

THE DEMOCRAT-STAR is the oldest newspaper on the Mississippi seaboard...

CAPT. EADS left New Orleans for Mexico last Monday.

LET there be unity of action in the democratic party.

The Confederate graves were decorated in New Orleans last Wednesday.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., elected a democratic mayor and other city officers on the 5th.

We give an increased amount of choice reading matter this week in the DEMOCRAT-STAR.

THE Mississippi river is rising rapidly at St. Louis, and an overflow of the lower valley is anticipated.

THE Ellisville Eagle is soon to be enlarged to an eight-page paper. We are glad to note this prosperity in our neighbor.

A MAN named R. H. Brennan had his throat cut from ear to ear in Jackson, Miss., by a negro man last Sunday night.

WM. MEANS, democrat, was elected mayor of Cincinnati last Tuesday by 2514 majority. There is hopes for Ohio yet.

MRS. L. VIRGINIA FRENCH, the well-known Southern authoress, died at her home near McMinnville, Tenn., on the 31st ult.

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THERE is some talk of a newspaper being started at Snatchville, in Harrison county. That is all that is needed to make that place the commercial center of the Biloxi river country.

LAST Tuesday the large cotton and commission house of Sims, Foster & Co., of Mobile, made an assignment. Mr. Peter Stark, president of the Peoples' Savings bank, is made the assignee.

THE annual meeting of the "Mississippi Valley Cotton Planters' Association" will be held in Memphis, Tenn., May 23rd next. For an invitation to attend the committee will accept our thanks.

MR. LEWIS SCRANTON, of the firm of Scranton, Barney & Co., Mobile, died at Healing Springs, Ala., last week. Mr. Scranton was one of the oldest merchants of Mobile, and was a highly esteemed citizen.

LET the old and tried democratic party in this State resolve to stand shoulder to shoulder in the coming fall elections and victory will be ours.

THE DEAD LOCK

Mr. Garfield convened the senate in extra session for the purpose of confirming his appointments...

The republicans are anxious to organize the senate so as to get their men in office, and as Riddlebarger is one of the men to get position...

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GRATUITOUS PUFFING.

The Columbus Ledger boasts that the newspapers of Mississippi do themselves great injustice in their habit of gratuitously puffing and blowing for every fellow—big and little, eloquent and stupid, clean and long, clever and mangy—who belongs to "our party."

Yes, and the politicians and office-holders are not the only ones who turn their backs upon the newspapers after receiving gratuitous and laudatory notices. This class is bad enough, the Lord knows, but how stands the case with merchants, manufacturers and others who engage in business in the towns and counties where newspapers are published.

We know of many such cases, and some have happened within our own territory. There never was a store, manufactory, or anything of the kind started here without receiving many dollars' worth of notices through the columns of the DEMOCRAT-STAR, which would naturally bring them into notoriety...

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county papers of every county. The process of these boards have been enlarged by recent legislation, and in many cases their action is both important and final.

MARRIED. GRAVES-SWETMAN. In Handlerson, on Thursday, March 21, 1881, by Rev. A. F. Nicholson, Mr. H. G. Graves, of Handlerson, and Miss Susan Swetman, eldest daughter of Mr. J. E. Swetman.

DIED. LEVY. At Pass Christian, Miss., at the residence of his son, on Sunday, April 3, 1881, Mr. George Levy, aged 84 years.

OLIVIER. In New Orleans, La., Tuesday, March 29, 1881, Mr. Victor Olivier, aged 42 years.

Marine & Commercial. Changing Names of Vessels. The following Act of Congress, approved March 2, 1881, is published for the information of officers of the customs and others concerned:

OFFICE OF THE DEMOCRAT-STAR, PASCAGOULA, Thursday, April 7, 1881. Arrivals, Clearances, Etc.

Am by C E Pickering, Marshall, 1 tons, from Mobile, in ballast. Ann by Florida A Willey, Willey, 1 tons, from New Orleans, in ballast.

LAND OFFICE AT JACKSON, MISS., April 1, 1881. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim...

Sheriff's Sale. Notice is hereby given to me directed to the clerk of the circuit court of Jackson county, Miss., in the above stated cause, I will sell at public auction...

SALE OF VESSEL. I will sell for cash, to the highest bidder, within legal hours, on Friday, April 15, 1881.

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Petition for License to Retail.

The undersigned, legal voters of least No. 2 of said county, would respectfully recommend Elizabeth Dees to be a sole and suitable person to receive a license to retail various and spirited liquors in less quantities than one pint...

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