

FELICIANA DEMOCRAT.

CLINTON, LA. Saturday Morning, February 2, 1856.

We are indebted to the Hon G. W. Munday, and the Hon. Bythell Haynes, for public documents, reports, papers, &c.

To the Hon. John Slidell, and the Hon. T. G. Davidson, we are under obligations for Washington city and Northern papers.

Dr. Covert and S. Bloom, have our thanks for late city papers.

ALMOST A FIRE.—On Thursday night last, the bake-house of Wm. Gurney was discovered to be on fire. An alarm was given, to which our active firemen soon responded, first among them being their worthy secretary, H. Beecheno. The prompt action of the citizens who first noticed it, with the assistance of the firemen, soon extinguished it.

If you want good and choice fruit, call at the store of B. & A. Moses.

Nauman & Strauss are now prepared to repair watches, jewelry, &c.

LESSONS IN EMBROIDERY.—Madame FRENDA will give lessons in embroidery, in all of its various branches. For terms, &c. apply at the Daguerean Saloon of Mr. Charles Freidal.

F. H. Hatch and Dave Martin have become the proprietors of the Baton Rouge Advocate.

Dennis Corcoran was appointed Reporter of the State Senate, on Tuesday last.

THE LATE GOVERNOR WALKER.

JOSEPH WALKER, ex-Governor of this State, died at his plantation in the Parish of Rapides, on Monday, the 21st inst. In speaking of his demise, the editor of the N. O. Courier, says: "We had the pleasure of knowing Gov. Walker well. He was a native of New Orleans, and we believe, had never been to any great distance beyond the limits of Louisiana. He was a high toned, amiable, and most estimable gentleman; his only defect having been, that he possessed too much of the milk of human kindness. He had filled—always without the slightest shadow of suspicion as to the loftiness and disinterestedness of his motives of action—many important and elevated trusts, and has left behind him the reputation of an upright official, however much those who believe in the vigorous enforcement of the penal ties proscribed by law for offences may have occasionally condemned his tenderheartedness when appealed to in behalf of those who had been sentenced to undergo the punishment decreed to crime. In truth, he was too kind hearted for his station. In the Convention which assembled in 1845, for the revision of the Constitution of the State, he was the presiding officer, and he was chosen to succeed Isaac Johnson, the first Executive really elected by the people of this State; his term of office, was, however, cut short by the adoption of our present constitution, when he retired to Rapides, of which he had been a resident for some forty years past, and where he died, after a protracted illness, and with the sincere and unmingled respect of his neighbors, and, indeed, of all who knew him. He was an enthusiastic Free Mason, and had, long before his death, attained to the highest grade of that ancient and honored fraternity.

DESPERATE ATTEMPT TO BREAK DOWN THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY.—A friend in Congress has sent us a list of the members of the House of Representatives showing the party complexion of that body, which has been carefully prepared and which we are assured is perfectly accurate and reliable. It discloses the telling fact, that of the whole number of members of the House, one hundred and twenty one are Know Nothings, being a clear majority of three of the whole House. Whatever be the pretences on which the Know Nothing organization is built, every body knows that its real object is to break down the Democratic party. Nothing could exemplify the fact more conclusively than the votes of the Southern members of this confessedly northern abolition organization. They dare not vote with their abolition associates of the North; and if they were actuated by any thing but the desperate purpose of breaking down the Democratic party, they would readily vote for the Democratic candidates in this death struggle for the constitutional rights of the south. The leading object of the Black Know Nothing and Know Something Republicans of the North is to break down the Democratic party. To this end they are bending all their energies as the secret means of breaking down the Constitution, and the Southern Know Nothings stand off in armed neutrality in the hope of seeing the paralytic deed well done.—Enquirer.

