

THE LABOR QUESTION.

This is the paramount question of the hour. It is of such vital moment to the future welfare and prosperity of the South, that all other public questions seem attracted to it and engrossed in it as by magnetic force.

The season is fast approaching when the wide and fertile domains of the South must have some well settled system of labor, if we expect to see anything like a full re-development of Southern agricultural resources, and a return of that swelling tide of commercial and mechanical prosperity which would follow as certainly as effect follows cause.

Whatever of wisdom and statesmanship there may be in our present Legislature, there will be need of it all in the careful and judicious treatment of this question, to the end that its solution may insure to the lasting and practical good of the producing and industrial classes, and as a consequence, to that of our communities generally.

Relevant to this question and one of its principal features, will be the organization of native and immigrant labor on a basis promotive of harmony and mutual interests and adapted to the requirements of the parties who are to employ them.

In the French West India Islands it has been ascertained from experience, that Coolie and native colored laborers work very well together, and in Martinique, particularly, where the system of cultivating the land in shares is carried on between the planters and the laborers, the result has proved very satisfactory and encouraging.

The laborers having a certain share of the products or profits of the plantations guaranteed to them, are prompted naturally to devote themselves more assiduously to their work, than when they are simply hired. We cannot see why such a plan would not answer as well, in numerous instances, at least, in the Southern States.

There are many intelligent negroes scattered over the country, whose labor under such an arrangement might be advantageously secured, but which could not likely be secured otherwise, so long as chances are presented to them for engaging in such other pursuits as they may fancy or by which they think they can realize more than by hiring themselves out for farm-work.

These are suggestions worth considering by the planters. If laborers, by having a share in the crop secured to them, can be stimulated to do their work with constancy and fidelity, and thereby succeed in turning out full crops, would that not be more profitable than the idle, negligent and uncertain manner in which they do their work under the hiring system? It would certainly be far preferable as tending to relieve the planter or manager of great troubles and embarrassments and of consequent losses.

ADVICE OF GEN. LEE.—"It should be the object of all to avoid controversy, to allay passion, give free scope to reason and every kindly feeling. By doing this, and encouraging our citizens to engage in the duties of life with all their heart and mind, with a determination not to be turned aside by thoughts of the past or fears of the future, our country will not only be restored in material prosperity but will be advanced in science, in virtue, and in religion."

A typefounder in Edinburgh, Scotland, advertises patent mechanical quoin for locking up forms, which dispense with wooden side and foot sticks, mallet and shooter, and quoin. The means of locking up is so powerful, it is said, that it is accomplished without any greater effort than is required for opening or shutting a good lock, and it acts with perfect regularity. This useful invention consists of a quoin in tempered metal, which is provided with teeth, and the little apparatus is completed by a cog with corresponding teeth, which is turned by a key. This locking up apparatus is manufactured with tempered metal, and no article in the printing office will outlast it. They are very generally used for every class of work, and are a great desideratum from their economy, security and durability.

TERRIBLE STEAMBOAT ACCIDENT. We learn that the steamer Niagara, upward bound, when a few miles above Helena, Ark., on Monday night last, was run into by the steamer Post Boy, decending, and was sunk in a few minutes, causing the loss of about one hundred and fifty colored troops. A dense fog was prevailing at the time of the collision.

This reckless manner of running boats during foggy weather is perfectly inexcusable and the parties permitting it ought to be visited with the severest punishment. We hope the guilty in this case will be ferreted out and the parties implicated be made to answer severely for it.

WHICH IS RIGHT?—One report has it that JOHN MITCHELL is to be the editor of the Fenian journal they speak of establishing in New York City. Another report says he has gone to Paris and will act as foreign correspondent of the New York Daily News; and that his pardon by the President was granted on condition of expatriation.

The St. Louis Republican, a journal of previous mammoth dimension, has been enlarged by the addition of one column to each of its pages. The Republican is a grand paper in every respect.

EDUCATION OF THE DEAF MUTES OF MISSISSIPPI.—Pursuant to an Act of the Mississippi State Legislature, the Trustees of the Deaf and Dumb Institute at Jackson have made an arrangement whereby the Deaf and Dumb of Mississippi can be entered and educated at the Louisiana Institute for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind in this city.

