POETRY.

THE WILD SEA GULL.

Oh! the white sea gull, the wild sea gull
A joyful bird is he,
As he lies like a cradled thing at rest
In the arms of a sunny sea!
The little waves rock to and fro,
And the white gull lies asleep.
As the fisher's bark, with breeze and tide,
Goes merrily over the deep.
The ship, with her fair sails set, goes by,
And her people stand to note,
How the sea gull sits on the rocking waves
As still as an anchored boat.
The sea is fresh, the sea is fair,
And the sky calm overheard,
And the sea-gull lies on the deep, deep sea,
Like a king in his royal bed!

Oh! the white sea-gull, the bold sea-gull,
A joyful bird is he,
Sitting, like a king, in calm repose
On the breast of the heaving sea!
The waves leap up, the wild wind blows,
And the gulls together crowd,
And wheel about, and madly scream
To the sea that is roaring loud;—
And let the sea roar ever so loud,
And the winds pipe ever so high,
With a wilder joy the bold sea gull
Sendeth forth a wilder cry.
For the sea-gull he is a daring bird,
And he loves with the storm to sail;
To ride in the strength of the billowy sea;
And to breast the driving gale!
The little boat she is tossed about,
Like a sea-weed to and fro;
The tall ship reels like a drunken man,
As the gusty tempests blow,
But the sea-gull laughs, at the pride of man,
And sails in a wild delight
On the torn-up breast of the night-black sea
Like a foam cloud calm and white.
The waves may rage, the winds may roar,
But he fears not wreck nor need,
For he rides the sea in its stormy strength,
As a strong man rides his steed.

Oh! the white sea-gull, the bold sea-gull,
He makes on the shore his nest.
And he tries what the inland fields may be;
But he loveth the sea the best.
And away from land a thousand leagues
He goes 'mid surging foam;
What matter to him is land or shore,
For the sea is his truest home!
And away to the north 'mong ice-rocks stern,
And among the frozen snow,
To a seat that is lone and desolate,
Will the wanton sea-gull go.
For he careth not for the winter wild,
Nor those desert-regions chill;
In the midst of the cold and on calm, blue sea,
The sea-gull hath his will!
And the dead whale lies on the northern shores,
And the seal and the sea-horse grim,
And the death of the great sea-creature make
A full, merry feast for him.

Oh! the wild sea-gull, the bold sea-gull
As he screams in his wheeling flight:—
As he sits on the waves in storm or calm,
All cometh to him aright!
All cometh to him as he liketh best,
Nor any his will gainsay;
And he rides on the waves like a bold young king,
That was crowned but yesterday!

[The Gift, 1838.

MISCELLANEOUS.

CONFESSION.

OF SAMUEL WALKER & CLARENDON DIX
His partner, who murdered Mr. Parker at the Mechanic's Savings bank Louisville, Kentucky.

My name is Samuel Walker. I was born in the city of New York in the year 1812; my parents were rich and well to do in the world. I was educated for a lawyer, but did not choose to finish my education, so I ran away from home, in the year 1824, and came to the western country, where my principal theatre of action was laid. Nothing of importance occurred to me till I reached Cincinnati, where I became acquainted with a great many river characters—boys like myself who persuaded me to go on the river with them. I did so, and immediately went as cabin boy, on the old steamboat Caladonia, commanded by John Russell. In this manner, though not the most respectable occupation in the world, I made my living for come six or eight months, getting a salary of six, seven and eight dollars per month.—Being what is called a pretty smart boy, I thought that was too little for me to have, and so I came to the conclusion to be better paid, by helping myself from the passengers pockets, when they were asleep. The first thing I did of this kind, was robbing a gentleman of his pocket book on board the old Feliciana. whilst she was lying at the New-Orleans wharf; to which boat I then belonged. This circumstance I suppose the public has never before known.