INTENTION OF THE LEGISLATURE.—It has been represented to us by, we think, parties qualified to speak upon the subject, from their positions at the seat of government, that so soon as the Legislature is fairly under weigh with business, a vote will be taken to ascertain the sense of both Houses as to the propriety of calling upon the Executive to exercise the power vested in him by the constitution, and to remove the Sheriff, Coroner, Clerks of Courts, and others who may have succeeded in obtaining possession of those offices by the breaking of the ballot boxes in the seventh and ninth precincts, and the refusal of the commissioners to receive the votes of adopted citizens legally entitled to exercise the suffrage.

Many of our readers may not be familiar with the clause of the Constitution under which it is proposed in this instance to proceed; and as the circumstances of the present times are peculiar and anomalous, we have thought it advisable to publish, for their entertainment and edification, the article in question.

ART. 97. All civil officers, except the Governor and Judges of the Supreme and Inferior Courts, shall be removable by an address of the majority of both houses, except those, the removal of whom has been otherwise provided by the Constitution.

Under this article it is alleged, the Legislature intends to vindicate the inviolability of the ballot box, and the right of every citizen entitled by law to exercise the suffrage, to do so in defiance of every combination and obstruction.

There is little question, we believe, of the correctness of the above information, and as little doubt in our mind that the changes indicated will be carried out, for the Legislature and Governor elect are represented to be alike firm and resolved.—True Delta.

MAJOR BUFORD & KANSAS.—The Hon. Jefferson Buford, of Barbour county, proposes to start about the 15th February, by Montgomery, Mobile, and New Orleans, to Kansas territory. At each one of the places named, he will remain a few days for recruits. He desires that a large number shall enlist, and prefers young unmarried men, unless those who are married will leave their families at home for the first year, as some intend doing, who have already enlisted for Kansas under Major Buford's standard. None will be refused, and whole families will be carried along if they will not consent to a temporary separation. The passage to Kansas is free, and every emigrant is entitled to eighty acres of land on his arrival.

Here is the greatest inducement ever offered for emigration to a new country. Patriotism, too, appeals to the heart of southern men. The soil of Kansas is to be wrested from the abolitionist.

LEAP YEAR DEVELOPMENTS.—We already see or hear evidences that the ladies have commenced using leap year prerogatives in different parts of the country. In Gallatin, Missouri, a couple of fair ones have inserted the following advertisement in the local paper, showing plainly enough, what their minds are running upon.

LOST.—We are requested by two young ladies of this town to state that each of them has lost, a few days ago, a cuff pin and a piece of black velvet, for which the finder will be liberally rewarded, if "good looking and comes well recommended." Two finders would be preferred, and "they young men."

Instaid New England too, the "wimmin folks" are taking leap year liberties. We learn from the Springfield Republican that a party of twenty two ladies and gentlemen visited that place, a regular sleigh riding party. During their stay they dined and supped at the Mansion House, visited the armory and other prominent features of Springfield, and appeared to have a good time of it generally. The feminines in this instance, were the leaders and getters up of the frolic; they escorted the masculines about, ordered the meals, furnished all the comforts, and footed the bills. The editor of the Republican hopes to record many fruits of this leap year gallantry among his matrimonial announcements before the year is out, and we should not wonder.

COTTON IN UTAH.—The Deseret News says, that beautifully white, fine and silky cotton has been raised in Santa Clara, in Utah, which a young Virginian says, is as good as any he ever saw.

The Mississippi is closed above Memphis, says the Concordia Intelligencer of the 26th, and ice has been passing Natchez several days in succession. This is the third time that ice has been seen as low down as this for the last twenty years, in 1841, in 1852, and now in 1856.

TOO TRUE TO JOKE ABOUT.—The Newburyport (Mass.) Herald, publishes a quiz on the Governor's Message, in which his Excellency is made to reckon it a cause of congratulation, "That only one of the members of the last Legislature was expelled for expending the public money on his licentious passions."

The equestrian statue of Gen. Jackson, is to be dedicated, in New Orleans, on the 9th instant.

Correspondence of the Feliciana Democrat, STATE LEGISLATURE.