The State of Mississippi has provided the funds necessary for this special purpose, and the parents and friends of the mute children of that State are united by official notification of A. B. CABINISS, Esq., the President of the Board of Trustees, to send said children to the Institute at Baton Rouge, where they will be carefully nurtured and educated at the expense of said State.

TELEGRAPHIC.

New York Markets.

New York, Nov. 27.—Cotton closed dull at 55c. Gold closed at 147 1/2. Sterling exchange 19 1/2. Money firm at 7 per cent. Government stocks heavy and lower; 40's first series, 95 1/2, second series, 96.

Emigration.

New York, Nov. 27.—There is a strong tide of emigration from the United States to Brazil, mostly from the Southern States.

Herschel V. Johnson.

Washington, Nov. 27.—Herschel V. Johnson, of Ga., has arrived at Washington bringing a favorable account of the Union sentiments among the people.

Government Detectives.

Washington, Nov. 27.—The Government detective force, instead of being disbanded, will be employed in the chief cities to apprehend counterfeiters of greenbacks, smugglers and defrauders of the Internal Revenue.

Internal Revenue.

The internal revenue is falling off. The receipts on Saturday were three-quarters of a million.

President's Message.

Washington, Nov. 27.—A special message is in type, and will be completed in ample time to be delivered to the distant cities by special messengers for the press on the day of its delivery to Congress.

THE STRENGTH OF LOVE.—Mercer's Hall stands upon a most interesting site. Here was the house of Gilbert Becket, a yeoman, who, whilst following his lord to the Holy Land during the Crusades, was taken prisoner by a Saracen emir, and confined in a dungeon. The emir had a daughter, who saw and pitied the captive. Pity in this instance proved akin to love and under the influence of these feelings she contrived to set him free. Gilbert returned to England, leaving his benefactress behind pining in sorrow for his loss, which at last grew so insupportable that she determined to seek him through the world. She went to the nearest point, and embarked on the sea, the words, "London" and "Gilbert" being all the direction she had to guide her. The first sufficed to guide her to the English capital; but when there she could only wander from street to street, repeating with touching pathos the other—"Gilbert! Gilbert!" How the fond and single-hearted girl succeeded in finding Gilbert the story sayeth not; but she did find him, and was rewarded for all her troubles and obtained the fruition of all her hopes. The yeoman welcomed her with tears of joy, had her immediately baptized, and was united in marriage. The son of the fair pagan and the yeoman was the far-famed Thomas a Becket.—Old England.

SINGULAR OBITUARY.—The Atlanta (Ga.) Messenger gives the following odd notice of a deceased citizen of that place: "He was the father of eleven sons, five of whom married five sisters. He had one hundred and eighty-nine grandchildren; and at his funeral, two weeks ago last Sabbath, two horses were stung to death by bees and another came near losing his life by the same.

GRAND JURY REPORT.

To the Hon. Judge Posey of the Fifth District Court, Parish of East Baton Rouge:

The Grand Jury for the November term, 1865, respectfully report:

That having finished the business laid before them by the District Attorney, they proceeded to view the public buildings, and first,

THE COURT HOUSE.

This building needs immediate slight repairs in order to prevent further injury, requiring increased expense, viz: The roof near the eaves being defective, allows the water to penetrate to the walls and ceiling, which destroys the plastering. The porches on the North and South side require repairs, and the fence around the grounds having been removed, a new fence becomes necessary; second,

THE JAIL.

This building requires considerable repairs, viz: The gutters leading the water from the roof are so imperfect as to be useless. The doors and window sashes, locks require to be removed and replaced with new ones, and blankets are wanted.

We found the condition of the prisoners good, considering their crowded state. The health is good. There is no regular physician in attendance at the Jail.

Most of the criminal business before us was owing to the disorganized condition of the colored laborers who have congregated in the City of Baton Rouge in such numbers as to become a source of evil, requiring prompt and energetic measures, toward improvement, on the part of the proper authorities. The men being lazy and thievish, resort to stealing to support themselves, while the prostitution and idleness of the women necessarily produce disease and crime.

