

PROHIBITION.

In a short while the majority of the wards in the parish will vote on the liquor question and will determine whether or not in their respective limits whisky shall be sold. The police jury have ordered elections and the people must determine for themselves whether intoxicating liquors shall be the bane of society in Claiborne parish.

We can with all sincerity urge our readers to heartily aid the prohibition movement. We have every desire to see the traffic in liquors so regulated as to do away with all the evils which it undoubtedly causes.

MAIL ROUTE.

We learn that a bill will soon be introduced by the Hon. J. E. Leonard, of this District, to establish a mail route from Homer via Sylkes Ferry, Martin's Ferry, and Red Land, to Collinsburg on Red River. This is indeed a most important route.

And still we have news of failures. Savings banks all over the country and numbers of wholesale dealers in the various western and northern cities are announced daily.

The weather moderated on yesterday after a long cold spell. Now we have mud in prospect and then sleet and perhaps snow again.

The new tariff bill to be presented to the House of Representatives for its adoption possesses some advantages. The present tariff law has over 2100 items subject to duty.

Mr. Editor:-I cut the following paragraph from your issue of Jan. 2nd, 1878: "A majority of all ministers in New York, except those of the Catholic and Episcopal churches, are going square back on the devil of their fathers. They express an almost unanimous disbelief in the orthodox hell. In their summing up, they ignore the brimstone, fire, and hot iron business. Verily the world is improving."

Our Reverend friend has not the same means of information with ourselves and is not therefore so well posted on the current topics of the day. Had he have had access to our exchange list he would not make the mistaken assertions found in the above communication.

The sensation produced by Beecher's sermon, in which he virtually denied the inspiration of the Scriptures, the doctrine of the Trinity, and the belief in a literal hell, has reached this city as well as others throughout the country.

We regret that in the destruction and giving away of our exchanges prevents us furnishing Mr. Parker with the original text of the article which originated our paragraph. It is certain however, that in New York city the Congregationalists are not alone in their peculiar views.

Cost of Cotton.

Hon. Thos. P. Jones, Commissioner of Agriculture for the State of Georgia, lately addressed a circular to a large number of prominent farmers asking for an estimate of the lowest figures per pound at which cotton could be produced by farmers who raise all their provision supplies at home, and also the lowest figures at which it could be produced by those buying all their bacon, flour, etc., and more or less of corn.

The conclusion is, that the farmer who has made an average crop of cotton, and produced at the same time a full supply of corn, fodder or hay, syrup, potatoes, vegetables, bacon and lard, etc., and has a stock of hogs and cattle for next year, has done a profitable year's work; and just in proportion as he has neglected these supplies, his profits have been less and less until the opposite extreme is reached, when he will have lost by his farm operations of the year.

The money received for the cotton produced on a farm, might be made the measure of the net profits on the whole farming operations. The general adoption of this policy, would very largely reduce the ag-

gregate of the cotton crop for a few years; but the resulting improved condition of the farmers—aided by the stimulus of higher prices—would in a short time enable them to supply the increasing demand for the staple, without deviating from a system which has been taught them by so long and bitter lessons.

More Counterfeits Afloat.

UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT, Secret Service Division, Washington, December 27, 1877. Mr. ———, United States Secret Service Agent, New Orleans:

SIR—A new counterfeit \$5 note on the First National Bank of Hanover, Pa., has made its appearance. The paper is very thin and color dark. Date February 20, 1864, and bearing signatures of F. E. Spinner and L. E. Chittenden.

About September 20, 1877, a well executed counterfeit \$5 note on the First National Bank of Tanawana, Pa., made its appearance. Upon the face of this note the letter S in the word "dollars" has a blurred look, as though done in printing. On the back the word "owing" is spelled "owimg," and the word "thousand" is spelled "thousand."

It would be well to advise newspapers in your vicinity to give publicity to these facts, and to suggest to the public that all notes on these banks of the denomination of \$5 be refused.

Respectfully, JAS. J. BROOKS, Chief.

Watching a Rifle Ball's Flight.

Three gentlemen, members of the Amateur Rifle club, yesterday afternoon were in the town of Brighton, rifle shooting. The distance was 200 yards; all three were shooting " Creedmoor " rifles. From the firing point to the target the ground gradually ascended, so that a small telescope, but a good one, firmly fixed in true bounds on a tree, at a distance of perhaps thirty feet, made a fine point for observation. One of the shooters, while looking through the glass to mark a shot of one of his companions, exclaimed that he saw the ball as it sped on its mission.

