON ROUGE.  
Wm. Kelley, W. A. Crenshaw.

LIVINGSTON.  
Levi Spiller, Jacob I. Watts,  
WILKINSON CO. MISS.  
Dr. D. L. Phares, Philip Huff, John Whitaker.

AMITE CO. MISS.  
Eli J. Capell, H. G. Street, Robt. Germany.

NEW ORLEANS.  
Col. S. W. Oakley, W. H. Garland.

The said commissioners shall have power to appoint deputies or agents in other places for receiving subscriptions. Seven shall form a quorum for doing business in the town of Clinton.  
The lists of subscription shall be closed on the first day of December, eighteen hundred and fifty-five, or if the subscription shall not amount to seventy-five thousand dollars at that date, then they shall be closed as soon as said amount shall have been subscribed. As soon as the subscription list shall have been closed, they shall be returned to the town of Clinton for registry in the office of the Recorder of Mortgages of the Parish of East Feliciana, as required by law.

Sec. 8. Immediately after the election of the first Board of Directors, the subscription lists shall be opened for a period of four months, in such places as the said board of directors may deem advisable, and public notice shall be given thereof in a newspaper published in the places where said subscription books are opened, and the board shall have power to appoint agents for receiving the subscriptions. At the end of the said four months, if the amount of subscription shall exceed the capital requi-

red, a meeting of stockholders and subscribers shall be held to determine whether the capital shall be increased to the whole amount of subscription, and if the capital be not so increased, then the number of shares subscribed shall be reduced by deduction from the largest subscriptions so as not to diminish the number of shares of any subscriber, whilst another remains with a larger number of shares. If there be any deficiency in the amount of capital subscribed, the said subscription books may be reopened and closed from time to time till the whole capital shall have been subscribed.

Sec. 9. In case of a failure on the part of any subscriber, to pay the instalments on his stock as required, the board of directors shall have the option after thirty days written notice to the defaulter, of forfeiting the stock, and selling it for the benefit of said stockholder, or of compelling by suit, the payment of such instalment, and no stockholder shall be permitted to vote while in default.

Sec. 10. All meetings of stock holders called for the purpose of increasing or diminishing the capital stock of the company or for any of the purposes enumerated in the 5th section of the Act of the Legislature of Louisiana, entitled "An Act for the organization of Corporations for Works of Public Improvement and Utility," shall be composed of persons holding in their own right, or as agents of others, at least three-fourths of the stock of the company in order to make valid and binding their actions in the premises: at all other meetings of the stock holders and at all elections a majority of stock shall be represented, and in this latter case, if such majority be not present, nor represented, the meeting shall be adjourned for one week, and the vote of the majority of the stock present, and represented at such adjourned meeting shall bind the company in the same manner as if a majority of all the stock were present and represented.

Sec. 11. Any vacancy in the board of directors, occurring during the year, may be filled by a vote of the board of directors.  
Sec. 12. The president and directors of said corporation shall have power to make and use a common seal, to elect a newspaper which shall be known to the stockholders as the official paper of the company, and in which all its advertisements shall appear, and to do every thing, necessary for the construction, repair, and maintenance of the rail road herebefore described, with as many tracts as they may deem necessary, to determine the line of the road, and the depots that may be necessary to make, and contract for all works whatsoever, for the proper and complete working of said road, to contract specially, for all work, labor, or materials to be furnished to the company, and to agree, whether the whole or any part thereof shall be payable in the capital stock of the company; to appoint a secretary, treasurer, superintendent, engineer, solicitor, and other officers or servants, necessary or proper for the faithful performance of any duty necessary to the construction and proper maintenance of the said rail road; to make all contracts for the furnishing of iron, or other necessary equipments or supplies of the road, and on such credits as they may deem proper, and to mortgage the said road for the payment of the same; to borrow money for and on account of said road, in any sum not to exceed ten thousand dollars, unless authorized by a vote of two thirds of the stockholders to exceed that sum, and to mortgage the said road and its appurtenances to secure the payment of the same; to make all contracts necessary for the purpose of speedily and properly constructing said road; to purchase with the funds of the company, all the locomotives, engines, cars, vehicles, teams, and other equipments deemed by them necessary or useful to the purposes of the company; and when said road or any part thereof is finished, to fix the rate of toll for passengers and merchandise; to make all rules and regulations, and other by-laws deemed necessary, for the proper, safe, and regular transaction of the business of the company; but such rules, regulations, and by-laws shall be subject to repeal, change, amendment or modification by the stockholders at their meetings, or by the President and Directors in the intervals; they may accept donations in land or money, or such material or labor as may be useful to the company; they shall declare semi-annually the dividend arising from the working of the road after the payment of all necessary expenses; said dividend shall be declared and payable to the stockholders within fifteen days of the months of January and July of each year; they shall make a report in full detail to the stockholders to the first days of January and July of each year, of the working of the road and its expenses and profits, as also a detailed statement of all contracts during the process of constructing the road and its bridge, &c., with an account of the progress made; they shall keep, or cause to be kept, a regular set of books, in which shall be entered, in the regular order of their several dates, all business or other transactions of the company, which said books shall be open to the inspection of any stockholder, at the office of the company during the business hours of the day; a stock book shall be kept, and certificates of stock shall be issued to the stockholders, and no transfer of stock shall be binding on the company until made on its stock book; and to call a meeting of stockholders, on the written requisition of stockholders representing one-fifth of the stock of the company.

