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SENATORIAL. Since our columns were prepared for the press, we have been placed in possession of quite a number of letters soliciting the Hon. A. M. GRAY to become a candidate for the senate next F. CANNON, Esq., whose seat therein has been duly declared vacant.

France and the American Blockade—The sale of Louisiana. A very singular rumor has been in circulation during the last few days, viz: that France claims for herself the free navigation of the Mississippi, under the original treaty for the sale of Louisiana by France to the United States in 1803.

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The Admission of Missouri. The noble State of Missouri is now formally a member of the Confederacy—the twelfth star in the Southern Constellation. The following is the President's proclamation announcing the fact:

Whereas an act of the Congress of the Confederate States of America approved this, the 28th day of November, 1861, provides that "the State of Missouri be, and is hereby, admitted, as a member of the Confederate States of America, upon an equal footing with the other States of the Confederacy, under the Constitution for the Provisional Government of the same."

Now, therefore, I, JEFFERSON DAVIS, President of the Confederate States of America, do issue my proclamation, making known to all whom it may concern, that the admission of the said State of Missouri into the Confederacy is complete, and that the laws of the Confederacy are extended over said States, as fully and completely as over the other States now composing the same.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name, and caused the seal of the Confederate State to be affixed, at Richmond, the 28th day of November, A. D. 1861. JEFFERSON DAVIS, By the President: R. M. T. Hunter, Secretary of State.

Proclamation of the Governor of Alabama. Governor Moore of Alabama, last just issued a proclamation, in which he says:

The minions of the Lincoln Government are concentrating, in large force, near Columbus, Ky. Should they succeed, at this point the fairest portion of our State may be invaded. The Legislature has met the emergency, promptly, and in obedience to their action, I issue this, my Proclamation, calling for sixty Companies of Volunteers, for a term of not less than four months, unless sooner discharged. Each Company to consist of one Captain, one First-Lieutenant, two Second-Lieutenants, five sergeants, four Corporals, and not less than sixteen or more than one hundred privates.

People of North Alabama! your households and your hearths are in danger! Let every man capable of doing effective service in the field, rally, at once to the call. Every hour lost increases the prospect of the success of the enemy; prompt and energetic action is all that is demanded. Let Companies at once form—arm themselves with shot-guns and rifles—bowie-knives, in addition, wherever they can be had. Prepare as much ammunition as possible, and take with you your bullet moulds and shot-pouches. Provide yourselves with four day's rations, and clothing, and be prepared to march at the shortest notice. Your neighbors will contribute their aid; every man, who has a rifle or a shot-gun will not hold it back from the volunteers, in this emergency. If they do, let them be counted as enemies to their country!

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The Crisis. The next two months will, we think, determine definitely the question of a long or short war. The North has been making herculean exertions, preparatory to the operations of the winter campaign.

The time has fully come when the plans of that campaign are to be carried into effect. We shall shortly know the extent of Northern success or failure. The United States, after enlisting, putting in camp and drilling troops for several months, seem about to try their strength at many points. Virginia is to be overpowered through the defeat and destruction of Johnston's army [?] Charleston and Savannah are to be taken and burned. The seacoast of Georgia and the whole of South Carolina are to be conquered and devastated. Pensacola is to be reduced; and Mobile and New Orleans are to be entered from the sea, when Kentucky and Missouri have been overrun and the great Ohio fleet and army fight their way, rough-shod, over Nashville and Memphis, down to the waters of the Gulf. At the conclusion of these exploits, the loyal Southerners are to be discovered and brought forth to the admiring gaze of the Yankee nation.

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Such, it appears, is the programme—the entertainment to which we are immediately invited.—How far these schemes are to be realized, it will not take long to develop. The attack on Port Royal is, so far a decided success. We will shortly see how it fares with the projected attempts on Savannah and Charleston. Also, how the war goes in Virginia and the valley of the Mississippi. The result of these battles in prospect will throw great light on the future.

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RUFFIN GRAY.

This noble young soldier was the second son of our fellow citizen, the Hon. A. M. Gray. He was born in the parish of Point Coupee, on Sunday the 21st day of August A. D. 1842. Subsequently he moved to this parish where he attended the Marksville High School soon after it was established and remained there ardently pursuing his studies under the supervision of Prof. A. Lafargue. Whilst he remained in this institution, he was known and respected as one of the most exemplary boys that ever cheered the heart of a parent.

During the year of 1860 he became a cadet in the Military Academy at Alexandria, and while there displayed the same qualities of the head and heart, as had distinguished him at the Marksville High School. At the end of the year he returned home having acquired a considerable knowledge of military tactics.

In the late of a few months war broke out between the remnant of the United States and the Southern Confederacy. Rufin had completed his fourth year and felt that his country called for his services. When Capt. L. Stafford of Rapides was making up his company, Rufin bade adieu to his home and set out for the seat of war. The next night this noble boy spent at Marksville until very late assisting his sister in making a small flag for individual use. On his little folds he inscribed these words: "Come on!" On his way to enlist, he was successful in getting two recruits to join him, and went on immediately to Virginia where he remained in active service until captured by the ruthless hand of disease and death.

