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W. W. CHAPMAN & Co. Importers and Dealers in Hardware. CUTLERY, IRON, NAILS, CASTINGS, Boots, Shoes, Saddlery, Trunks, and Plantation SUPPLIES. HAVE A FULL and COMPLETE assortment of every thing in their line. Their old customers and the public in general are requested to call.

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BRAZILIAN PEBBLE SPECTACLES. WE are the sole agents for the sale of the Brazilian Pebble Spectacles. D. KERNAGHAN & CO., may 30, 1857. 21 Camp Street, New Orleans.

NEW GOODS! NEW GOODS!! AT NAUMAN & STRAUSS, a splendid stock of Watches, Jewels, Clocks, Silver Ware, Books, Stationery, and every thing else in the fancy line, on terms to suit the times. may 15 NAUMAN & STRAUSS.

MUSE'S CORRESPONDENCE. A NEW SUPPLY of "Muse's Correspondence with his Son," just received and for sale by NAUMAN & STRAUSS. n 20

MUSIC. WE are constantly receiving fresh supplies of sheet music. NAUMAN & STRAUSS.

BRAGG'S ARCTIC LINIMENT, Mexican Mustang do E. WALKER. For sale by

AT TILDON'S MAY be found the most complete stock of Drugs, Medicines, BOOKS & STATIONERY, AND FANCY GOODS, ever opened in the town. oct 8

PERFUMERY!!! IN GREAT VARIETY—consisting, in part, of Fine Extracts, Cologne, Lavender, Bay Rum, Pomatum, Hair Oils, &c., &c. For sale by NORWOOD TILDON. m 3

CARDS, NOTICES, &c.

Dr. J. C. VAN WYCK, HAVING PERMANENTLY LOCATED IN CLINTON, tenders his services, in all the branches of his profession, to the citizens of this Parish. Office and Residence—The house formerly owned by Mr. Bills. 11-ly

W. I. HAMILTON, ATTORNEY AT LAW. WILL PRACTICE in the Courts of East and West Feliciana, and St. Helena. Address: Clinton, or Baton Rouge. 3

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HARRIS & LEVI, Cotton Factors and Commission Merchants, No. 39 CARONDELET STREET, NEW ORLEANS. WILL at all times be prepared to furnish supplies at the lowest market rates, and grant reasonable facilities to those doing business with them. Soliciting patronage, they promise their personal attention to all business intrusted to them. Jan 19

OAKEY, HAWKINS & Co. Factors and General Commission Merchants, CORNER CARONDELET & UNION STS. NEW ORLEANS. 57 ARTHUR CRAWFORD is our authorized Agent at Clinton, La. sept 12

SMITH, HARRIS, & CO. Cotton Factors & Commission Merchants, No. 60 CARONDELET STREET, NEW ORLEANS. March 7, 1857.

CO-PARTNERSHIP NOTICE. THE UNDERSIGNED, HAVING FORMED A CO-partnership for the purpose of transacting a Cotton Factorage and Commission Business, under the firm of PRITCHARD & FLOWER, beg to tender their services to the Planting Community, assuring them that the greatest efforts will be made to advance their interests. We are prepared to make Cash Advances, and furnish supplies to those wishing to do business with us. RICH. PRITCHARD, RICH. FLOWER, of East Feliciana, New Orleans, Feb. 27, 1858. m 27

TO THE PUBLIC. WE TAKE THIS METHOD OF CONTRADICTION, in a report in relation to the country, to our injury, that we have dissolved partnership in the commercial business, in this city. Such is not the fact. We are still doing business as heretofore, with every facility, as usual, for the accommodation of our friends and customers. A. LEVI, M. HARRIS, New Orleans, Feb. 24, 1858.

