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SPECIAL NOTICE.

Subscribers, finding a pencil mark around this notice, will understand that their subscription to this paper expired on Nov. 21, 1879. Those whose time expired on the above date will be presented, on coming forward at once and paying \$2 cash, with a receipt for the CLARION to January 1st, 1881. This is not a "dun."

THE BASTROP RAILROAD AGAIN.

In former issues of this paper we have endeavored to point out the benefits that would accrue from a railroad connecting this town with Monroe. Our suggestions have gone unheeded by the very men who we desired to take the initiatory step in this all-important enterprise. But, realizing the absolute and indispensable necessity of this line, and knowing that without this line Bastrop can never take that prominent position as a desirable trading point, designed for her by nature, we again appeal to the business men and planters of this parish to give this subject some careful and common-sense thought.

There is not in Bastrop a man with a thimble-full of brains, but must acknowledge that we are lagging in the back-ground. The same old hum-drum, foggy style of business characterizes this town from the end of one year to the end of another. Our merchants—the majority of them—are in the same little old rickety shanties that they were in twenty years ago. And why? Well, they say they are too poor to build better. Yet there is not in Louisiana a town surrounded by a more fertile country than Bastrop.

production of the great staple. Her fields, when cultivated, yield corn and cotton in prodigious profusion. So it is not for lack of means that we fail to grow rich, but it is for lack of properly directed means. We want enterprise. We want to get out of the old ruts. This age of steam and lightning go-aheadiveness has left us, and our neighbors, of more energy and more enterprise, have "walked off" with the "belt" which should encircle ourselves.

Just consider, for a moment, the vexation to which our merchants have been subjected this season in moving their cotton and in obtaining goods. Think of the thousands of dollars that have been expended for transportation to and from Monroe this winter. Think of the number of times merchants have failed to have in store what their customers wanted because they could not get it hauled from Monroe. We venture the assertion that Morehouse parish expends and loses money enough, by the present system of transportation, in two seasons to build a railroad from here to Monroe. Think of the immense bulk of trade Monroe has captured from this town. The purchaser says: "I can't afford to pay you 50 cents per hundred for hauling what I buy." Hence, off to the railroad he goes. Everybody knows that the merchants here cannot compete, with the same financial results, with the business men of Monroe. It costs our merchants \$1.15 per barrel more to store flour than it costs Monroe. The planter knows it. He has a team idle and he determines to go to the railroad.

This must be stopped. We must bring the railroad to our own doors. We must reclaim the trade that has wandered off to other points. Let us, friends of Morehouse, move in this enterprise. Let us wake up from our sluggish lethargy, build a railroad, and take a position along-side the civilized world.

The Catahoula News says that F. T. Nicholls is one of the best Governors that Louisiana ever had, and we believe it.

THE NEXT PRESIDENT.

The Morehouse Clarion under the above heading deprecates the way in which the Southern press, as well as the Northern, advocate certain individuals for the Presidential chair. Instead of giving its readers sound, sensible argument it gives them this silly and foolish fizzle:

"Many Southern newspapers are as busily engaged in this unwise movement as are the myriads of the narrow-minded journals of the North. Even Southern local papers are sticking their puny, insignificant noses into this business of stirring up strife. With a presumption, equalled only by their ignorance, upstart country editors sit down and 'squib' about this man or that man as probable and improbable candidates for President, when they are certainly aware that their squibs are but fizzes at which sensible people giggle."

On the 12th of December the Sentinel had something to say of Presidential candidates. Also several of our esteemed country exchanges, including the Ouachita Telegraph and Claiborne Guardian, have had something to say in regard to the Presidential race next year, and both of said papers favored different gentlemen for the position. We say that the paper which conceives the idea that it is too insignificant to speak of things outside of its own locality and admits as much in its columns, is a very puny concern indeed. And a paper that is afraid to express an opinion, it is generally believed has none to express.—[Vienna Sentinel.]

