

The Feliciana Democrat.

EDITED BY A SPECIAL DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE.

CLINTON, LA.

Saturday Morning, December 15, 1855

We are authorized to announce HENRY HAWFORD, as a candidate for the office of Justice of the Peace, for the Fifth Ward, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of R. C. Carman, Esq.

We again call upon all persons indebted to us for subscription, advertising and job work, to make speedy payment. N. B. Yearly advertisements are past due.

PARADE OF THE FIREMEN.

On Monday last, Clinton Protection Fire Company, paraded, for the first time. Their engine was beautifully and tastefully decorated, and the members, attired in their neat and handsome uniform, made an attractive and interesting appearance. Attended by a fine band of music, conducted by the veteran Mike, they marched through the principal streets, called to a halt, occasionally, by generous citizens, who showed, by their courtesy and hospitality, their high appreciation of the company. Should a fire unfortunately occur in our midst, they have the satisfaction of knowing, that this body, composed of active and stalwart men, will render prompt aid and efficient service.

In the evening, the company attended the performance of the Shakespearean Society, at Theoplian Hall. A large and fashionable audience was in attendance, and seemed to give new life and spirit to the performers. Never, since their organization, have they appeared to so much advantage, and we were particularly pleased to see Mrs. N., after her late indisposition, so cordially received.

The proceedings of the day were conducted with good order and decorum, and reflected much credit on all who participated therein.

There has been some excitement during the past week, among our citizens, growing out of the discovery of an organized association, leagued together for felonious purposes. Several persons, supposed to be connected with them, have been requested to leave, some of whom have complied.

At a meeting of the Shakespearean Society of Clinton, it was unanimously—

Resolved, that the thanks of this Society be tendered to the Clinton Protection Fire Company, for its patronage, with our best wishes for the continued popularity of the company and the health and happiness of each and every member.

Resolved, that the Shakespearean Society, place its property and prosperity under their "Protection." S. H. BUTLER, Sec'y.

THEOPLIAN SOCIETY.—This enterprising and talented Association, will perform on their next appearance, the beautiful and thrilling Tragedy of "Douglas," (by general request,) and poor Powers' celebrated Irish farce, "The Omnibus," in which Mr. Nicholls will appear as "Pat Rooney," Mrs. Nicholls will appear as "Lady Randolph," in "Douglas."

LATEST NEWS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—On the sixth ballot for speaker to-day Banks, of Mass., received 105 votes. It is thought he will be dropped and Pennington taken up.

There is nothing later from Kansas, and it is thought previous accounts were exaggerated.

The President has informed the District Attorney of New York that another filibuster expedition is fitting out at that port for the invasion of Nicaragua, and has instructed him to use prompt measures to suppress it.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—The steamship Ariel has arrived here with a few hours later news from Europe, but it is of no importance.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 9.—A. H. Simmons, one of the proprietors of the Philadelphia Ledger and Baltimore Sun, died here to-day.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 12.—The steamship Texas arrived here to-day, with dates from the city of Mexico of the 4th, and Vera Cruz of the 8th. Gen. Janvier of the Ministry, has issued a decree promulgating the new Judiciary system, which has given great offense to the Clergy, as it strikes at some of the dearest privileges of the church. A revolution was plotted to make Gen. Urga President. One of the leaders was the famous Priest, Miranda. A large number of the clergy are implicated, and numerous arrests have followed. Gen. Urga managed to escape from custody while on his way to the capital. There is trouble in the cabinet and it was thought that a dissolution must take place. Gen. Commonfort would probably form a new one.

The soldiers of Alvarez had committed great excesses in the capital, and fights, robberies, and murders were of daily occurrences, and could not be restrained. A band of sixty robbers infest the National road, by whom the Spanish minister had been robbed of all he had in the diligence. A decree had been issued declaring all Santa Anna's army appointments null, and Santa Anna and Blanco declared deserters from the army. A new law regulating the press is about to be promulgated.

