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ALEXANDRIA, LA.

WEDNESDAY, - JULY 3, 1878.

FOR SHERIFF.

ALEXANDRIA, LA.,
June 15, 1878.

EDITOR DEMOCRAT—
Please announce that I am a candidate for re-election for SHERIFF of the Parish of Rapides, subject to the vote of the people at the ensuing election.
H. M. ROBINSON.

—We hope ere this time our impracticables and unbelievers in a perfect Packet system, will now look favorably on it as carried out to the letter by the owners and managers of the steamer Bart. Able. Here we are in the dulllest of mid-summer, with every other branch of industry languid and curtailing accommodations, and yet the Packet is with and of us, and remains faithful and punctual to her pledges. Let us hope this little remembrance of ours in favor of a great boon will calm down all opposition, and make us all the fast and steady friends and supporters of the Packet Bart. Able.

—Several little scintillations in Town last week, and for *lagniappe* a romantic *emette*, in which the gilded old hero strutted briefly, but majestically, on the sidewalk, in full Georgia costume, and held a huge indignation meeting worthy of the gayest of Lotharios. The lovely Juliet of the Vaudeville, though deserving of cheers and bouquets, closed the performance by being well cowhided by an indignant uncle, and right here stepped in the Corporation's officials and claimed seven dollars as a license for such amusement. Colors were easy as regards the performers in the Vaudeville.

—Hon. J. B. Elam, our Representative in Congress, has returned to his DeSoto home, and en route there, gave his Shreveport constituents a talk, which was practical and Democratic to the core. The "old fourth" District had an eye to her true interests when she sent Joe Elam to Congress, and we know whereof we speak when we say he is a working member, able, zealous, ever on the go, and has done his work well and faithfully. Our people may expect him to turn up in Rapides at any moment.

—The contest for office and power in Rapides this coming contest will be hot and fierce, but our advice to the Democrats and anti-Radicals, how to win is plain and not hard to grapple with; put forward none but men of brains and liberal views—men of principle and wholesome common sense, who will sink from sight every personal ambition and go all in for the good of old Rapides. Such a course is what is needed to defeat the demagogue and common place time serving trickster.

—SHERIFF Robinson has recently displayed his willingness and promptitude in arresting criminals, and since our last, in company of two trusted deputies, he has been on a vigilant search of two well-known "indicted murderers," who are refugees from justice. His trip was a fruitless one, though through no fault of his, and the good ones of the community will remember him kindly nevertheless.

—DURING the Summer solstice no more appropriate place can be resorted to than the Barber Shop of Leon Dessins, at its old and well known locality. There you can be accommodated with all the luxuries appertaining to a first class Tonsorial Saloon, and there you can always be treated and served in decent and gentlemanly style.

—THERE is a nasty rumor afloat in the political air here, that an ex-Radical official, who was spewed on the people of Rapides in the cheating days of the Returning Board, will again be a candidate for a judicial position. We await further rumors.

—THE Silver City was the Pool-Line's river mail Packet which passed up Friday evening. We received two New Orleans papers from her office clerk, and our package of Western papers sent us by the President of the Line.

—At Calhoun's Store, in Spring Hill Ward, registration will be in progress on July 9, 10 and 11.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

The handsome victory obtained in Ouachita Parish by the opponents of a Constitutional Convention is a good and a sure indication of what the result will be everywhere, when the question comes to be fully discussed. We hope the meeting, to be held here, which will appoint delegates to the Baton Rouge Convention, will adopt the Ouachita resolutions without addition or alteration. They are as good a platform as can be made.

Those who clamor for a Convention to be held now are merely actuated by a desire for change. There is not one, either man or newspaper, who is loud-mouthed in its advocacy, that has not some personal grievance to redress. What sort of a body would be brought together to make a permanent organic law, if elected in the present chaotic condition of our politics. If the Legislature makes mistakes, they can soon be corrected, but not so with the body that makes a Constitution.