When we penned that article we considered it "the greatest effort of our life." Our egotistical presumption suggested that it was the emanation of a stupendous brain. We flattered and deluded and self-conceited that our genius was commensurate to cope with the master problem of the age. We commiserated with the effusions of Reid, of Dana, of Harbalt, of Bennett, of Burke, of Hyams, and of J. T. Walker. The comparison only augmented the conception we had of its wonderful merits. We sent a copy of the article to the great silent circumnavigator, and humbly, though positively, begged him to pass judgment upon its worth. Mortal man never saw brighter gems than did U. S. G. stick into our editorial quill. He went so far as to request the National Legislature to pass resolutions of the highest eulogy upon the editor of the CLARION. We were just simply sitting back in the shade of our hard-earned laurels, basking in the blaze of our dazzling fame, sympathizing with our less-favored brethren of the press—the editor of the Sentinel in particular—wondering why all men are not great men like unto myself, ever and anon darting—intuitively darting—that article through the net-work of our brain, when, horror of horrors, the Sentinel man, who hails from that parish of all other parishes, named for the martyr President, arises in a fit of selfishness and in a spasm of spiteful jealousy and proclaims to the world that our editorial is a "silly and foolish fizzle." Such shocks as his brutal criticism gave our nerve-force, few men are able to survive. We are over-powered. We are completely "kerflummed." The starch is knocked entirely out of us. "We have seen our fondest hope decay." "Man springeth up like unto a polk stalk, and dieth away even like unto a young coon." We are nearly ready "to give up the ghost." Were it not for the hope that we have of some day seeing the destroyer of our reputation, we should rashly quit these troubles and go to those "that we know not of."

If we had an "opinion," we should express it right here to the purpose that the editor of the Sentinel is a very severe and heartless critic.

STATE NEWS.

East Carroll parish is in a healthy financial condition.

The Conservative thinks E. A. Burke one of the staunchest Democrats in the State.

John Robinson carried off \$3000 from Clinton last week. That's good circus business.

The Hanksville Bulletin wants to put the Senatorial toga on John McEnery.

The editor of the Conservative spent his Christmas in Vicksburg, and says he had a jolly good time over there.

The Claiborne Guardian and Carroll Conservative want Gen. Gibson in the U. S. Senate. We want Judge Spofford instead of Gibson.

Adam Cummins, an old darkey of East Carroll, shot his daughter to death and then tried to kill himself. No cause known for the horrible deed.

Mischievous boys pasted obscene pictures on the front of the Methodist Church in Providence last week. A few cowhides pasted on their backs would be in order now.

Mr. John Hamilton, of East Feliciana parish, accidentally shot himself in the right arm, side and eye, while out hunting.

A Texas horse-trader lost 6 horses in the Ouachita at Columbia last week. They were drowned while swimming the river.

The Columbia Herald says that Capt. Farmer is the fittest man in the Second District for the Circuit Bench.

The Houma Courier and Terrebonne Independent are at daggers' point with each other. Come! come! shame on you both.

The New Orleans Bayou says that New Orleans needs and must have a new charter. It argues like a clever fellow for a better organic law.

Texas has no fear of a scarcity of labor this year, and the Journal thinks the negroes are better satisfied than they have been since the war. Sensible darkies.

Chas. Guthrie pitched his 6 year old boy from a balcony 18 feet high to the pavement below last Sunday in New Orleans. The inhuman father is in the lock-up.

The Vienna Sentinel has an "opinion" that there will be a Presidential election some time in the year A. D., 1880. We only give this as the Sentinel's "opinion."

Capt. W. W. Farmer.

We inadvertently failed last week to notice, as we had promised, some of the claims which Capt. Farmer has upon the Legislature in asking them to place him upon the Circuit Bench. It was rumored some time ago that he would be a candidate for the Speakership, and his candidacy received the approbation and support of a large majority of our exchanges. He has emphatically stated now that he does not seek that position. His election to the Judgeship, however, will not deprive the Legislature of his valuable services and wise counsel during the coming session, from the fact that the Circuit Judges will not enter upon their duties until the first Monday in April.