[COMMUNICATED.]

Mr. Editor.—Old citizen, I see, is again out in the American Patriot, endeavoring with his usual ability and ingenuity, to resist the power and influence of the catholic church, or rather by the fore-lock to warn the country against the lectures of Hon. Joseph R. Chandler on the persecution of Catholics in the United States. Old citizen treats the subject as lightly and with as much seeming nonchalance as if there was no truth in the statement. He attempts to throw ridicule upon the whole matter by asking several questions about, *Hail Mary! holy water, Bishop Hughes, the counting of beads, etc.*

I think I know Old citizen, and if he be the person I take him to be, my respect for him as a man, and for his sacred calling, will command for him and his publication, a calm, fair, and respectful consideration.

Old citizen's good sense, long experience, and extensive reading, should make him a firm defender of religious freedom, and universal toleration. When distinguished divines, commit errors, their errors are much more baneful to society than when an individual of ordinary standing happens to do so. They are looked up to, and revered as men of great intelligence, moral, and intellectual worth by the general mass of mankind. They are supposed to be governed by the holy principles and precepts of the savior of the world—not liable to be led astray by prejudice as persons of secular pursuits and habits are generally known to be. How very close, and impartial then should be their investigation of every question, and how nicely should they weigh every word that they utter on issues involving the public weal? They are powerful to do good, by using right means to right ends, and equally powerful to do mischief, by disobeying the commands of Christ, to go into the world and preach the gospel to every creature, "and render unto Caesar the things which are Caesars," but preaching instead the politics of the day, teaching people how to vote at elections.

In the first place, the Hon. Joseph R. Chandler, is a gentleman, whose character is above reproach, and whose learning, research, and venerable age should secure for him at least respectful attention to whatever he may say or publish on any subject, and more particularly on so grave a question as the one, which is now the theme of his lectures. It will not do, to denounce, or speak lightly of the productions of such a man, on so important a subject, without some cause or justification for so doing. If the lectures abound with errors, and untruths, it would be right and proper for old citizen to show it, and produce rebutting evidence, but it will not do for him to attempt their disparagement, by ridicule, and asking questions, which have no direct bearing upon the subject, some of which we believe are founded on erroneous information.

Old citizen does not deny that the catholics have been persecuted in the country, but seems to think it all right because, the catholics themselves persecuted the Huguenots in France, and murdered a large number of them on the night of St. Bartholomew in 1752.

No one should know better than old citizen that it is no justification in one person to commit a crime, because another has done so.—Every act of man that infracts the moral law is wrong, and we are admonished by reason, Revelation, and our internal moral sense, always to do right. To condemn catholics because they have persecuted, and murdered other christian sects, would to some extent establish a rule, that would reach to many others and consign them alike to condemnation and reproach. History informs us, that many other denominations besides the catholics were guilty of persecution, and other crimes disgraceful to them, and at war, alike with the laws of God and man. Were we, only to look at the dark side of the picture, and read only that page in their history which records their faults and follies, there is scarcely a sect in christendom, but would be condemned under the rule which Old citizen has laid down, by which to judge the catholics.

Let us, Old citizen, look back into the past, and see, if the Hon. J. R. Chandler, has not some data on which to found his lectures. We shall not go very far back into the history of this country, as we think we have abundant proof of comparatively recent date. What was the burning down of two catholic churches, and shooting down in the streets of numbers of our unoffending men, women and children, in the city of Philadelphia in the year—? What was the burning of a church in Bath, Maine, and whipping the priest to death not twelve months ago? What was the sacking of the catholics in Jersey city near New York at the same time?