Sec. 13. If any subscriber for stock shall be taxed by virtue of any law or ordinance, for the payment of subscriptions to the company, he shall have the right of reducing the number of his shares by an amount equal to that of the tax imposed, but this right shall be exercised within sixty days from the date of the tax receipt, after which, it shall not be allowed.  
Sec. 14. An annual meeting of the stockholders, shall be held on the third Monday of each April, to receive the annual report of the past year's operations and business of the company, at which meeting, a full statement of the financial affairs and other business of the company shall be submitted by the President and directors for examination by the stockholders and their agents.  
Sec. 15. At the expiration of the Charter, or when ever the dissolution of the corporation shall render necessary its liquidation, three commissioners shall be elected by the stockholders whose duty it shall be to take possession of the property of the company, and conduct its business to a final liquidation on such terms and in such manner as shall be determined by a meeting of stockholders regularly convened for that purpose; and if at the expiration of the present charter a majority of the stockholders in number and amount shall desire to renew the same for a further term, the stockholders dissenting from the renewal, shall be bound to transfer their stock to those desiring a renewal, at its fair value, to be fixed by appraisers mutually drawn for that purpose. Clinton, La., Aug. 11, 1855. 19-36ds

WM. KERNAGHAN,  
Importer, and Wholesale and Retail Dealer in  
Watches, Jewelry, Cutlery,  
GUNS, PISTOLS, & FANCY GOODS,  
NO. 65 CANAL STREET.  
N. B. Watches and Jewelry carefully repaired. a 14

**HOME MANUFACTORY OF WAGONS, CARTS, &c. &c.**  
**R. RIGBY,**  
CONTINUES to carry on the WHEELWRIGHT business in all of its various branches.  
He has on hand a large assortment of superior well seasoned material, and all orders for work will be executed with promptness, and in a workmanlike manner.  
Repairing of all kinds done immediately.  
His shop is immediately opposite the stables of the Union Hotel. a 14

**BLACKSMITHING.**  
I HAVE engaged a competent workman, 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.**

**R. BOWMAN,**  
COACH AND CARRIAGE MAKER,  
CLINTON, LA.  
I STILL continue to build all kinds of Pleasure Carriages, on the most approved plan, at the old stand, on the main street, running east from the Public Square.  
Thankful for the patronage and public confidence extended, I desire to retain and increase the same, by industry, promptness, fair prices, and good work, which will be guaranteed to stand.  
I am fully prepared to furnish at short notice, METALLIC BURIAL CASES, and WOODEN COFFINS, on such terms as will insure me against any charge of extortion, from the unfortunate.  
Personal attention given on all Burial occasions. a 28 **R. BOWMAN.**

**CLINTON MALE ACADEMY.**  
THE Fall term of the above school will commence on Monday, October 1, 1855. The course of studies embraces all the branches of an English and classical education, so far as requisite for an entrance in college.  
The following is a list of authors and subjects pursued by the school during the past academic year:  
Latin.—Latin grammar, reader, and composition; Virgil, Caesar, Cicero, and Livy.  
Greek.—Greek grammar and reader, Xenophon, and Homer's Iliad.  
Mathematics.—Arithmetic, algebra and geometry.  
English.—Grammar, geography, history, astronomy, natural philosophy, &c. &c.  
PATRONS OF THE SCHOOL.  
Chief Justice Merrick, Rev. Isaac Wall,  
Maj. G. W. Munday, Hon. John McVea,  
Rev. Thos. Adams, David Pipes, Sr.  
Mrs. Col. Lyons, M. Harris, and others,  
EMMETT D. CRAIG, A. M.  
Clinton, La., Aug. 18, 1855. Principal.

