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Subscribers, take notice! and remember that our terms are \$2.00 in advance, and \$3.00 on time. This rule will be strictly adhered to.

A negro was hung for murder in West Raton Rouge on the 2d inst. He confessed his guilt, and said he was prepared to die.

Nine negroes, charged with burglary, were captured in the parish of St. John last week and carried to New Orleans for safe-keeping.

Jay Gould owns more railroads than any other man on the globe. He controls nearly nine thousand miles of railroad and is negotiating for two thousand miles more.

At Winchester, Ky., on the 3d inst., a young negro buck, who had attempted to outrage a beautiful and respectable white girl, was taken from the authorities and hanged by a mob. Good!

Harry Hyams, of the Sugar Planter, loaned Harry Gould, of the Livingstonian, a bible seventeen years ago, and Gould has not read it through yet. Hyams is getting anxious about his good book.

In Pointe Coupee parish recently, a white man endeavored to suppress a row between a negro man and his wife, when the negro ran toward the white man with a club, which reminded the white man that danger was ahead. He thereupon shot and killed the menacing darkey.

While in New Orleans, Gen. Grant visited the mammoth commission house of Lehman, Abraham & Co., whom he asked many questions relative to the great cotton trade done in the great cotton city. The General expressed himself as highly elated at the information he received from his visit to the huge firm of Lehman, Abraham & Co.

The Louisville Courier-Journal, one of the staunchest and most powerful Democratic newspapers on the continent, is an uncompromising advocate of Tilden as the most available and the most influential candidate that can be placed before the country by the Cincinnati convention for the office of President. The Courier-Journal contends that the two nominees of the two parties will be Grant and Tilden. Mr. Watterson, the editor, is generally a very shrewd man in political farsightedness; but in this particular instance it is to be hoped that he is sadly, badly, mistaken.

If Tilden is to be the opponent of Grant, the Democracy of this country had as well make up their minds at once to live four years longer under Republican rule. Just so certain as Tilden is nominated at Cincinnati, just so certain will the Republican party succeed in the Presidential race.

For this very reason do we emphatically oppose the idea of instructing our delegates to the national convention to vote to the last for a certain man: We do not believe there is an aspirant in the Democratic party to the high office of President, who cannot outstrip old Tilden in a popular Presidential election. Just so long as certain delegates from certain States are bound by inexorable instructions from their constituents, just so long will the chances of Tilden's nomination be augmented.

THE LABOR PROBLEM.

Perhaps no other question has agitated the people of the South so much since the war as the one which we propose to discuss briefly in this article.

Prior to the war, labor in the South was such as could be controlled and relied upon. Labor was firm, stable and profitable. The war revolutionized the whole labor element, and transformed the mode of carrying on all of our enterprises that are dependent upon manual labor. That labor which, previous to the war, could be directed and controlled, is now in thousands of instances slothful and profitless. The great question, therefore, before the people of the South, and especially before the people of Louisiana, is the feasibility and advisability of substituting white labor on our cotton and sugar farms for that of the negro. Many argue that such a change is not feasible—practicable; and others think it would result prejudicial to the interest—the vital interest—of the country, taken as a country.

We believe that such a change is practicable, but as to the wisdom of it, we have some sincere doubts. If the white people, who own the property of the South, would unite in one grand body, with a fixed determination to encourage and urge white immigration from foreign lands, it would not be long until a stream of industrious laborers would come pouring into our borders, and they would soon root out the thriftless and dissatisfied negro. Ireland has on her shores thousands upon thousands of honest, industrious, hardy laborers, who are ready and anxious to go where their toils will be rewarded. All that is necessary upon the part of our landowners is to let these poor, honest, energetic people know that they are wanted, and they will come. Indeed, we may not go to Ireland to find white and intelligent labor to supplant that of the negro. In the northern States many poor white men are anxious to come South. All they ask is that employment be assured them. If that is given them they know that they can soon push the negro aside.

Hence, upon a moment's reflection, we can readily see that it is an easy matter to get rid of the negro, and do so legally. But is it best for the country? And by this we mean, would such a change, in the end, result profitably to the property-holders of the South?