MARTIN COLEMAN'S CONFECTIONARY AND BAKERY. HAVING REMOVED FROM HIS FORMER place of business, to the store immediately opposite, he has added to his assortment of goods, a large and extensive variety, just received from the City, which he offers on the most reasonable terms. He will pay particular attention to the furnishing of Cakes for Bridal or other parties. Confectionaries, Wines, Cordials, &c. He has an experienced Confectioner in his employ who will execute all designs of Cakes, Candies or Confectionaries that may be required. REMEMBER COLEMAN, South side of Commercial Row.

NEWSPAPER & PERIODICAL AGENCY. THE UNDERSIGNED HAS COMMENCED A Newspaper and Periodical Agency, for receiving subscriptions for Newspapers and Periodicals, published in the United States or Europe. A list of the most important of these publications, with their prices, can be seen on application. All orders will be promptly attended to. NORWOOD TILDON, oct 30 At his Drug Store, on Brick Row.

DRUGS AND MEDICINES. A FRESH SUPPLY OF DRUGS & MEDICINES, Chemicals, Surgical Instruments, Perfumery, Patent Medicines, &c., &c. Just received and for sale on the most reasonable terms, at the drug store of NORWOOD TILDON. m 20

DRUGS AND MEDICINES. ON THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE NEW YEAR the subscriber would respectfully tender his thanks to his customers for their patronage during the past year, and trusts that by furnishing them with articles in his line of the best quality that the market affords, that he will receive a continuance of the same. His stock has been largely replenished, and is offered on the most reasonable terms. jan 9 NORWOOD TILDON.

PURE CORN STARCH. EXPRESSLY FOR CULINARY AND DOMESTIC purposes, just received and for sale at the drug store of NORWOOD TILDON.

SILVER WARE. WE HAVE RECEIVED the most complete stock of Silver Ware, Castors, Cake Baskets, Fruit stands, Teasets, &c., ever brought to this market. Silver Spoons, Forks, Ladles, &c., manufactured to order, by NAUMAN & STRAUSS.

BRIDGEWATER PAINT KEPT CONSTANTLY ON HAND, and for sale at the Drug Store of NORWOOD TILDON.

BLANK BOOKS, PAPER, PENS, &c. LETTER, cap, and note Paper, of all sizes, qualities, Blank Books, of all styles, Steel, copper, and gold Pens, of every description, for sale by E. WALKER.

WINES! WINES!!! HEIDSECK & Co's CHAMPAGNE, Sparkling Catawba, and Claret Wines, just received at the Drug Store of NORWOOD TILDON.

25 lbs green tea, just received and for sale by E. WALKER.

INDUSTRIAL, &c.

DAVIES & DAVIS, WM. DAVIS. HOUSE, SIGN, AND ORNAMENTAL PAINTERS. GRADING AND MARBLING. PAPER HANGING and Glazing. Wall Coloring done in the neatest style. All orders promptly attended to. Shop: south side of the Public Square, Clinton, La.

SADDLERY, HARNESS MAKING, & CARRIAGE TRIMMING. OWEN KING, would respectfully inform the citizens of East and West Feliciana, that he has opened an establishment in the Town of Jackson, where he will carry on the above business in all of their various branches, and every attention will be given to the good and lasting manufacture of the same.

PLANTATION HARNESS made to order, and carefully and promptly repaired. BUGGIES & CARRIAGES. Particular attention will be paid to the mending and painting of Buggies, Carriages, and other vehicles. WHEELWRIGHTING, in all of its departments, executed in a superior manner. Orders solicited. All work, of whatever character will be well executed, of the best materials, and with the greatest promptitude. Jackson, S. pt. 18, 1858. 1y

PLASTERING IN ALL of its various branches: Plain, Ornamental, Coricating, and Centre Flowers. Whitewashing, coloring, bricklaying, and jobbing in general. All orders promptly attended to; address, Clinton, La. to E. LEE JONES.