Capt. Farmer stands at the head of his profession as a profound scholar, a ripe and successful lawyer and a cautious and sagacious counselor. He has been a practitioner at the Monroe Bar for years, and by his industry and ability he has established a practice which is reputable and lucrative. There is no man in the bounds of the district whom Morehouse would rather see clothed in judicial robes than Capt. W. W. Farmer, of Monroe. We ask our Representatives in the Legislature to give his claims upon their consideration such attention and consideration as the intrinsic worth of the man deserves, and we are sure of his election.

Boots and shoes at Peterkins in endless variety.

The Senatorship.

Just now the attention of the State Press is absorbed in the sticky and plucky Kellogg. Able articles favoring this man or that man are being written all over the State. The one man who seems propped up by the majority of quills, is that popular and indefatigable worker, Gen. R. L. Gibson. From the tone of the Press—we except the boisterous Democrat of course—one would think that no other man in Louisiana has sense enough to sit in the Senate Chamber of the United States. When we read the flowery eulogies, rhetorical panegyrics, and bombastic acclamations which the Press is showering down upon this wonderful man, we get his fame and that of the mighty Ulysses kind o' mixed, and our faculty of distinguishing objects of graded grandeur grows gross. Now, we have nothing but praise for Gibson. He merits it, not because he has done any more than his duty, but because he has done his duty. In this day of corrupt and degenerate statesmanship the man who has the moral courage to work for his constituents, deserves the gratitude of the public. This is no more, no less than what R. L. Gibson has done.

But we believe there is a man in Louisiana who has stronger claims upon the Legislature for the position of U. S. Senator than Gibson. It is proposed to elect a man to succeed William Pitt Kellogg, when in truth, if elected, he will succeed the very man whom the Legislature should re-elect—we mean Judge H. M. Spofford. It is thought by many that the Senatorial Committee, appointed to investigate Kellogg's right to the seat he holds in the Senate, will oust the usurper, and force him to "step down and out," in which event Spofford would take his seat. And suppose this to be the case. Why not keep Judge Spofford in the Senate? Why not make him his own successor? But suppose that Kellogg is permitted to retain his present position until March, 1883? Should not the people of Louisiana show to Judge Spofford that they have the same confidence in his ability that they had two years ago, by re-electing him? He has been swindled, his rights have been trampled upon, and of aspirants to that exalted position, he deserves the most consideration from Louisiana's Legislature.

Judge Oren Mayo.

The gentleman whose name heads this article is a candidate for the Circuit Judgeship. He is represented as a man of sterling worth and acknowledged ability. With his social qualities, he combines the highest order of forensic ability, and will be an ornament to the dignified position to which he aspires. The Concordia Bar, of which Judge Mayo is a prominent and highly respected member, endorses him enthusiastically for the Circuit Bench. The Concordia Eagle says, editorially, that "it is a matter of regret to us that his distrust of his own abilities should restrict him to this circuit, a sphere of usefulness which might be extended over the State and prevent his elevation to the Bench of the Supreme Court."

With Capt. Farmer and Judge Mayo on the Bench of this Circuit, the jurisprudence of the Second District will be under the supervision of pure men and gigantic intellects.

We would write more but have already given the merchants * * * a puff.—[Vienna Sentinel.]

We beg the Sentinel man to come over to Bastrop and get our devil's "opinion" of English grammar. Is there not a public school in Vienna?

Senator Houston, one of the foremost of Southern statesmen, died at his home in Athens, Ala., December 31st, 1879. His career as a public man has been singularly marked with success. Beginning life as a member of the Bar, he was appointed Solicitor for the district, and step by step went up until he was elected Senator. In every position he has ever proved faithful to the trusts confided to his care. In the darkest days of Alabama he took the helm and safely guided the ship of State through the breakers and over the whirlpools of financial distress into the smooth waters of peace and prosperity.

His characteristic *nom de plume* was "Bald Eagle" and it was a familiar household word throughout Alabama. His services both before and since the war in public life made him fame and name, honor and love. He died of cancer and fatty degeneration of the heart. The nation is in mourning for G. S. Houston, of Alabama.