What was the blowing up of another catholic church in Ohio? What was the riots, arson, and murders in Louisville? What was the beating, shooting, and killing Irish catho-

lics in New Orleans, for several days at a time during the past year? What was the cruel, and unchristian-like treatment of catholics all over our country by a political party calling themselves Native Americans? What was the visitations of the Hiss committee, to private catholic schools, and their disgraceful conduct, towards highly educated, and sick and helpless females? What was the enactment of a law by the Know Nothing Legislature of Massachusetts, to deprive catholics from holding any office of trust or profit under the Government of that state? What was the preaching in the streets of New York, Boston, and other cities, against the catholics by the "Angel Gabriel," as he was called? What was the deprivation of members of highly accomplished and worthy catholic ladies of their position as teachers in the public schools in Philadelphia and other places? What I say were all these, and a great many other things, of a like character, which the catholics of this country have had to endure, if it is not persecution? The heart sickens at the recital, and we blush to be obliged to admit its mournful truth.—When old citizen can blot out the record of these things, and wipe away the stain, that attaches to the commission of such deeds, in this day of gospel, light and liberty, then he will be justified in treating the subject with ridicule and Joseph R. Chandler with contempt, for lecturing on such a subject and not till then.

Old citizen should be aware that this war upon the catholics gotten up by the know nothings for party ends, and confined by sectarian feeling and prejudice is making catholics much more rapidly than the priests ever could make them, themselves.

The religious and political proscription for opinion's sake, which has been waged by the know nothing or American party, and which many divines of the Protestant persuasion, seem to endorse as right and proper, have enlisted, and will continue to enlist thousands in the defence of the catholics, which, but for such persecution, would never have given themselves the slightest concern about them. The just and generous will not sit and look on as idle spectators, when they see a portion of their fellow citizens, assailed in their rights of person and conscience, by another portion, who can lay no better claim to sit in judgment upon the catholic than the catholic has to pass sentence upon them. They feel called upon to stand up for the rights of all, and to defend the weak from the strong. They feel that the constitution, the great palladium of our liberties is assailed, by the attempt to exclude catholics from holding office, on account of their religious belief. They deprecate this mixing up of politics and religion, and look upon it as one step towards the union of church and state, and as tampering with a very delicate subject, dangerous to our peace, prosperity and happiness as a nation. I would most respectfully submit for the unbiased consideration of Old citizen, if it would not be better to alay this persecuting spirit against a sect of religionists who claim the same redeemer, and found their faith upon the same revelation, and seek by the power of truth over error, in the spirit of christian forbearance, to win them over to the side, which is more consonant with reason, and a correct interpretation of the holy scriptures. Education and the dissemination of sound conservative doctrines, couched in the language of christian tenderness and love through the public press is the best, and only way to prevent the spread of catholicism in this country. No other mode is consonant the genius of the people, or the spirit of our institutions. It never can be done by proscription and persecution.

Dec. 10th, 1855. JUNIUS.

UNANIMITY OF SENTIMENT IN THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY.—The democracy of Kentucky passed a series of resolutions at Lexington, on the 5th of October last. The Democracy of Illinois met at Chicago, the other day, and also passed a series of resolutions. They are identical in sentiment and almost in terms. Let the Democracy of this state read the response of Illinois to their resolutions. It is the response of the great northwest, and expresses the political views of the democracy of this Union. Go East, West, north, and we have the same political doctrines in the great Democratic party of this country.—Louisville Democrat.

FRANK LESLIE'S ILLUSTRATED NEWSPAPER.—We have received the prospectus of this new journal, to be issued at Nos. 12 and 14, Spruce Street, New York, at the office of publication of FRANK LESLIE'S celebrated Gazette of Fashion and New York Journal. The Illustrated Newspaper lays down a wide field for the display of its talents—politics, literature, art, science, industry, and everything else tending to make a newspaper interesting, and will be handsomely illustrated by the best talent of the country. Price, one volume for six months \$2; per number, 10 cents. Address FRANK LESLIE, as above.

OLDFEMALE ACADEMY BUILDINGS.

Messrs Editors.—As we have most excellent and superb buildings, in the Silliman Female Institute, for the education of females, there is as great a deficiency on the other hand, in the want of proper buildings for a high school for young men. We have never had a male Academy building in Clinton fit for an old field school house and yet there is no better location for a high school for young men, in the state.