The numerous little shanties erected in the suburbs of the city, in proximity to the water, to stables and other buildings, endanger the destruction of portions of the city by fire, while the miserable condition of the shanties—want of ventilation and the crowded and filthy condition of the inmates—invites disease and endangers the health of the city.

We recommend the prompt attention of the proper authority to this condition of affairs, and that active measures be taken to remedy the evil.

We request that the Clerk of this Court be directed to furnish a copy of this Report to the President of the Police Jury of the Parish, and also one to the Mayor of the City of Baton Rouge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. H. PENNY, Foreman.

Baton Rouge, Nov. 24th, 1865.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, Parish of East Baton Rouge.

I certify the within to be a true and correct copy of the original on file in my office.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 28th day of November, 1865.

JOS. NEPHEL, Clerk.

MARRIED.

In this city on Tuesday, the 28th inst., by Rev. J. E. Doremus, Mr. ANDREW BRADFORD to Miss ELIZA RUSSELL, all of this Parish.

Although we had "no hand" in the above proceeding, our heart was in it to the extent of wishing great joy and happiness to our friend Bradford and his amiable bride. They are both worthy the benediction of Heaven and long may they live to enjoy them.

At Mobile, Ala., on Thursday, the 23d inst., by Rev. J. A. Massey, Capt. J. C. STAFFORD, of Baton Rouge to Miss ANNA C. LABUZAN, of the former city.

Well done! This is not the first successful suit our friend has won at Court, by a good many, although it is his first in the High Court of Hymen. In this he has been his own planner and judge—the accomplished object of his affections, being of course an indispensable arbiter in settling and deciding the case, from which there is likely to be no appeal, and therefore no danger of a reversal. The parties to this suit, now so happily terminated, have our most fervent wishes to wait them on in their blended career of happiness and prosperity, and may Heaven add to these our aspirations, its crowning blessings on behalf of the happy couple.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

St. James Lodge, No. 47.

THE REGULAR Annual Meeting of the brethren of St. James Lodge, No. 47, will take place at their Hall, in the 1st story of the brick building opposite the Catholic Church, corner of Main and Church streets, next Saturday evening, December 2d, 1865, at the usual hour.

J. McCOURICK, Secretary.

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CALICO, warranted not to fade, at 25, 27 1/2 and 30 cents per yard.

WHITE COTTON, at 25, 30, 32 1/2 and 35c. per yard. Longdale, at 50 cts. per yard.

UNBLEACHED COTTON, at 30, 32 1/2, 35 and 40 cents per yard.

GENTLEMEN'S CALF BOOTS, at \$3 00, \$3 50, \$4 00, \$4 50, \$5 00, \$5 50, \$6 00 and \$7 00 per pair.

MEN'S SHOES, GAITERS and BROGANS, at 50 per cent lower than at any other store.

A very description of Ladies' Misses' and Children's GAITERS, BALMORALS, SLIPPERS, SHOES and BOOTS—new styles.

The most varied stock of Boys' Children's and Gentlemen's CLOTHING, at incredibly low prices.

A fine assortment of NUBIAS, SONTAGS, Children's JACKETS, HOODES, SCARFS and Ladies' HOODES with NUBIAS.

The greatest and finest stock of TRIMMINGS HOSIERY, MILLINERY, Boys' and Gentlemen's HATS.

A very large and varied stock of French, (Black and Colored) CLOTH, CASSIMERES, SATINETS, Kentucky JEANS, FLANNELS, etc., etc.

Every species of JEWELRY.

French PERFUMERY.

WHISKY, by the bottle, 60 cents; half bottle, 30 cents; half gallon, \$1 50.

All at a Complete Sacrifice!

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Black Silk! Black Silk!!

JUST RECEIVED—A few pieces of VERY FINE BLACK SILK, 32 and 36 inches wide, (Oil-bolled,) which will be sold at reduced prices.

Also, a few pieces of French CASSIMERE MERINO, all colors.