A look into our postoffices will reveal large bundles of papers published outside of the State. It is paper for our citizens to take such papers to be informed of events in the outside world.—[Vienna Sentinel.]

Yes, your people want an "opinion" of national and Presidential affairs, a commodity which the Sentinel's readers feel that it is sadly in need of.

Several young men were sitting together and a young lady happened to approach the vicinity. One "real sweet" young fellow seeing, as he supposed, the young lady looking at him, remarked playfully, and with a becoming simper, "Well, Miss— you needn't look at me as though you wanted to eat me." "Oh, no," sweetly replied the young lady, "I never eat greens."

Do not send off your money for anything you can get at home. [Vienna Sentinel.]

Then how will your people be informed of events in the outside world? The Sentinel gets its "opinions" mixed up as badly as Maine politics.

RELIGIOUS NOTICE.—There will be a called meeting of the Baptist Church in conference at 3 o'clock p. m. on Saturday, 10th inst. All the members are requested to attend, as there will be business of importance before the Church. Jas. Bussey, Clk.

200,000 brick for sale. Apply to H. D. Vaughan or T. O. LEAVEL & Co.

Heller & Turner sells light thimble-skein wagons for \$55.

New Advertisements.

'STRAYED OR STOLEN.' From the subscriber on the night of the 18th December last, from Oak Ridge, one light bay mare, about 15 hands high, branded on shoulder with letter D. Had on a Texas saddle and bridle. I will give a liberal reward for same. S. BOOZMAN.

NOTICE. Is hereby given that no goods of any description must be sold on my account except on authority of a written order, with my signature attached thereto. Persons who hold accounts against me are also notified to present same for payment at once. J. D. HOWELL.

Auction Sale. On SATURDAY, January 31, 1880, I will offer for sale, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at my residence 1/2 mile west of Bastrop, one piano, sewing machine, buggy and harness, wagon and harness, cooking stove and utensils, two mules, all kind household and kitchen furniture, 1 large wash pot, grind stone, etc., etc. I will also rent my place for one or a term of years. Private sales will be contracted. Mrs. C. A. TEMPLE.

NOTICE. STATE OF LOUISIANA—Parish Court Parish of Morehouse. Succession of W. L. Richmond, dec'd.

By virtue of an order issued from the Hon. Parish Court of Morehouse and to me directed as administratrix of the succession of W. L. Richmond, dec'd, I will offer for lease for the year 1880, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the door of the Court House, said parish, on SATURDAY, the 24th day of January, 1880, between the hours prescribed by law, the plantation belonging to said succession, situated on the Bonte Idee, containing about 130 acres of tillable land. The lessee to give his note with approved security, payable on Dec. 1st, 1880, and drawing 5 per cent. interest from maturity; also to build two cabins and repair fencing. FANNIE J. RICHMOND, Administratrix.

SUCCESSION SALE.

STATE OF LOUISIANA—Parish Court, Parish of Morehouse. Succession of Geo. M. Sandidge, Dec'd.

By virtue of an order of sale issued from the Hon. Parish Court of Morehouse, and to me directed as administrator of the succession of Geo. M. Sandidge, dec'd, I will on