BATON ROUGE, Tuesday, Jan. 21, 1856. On yesterday, the Senate and House of Representatives organized according to law. The Hon. W. F. Griffin, of Avoyelles, was chosen President pro tem. of the Senate, and W. W. Pugh, of Assumption, was elected Speaker of the House. The K. N's voted for D. F. Kenner in opposition to the former, and Alfred Duprier in opposition to the latter. Kenner received 11 votes and Griffin 14. In the House Pugh received 43 votes, and Duprier, 36. Mr. Higgins was elected chief Clerk of the House, Mr. Perault, Sergeant-at-arms, and Mr. McRae, doorkeeper, by the same vote. Mr. Warner, chief Clerk, Mr. Levison, assistant, and Mr. Martin, door keeper, were elected in the Senate.

There is a firm determination on the part of the Democratic members to act on the principles of retrenchment and economy. So far, every one seems to be actuated by one sentiment in relation to a reduction of taxation.—Never have I seen democrats, who were prouder of their party and its principles, than the present Senators and representatives of that party in the present legislature. They look upon the glorious old banner of democracy, and at the position of our party all over the nation, and feel as one man, that to these alone are we indebted for the prosperity of the country, and the preservation of the Union.—There is not a member of either house belonging to the Democratic party, who does not feel the responsibility of his position, and the necessity for firmness and prudence, in the discharge of his duty. We may hope for good results from their labors.

The Governor's message was sent in to both Houses to-day, read, and ordered to be printed. It is a plain document and is very creditable to its author. His recommendations are generally sound, and will meet with public approbation.

January 26, 1856.

Our Legislature has adjourned till Monday, after passing resolutions to wear crape in honor of ex-Governor Walker, whose death has just been announced. In his death, the state will mourn the loss of one of its most noble and honored public servants. He lived, respected by all, and loved by every one who enjoyed his personal acquaintance. He was so kind and generous in his nature, that even his failings leaned to virtue's side.

A joint committee was appointed to make suitable arrangements for the inauguration of the Governor elect, on Monday next.

The example set by Mr. Wise, of Virginia, to be sworn in presence of the two Houses, and such persons as choose to attend, without any show or parade, meets my notions of propriety. It would not only save expense to the state, but would be more in accordance with the genius of our government, and the feelings of the American people. Why should we imitate the governments of the old world in getting up a great show and pageantry, when there is no need of it. We should act more in accordance with the spirit of our institutions, and the simplicity of our government.

Yesterday, the Senate special committee on contested elections, made their report, after the reading of which, quite a spirited debate sprung up, which lasted for several hours. The committee reported a resolution, declaring the contestants as clearly entitled to their seats, and that the sitting members were not entitled to theirs; which was adopted, by a very decided majority. Two of the contestant members being present, came forward, were sworn in, and took their seats.

Should the House special committee, to whom the subject has been referred, find as good a case for the contesting members' seats in that body, there is little doubt but a like result will follow.

The material of which the Democratic portion of the House is composed, will fearlessly meet the issue involved in that investigation, and will not fail to rebuke the spirit of violence, fraud, and injustice, which characterized the course of the Know Nothing party at the election in New Orleans, on the fifth of November last. No encouragement to such unlawful proceedings will be given at the hands of the Democratic members of either House. They will not only make a clear exposition of the whole facts of the case, but will publish the evidence upon which their conclusions are founded, so that the public may be able to see for itself and form its own judgment.

January 31, 1856.

You will see by the published proceedings of the House, that three of the sitting members have been unseated, and the contestants allowed to take their places. This was what any one, at all conversant with the facts, must have looked for. To have expected the Dem-

ocratic members of the Legislature to give the least countenance to the high-handed and outrageous acts that were perpetrated at the polls in some of the election districts in New Orleans, during last November, would be to distrust their fidelity to the best interests of the state, and the principles of the only great national party now in the country.