R. BAUMANN, COACH AND CARRIAGE MANUFACTURER. HAVING REMOVED to my new shop, on the street running east of the Union Hotel, I am prepared to build all kind of BUGGIES, CARRIAGES, COACHES, &c. on the most approved plans, and in a superior workmanlike manner.

I have now on hand, and nearly finished, a number of new buggies, to which I would call the attention of my customers, and the public in general. They are warranted to be equal if not superior to any brought from the North, or other places. Thankful for the patronage and public confidence extended, I desire to retain and increase the same, by industry, promptness, fair prices, and good work. Attached to my establishment is a blacksmith shop, where all work in that line will be done with promptness and fully guaranteed.

VANHORN'S IRON IMPROVED CULTIVATOR. Having the exclusive right to manufacture this improved Cultivator, I will furnish them to planters on the most reasonable terms. Call and examine them.

Also: Plantation Work of every description. I have every facility for the furnishing of Coffins, &c., and personal attention given at funerals when required. sept. 26, 1857.

EXCELSIOR CARRIAGE FACTORY. BUTLER & KOCH. THANKFUL FOR PAST FAVORS, AND THE very liberal patronage they have received during the past year, announce that they are ready to fill all orders for new work that may come to hand, having a splendid stock of the finest material ever used in the southern country, and for the most approved styles of Buggies and Carriages now in use. Designs for Carriages, Buggies, Sulkies, &c., on the latest and most fashionable plans, can be seen at the CARRIAGE REPOSITORY, on the North side of the Public Square, or at our workshops.

In addition, we would particularly call the attention of the public to our large stock, lately received from Newark, N. J., of BUGGIES, ROCKAWAYS, and BAROUCHES, which we offer to sell at as low prices as they can be procured in New Orleans, thereby saving purchasers, river and rail road freight. CALL AND SEE. NEW WORK ALWAYS ON HAND.

Repairing of every description done in the best manner, at short notice, and on reasonable terms. Designs of all kinds of vehicles to be seen at our shop. Call and see them. All kinds of repairing done on the shortest notice. All work warranted, with proper usage. Butler & Koch, will supply planters with every material they may wish. All work done in their shop, warranted, with proper usage. Business solicited, and satisfaction rendered, or no charge made. Call and examine our work. January, 1858. 1y

HOME MANUFACTORY OF WAGONS, CARTS, &c., &c. R. RIGBY, CONTINUES TO CARRY ON THE WHEELWRIGHT business in all 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. Shop—immediately opposite the Stables of the Union Hotel. All orders for Blacksmith Work will be promptly attended to and faithfully executed. Brooms, on hand and for sale. July 18 RICHARD RIGBY.

BOOKS AND STATIONERY. A LARGE and complete stock of School Books, and a low choice selection of miscellaneous works, together with every variety of letter, cap and note paper, envelopes, water, blank book, inks, pens, pencils &c., &c., just received and for sale at the drug store of NORWOOD TILDON.

NEW BOOKS—JUST RECEIVED. McCAULEY'S HISTORY OF ENGLAND—Hume do do. Foxes History of the Martyrs—Irving's Life of Washington—Poetical Works of Shakespeare, Byron Moore, Tupper, Kirk White, &c., &c., for sale by E. WALKER. feb 29

NOW IS YOUR TIME TO BUY WATCHES, Books, Stationery, etc. Our stock is full. We can sell you in prices. m 15 NAUMAN & STRAUSS.

The Feliciana Democrat.

TAKING CUBA BY ATTACHMENT—SPAIN AN ABSENT AND FRAUDULENT DEBTOR.