TOWN COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

HOMER, LA., JAN. 2, 1878. The Board of Mayor and Selectmen met in regular session.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: To the Mayor and Selectmen of the town of Homer: Gentlemen—I herewith submit the following report of money collected by me since my last report:

From Van Amburgh & Co., license, \$75.00

Frank Bridgeman, fine, 5.00

Wm. Harris, do, 5.00

A. C. Jones, on house of 1877, 10.00

Total, \$95.00

By Treasurer's receipt to bal., 35.00

Respectfully,

MARTIN SALLE, Colr.

Messrs. Ramsey and Well were appointed a committee to examine the Cemetery, and make an estimate of the probable cost for repairing same—also to prepare specifications for doing the work.

The Marshal was instructed to notify Mr. T. D. Kinder in regard to keeping in repair the market house. Also, to notify Mr. Nathan Smith to put up a vicious cow now running at large on the streets.

Advertised Letters.

LETTERS below, if not called for by the 1st day of February, 1878, will be sent to the Dead-Letter office:

- Adams, Flora
Blackstock, Kindred
Burns, E B
Brown, Rachel
Bowden, Pat
Brown, Retta
Cook, Sarah
Clark, Lucy
Gids, Lotta
Green, James
Hickerson, J M
Hofford, John
Johnson, Robert
Henderson, Miss GA
Jackson, Elias
Kinsey, M R
Lyons, F
More, John
Mays, Mary
Pemberton, Howard
Salmon, John H 2
Stamps, J F 2
Strang, Wesley
Shepard, Loyd
Smith, C W
Smith, Leatt
Toups, Mrs Joseph
Taylor, Richard 2
White, Rev Van
Warren, Mrs B J
Washington, Arnauld's
Wood, Caroline
Worison, J V
Young, Miss A
D. W. HARRIS, P. M.

GRAND ANNOUNCEMENT

TO THE PUBLIC!

AN EXTRAORDINARY OPENING OF

Fall and Winter Goods,

AND A CONCERT OF

Centennial Curiosities,

Now on Exhibition at the Mammoth House of

D. STEIN & CO., FARMERVILLE, LOUISIANA.

OUR Stock has been carefully selected in the Northern and Eastern Cities, to suit the people, and we are determined not to be undersold by any House in North Louisiana or South Arkansas.

Cotton is down, and Goods must follow!

We are now offering Goods at the following Low Prices:

French Calico, 1 yard wide, 10 cents; Ladies' fine Shoes, \$1 and upwards; Ladies' fine Dress Goods, 20c, worth 40c; Linseys, from 15 to 20 cents; Large size Shawls, from 75 cents to \$1 1/2; Ladies' peg Shoes, \$1 and upwards; Ladies' fine Dress Goods, 20c, worth 40c; 2 yard wide Brown Table Cloths, 35 cent.

We have the largest lot of FLANNELS, QUILTS, BLANKETS, BED TICKINGS, JEANS, OSNABURGS, CASSIMERE and DOMESTICS, which we sell at astonishing low prices.

Our Stock of Ladies', Men's and Children's Shoes were selected in Philadelphia and Boston markets, with great care as to durability and style.

We are receiving daily the latest styles of CLOTHING and FURNISHING GOODS for men and Boys. HATS of the latest fashion for Ladies, Gentlemen and Boys.

Call and examine our magnificent stock of French and German HOSIERY, which we offer at great bargains.

Saddlery, Hardware, Tinware, Queensware, Furniture, Drugs, Perfumery, &c., in great quantities.

The world renowned SINGER SEWING MACHINES, at reduced prices.

BUGGIES and WAGONS of the best make, at the Mammoth Store!

D. STEIN & CO.,

And everything usually kept in a first-class Country Store.

If you do not see what you want, ask for it.

Hides, Tallow, Wool and Cotton taken in exchange for Goods. Farmerville, Louisiana, October 31, 1877.

Louisiana State University

AND AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE, BATON ROUGE, LA.

The course of study embraces a wide field of Literature and Science. Tuition and the use of the Laboratory and Apparatus are free. No incidental or matriculation fees to pay. Board, including washing, lights, fuel, blocking, including, medical attention, &c., \$15.00 per month.