What will be the effect of these constant scenes of violence, and disregard of all law and order in New Orleans, needs no prophet to foretell. That it will be injurious to that city in a commercial and moral point of view, none can doubt. Who would be willing to go to that city and live, and have his life in danger all the while, from assassins, armed with slung shot and brass knuckles. Men of capital will not invest in a city where everything is rendered so insecure by the want of a sufficient and honest police.

I venture the assertion, that, in consequence of this breaking of the ballot boxes, and other outrages at the election in November last, in New Orleans, and the constant recurrence, of unoffending citizens being assaulted on the streets, with deadly weapons, has done more to retard the prosperity of that city, than any thing that has ever happened to it, the yellow fever not excepted.

If the vote, to take the sense of the people for removing the seat of government to the city, was now to be taken over again, the majority against it would be overwhelming. The people of the country will never consent for the government to be carried to New Orleans after what has occurred, since the reign of terror, commenced by the advent of Know Nothingism, with its secret machinery and its unlawful oaths. The lives of the members would be in danger—they would not feel free to act as duty might prompt, in consequence of intimidation and outside influence.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

RAIL ROAD NOTICE.

ALL persons receiving Freight, except responsible Merchants and Traders in town, will hereafter be required to pay on delivery, unless the same is authorized to be charged to the account of a merchant.

The Rail Road Company will not be responsible for freight delivered along the road, except at stations where they have agents. Storage charged on all freight remaining at the Depot ten days.

H. MARBTON, Agent.

SILLIMAN FEMALE COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.

CLINTON, LA.

This Institution will be opened for the reception of pupils on the First Monday of March, under the following Board of instructors:

- REV. HENRY McDONALD, A. M., Principal. MRS. MARY ANNA McDONALD, Vice Principal. MISS WILLIE ANN SLAUGHTER, Assistant. MISS PHILOMELA LOOMIS, Teachers. MR. CHARLES SHULTZ, Music Teacher. An accomplished Pianist to be supplied. Other assistant teachers will be engaged as the number of scholars may require their services.

The terms of tuition and boarding, established by the former Principal, will be adopted, payable in advance, viz.

Table with 2 columns: Tuition, per session of five months, 1st class, 2d class, 3d class, 4th class, 5th class, 6th class, 7th class, 8th class, 9th class, 10th class.

Boarding, per session of five months, 60 00. A deduction of \$2 per month, for those boarders from the vicinity, who come Monday morning and leave Friday evening.

Washing, when done in the institution, per doz. 50. Each boarder will be expected to furnish her own bed, bedding, lights, wash stand, wash bowl and pitcher, towels, &c. The Principal having his own servants, is prepared to receive as many boarders as may desire to board in the Institution.

Pupils will be received at any time during the session, and charged from the time of entrance to the end of the session—but no deduction will be made for absence, after entrance, except in cases of protracted sickness.

The Institution being designed by the charter and its founders for an exclusively Female Collegiate Institute, little boys will not be received.

With the view of saving the patrons of the Institution, unnecessary expense, the school books used by the former principal, will be adopted, and any changes which hereafter may become necessary, will be introduced when the scholars shall have completed the books which they already possess.

The session of Five months will terminate with the close of July, and throw the vacation into August and September. The subsequent session will commence the First Monday of October.

The teachers profess to be utterly incompetent to impart education to pupils who will not apply their own minds to study, and therefore, all agencies calculated to interfere with a strictly Academic course of education, will be protested against and discouraged. The Principal earnestly solicits the co-operation of parents and guardians in promoting the intellectual improvement and highest happiness of the pupils who may be confided to his care.

HENRY McDONALD, Principal. Clinton, La., Feb. 2, 1856. 41-ly

MESS PORK—Oats, Mackerel, Buckwheat, Hams, S. C. and various articles received, and for sale by D'ARMOND.

CIRCUS. WAIT FOR THE BIG SHOW.