It seems to me that the buildings and lot of the old female academy might be put to some more useful and desirable purpose by converting it into a male school. This property I believe, belongs to the public, or, more properly speaking, to the parish. I have not seen the law in relation to it, nor do I know who are the proper trustees, if any, nor their powers; perhaps some one may be able to let us know the condition this institution is now in, what is doing with it; if any good, what it is; the property of the public should be made useful to the public, and as the state Legislature is soon to meet, facilities might be granted to aid us in establishing a male school in Clinton, that would be an ornament to our town and of infinite benefit to the youth of our parish. CLINTON.

CINCINNATI CONVENTION.

The northern wing of the know nothings have recently held a convention in Cincinnati, Ohio, and adopted a new platform, which binds them to a restoration of the Missouri Compromise, or eternal opposition to the admission of any new state made from the territory beyond that line, unless its constitution forbids slavery, or in other words to oppose the admission of Kansas into the Union unless it be a free state. This every one should know would virtually dissolve the Union. Georgia as long ago as 1850, declared most emphatically that the refusal on the part of Congress to admit any new state, because its Constitution tolerated slavery would be considered by her as an infraction of the Constitution, and would absolve her from longer observing its obligations. This step on the part of Georgia, was acquiesced in not only of the people of that state, without distinction of party, but was generally approved by the people of all the southern states. Now what do we behold in the action of this northern wing of the American or know nothing party, but a proposition to do the very thing that Georgia in her highest sovereign capacity said would be resisted at a dissolution of the Union? Is this the American party that was to put down slavery agitation, and give peace and prosperity to the nation? Is this the great party of reform, that was to purify our political system? Is this the party and these the measures, to be supported by the southern wing of those who call themselves such? Can southern men act with such open enemies to southern rights, and interests? Are southern know nothings mad that they should risk their dearest interests in the hands of such a party? The future is pregnant with fearful issues to the south, and union among ourselves, is our only safety. It is not only necessary to save, but will prevent the consequences we dread.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

SUCCESSION SALE.

The State of Louisiana, Parish of East Feliciana, 7th District Court, No. 2000.

In the succession of Wright Bass, and Amelia McNabb, deceased.

In pursuance of an order and commission directed to me from the honorable court aforesaid I will expose to sale at auction to the last and the highest bidder, at the Courthouse door, in the town of Clinton, on

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 1856.

Between the hours of 11 o'clock a. m., and 4 o'clock, p. m., the following described property belonging to said succession to-wit:

A certain tract of land containing six hundred and one acres, bounded on the north by lands belonging to G. W. Munday, and the widow of P. Rourk, on the east by the Comite river, west by John C. and Mary Ellen White, south by lands of Joseph Norwood.

Also a small amount of household and kitchen furniture, one young horse, and stock of hogs in the woods.

TERMS OF SALE.

The personal property on a credit of twelve months from the day of sale, purchaser to give his note with approved personal security bearing eight per cent interest from maturity until paid. All sums under twenty dollars cash.

The land for one fifth of the purchase price cash, balance on a credit of one, two, three, and four years, in equal installments, the purchaser to give his note with approved personal security, to bear eight per cent interest after maturity until paid with a mortgage and vendor's privilege retained to secure the full and final payment of the purchase price dec. 15 JAMES WELSH, Auctioneer.

NOTICE.

All persons indebted to the estate of Mary Kelly are notified to make immediate payment to me, or my attorneys, John & Charles Meyer, and those having claims against the estate, will present them, duly authenticated, for liquidation. may 5 ALFRED WAZARD, Adm'r.

fangled party was to secure a majority of members in Congress opposed to slavery, for the purpose of defeating any attempt to introduce Kansas into the Union as a slave state. It is also a matter of public notoriety, that for months back, a secret political and military society has been formed in that territory for carrying Free-Soil measures into operation, the chief of the Order being styled "the General," and his subordinates officered according to their respective stations. This is the second evil, which Know-Nothingism has entailed upon the South—the creation of new political secret organizations hitherto unknown in our country's history, and incompatible with our institutions and the spirit of liberty. It is a matter of satisfaction to all good Democrats throughout the land to know, that while others have been plotting against the true interests of their country and lending aid and comfort to those who have been seeking its destruction for years past, they at least have been true to their creed, to the laws, and the Union.