The next thing I had a hand in, was in robbing a flat boatmen of about seven or eight hundred dollars and a great quantity of Jewelry. This was done on the Leve in New Orleans shortly after I left the Feliciana. A short time after the robbery I went to Natchez, where I robbed several persons. I then left there and went to Memphis, where I robbed a passenger on the old Uncle Sam. I then left Memphis and went to Louisville where I [illegible] for very near three years, without [illegible] any thing but rob little children [illegible] money when they had been [illegible] rants.

During the stay in this place I [illegible] acquainted with Geo. Lovett, [illegible] Hoover and Thompson, who [illegible] since been hung, and committed [illegible] them, at different times, the following [illegible] predations, viz: In the first place we [illegible] shipped on board a flat boat, bound for New Orleans, for which we were to get twenty five dollars a piece. All things went tolerably well on board of her, till we got between Paducah and the mouth of the Ohio between which places, we killed the owner of the boat and his brother. We threw them both overboard, run the boat to Memphis where we sold our cargo and boat, for which we got $1,374 which we divided among four of us viz: Lovett, Jones and Thompson and myself—so each having $1,003,50 cents a piece we concluded to go to New Orleans—so we got on board the old Cincinnatian and went to New Orleans.—At this place we staid nearly all winter, and all we done was kill one man, back of mother Gordon's big house, on Girard street, and also buried him there. This was in the year 1830; I being 18 years of age, and having committed so many depredations, I was highly honored by the honorable boasd of common scoundrels, robbers and murderers. They all said I was a smart boy, a great man—and that if ever I was hung, I would be an honor to their profession. So, with all of these inducements I continued in their profession.

The next thing I did, was to kill a man over the river opposite New Orleans, and robbed him of $14,000, in United States Louisiana and New York money. This was in the month of March, 1831. After this, I got on the old steamer Farmer, and went to Louisville; and from thence to Wheeling, Va., where I robbed a man of a horse, and $500, and rode back to Marietta, where I sold my horse for $75. I then got on the steamer Statesman, Capt. Forsyth, and robbed the clerks drawer of $3000; a gentleman's book of $120, and another of his pistols and trunk, and then went ashore at Gallipolis. From there, I stole another horse, from a Mr. Hereford, and went to Portsmouth—where I robbed the Exchange Hotel drawer of seventy-three dollars. Got on my horse and went to Maysville—where I sold my horse for sixty-two dollars. I then shipped on board the Little Spy, and went to Cincinnati. This was in the fall of 1831. I then got on board of the Michigan, Capt. Swan and Capt Scott, and remained on her as Cabin boy 2d steward, for nearly two years, without committing any depradations whatever; then I thought I had lived an honest life too long, and so I went to Louisville, in November, 1833, on the steamer Helen Mar, Capt Fuller, on which passage I robbed several deck passengers, and a babin passanger of about $523, all together I then staid in Louisville till the summer of 1834—when I shipped on board of the Steamer Galenian, Capt. Clarendon Dix, as steward of her—Here I shall give an account how we worked together—and from it hope all steamboat men, from captain to the meanest station on a steam boat, may learn to shun all bad practices—and also I hope it may put owners on their guard—in the first place to inquire into the character of every commander of a steamboat, with the strintest scrutiny; also to commanders of steam boats, I would say, be careful who you hire for any situation whatever even to a fireman;—for if I choose to disclose their names, people who are now highly honored and respected by all who know them would soon be knocked from the stations they now fill and be damned forever. But this is not going on with what concerns me, for I know that my time in this world is but short—so to go on with my story.