The New Orleans Times, in discussing the labor troubles that now exist in some of our southern parishes, thinks that such strikes and such riots are but the natural outbursts of a vicious, violent, turbulent, and ignorant race. We admit that to be the case, to some extent. The negro is full of hate, and loves to vent his spite toward the white race, between whom and himself there is not the least congeniality. But then we hear of strikes among white laborers. Nothing has ever been seen to equal the fiendish work of the Pittsburg riots of 1877, and yet it was the work of white men. It will not do to swap negro for white labor, upon the ground that strife and riots will be at an end.

Our opinion is that so long as the negroes are willing to remain in the South, just so long ought the people of the South look over their short-comings, which are but the natural consequences of ignorance. We might be benefited by their removal, and we might be incalculably injured. It may require a long time, but we believe this great labor problem will eventually solve itself and then will come the day when the South's waste-places

will be turned into luxuriant fields, and prosperity will gladden the hearts of a people who have so long struggled amid commotion and disadvantages. Let us keep cool!

DR. J. R. GRAVES.

On the night of the 1st inst., we listened to the distinguished preacher whose name heads this article with intense interest. He preached for one hour and a half. This was the first time we ever had the privilege of hearing Dr. Graves, not having the opportunity of attending when he was here in March. In fact, it was the first time we ever saw the celebrated Baptist debater. Hence, having in *our life* heard and read so much of the great Memphis preacher, our interest was wrought up to the highest pitch when we entered the beautiful church, which was packed with men, women and children, who seemed as eager to hear a "big gun" as ourself. Dr. Graves' personal appearance is pleasing to look upon. He has a genial face which betokens and reflects an earnestness of purpose in the great work which engages his talent. His eyes are keen, flashing, and indicative of the gigantic intellect which has won for him such extensive fame.

His subject was the "Conversation between the Savior and Nicodemus." He handled it as one who "speaks with authority." In the first two divisions of his sermon the profoundest argument was displayed. Occasionally he soared away into the enchanting fields of rhetorical eloquence, and did it with such graceful fluency and faultless gesticulation as to enlist the attention of the most careless and thoughtless listener. We do not think we ever saw in the pulpit a more easy and graceful orator than Dr. Graves. With him the art of cadence and gesticulation has been mastered. His voice is trained to articulate with perfect melody the highest pitch of flighty oratory, or the guttural whisper of the most tragic description. No one who listens to Dr. Graves can doubt that he possesses extraordinary ability. His writings, which have a world-wide fame, attest that fact. But then there is a point of doubt as to his sincerity and as to the genuine good which he exerts as a Christian preacher. He may do much good—no doubt he does. But from what we have read and seen of Dr. Graves, we sincerely believe that his powerful talent could be more profitably employed than it is. The disposition which he has ever manifested to take issue with every other church than his own, generates a spirit of distrust among that class of people whom the preacher—the sincere preacher—should endeavor to benefit. His merciless and relentless attacks upon the Church of Rome, and upon Pedo-Baptist churches do not savor of true christianity, and in this lies his fort. Instead of laboring to alarm the sinner of the sinfulness of sin, he expends his mighty mental powers in berating, and denouncing and misrepresenting the designs and purposes of those who honestly disagree with him in religion. Dr. Graves' church may be the church. All others may be wrong. If they are, a vindictive rallery upon the part of the Doctor towards those erroneous churches will never induce their members to unite with his. If the Missionary Baptist Church is the church, and all others are "harlots," (as the learned Graves declares) then we think the Church of Christ is a very small affair, when we compare the number of its members with the inhabitants of earth.

Go to Heller & Turner for a good wagon, from \$55 to \$65.

STATE NEWS.

Winnsborough is almost entirely surrounded by water.

A white man hacked a negro on the head with a hatchet last week in Rayville.

When will Richland ever have another court?—[Beacon.]

Have you got a serious case in court, Mangham?

Many cattle are dying in Richland from gnats and want of food, on account of the high water.

The Claiborne Guardian gives Captain Farmer and his license bill particular fits. "Go for him," Hayes.

The editor of the Ouachita Telegraph will be a delegate from that parish to the Convention.

Gov. Wiltz called upon Gen. Grant at the St. Charles Hotel, when the "Silent Wanderer" was in New Orleans.