Even now, while Know-Nothingism is openly showing its hands in Congress, while Free-Soilism threatens to elevate to the Speakership of the House an Abolition agitator, the eyes of the South nay of the whole country, are turned up toward the Democracy as the only party which deserves its confidence, and offers guaranties of order and tranquillity. It is a tribute due to genuine patriotism, and to unflinching attachment to republican principles.

ALABAMA.

The message of Gov. Winston to the Legislature of Alabama is a document of such length that several of the newspapers at the capital of the State have not found it convenient to publish it entire.

The Governor having disposed of all local subjects, enters elaborately upon the slave question.—He says;

"The continued and violent agitation of slavery by the people of the non-slaveholding states, exhibits a settled purpose on their part, led on by the bigoted fanatic, and scheming politician, to permit the South the enjoyment of no peace in the Union, until aroused by the spirit of freemen, we will have them know we have borne with their aggressions until longer submission to wrong and insult is not endurable."

Detailing the grievances of which the South complains, he remarks:

"The Union of these States is only to be preserved by a faithful observance of the terms of the compact agreed upon in the Constitution; and the sooner the aggressor is made to understand such to be our conclusion, the more likely is the union to last. So long as the Union is calculated to effect the great objects it was established to accomplish, it should be sustained. But when the government, under the control of a reckless majority, ceases to protect, and becomes an object of oppression, it will have failed in the purpose of its creation, and will no longer be a proper object of respect or veneration."

The Governor argues as the only corrective, a union of the whole South, and the adoption of measures calculated to maintain political and commercial independence.

"For myself (says the governor,) I have long been convinced that the day for compromises and appeals to Northern forbearance had passed, and that our safety depended on a sterner and more manly course, resolving as heretofore, to ask for nothing but what is right, and determined to submit to no further wrong."

LAND FOR SALE.

ONE section of land, situate in the Parish of East Feliciana, within five miles of the town of Clinton, with all the improvements, necessary for comfort or convenience, the same being in good repair.

Also: A section of land, in the Parish of East Baton Rouge, near Greenwell springs.

Both sections will be sold on reasonable terms.—For further particulars, enquire at this office. —

NEW BOOKS.

DOESTICK'S Letters; Old Homestead, by Mrs. Stephens; Irving's Works; Travels in Japan and Central Africa, by Bayard Taylor for sale by NAUMAN & STRAUSS.

TOYS! TOYS!!

A SPLENDID lot of Toys, for Christmas and New Year, for sale by NAUMAN & STRAUSS.

FANCY GOODS.

COME and see our extensive stock of Fancy Goods. Cloth, tooth, and nail Brushes, Combs, &c.

Also: a fine lot of OIL PAINTINGS, just received and for sale by NAUMAN & STRAUSS.

FURNITURE FOR SALE.

TO be sold, at public auction, at the Union Hotel, in the town of Clinton, on

SATURDAY, December 22, 1855,

all the furniture belonging to this well known establishment, consisting of

Bedsteads, mattresses, bed clothing, &c.

Parlor Furniture,

Dining room furniture, crockery, glass, &c.

Kitchen ware, tables, &c.

Cooking stove, &c., &c.

Being the same now in use. Persons desirous of purchasing such articles, will please call and examine the same, as bargains can be had previous to the day of sale.

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Clinton Academy.

THE exercises of this Institution will be resumed on Monday, October 22, 1855.

CLARA W. DUNEAR, MARY S. WALKER.

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