Directly after the Galenian left Louisville, I was watching all the passengers to see who had money and who had not.—Amongst the rest I observed an aged gentleman, with about $6000 in his trunk; he came to me and said steward, if you will put my trunk in my state room I will give you a dollar; certainly says I, and immediately did so. After we got in the state room, from amongst the passengers I inquired of him where he went ashore at. He told me that he got out at Smithland; so I was determined that he should not carry his trunk ashore with all that money in it, nor; yet any of it. So knowing that we would reach Smithland by daylight in the morning, I intended to take it that night when he was asleep; and about 12 o'clock, I went into the door and there I found Capt. Dix robbing the trunk.—Says, I hold on captain, that's my game—and I see plainly it is yours; so lets divide, and looking at that instant on the bed where the old man lay, I saw the blood gushing from his heart, and a dagger lying by his side. Then says Dix to me, if you are my friend, and this is your game only stick with me and I will make your fortune—so come, let us take and throw this old son of a b——ch in the river. So opened the window—I got on the outside of it, and Capt. Dix handed his head to me. I then put my arm around his head and body, and gave him one pitch in the river; taking good care to throw the bed clothes [illegible] with him. After this affair, he told [illegible] to steward any longer [illegible] an enterprise [illegible] that I [illegible] then [illegible] paid [illegible] a [illegible] quit [illegible] and [illegible] orth [illegible] I tra- [illegible] action [illegible] after [illegible] her. [illegible] place, [illegible] ng lady [illegible] hen came [illegible] years ago and boarded [illegible] e name of Carroll, who [illegible] place, and to my knowledge [illegible] been on the river since; nor yet seen his wife since; only when she had her child, when it was about three weeks old. I believe he went up to Maysville to see her and remained there.

A short time after, he came back to Louisville, and I think, he has not been away from it since. He still boarded at Mrs Carroll's, till last summer; when he removed to the Gult house to board. I was boarding, (under another name, which I shall not disclose, for reasons that I have within my breast concerning a young lady at the Louisville *Hotel*,) and lived an honest life, till last fall—when he came to me one day, and told me he was out of money, and in debt greatly for instance, the last ten days he had received three letters from his wife, and that he wanted to go home, and see her. But, says he, I'll blow my brains to the devil, before I will go there without plenty of money. I have a plan laid to get some considerable quantity, if you will assist me in it. Says I, certainly I will and accordingly, the following plan was laid: He told me that I was to come to the Gult house at 12 o'clock, the day Mr. Parker was murdered by him: Accordingly I did so. Now says he, I am acquainted and slightly related with Parker, the clerk of the Mechanic' Savings Institution, and can get admission at any time. Now says he, give me your dirk. I told him I had no weapen with me, never wore them. Says he, I have got a pistol that will do the business for him; so he went away and got one. He then came back, and just as he did a young man whom he called Julius or Julian, went from the bank, him and I standing together at the lamp post of Lynch's Garden—he left me, and went to the window of the Bank, as I came from it. Julian said to him, are you not going to dinner? No says he I do not feel like eating. Julian went on and he came back to me, and said that I must wait till I saw Julian come back—and then come by the door and whistle Yankee Doodle. He then went to the bank door, and I crossed the street to the corner of Pearl street, and so down as far as Maxwell's bookstore. I then saw Julian returning to the bank—walking fast; got ahead of him, and went past the door and whistled according to promise; and so passed on to the corner, and kept skulking about till the alarm was raised by Julian. I then left the spot immediately, and went to the river, where I staid till I heard that Dix had killed himself, and then went home and changed my clothes put on false whiskers, and went along to the bank, and in the crowd I robbed a man of his hankerchief and pocket book, containing $1500 in Kentucky money. This was a young man who had on an old greasy white hat, broad brim, Kentucky Jeans coat, striped cassinet pantaloons, and check shurt. The pocket book was all tore in a strait piece, and had G. E. H. of New York, written in it. The reason why I so minutely describe him is because his money lays buried near Mill creek bridge, under a little house cell—first and last retreat in Cincinnati.

My life is now at an end; and I have but a few moments to live; therefore, my young companions, I would ask of you who die on a bed and not a condemned criminal before an earthly tribunal—I would ask of you, to live an honest life. So farewell.

SAM'L WALKER.