The following is Capt. Stafford's letter to his father.

Manassas, Va., Nov. 28th 1861. Hon. A. M. Gray, Dear Sir—It is my painful duty to inform you of the death of your noble son Rufin. He died yesterday morning about 10 o'clock very suddenly. He had been complaining for some time of a little fever, but was most all the time knocking about the camps and taking a little medicine. The day before he died, he reported himself for duty and superintended the hauling of wood for our camp. He was perhaps imprudent that day and night and ate too much. He was taken ill in the night again, and next morning was standing by the fire getting one of his mess-mates to make him some tea; complaining of being chilly, and said he had had a chill in the night, when he was taken suddenly ill—was immediately taken to his tent and died in ten minutes. When I returned from a Court Martial I found my noble boy a corpse. I was too much shocked to describe my feelings. He was a true specimen of the chivalric and brave youths of the South. I would to God! I had consolation to offer you and your family. I can only say he died in a noble cause on the tented field he and anxious to fight for his country. Noble boy! if he had any faults I never discovered them. All the company loved and respected him. He was buried this morning with the honors of war, on a beautiful high hill where I buried two others of my company. They have been taken home since. His name is roughly cut on a rock which is at his head. He lies buried about three and half miles from Manassas at a M. John Wells'. I must conclude by offering you my heartfelt sympathy at your irreparable loss. Your sincere friend, L. A. STAFFORD.

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STATE OF LOUISIANA, Parish of Avoyelles.

SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT. Succession of Marguerite Guillory, deceased.

BY VIRTUE of an order issued by the Honorable Court of the 7th Judicial District in and for the Parish of Avoyelles, State of Louisiana, will be offered at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, of the undersigned, public auctioneer for the said parish,

WEDNESDAY, the 18th of Decem., 1861, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M., at the late residence of the deceased, the following described property:

- 10.—The plantation on which the deceased last resided situated in that part of the parish of Avoyelles commonly called the Conxan, containing one hundred and eighty superficial arpents more or less, bounded North by lands of Zenon Mayeux, South by Francois Villenave and Paulin Duceote, East by lands of Villenave Roy and West by public lands, with all the buildings and improvements thereon situated or in any wise appertaining thereto. 20.—The slave ANTOINE, mulatto man aged 50 years. 30.—Four head of horses. 40.—Two cows and one calf. 50.—One pair of oxen. 60.—1 lot of hogs. 70.—Two beds and beddings. 80.—8 chairs. 90.—One corn mill etc etc. 100.—30 barrels of corn. 110.—1 bil. of flour. 120.—The kitchen furniture. 130.—Un lot of sundries. 140.—1 armoire. 150.—One table.

Terms and Conditions. All sums of ten dollars and under, payable on the first day of April 1862, and all sums above ten dollars payable in four equal and annual instalments, maturing severally on the 1st day of April of each of the years 1862, 1863, 1864 and 1865. Purchasers to furnish their notes to the order of the administrator with two good securities in solidio bearing eight per cent per annum interest after maturity till paid. The land and slave to remain specially mortgaged until the full and final payment of the principal and interest that may accrue. The notes to be made payable at the office of the Recorder of this parish.

Marksville, Avoyelles, on this 16 day of November 1861. LEON GAUTHIER, Public Auctioneer.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, Parish of Avoyelles.

Seventh Judicial District Court. Succession of Francois Roy, deceased.

WHEREAS Alcee Roy of this Parish, has filed in the Office of the Clerk of this Court, a petition praying to be appointed administrator of the above entitled succession.

Therefore, notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern, to show cause, if any they have, within ten days from this notification, why the prayer of the said petitioner should not be granted.

Clerks office, Marksville, this 7th of December, 1861. L. H. COUVILLON, Clerk.

Estate of PRUDENT D'ARTLYS, deceased. NOTICE.

All persons holding claims against the above estate are notified to present the same to the undersigned properly sworn to, and all those indebted to said estate are informed that prompt settlement must be made or else legal measures will be resorted to to enforce payment.

H. & S. L. TAYLOR, Atty. of Est. d'Artlys.

Militia. Notice is hereby given to the public that will proceed strictly according to law in the collection of fines imposed on persons failing to attend drills.

Sheriff's Office, Marksville Nov. 29th, 1861. P. P. NORMAND, Sheriff.

CELESTIN MOREAU JR., ENCANTEUR PUBLIC.

SON bureau a Marksville est un bureau S. M. L. V. Gremillion, recorder, qui se chargera de donner prompts avis a l'encan-teur quand quelque'un requerra ses services. 11 lev-la.

LAZARE, LEVASSER & CO., HEADQUARTERS, RED HOUSE.

on the Levee, near the Meat Market. THE undersigned respectfully inform their friends and neighbors of the Avoyelles parish and vicinity of the State, that they keep constantly on hand a large assortment of

By Goods: Ready made Clothing, Hats and Shoes, brought at the daily New York and New Orleans Auctions, and they are ready to sell them at VERY LOW PRICES.

They respectfully solicit a share of the patronage of the public, and they feel confident they will be honored with, as their goods are guaranteed to be good, cheap, and of the best style.