SATURDAY, the 24th day of January, 1880, at the last place of residence of the deceased, on Bayou Bartholomew, in said parish, between the hours prescribed by law, offer for sale the personal property belonging to said succession, consisting of household and kitchen furniture, as shown by the inventory. Also all the lands belonging to said succession, consisting of a tract of land acquired by entry from the State of Louisiana, as shown by patent No. 1983, issued December 28th, 1871, containing 175 3/4-100 acres, more or less, a particular description of which will be seen by reference to the inventory. Also an undivided half interest in all the lands owned by Geo. M. and James G. Sandidge jointly in said parish, consisting of a tract of land purchased by G. M. Sandidge from Miss C. L. Griffin on the 28th December, 1869, of which lands said G. M. Sandidge transferred to J. G. Sandidge an undivided half interest February 25th, 1871, composing a portion of the upper and a portion of the lower part of the Collier place. Also the "Holly place," purchased by Geo. M. Sandidge at Sheriff's sale on the 2d of January, 1869, an undivided half interest of which was by him transferred to James G. Sandidge on the 25th of February, 1871, said place containing 205 acres of land, more or less. Also the Eugene Polk place which was purchased by George M. Sandidge of Wm. S. Parham on the 9th day of December, 1868, of which he transferred to James G. Sandidge an undivided half interest on the 28th day of February, 1871. Also the "Randal place," purchased by G. M. Sandidge from Wyatt R. Ransom on the 1st day of March, 1874, containing 360 3/4-100 acres, more or less. Also the "Horace Polk" place, containing 105 acres. Also all that part of the Tom Polk place that was set aside to J. M. and J. G. Sandidge in a partition of said place between G. M. and James G. Sandidge, and the widow and heirs of Thos. J. Polk on the 7th day of April, 1875, containing 450 acres, more or less. Also the Isaac Ross place, containing 496 06-100 acres, all of said land lying on Bayou Bartholomew, in said parish, a particular description of all of said lands being given in the inventory of said succession, which will be seen by reference thereto. Also at the same time and place I will offer for sale the individual half interest in said lands belonging to one individually. JAS. G. SANDIDGE, Adminr. Per Newton & Hall, Attorneys.

SUCCESSION SALE.

STATE OF LOUISIANA—Parish Court, Parish of Morehouse. Succession of Perry Alexander, dec'd.

By virtue of an order to me directed, from the Hon. Parish Court in and for the parish of Morehouse, said State, commanding me, as administratrix of the succession of Perry Alexander, dec'd, to sell all the property belonging to said estate, I will on

the 13th day of January, 1880, proceed to sell, within the hours prescribed by law, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the door of the court house, in the town of Bastrop, all the property belonging to said estate, consisting of forty acres of land, situated on Bayou Bartholomew, two cows and calves, four yearlings, two mules, one two-horse wagon, twenty head of hogs, thirty bushels of corn, more or less, farming tools, 6000 pounds of flour, 1000 pounds of seed cotton, more or less, household and kitchen furniture. Terms of Sale.—Cash at not less than the inventoried appraisement. FANNY ALEXANDER, Administratrix.

SUCCESSION SALE.

STATE OF LOUISIANA—Parish Court, Parish of Morehouse. Succession of Frank Jefferson

By virtue of an order issued by the Hon. Parish Court in and for the parish of Morehouse directing the sale of the land belonging to the succession of Frank Jefferson, deceased, I will offer for sale at the door of the court house, in the town of Bastrop, Morehouse parish, within the hours prescribed by law, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on

SATURDAY, the 24th day of January, 1880, the following described lands belonging to said succession of Frank Jefferson, deceased, as shown by the inventory, to wit: Lot No. 4, and east half of northeast quarter of section 8, township 20, north of range 7 east, containing 120 acres with all the buildings and improvements thereon, situated in the parish of Morehouse. Terms of sale.—Cash at not less than the inventoried appraisement. WM. P. DOUGLASS, Sheriff.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

STATE OF LOUISIANA—Fourteenth District Court, Parish of Morehouse, Todd & Brigham vs. Heirs of Susan M. Chapman et al.

By virtue of a writ of seizure and sale, issued by the Hon. 14th District Court, in and for the parish of Morehouse, in the above entitled said parish and State, I have seized, as directed in the writ, and will offer for sale, at the door of the court house, within the hour prescribed by law, at public auction, to the highest bidder on

SATURDAY, the 7th day of February, 1880, the following described property to-wit: The undivided seven-eighths interest in the east fractional half of fractional section thirty-three and all of fractional section thirty-four, township twenty north of range seven east, containing 408 acres of land, more or less, with all the buildings and improvements thereon situated, said land situated in the parish of Morehouse, State of Louisiana. Terms of sale.—Cash, with the benefit of appraisement. WM. P. DOUGLASS, Sheriff. Jan. 2, 1880.