THE RIVER.—Contrary to our anticipation, we have the pleasure to announce that the navigation of the Ohio has actually been resumed. On Wednesday the Newcastle and New Lisbon arrived from Pittsburgh and have departed for ports below. On the same day the Pulaski left for Louisville.—Yesterday we had the first arrival from down the river—the Franklin from Marietta.—

Wheeling Gazette, 26th ult.

NOTICE.

A. HALL & Co. beg leave to inform the citizens of Yazoo county and vicinity, that they have established themselves in the AUCTIONEER & COMMISSION business in Manchester, and respectfully solicit the patronage of the public generally. Goods of every description received on commission, and sold at public or private sale. Regular sale day—every Thursday.

REFERENCES—
M. D. HAMER,
E. M. ADCOCK,
VANCE & ANDREWS,
HOFF & WRIGHT,
J. J. JACKSON & Co.
MANCHESTER.

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HORACE B. OLIVER

ATTORNEY & COUNSELLOR AT LAW,
LEXINGTON, MISSISSIPPI,

WILL practice in the several Courts of Holmes and the adjacent counties.

Office on the public square, in the room occupied by Drs. Mitchell & Cain.

October 27.—21—4w

BUTLER & GOULD,

HAVING associated themselves together in the practice of the law, will attend the Circuit Courts of Choctaw Yallabusha Tallahatchie Carroll, Holmes, Attala and Yazoo, also, the United States District Courts a Pontotoc, High Court of Errors and Appeals and Chancery Courts at Jackson.

V. BUTLER,
OFFICE AT CARROLTON MI.
W. GOULD
OFFICE AT MIDDLETON MI.

August 25, ...tf.

NOTICE.

IN pursuance of an order of the court of Probates for the county of Yazoo at the October Term of said court, for the year 1838, the undersigned as administrators of the estate of Charles A Weston deceased, will expose to sale at public auction to the highest bidder at the court House in the town of Lexington Holmes county and state of Mississippi, on the 18th day of December next, the following tracts or parcels of land, lying and being in said county of Holmes, to wit: The N hf of S 18, the N W qr of S 17, the N hf W hf S W qr of S 18, the E hf S W qr S 8, E hf S W qr and the W hf S E qr Sec 18, all in township 15, R 3 E containing 759-2 100 acres. E hf S E qr Sec 31, E hf N W qr S 31, W hf N W qr S 32, E hf S W qr S 31, S hf W hf of S E qr S 32 E hf S E q S 31, W hf N E qr and E hf N W qr S 31, the W hf S E q S 31, all in T 14 R 3 E, also the E hf N w qr S 6 and the N hf E hf S w qr S 6 T 13 R 3 E containing 800 acres more or less, also the w hf N E qr and S E qr of the N E qr and the N E qr of S 4. And the w hf of S E qr and the S E qr of the S E qr, and the w hf of the N E qr of S No 9, T 14 R 3 E containing 463 9-10 acres more or less; also the w hf N w qr S no 3 T 14 R 3 E.

They will also as such administrators proceed on the 22nd day of December aforesaid, to sell in like manner in the town of Manchester Yazoo county an undivided half of lots 226 and 218 lying and being in said town of Manchester.—The lands and lots aforesaid will be sold upon a credit of one and two years. Bonds with good and sufficient security will be required of the purchasers. The lands aforesaid will be offered in lots to suit those who may wish to buy so far as the same can be done with advantage to said estate.

☞ One of the aboved escribed tracts of land contains about eight hundred acres and is situated about eight miles from Lexington, and one from Franklin. It is a rich and fertile body of land with over two hundred acres now cleared and in fine condition for cultivation, with all necessary fixtures for a good force.

There is also a large well aranged brick store house on the lots above offered for sale in the town of Manchester, in fine repair, and in as good a business location as can be had in said town.

M. B. HAMER,
DANIEL BLUE.
Adm's of the estate of C. A Weston, dec'd.

Lexington Nov. 3, 1838 22——6w

☞ The Manchester Whig will publish the above for four weeks and transmit the account to this office.

Notice!!!