Mr. Davis, of Mississippi, proposes to proceed by attachment against Spain as an absent, absconding, or fraudulent debtor. We have a long account against Spain, contracted under aggravated circumstances, and sufficient time has elapsed to show that she is utterly indifferent alike to the obligations she has incurred and to the very offensive events of their origin. There is more in this subject than appears upon the surface. Spain is largely indebted to our citizens. Her agents have committed many grave outrages upon them; have sacrificed their property, and, in numerous instances, when they have been arraigned by Spanish tribunals, and on final decision pronounced innocent, they have been charged with enormous court expenses, and held in prison till they were paid. In nine cases out of ten our claims against Spain have arisen from tortious, illegal, and unjustifiable acts on her part. They are nearly all founded on some clear violations of law. Between individuals such trespassers are held to a closer account, and a more rigid practice prevails in bringing them to judgment. We are not about to contend that Spain should be treated as an absent debtor, and her effects seized in attachment to satisfy our claims; nor are we prepared to maintain that the evidence is sufficient that she is concealing her property with a view of defrauding her creditors, though, on the latter point, we are satisfied the case is by no means clear. She has threatened more than once to destroy her effects. She has not only neglected and refused to pay us what is justly ours, but has declared again and again that if we should undertake to seize upon her estate she would devastate and render them valueless in our hands. It is not easy to see the distinction between removing or secreting property with a view to defraud creditors, and destroying it with the same purpose. The effect is the same upon the parties who are seeking justice, and it is wholly immaterial how the case bears upon those who are doing all in their power to defeat it. But it may be said that nations are unlike individuals—that they should not be treated as responsible to the rules that govern the latter under the civil administration of a State; that with respect to them there is no difference between a tortious act by which a citizen or subject of another shall suffer, and a simple failure to meet an obligation to pay money or to do something else. We are by no means ready to endorse any such doctrine. Every transaction and every act of a nation should be judged according to its character. If it be tortious the offender should be punished, and made to pay even exemplary damages. If they stand out or delay beyond a reasonable time for adjustment, the aggrieved party should have his option to proceed directly against the offending party or his effects.

We would not be understood as claiming that it is the duty of governments to enforce the obligations of their citizens or subjects in all cases against other governments. Lord Palmerston, we believe, announced this doctrine a few years ago, and proposed, for the benefit of British subjects, to apply it to Spain; but the latter subsequently made some arrangement with his lordship which obviated the necessity of its enforcement, or, at least, afforded him an opportunity to recede from his position. It is very questionable, indeed, if the smaller States of the world could maintain themselves under a rule so rigid and effective. England and France, with powerful navies and large standing armies, would have obvious advantages over all the weaker powers, especially on this continent; and they might find very plausible grounds for intervention, too, in our political affairs, if it were once fully established. On the other hand, such a principle, if adopted by the nations, and made applicable only to the future, would induce circumspection, economy, and perhaps integrity, by widening accountability and enlarging practical remedies. As the law now stands, individuals who contract with a foreign government, take the whole responsibility of its good faith and ability to meet its obligations. Indeed, nearly all transactions of the kind are not only based upon the standing of the government, but rates are fixed with distinct reference to their power and disposition to pay. They are simple business affairs, the subjects of investigation into the permanence of the obligators, their means and their honesty. They are purely voluntary.

Obligations incurred by an illegal, tortious, and oppressive exercise of power over the citizens and property of another State, rest upon a very different basis. There is nothing of the nature of a contract in them. They involve the commission of wrongs to persons and the illegal sacrifice of property; and reason and justice demand that the aggressor shall be punished and compelled to make restitution or pay aggravated damages. It is clearly the duty of every government to exercise its power in defence of its citizens, to avenge their wrongs in a proper way; and there is no sense in receiving the plea of poverty on the part of such offenders as a ground for staying execution. All diplomatic excuses should be discarded as a part of the machinery by which the ends of justice are sought to be defeated.