In consequence of the immense success which has everywhere attended the exhibition of the Crescent City Circus, the Managers have been constrained to obey the wish of the people and exhibit at a great many points; and this immense show will not therefore reach Clinton, until the 12th of February, when it will exhibit for ONE DAY ONLY, TUESDAY, Feb. 12.

Upon which occasion, the fascinating and elegant equestrian star, brightest in the firmament M'LE FRANK VIC, will introduce her superbly trained ponies Cherry and Fair Star, and her gilded fairy chariot, JEMMY REYNOLDS.

our clown, the pupil, competitor, and conqueror of the great Dan Rice, will propound his questions of local fun and interest, and deliver his great lecture upon Free Love and its desperate and evil tendencies.

Admission 50 cents, children and servants, half price. The troupe is accompanied by a splendid String and Brass Band.

Glorious Campaign! Grand Victory! Two Circuses! Rosston & Manahan's CRESCENT CITY CIRCUS, and the Wonderful Lee Troupe.

Rosston & Manahan announce their great combined Equestrian and Acrobatic troupe, as organized and equipped expressly for the grand winter tour—inasmuch as it contains all the elements and talent of two good circuses, and selected with a careful regard to the feelings and tastes of southern audiences.

- Rosston & Manahan, Proprietors. C. T. Stauding, Treasurer. Col. T. U. Tidmarsh, Travelling Agent. Interior scenes by lady equestrians, M'le Frank Vic and Madame L. Rosston. Principal Equestrian, Mr. W. O. Dale. Principal juvenile Equestrian, Master John Poincelot, six-horse, comic and tragic, and acrobatic equestrian, Mr. F. H. Rosston. Principal Herculean, leaping, pantomimic, peering, and ballet leader, the world renowned, Master Steve. Principal ground and lofty performer, and star of the East, Mr. J. Walker. THE RENOWNED LEE TROUPE. M'le Virginia Lee, Master Johnny Lee, M'le Rosa Lee, Master Stephen Lee, jr. Mr. Lavater Lee.

Our clown, Jenny Reynolds, the successful pupil and competitor of the great Dan Rice. Educated quadrupeds, performing ponies. Interior scenes by the above artists, assisted by a host of auxiliaries.

Splendid acts of lady equestrianism and superb dancing, shadow dance, la sylphide, Russian polka, mazourka, and shawl dance, by the beautiful M'le Vic.

Great six horse act, on high vaulting steeds by F. H. Rosston. Superb tournament and procession, knights in armor: fierce combat on horse and foot by the whole troupe.

Chaste and beautiful double act, Paul and Virginia, by two of the beautiful and interesting juveniles of the troupe.

Great and unapproachable principal act of equestrianism, by Wm. O. Dale, the finest rider of the age, and one hundred somerset man. Grand, gorgeous fairy spectacle, the Spirit of the silver shower, with elegant dresses, costly properties, superb effect, and magic illusions by F. H. Rosston and the juveniles.

The renowned Lee Troupe in all those tremendous, classical, and chaste representations, of ancient statuary, feats of strength, elegant poses, plastiques, beautiful groupings, &c.

Feats of the gymnasium by the whole troupe. Courier of St. Petersburg, a dashing act of horsemanship, dramatic and full of interest, by F. H. Rosston.

Thorough bred Mexican pet pony Shanghai The Vendean Brothers, four in number, in their swift, startling and thrilling representation of the Roman arena, on six horses.

Steve Lee, the only miniature clown in the world, and special favorite of the great Shakespearean Jester, Dan Rice, with songs, fun and frolic.

Comic afterpiece with full properties, rich dresses, funny effects, entitled the Miser of Bagdad.

The above is but a faint idea of the novelties and fun provided for the southern tour. But come and judge for yourselves. The pavilion is spacious, well fitted up and calculated to resist successfully rain, and all dews and vapors.

ONE hundred coils machine Rope, just received. MILLS, CLEVELAND & Co. feb 2-18