Dec. 5, 1877. D. F. ROYD, President.

Mt. Zion Seminary.

The expenses of this Institution for the year 1877 will commence on Monday, the 4th day of February next. Rates of tuition \$2 and \$3 per month, from day of admission. Board \$5 per month.

Dec. 5, 1877. W. H. LESLIE, Principal.

Price of Hauling Reduced.

Now is the time to have your Cotton hauled to Shreveport and sold, for \$1 per hundred. I will make weekly trips to Shreveport. Personal attention given to all orders and sales.

Oct. 17, 1877. W. H. ELLINGTON.

CHARLEY YANCEY'S WAGON, TOM EGAN, Driver.

MAKES Weekly Trips to Shreveport. Care and attention given to all orders. Prices low, and prompt trips made. Give Tom your business. Oct. 24-101j

Partition Sale.

BY virtue of a commission to me directed by the Honorable Parish Court of the parish of Claiborne, I will sell, at the Court-house door in the town of Homer, on

Saturday, the 12th day of January, 1878,

the following described tract of Land, situated in the parish of Claiborne, to-wit: The northwest quarter of Section five, Township twenty-two, Range five. Also, the west half of the southwest quarter of Section eighteen, same Township and Range. Also, the east half of the southwest quarter of Section thirteen, Township twenty-two, Range six. To be sold by order of Court to effect a partition.

Terms of Sale: Cash. H. W. KIRKPATRICK, Sheriff.

Dec. 11, 1877. (pf \$6) 17:ts

Partition Sale.

BY virtue of a commission to me directed by the Honorable Parish Court of the parish of Claiborne, I will sell at public auction, at the Court-house door in the town of Homer, on

Saturday, the 12th day of January, 1878,

the following described Land, situated in the parish of Claiborne, to-wit: The west half of the southeast quarter of Section nineteen, Township twenty-two, Range five west. To be sold by order of Court to effect a partition.

Terms of Sale: Cash. H. W. KIRKPATRICK, Sheriff.

Dec. 11, 1877. (pf \$6) 17:ts

DRY GOODS, GROCERIES, VARIETIES

I HAVE OPENED AND AM NOW SELLING at the Store-house lately occupied by A. W. BARROW, A large stock of DRY GOODS, GROCERIES, CLOTHING, BOOTS, SHOES and all articles usually kept in a first-class store. My terms are strictly and emphatically cash. I have purchased my stock personally, and have exercised the greatest care in their selection. My prices are as low as those of any other house in the country. Give me a trial, and you will be satisfied. Oct. 17, 1877. M. C. LAWRENCE.

BARGAINS!!

GOODS AT SHREVEPORT PRICES AT THE EMPORIUM OF ALEX. WELL LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—I respectfully invite you to inspect my large and beautifully selected stock of FALL AND WINTER GOODS, consisting of Dry Goods of every description—(Clothing, Hats, Boots and Shoes, and almost everything kept in a regular store. Having determined to change my business from the old established rule of long credit and no pay, to that of cash, I will make it to the interest of those purchasing goods to buy of me. Before buying elsewhere, please call and examine my stock. "A penny saved is a penny made." Oct. 24, 1877. 100sm

Piano and Organ Agency

HAVING accepted the Agency of the celebrated

MARCHAL & SMITH Piano Manufacturing Co., New York, I am prepared to sell first class Pianos at the lowest cash prices. The Marchal & Smith Pianos combine every improvement in tone, touch, power and durability, and have everywhere won for themselves a reputation for unrivaled excellence and durability. All Pianos sold by me will have the makers' guarantee for seven years, and will also receive my personal supervision while delivered, thereby guaranteeing their being in perfect order and tune. I will also receive orders for the celebrated MASON & HAMILTON ORGANS. These Organs are unsurpassed in the world, and have the endorsement of all the leading musicians and composers in Europe and America. Price as low as any first class Organ. All instruments sold by me will have my personal guarantee in addition to the makers'. For descriptive lists, prices, &c., apply to A. A. WHEELER, Prof. Music in Homer Female Institute. Having a full supply of material, I am prepared to tune and repair Pianos and Organs in a thorough and workmanlike manner. With many years' experience in the best establishments, both North and South, I am certain I can guarantee my work every respect. A. A. W. Aug. 29, 1877. 100sm