Gen. Grant was received with the greatest enthusiasm and with the sincerest hospitality by the citizens of New Orleans.

If the Legislature finishes the business that ought to be done, an extra session will be inevitable. Truly, Louisiana has a model set of Solons.

The Beacon will support Gen. King for Congress from a sense of honest duty to the distinguished legislator. Right again, Mangham.

The water between Monroe and Vicksburg is still rising and likely to continue to rise. It is thought the cars will not run through before June.

A detective of the post office department has been in Winnsborough investigating the alleged obstruction of a sum of money mailed at that office.

An exchange says that an expenditure of \$200,000 will raise the track of the Vicksburg, Shreveport and Pacific railroad above high water mark.

A plantation sold in Ascension parish the other day for \$56,625 62. It was bought by Leon Godcheaux, a New Orleans merchant. That looks like business.

Steve Brown was sent to the penitentiary for 15 years last week from Baton Rouge, for the murder of John Royal last Christmas.

Recently in Donaldsonville two Dagoes got into a rumpus about a woman, and shot each other so badly that both are expected to die from the wounds.

Dan Rice, the great circus man, is in Donaldsonville giving lectures on temperance. The Chief says Dan is very interesting on the Rostrum.

The Vienna Sentinel now has two editors—Walker and Redwine. We congratulate the people of Lincoln and the readers of the Sentinel generally upon the new acquisition.

The Bossier Banner last week, in a spicy editorial, gave the Democracy of this country "hail Columbia" from Maine to California. Look out, Seanland! You'll be on a bolt directly.

The Donaldsonville Chief, whose editor is not a Democrat, says that Gen. King is the best man that we of the Fifth District can send to Congress. Why, we have said that before.

The Vienna Sentinel is standing upon its tip-toes crowing for King. It can crow louder now; Redwine can help when Walker gets a "leetle" hoarse. Boom on, gentlemen; we're booming over here.

There is a young man in Vienna who wants a mother-in-law very badly, and, the Sentinel fears, that he will soon get sick of her. We suppose the Sentinel man "knows how 'tis himself."

RAILROAD CONVENTION.

In pursuance to resolutions adopted by a mass meeting of citizens of Morehouse parish, recommending a meeting of delegates to take initiative steps toward securing railroad communication from Monroe, La., to Monticello, Ark., via Bastrop and Hamburg, delegates from the parishes of Morehouse and Ouachita, La., and from the counties of Ashley and Drew, Arkansas, met at the court house, in Bastrop, on Monday, April 5th, 1880.

On motion Col. Robt. Richardson, of Ouachita, was elected temporary chairman, and H. H. Naff, of Morehouse, was elected temporary secretary.

The chairman appointed the following gentlemen as a committee on credentials: Maj. H. M. Bry, Hon. C. C. Davenport, A. W. Files, Esq., and H. W. Wells, Esq.

The committee on credentials reported the following named gentlemen as delegates, viz:

H. H. Naff, representing the Board of trade of Monroe, and H. M. Bry, Robt. Richardson, L. D. McLain, D. M. Sholars and Wm. McQuiller, delegates from Ouachita parish.

James Bussey, C. T. Dunn, W. T. Hall, H. H. Naff, David Todd, Aug. Simon, J. B. Williams, J. H. Brigham, M. Levy, G. B. Marable, S. W. Reily, F. Vaughan, John McCrory, W. M. Washburn, C. C. Davenport, Jas. Ford, D. W. Douglass, A. K. Watt, A. S. Keller, T. W. Baird, J. E. Hope, Jas. Monette, J. T. Cason, L. F. Leavel, R. H. Ward, and W. R. Bunkley, delegates from Morehouse parish.

A. W. Files, J. J. Moore and W. F. Files, delegates from Ashley Co., Ark.

W. M. Anderson and H. W. Wells, of Drew County, Arkansas.

The convention then proceeded to permanent organization and elected Col. Robt. Richardson, chairman, and H. H. Naff, Secretary.

On motion of Hon. J. H. Brigham the chairman appointed a committee of eight to report suitable resolutions to be acted upon by the convention. The committee was composed of Messrs. L. D. McLain, D. M. Sholars, W. M. Washburn, A. K. Watt, H. W. Wells, W. M. Anderson, A. W. Files, J. J. Moore.