THE partnership heretofore existing between W C KINNEY & D. F. BATES is this day dessolved by mutual consent.

All persons indebted to the firm will please call and settle with D. F. Bates, who alone is authorised to receipt for the same, or they will find their notes and accounts in the hands of an officer for collection.

W. C. KINNEY,
D. F. BATES.

Oct. 27, 1838 21——5w

WM. M. LANSDALE,

ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR
AT LAW,
LEXINGTON,
MISS.

OCTOBER 13, 1838.

SCRUGGS & BELL,

COMMISSION RECEIVING & FORWARDING
MERCHANTS,
TCHULA MISS.
.....2m.

CURREY & SMITH,

GENERAL FORWARDING AGENTS,
AND
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
MANCHESTER, MISS.

September, 25, 1838, 3m

DISSOLUTION.

THE partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned in the practice of law has ben this day dissolved by mutual consent,

J. R. ENLOE,
W. T. COURTS.

November 3, 1838.

J. R. ENLOE has taken an office in the town of Tchula and will continue the practice of Law in the various courts of this Judicial District, and in the Supreme Court of the United States at Jackson.

Nov. 3.—4wp

NOTICE!

IN pursuance of an order of the Probate court of Yazoo county, I will on Monday the 3rd day of December, 1838, at the door of the Exchange, in Manchester, expose to public sale to the highest bidder on a credit of 12 months, the following described lands, situate in Holmes county and State of Mississippi, viz—the south west quarter and east half of the north west qr of section 17, township 14, range 1 east, containing in all 240 acres.

Also, lot number one hundred and sixty, in the town of Manchester, county of Yazoo and state aforesaid, belonging to the estate of JAS. F. RAINEY, dec'd. Bond and security will be required of the purchaser, and will make to him such title as was in said Rainey at his decease.

ALEXANDER H. MORTON,
One of the administrators of James F. Rainey, deceased.

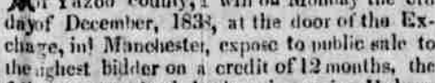
November 2, 1838 3wp

NOTICE.——The undersigned Administratrix and Administrators of the estate of Duke W Wiltshire, deceased, will at the next December Term of the Probate Court of Holmes County, present their account of said estate for final settlement and allowance and surrender their letters of Administration.

MARY TILMAN, Adm'x.
R. WILTSHIRE, Adm'r.
E. F. DELOACH, Ad'mr.
WILLIAM TILMAN,
Adm'r in right of his wife.

Nov. 9——4wp

Steam Cotton Press.



THE Subscriber takes this method of informing the public that the Steam Cotton Press in the City of Vicksburg, will be in full operation on the first day of October. He is now prepared to receive and safely store thirty thousand bales of Cotton; seven hundred bales can be compressed per day; and he will ship and forward to any point desired by the owner.

WM. H. WASHINGTON.

Brandon, Sept. 12, 1838. 17——4m

PROPOSALS

FOR PUBLISHING IN THE TOWN OF LOUISVILLE, WINSTON COUNTY, MISS., A WEEKLY NEWSPAPER TO BE CALLED THE

Louisville Arrow

THE increasing population of Winston county, and the growing prosperity of Louisville, have induced the undersigned to issue proposals for the publication of a weekly newspaper. In doing this he is influenced greatly by the solicitations of many intelligent citizens of Winston county. Without further palaver then, we fly our flag and ask you to rally under it. We have a full *quiver* and shall *shoot* straight. All we lack is the *metal to point* our arrows—give us this and we will promise "close shots and heavy doings."

As to politics, we are straight in that particular. We go for the HARD STUFF and the present Administration. We shall oppose a National Bank, support Southern Commerce, and do our best to promote the prosperity and development of this section of the State.

You now have what we call a candid prospectus. The Arrow shall be its own defence. Liberal patronage will secure the exercise of our best faculties to please the fancy, delight the heart and illumine the understanding.

M. VAUL.

NOTICE!!!!