In regard to Spain, we repeat, the obligations due to our people arise wholly from illegal, unjust, and tyrannical acts on the part of her officials. It is not too much to say that many of these acts, if not premeditated by the officials themselves, who knew they were illegal, were directly induced by the Madrid government. The vice-regal governors have had before them for a long succession of years special instructions from the Queen to be exceedingly cautious in the exercise of authority over the subjects of England and France. Those instructions contained irritating and offensive references to the citizens of the United States, and enjoined particular vigilance over their conduct and language. Under such circumstances, and in the face of a pervading national prejudice against our people, the wonder is that our large commerce and intercourse with the island has been maintained at all. The administration of Cuba has thus been controlled by fundamental instructions requiring the Cuban officers to discriminate against our citizens; and it is perfectly fair to infer that our grievances attach at once and directly to the Queen's own management. We make these observations with the sole view of bringing before Congress and the country the exact nature of our relations with Spain. We have sought redress and been put off with infinite excuses from time to time. Ready to commit wrong and to inflict damages, they are never ready to do right. They have again and again violated their own laws to do our people injury; but they are never willing to prove their integrity by disavowing the acts of their officials and satisfying the claims of injured parties. They talk of the pride of their Kingdom, of its past glories and its present fame, and proclaim everywhere that the power and the integrity of the Crown demand of them that they shall hold Cuba, at whatever cost. Meanwhile their creditors are starving, their treasury is impoverished, and their government a prey to contending factions and ambitious and mercenary politicians.

Mr. Davis proposes, under all the circumstances, that the federal government shall notify Spain and demand payment of certain indebtedness, and, in default thereof, that attachment issue with directions to our naval consuls to seize the Island of Cuba. In equity, Mr. Davis is right. Spain has justly forfeited all claim to the forbearance of the United States. The Island has been governed for twenty years on the idea that England and France would not consent to its falling into our hands. It has been regarded perfectly safe to treat our people as barbarians and pirates; to arrest them, confiscate their property, and, even when pronounced innocent in criminal prosecutions, to refuse not only to return their estate, but make them pay enormous costs. The whole judicial system of Cuba is in the hands or under the control of the Governor General. This is not the theory of the government, but it is its practice; so that all authority, wherever and by whomsoever exercised, is a unit.

THE LOSS OF THE BRIG SUSAN.

A gentleman of this city, says the N O Picayune, connected with the Nicaragua expedition, and one of the officers of the party that sailed on the brig Susan, arrived here this morning from Mobile, and has kindly furnished us with an account of the shipwreck of the Susan, Capt. Maury in command, which vessel left Mobile on the 4th December last, bound for Omoa, Honduras, and the loss of which we published by telegraph, in our Sunday morning's edition.

The Susan went ashore on Glover's Reef, in the Bay of Honduras, on the morning of the 16th December, at 3 o'clock. The fore and mainmast were immediately cut away and in cutting away the mizen topmast, Mr. Van-Slack, second officer, fell, and was badly hurt. Capt. Maury sent the yawl, with Mr. Carr, first officer, and six men, to one of the Bay Islands for assistance. This boat was two days rowing to an island, during that time the people on the Susan were busy making a raft; which, however, they were not called on to use, as on the third day, Capt. Miller, a wrecker, came off to the shipwrecked vessel with his schooner, and for three days was busily engaged landing the crew and passengers of the Susan on the island occupied by him.

All hands being safely landed, with sufficient provisions, Capt. Maury started in the wrecking schooner for Belize, Honduras, for the purpose of chartering some vessel to carry his passengers to their port of destination. He found the brig Kate, Capt. Goodspeed, in the harbor, and succeeded in making arrangements with her owners for the transportation; but Capt. Goodspeed positively refused going to sea, or having anything to do with the vessel, or with Capt. Maury and his men.

The Governor of Belize, Sir Frederick Seymour, sent for Capt. Maury, and told him that he could not send him and his people to Nicaragua; but that her Britannic Majesty's steamer Basilisk would be at Belize that day, and he would place her at the disposal of Captain Maury, to proceed to any port in the United States that he might name, which courteous offer was promptly accepted by Capt. Maury. The Governor and his Secretary came on the Basilisk to Miller's Key, on Christmas day, and he personally made the same offer to the