The committee, after consultation made two reports, each report signed by four members of the committee. After considerable argument and some amendments, the following resolutions were adopted:

1st. The chairman of this convention shall be permanent chairman of the initiative Railroad Association.

2d. The chairman shall appoint a committee of three from each parish and county represented in this convention, whose duty it shall be to proceed immediately to solicit a cash subscription in the respective parishes and counties sufficient to employ a competent agent in each parish and county to canvass the same for subscription to the stock of the contemplated road; and that they shall employ the subscription agents as soon as the funds have been collected. It shall also be the duty of the subscription agents to obtain from the census takers reliable information and data of the population and material resources of the section through which the road will pass.

3d. The respective committees shall report to the chairman of the association during the first week of July, 1880, what amount of reliable subscription has been obtained, and if the sum of \$50,000 shall have then been subscribed, it shall be the duty of the chairman to notify the subscribers, by public advertisement to convene at some central point, at some early day named, at which meeting all matters necessary for further proceedings in the enterprise shall be left in the hands of the subscribers, to be determined by them by vote in proportion to amounts subscribed.

In pursuance to the second resolution, the chairman appointed the following gentlemen committees to select cash subscription and employ canvassing agents: D. A. Breard, Sr., D. M. Sholars and L. D. McLain, of Ouachita parish; L. F. Leavel, W. M. Washburn and J. S. Handy, of Morehouse parish; W. S. Lawson, G. W. Norman and M. L. Hawkins, of Ashley county; T. M. Whittington, W. T. Wells and W. S. Jeter, of Drew county.

It was moved and carried that the secretary furnish copies of these proceedings to the Morehouse Clarion, Monroe Bulletin, Ouachita Telegraph, Ashley County Times, Monticellonian, Pine Bluff Press, Arkansas Gazette, Arkansas Democrat, St. Louis Globe Democrat and St. Louis Republican with the request that the same be published in each of said papers.

On motion the convention adjourned sine die.

R. RICHARDSON, Chairman.
H. H. NAFF, Secretary.

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

NEW'S BY J. WUTSHELL.

Bradford, Pa., had a \$150,000 fire on the 3d inst.

One of the leading editors of the Boston Traveler, aged 74, died on the 3d inst.

The laborers on the New Jersey Central railroad have struck for higher wages.

Gen. Grant will be in Vicksburg to-morrow. He will go from there to Little Rock, and thence to Hot Springs.

A negro, weighing 200 pounds, was hanged in Washington the other day for killing his wife. When the drop fell his head was severed from his body.

New Advertisements.

Notice to Tax-Payers

Of the Corporation of Bastrop. Your taxes are now due, and if not paid by the first day of May next I shall return the same as delinquent and advertise all the real estate for sale, or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy the taxes and costs, allowing all tax-payers the right or privilege of pointing out property.
B. W. SMITH,
Deputy Collector.

'STRAYED OR STOLEN.

From the Spyker plantation, on the night of the 29th ult., a dark mare mule—almost black—about 15 hands high, with knee of one hind leg swollen. A liberal reward will be paid for the delivery of said mule, or for any information leading to the recovery of same.
GEO. A. SPYKER.

MILLINERY STORE.

Having just received a large and varied assortment of Millinery Goods, such as straw hats, laces, ribbons, artificial flowers, and everything belonging to the millinery business, I am prepared to accommodate the ladies, who are requested to call and examine my goods.
Store—in the room adjoining Mrs. Collins'.
M'EME M. A. WINFREY.

DISSOLUTION.

The partnership heretofore existing between R. B. Todd and J. Harvey Brigham, as attorneys at law, is dissolved by mutual consent, to take effect from and after March 3d, 1880. All unfinished business of the firm, and cases pending in the courts, are hereby referred to David Todd, Esq., Bastrop, La., who will represent us in the settlement and trial of the same. Fees due said firm must be paid to either of us, or an authorized agent.

R. B. TODD,
J. HARVEY BRIGHAM.
Bastrop, La., March 31st, 1880.

NOTICE.

All parties indebted to us are required to come forward and pay same to Aug. Simon, who has been authorized by us to collect and receipt, and all persons having claims against us are also requested to present them to him for payment.
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