ALL persons indebted to the undersigned for job printing and advertising, up to this date, will please come forward and make payment. Those who are in arrears for the "Standard" up to this time, will also oblige by paying. We have had to pay cash for all our expenses and it is hoped those indebted will make prompt payment.

Those having claims against the subscriber will please have them presented by the first of January next.

Editors of newspapers who may have accounts against the Standard office for advertising are requested to forward them to Lexington immediately when they will be collected and paid.

C. S. SMITH.

November 10 23 1w

BANK OF LEXINGTON,

NOV. 3, 1838.

AT a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bank of Lexington held this day the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That the Bank leaves it optional with those persons against whom it holds cotton bonds to pay said bonds at maturity, viz: January, 1st, 1839, in cash or by Bills of Exchange maturing at the same time of the Bond on approved houses in Manchester, Vicksburg or Natchez, or by the delivery of cotton at Manchester or Tchula, as agreed upon.

Extract from the minutes.

H. MORTON, Secretary.

November 10——3wp

LAWRENCE & CHALMERS,

COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
NEW-ORLEANS.

R. LAWRENCE, of Memphis.
J. G. CHALMERS, of Jackson.

November 10—3m'

NOTICE is hereby given, warning all persons from trading for a note of hand, given by me. due Lindsey S. Wells for the sum of [illegible] hundred dollars, made on the 17th May 1837 and due January 1839, as I am determined not to pay said note unless compelled by law so to do.

Nov. 8—1w JAMES DAY.

Lane, Fontaine & Co.

CONTINUE the Commission business in N. Orleans. The instructions of Planters & Merchants strictly complied with.

JOHN W. LANE,
BENJ. B. FONTAINE,
JNO. W. FREEMAN.

New Orleans, Sept. 1, 1838.—20—3m

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE.

AGREEABLY to an order of the Probate Court of Holmes county made on the 5th of November, 1838, for the sale of the real estate of William Allen, deceased, we will sell to the highest bidder the following lands, viz: The west half south east quarter of section 18, south west quarter of section 14 township 14 range 4 east; west half south west quarter section no 9 of township 14 range 4 east; west half south east quarter of section 17 township 14 of range 4 east; west half south east quarter of section no 9 township 14 range 4 east; east half south west quarter section no 8 of township 14 range 4 east; north east quarter of section no 25, township 15 range 4 east. The above described land is well improved, and will be sold on the 23nd of DECEMBER next. Those who wish to purchase would do well to attend the sale, as it will be sold on a credit of one and two years

MARY ALLEN, Adm'x.
JOHN B. ALLEN, Ad'mr.

Nov. 10.....6ap

NOTICE.

WE the undersigned hereby give notice that we intend keeping open an establishment in Lexington for this season at least and perhaps longer. We would also give notice that M. Cornelius Lane is our authorized agent to transact our business in Tchula. Any arrangement that may at any time be made with him will be strictly adhered to on our part.

CRAWFORD & RAY.

Tchula, September, 23, 1838.

A fine plantation For Sale.

THE undersigned offers for sale a tract of land, containing 960 acres, lying on Chicopa creek about 12 miles from Lexington, and 6 miles from Yazoo Valley. 250 acres of this land is in a state of cultivation. upon it there's a convenient dwelling house, Gin Mill, Quarters &c. It is finely timbered, and well watered. It is also very convenient to market, being within 12 miles of both Marion and Tchula. He will also sell a stock of hogs, cattle, corn and farming utensils. Those wishing to purchase can learn the terms by calling on the subscriber.

LEWIS H. DAVIS.

Holmes county Sept. 8 14——tf

Notice!!!

THE undersigned having been appointed by the Probate Court of Holmes county, commissioners to audit examine and allow the claims against the estate of Wiley Davis deceased, will meet at the Court House in Lexington on the third monday in each month for the next six months for that purpose.

J. PERKINS,
W. GOULD,
J. H. BAUGHN.
Commissioners.

July 7, ——2m