**VALUABLE LAND FOR SALE.**  
THE undersigned offers for sale, Three Hundred Acres of Land, situate in the Parish of East Feliciana, six miles from the town of Clinton, within two of the Clinton & Port Hudson Rail Road, and half a mile from a steam saw and grist mill. There is a quantity of valuable Pine timber on the tract, and a stream of running, never failing water, runs directly through it.  
One hundred acres are cleared and under cultivation. The improvements are, a good dwelling, out-houses, cabins, stables, and gin house, in good and serviceable condition.  
For terms, &c., apply to J. W. Taylor, who is my duly authorized agent to dispose of the same.  
aug 18-31 **FRANK DIXON.**

**INMAN'S PATENT DOOR & GATE SPRINGS.**  
R. W. INMAN, from Sheffield, England, manufacturer of Inman's Patent Door and Gate Springs, to which was awarded the first premium at the World's Fair, in London, 1851, announces that he has constituted W. W. Chapman, as his sole agent for Clinton, La.  
For neatness, simplicity, full performance of all it is intended to do, its exceeding usefulness, its durability, its cheapness, it certainly takes its position in the front rank of modern inventions.  
I do not intend to put a short examination will convince the judgment of its utility.  
aug 18-2m **R. W. INMAN.**

**FURNITURE! FURNITURE!!**  
THE undersigned has opened in the Town of Clinton, a large assortment of Furniture, consisting of Bureaus, Bedsteads, Chairs, Sofas, Armchairs, Lounges, Cribs, and almost every other article of Furniture, suitable for the market, which he will sell low, for cash. His store is on the south side of the public square.  
aug 11 **H. B. GAY, Agent for M. HARRIS.**

**24 DOZ.** Jordan's superior Lemon syrup, for sale by **I. N. LEMON.**  
**6 DOZ.** Lime Juice, best quality, for sale by **I. N. LEMON.**  
**25 GALS.** Paregoric, for sale by **I. N. LEMON.**  
**30 LBS.** Calomel, for sale by **I. N. LEMON.**  
**300 BOXES** best Kentucky Mustard, warranted, for sale by **I. N. LEMON.**  
**50 LBS.** Blister Plasters, fresh article, for sale by **I. N. LEMON.**  
**200 OZ.** sulphate Quinine, just received and for sale by **I. N. LEMON.**  
**74 BOTTLS.** sulph. Morphine, for sale by **I. N. LEMON.**  
**64 LBS.** Gum Camphor, for sale by **I. N. LEMON.**

**NEW BOOKS!**  
BRIEF REMARKS.  
Julia Tremaine. Common place book, Leaves from a Family Journal, Star Papers, My Brother's Keeper, Two Guardians, Winkles, Just received at **aug 4 LANGWORTHY & TILDON'S.**

**CLOTHING, HATS, BOOTS, & SHOES.**  
THE LATEST styles of finest material and best finish, on hand and for sale by **a 12 MILLS, CLEVELAND, & Co.**

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

**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. **je 2 WM. GURNEY.**

**GINGER BRANDY.**  
AN excellent stomachic and tonic, for sale by **aug 4 LANGWORTHY & TILDON.**

**J. G. DEARMOND.**  
Successor to HARRIS & DEARMOND.  
HAS on hand, Bacon, Flour, Lard, Hams, do. sugar cured, Corn Beef, Molasses, Mess Pork, Soap, Cutlery, Salt, Tobacco, Woodware, Axes, Cigars, Crockery, do handles, Gunpowder, Glassware, Cow peas, Shot, Tinware, Oils, Spices, Brooms, Yeast powders, Pickles, Hoes, Coffee, Starch, Spades, shovels, Teas, Sal soda, Trace chains, Sugar, brown Nails, Porter, London do crushed Well rope, Vinegar, Rice, do buckets, Wines, ass'd Candles, Wash boards, Fruits, pres'd. Lime & cement Castings, Domestic, calicoes, blankets, linseys, hay and corn.

**BAGGING, ROPE, AND TWINE.**  
Liquors, assorted; and many other articles.— In fact, a general assortment of such articles, as are usually found in such houses, to which attention is particularly invited.  
Terms being strictly cash, prices will be proportionately low. Additional fresh supplies will be received weekly. **je 7**

**DISSOLUTION.**  
THE co-partnership of HARRIS & DEARMOND, is dissolved by mutual consent, M. Harris withdrawing from the firm.  
Those indebted, will please come forward and settle, as the outstanding business must be closed without delay.  
The business will be conducted at the same store by J. G. DEARMOND, who will carry out business arrangements made with H. & D. PROVISIONS AND GROCERIES, will constantly be kept on hand, at the lowest Clinton prices. The purchasing arrangements being the same, enables the advertiser to offer great inducements to cash dealers, who are respectfully invited to price and examine articles before purchasing elsewhere.  
Cash advances will be made on Cotton consigned to Micajah Harris, 58 Gravier street, New Orleans. **je 7**

**FRESH SODA WATER.**  
HAVING procured the necessary fixtures, and made arrangements for receiving regularly, fountains of fresh Soda Water, the same, with such Syrups as may be desired, can be procured of **H. S. BECHENO & Co.** **je 7**

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

**ICE! ICE!! ICE!!! ICE!!!!**  
THE subscriber is now receiving a regular supply of this necessary and indispensable article, and is prepared to furnish the same to families, and all others wanting the same.  
ICE CREAM AND ICE LEMONADE, to be had at his store. **M. HEYMANN.**

**W. FERGUS KERNAN,**  
Attorney & counsellor at Law,  
CLINTON, LA.  
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