Only a few pair of these Fine Garnier (French) BLANKETS left, and to close out the lot they will be sold at reduced prices, by

A. KOWALSKI, Agent.

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LARGE, fresh and well selected stock of DRY GOODS, CAPS, HATS, BOOTS, CLOTHING, &c., SHOES.

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LARGE AND VARIED ASSORTMENT OF TIN, WOOD and WILLOW WARES.

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State of Louisiana—Parish of West Feliciana, Seventh Judicial District Court.

No. 1811—Eliza C. Johnson vs. J. & H. Perkins.

BY VIRTUE of a writ of fieri facias issued on a twelve months' bond and to me directed from the Hon. the Judge of the Seventh Judicial District Court, in and for the parish and State aforesaid, I have this day (November 21st, A. D. 1865,) seized and taken into my possession and will expose to public sale, at the Court House door of the Parish of East Baton Rouge, in the City of Baton Rouge, on

Saturday, the 6th day of January next, A. D. 1866, at 11 o'clock, M., of said day the following described property, upon which the twelve months' bond was given as follows, to-wit:

A certain tract of LAND or PLANTATION known as the Richland Plantation, and situated in the Parish of East Baton Rouge, at about two and one half miles from the City of Baton Rouge, and containing nineteen hundred and eleven (1911) acres, more or less, with all the buildings and improvements thereunto belonging.

Also the following described property belonging to Wm. S. Pike, to-wit:

1st. A certain LOT of GROUND situated in that part of the City of Baton Rouge, laid out by the late G. Leonard, and designated on the plan thereof as Lot No. 11, of Square No. three (3.) measuring 60 feet front on Church street, by 120 feet in depth on Convention street being a corner lot.

2d. Lots Nos. 4 and 12 of Square No. 3, situated in the city of Baton Rouge, and in that part of said city laid out by Hickey, Duncan and Mather.

3d. A certain LOT of GROUND situated in that part of the City of Baton Rouge laid out by the late Richard Devalle, and designated on the plan thereof as Lot No. 7, of Square No. 3, measuring 60 feet front on Third street, by 120 feet in depth on Florida street, it being a corner lot.

4th. A certain LOT of GROUND situated in that part of the City of Baton Rouge laid out by the late Gilbert Leonard, and designated on the plan thereof as Lot No. 10, of Square No. 3, measuring 60 feet front on Church street, (formerly Main street,) by 120 in depth, French measure.

5th. Two certain LOTS of GROUND situated in that part of the City of Baton Rouge laid out by Richard Devalle, and designated on the plan thereof as Lots Nos. 5 and 6, of Square No. 3, measuring each 80 feet front by 120 feet in depth, French measure.

6th. A certain LOT of GROUND situated in that part of the City of Baton Rouge, laid out by Hickey, Duncan & Mather, and designated on the plan thereof as Lot No. 4, in Square No. 5, measuring 60 feet front on Florida street, by 120 feet in depth, French measure.

7th. A certain LOT of GROUND situated in that part of the City of Baton Rouge, laid out by Hickey, Duncan & Mather, and designated on the plan thereof as Lot No. 3, in Square No. 5, measuring 60 feet front on Florida street, by 120 feet between parallel lines.

8th. Three certain LOTS of GROUND situated in the same part of the City of Baton Rouge, as the last above described, being Lots Nos. 9, 10 and 11, in Square No. 5.

9th. Four certain LOTS of GROUND situated in that part of the City of Baton Rouge, laid out by Hickey, Duncan & Mather, and designated on the plan thereof, as made by W. & W. G. Waller, as lots Nos. 6, 7, 8 and 12, of Square No. 2; Lot No. 6, having a front of 60 feet on St. Hypolite street, by a depth of 150 feet. Lot No. 7, forming the south west corner of St. Hypolite and Convention streets, by a depth of 120 feet on St. Hypolite street. Lot No. 8 having a front of 60 feet on Convention street, by a depth of 120 feet. Lot No. 12 having a front of 60 feet on Fifth street, by a depth of 120 feet, French measure.

The foregoing lots will be sold with all the improvements on them respectively, and all the rights and privileges in any manner appertaining to them.

Terms of sale—Cash, without the benefit of appraisement.