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LIBERAL REWARD

Will be given for any information leading to the recovery of a Bay Horse, about 8 or 10 years old, with a white star in the face, sway back heavy mane, and tail, strayed from J. H. Cason's plantation. The horse has belonged, at one time, to Mr. Perkins of Bayou Rouge. Information to be sent to Roberson, Jenkins & Co., Simmsport 19 oct—1 m Z. CASHY.

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Sequestration Notice!

To the Citizens of the Parishes of Rapides, Avoyelles, Natchitoches and Winn.

I HEREBY notify every Attorney, Agent, former Partner, Trustee or other Person holding or controlling any lands, tenements, or hereditaments, goods or chattels, rights or credits, or any interests therein, of or for any alien enemy of the Confederate States of America, speedily to inform me, the Receiver for the section of the District of Louisiana comprising the above named Parishes, of the same, and to render to me an account thereof, and so far as is practicable to place the same in my hands. Any such persons wilfully failing to give me this information and render such account will be guilty of a high misdemeanor and will be liable to be indicted and upon conviction, fined and imprisoned and will further be liable to be sued by the Confederate States and subjected to pay double the value of the estate, property or effects of the alien enemy held by him or subject to his control.

I also notify each, and every citizen of the Confederate States speedily to give me information, as the Law makes it his duty to do, of all lands, tenements or hereditaments, goods and chattels, rights and credits, within the above named Parishes, and of every right and interests therein held, owned, possessed, or enjoyed by or for any alien enemy.

The following persons are subject to the operation of the Act of Congress, approved August 30th 1861, as Alien Enemies, viz: All citizens of the United States except those of Delaware, Maryland, Kentucky, Missouri, District of Columbia, or the Territories of Arizona, New Mexico and Indian Territory South of Kansas. All citizens or residents of these excepted States and Territories who shall commit actual hostilities against the Confederate States, or aid, or abet the United States in the existing war. All persons who have a domicile within the States with which our Government is at war, no matter whether they are citizens or not.

Address me at Alexandria, Parish of Rapides, Louisiana. T. C. MAXNING, Receiver. Alexandria, La., October 7th, 1861. oct 19—1 m.

TO THE SOUTHERN PUBLIC.

At a meeting of the citizens of New Orleans convoked on the 29th of July last, a permanent committee of twenty four gentlemen was appointed to solicit contributions for the relief of the sick and wounded soldiers of the Southern Confederacy, and provide for their comfort during the war.

The undersigned, in behalf of the committee thus appointed, appeal to the humane and patriotic to aid them in their holy work. It behooves those who enjoy the safety and comforts of home to testify, in a material form, their appreciation of the perils and sufferings of our brave volunteers. It is in our case they are stricken, and it is our mission to pour balm into their wounds. The poorest can contribute something, and the offering will be appreciated; perhaps such will be especially blessed in their results.

The committee will be advised of the nature of supplies required at hospitals. Their efforts will not be confined to the soldiers of a particular State or section. They will afford all the aid and relief in their power to all sufferers in our cause. If means can be raised they propose to organize a permanent system of relief. Contributions of clothing, blankets and bed clothes, articles of nourishment suitable for the sick, particularly sugar, coffee, tea, rice, tapioca, arrowroot, cordials, pure liquors and wines, are especially solicited. Warm clothing, woolen socks and shoes, in great quantity, will soon become absolutely necessary in the latitude of the seat of war. We appeal to our fellow-citizens not to abandon our brave soldiers in their afflictions.

A warehouse for the reception of such stores as may be contributed has been established at No. 58 Gravier street, where a reliable person will be in attendance. Each member of the Permanent Committee will receive contributions in money.

JOHN FINNEY, T. O. SCULLY, H. GAUTHIER, HENRY RENSHAW, Sub-Committee.

NOTICE.

The following gentlemen compose the permanent Committee for the relief of the sick and wounded soldiers of the Southern Confederacy:

W. A. ELMORE, President. D. I. RICARDO, Secretary. HENRY RENSHAW, Treasurer. P. E. Bonford, J. Pemberton, H. Wright, S. O. Nelson, G. Mittenberger, P. S. Wiltz, J. Bernadez, S. P. DeLabarre, T. O. Sully, R. Gardner, S. B. Newman, W. A. Gasquet, A. M. Buchanan, R. A. Bourke, G. A. D. Komper, A. B. James, J. Finney, J. P. Frechet, H. Bier, P. J. Grand, J. B. Denegre.

At a meeting of the Committee held this day, the following Preamble and Resolution was unanimously adopted:

"WHEREAS, the citizens of the Country Parishes, would gladly and promptly aid in rendering assistance and comfort to the sick and wounded soldiers who have volunteered their services and risked their lives in the defence of our common country, therefore,

Resolved, That three gentlemen in each of said Parishes be appointed a Committee to collect contributions, and forward the same to the President or Treasurer of the Committee."

To Messrs. HENRICH TAYLOR, J. J. GENESSEE, H. M. KEARY, Committee for Avoyelles Parish.

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Grand Depot de Graperie

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