Seized to pay and satisfy the writ issued under a twelve months' bond, together with interests and costs.

nov28 ED. COUSINAUD, Sheriff.

State of Louisiana—Fifth District Court—Parish of East Baton Rouge—Succession of Francis Thomas—No. 844.

WHEREAS Jefferson Thomas of said Parish, has this day filed with the Clerk of said Court an application to be appointed administrator of the succession of William Thomas, deceased,

Notice is hereby given to all parties interested to file their reasons (if any they have), in writing with the Clerk of said Court, at his office, in the City of Baton Rouge, within ten days from the first publication of this notice why said application should not be granted.

Witness the Hon. R. T. Posey, Judge of said Court, November 28th, 1865.

L. ALLAIN, Deputy Clerk.

nov29-10d

State of Louisiana—Fifth District Court—Parish of East Baton Rouge—Succession of Francis Thomas—No. 691.

WHEREAS Jefferson Thomas of said Parish, has this day filed with the Clerk of said Court his application to be appointed Administrator of the above succession.

Notice is hereby given to all parties interested to file their reasons (if any they have), in writing, with the Clerk of said Court, at his office, in the City of Baton Rouge, within ten days from the first publication of this notice, why said application should not be granted.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court this 20th day of October, A. D., 1865.

L. ALLAIN, Deputy Clerk.

nov29-10d

INFORMATION WANTED,

OF MY HUSBAND, COLONEL VICTOR, who formerly belonged to the 1st Regiment of Artillery. He was taken to Key West and engaged there in building a fort. I have heard that he was in New Orleans about a month ago, looking for me. The police or any one knowing of his whereabouts and letting him know that I am in Baton Rouge waiting to meet with him, will confer a great favor on me, and they will be rewarded for their services.

MARIA TABLETON.

nov28

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Fresh Thomaston LIME, PLASTER PARIS, OVENS, POTS and SKILLETS—a fine assort.

ODD LIDS of all sizes.

OILS, PAINTS and TURPENTINE.

WINDOW GLASS and PUTTY.

nov18 JAMES McYAY.

I. O. O. F.

The Regular Weekly Meeting of THE SOTO LODGE, No. 7, I. O. O. F., is held at their Hall, on Main street, nearly opposite the Sumter House, every

THURSDAY EVENING, at 7 o'clock.

APPLES, Onions and Potatoes,

IN GREAT VARIETY AT ARCHER & HENDERSON'S,

nov28-31 Florida Street.

TO PLANTERS.

THOSE wishing to hire hands for the coming season are informed that by applying to the undersigned they can be furnished with any number of good and reliable workmen. Planters will please take notice and apply early. [nov23] LEWIS THOMAS.

LUMBER.

THE UNDERSIGNED is now prepared to furnish LUMBER at his saw Mill, opposite Baton Rouge, at the usual prices. He solicits a share of public patronage. Orders addressed to FARR MILLARD, will meet with prompt attention. nov23-1m G. A. PATRICK.

NOTICE TO BAKERS!

THE price of Flour being \$15 per barrel, Bakers will give 19 ounces for a dime, the ensuing week. J. E. ELAM, Mayor. nov25

CHEAP! CHEAP! CHEAP!

EMANUEL FENDLER, THIRD STREET, OPPOSITE THE BANK.

BEING obliged to make room for large invoices from New York, I will offer my stock of goods at a small advance on New York prices. Families desirous of furnishing themselves for the winter will please give me an early call.

THE FOLLOWING GOODS WILL BE SOLD AT A

LOW FIGURE:

FINE SHAWLS, POPLINS, HOOP SKIRTS, large assortment.

WOOLEN GOODS, all kinds.

DELAINES, great variety.

ENGLISH MERINO, very cheap.

LADIES' HEMSTITCHED H'D'FS., A large lot.

BOOTS, SHOES and GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS.

Please call before purchasing elsewhere. nov21

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FRESH GOODS! THE UNDERSIGNED respectfully informs his friends, acquaintances and the public at large, that he has just received a

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ALSO, A FINE AND FRESH STOCK OF FANCY ARTICLES,

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