From New Orleans we have occasional intimations in the newspapers of sundry organizations for political purposes, outside of the Democratic party. The Communists even have a club, and the American Alliance boasts a numerous following. The *Picayune* of the 21st ult. contains the substance of an interview with the head of the Alliance at Washington, in which he says:

We have a most thorough organization in Maine, and expect to elect our State ticket there this year, and have other States organized almost as completely, as I told you, from Michigan to Louisiana. The American Alliance in Louisiana, a very large organization, numbering in New Orleans alone 10,000 men, have within the last two weeks, adopted the Toledo platform, and have come into line with our organization.

What is the character of this American Alliance in Louisiana? What party does it draw from the most? I care not a little or nothing, except that there is a party there of that kind, numbering ten or twelve thousand in the City of New Orleans alone. I think the people there are tired of both old parties, and I may say that there has never been a time in the history of this Government at which there was so little cohesion in the old parties. That is the reason, above all others, of our unprecedented success.

What this precious set of scoundrels wants has been told by one of their own number. The *Picayune* also contains an interview with one Casey, a member of the Executive Committee, who said:

Of course, Congress won't grant what we want; in we are going to make them take the responsibility. They tell us the trouble is over-production too many coats and hats too much flour. Well, there may be less after awhile. They tell us we must respect the law. Just so. It may be a law of nature that a man's tooth must ache; but when it does, he says: "D—n the law! Pull the tooth!" Now, if we are starving, and the law stands in our way we'll kill the law; we'll take matters into our own hands, because we are the government, and we'll kick out these fellows who are starving us. They have plenty, and they don't believe anything is hungry. Why? It's the law that makes them hungry, and they never intended that those who make it should starve, while d—n loafers fatten on it.

"You are opposed to large fortunes, then?"

"Of course we are; we made these millions for ourselves. A man that's lucky might make \$20,000 by his labor, and if he has got more than that he has robbed some one else. If a man has a million it stands to reason that he has made a thousand other men poor."

"You think property is theft, then?"

"Well, it is just about amounts to that."

The people of Louisiana will put off holding a Convention to make a new Constitution until the Democratic party has established its ascendancy, and radicalism, and robbery, such as the above, is put down. Meanwhile they will adopt the Amendments which we are presenting each week in their regular order.

IF YOU WANT A GOOD, DURABLE AND EASY-RUNNING SEWING MACHINE, BUY THE "WILSON" FROM MOORE BLOSSAT, THE ONLY AUTHORIZED AGENT IN RAPIDES PARISH. OFFICE: CORNER SECOND AND DESOTO STREETS, ALEXANDRIA, LA.

—THE following letter is selected from hundreds on file in the office of Messrs. Ferrel & Co., Proprietors of "JURULEWICZ'S ANTI-RHEUMATIC MIXTURE," P. O. Box 1406, New Orleans:

Mr. Alfred Slay, Alexandria, La., says: A sense of duty prompts me to make the following statement in regard to your Anti-Rheumatic Mixture. For three years I could not walk without crutches, but 30 hours after commencing the use of your medicine, I was able to do without them. After using the medicine a short time I was perfectly cured and able to do a full day's work. It is two years since I discontinued it and I have not had the slightest touch of rheumatism since.

The following gentlemen vouch for the above: Daniel Slay, Minister Baptist Church; M. L. Ryland, Justice of the Peace; N. R. Stewart, B. W. Baker, M. C. Slay, W. A. Baker, A. Tarver, J. S. Simmons, G. W. Slocom, Henry Haines, Sr., H. McCann, J. W. McCann, B. Hathorn.

THE NEW MAIL CONTRACTS.

The new mail lettings went into operation on the 1st inst., and as a matter of some interest to our community, we give here below the Routes now in operation and the days of arrivals and departures, and other items appertaining thereto.

Mail Route No. 30148, from Alexandria to Harrisonburg, number of trips per week in each direction, 2; Contractor, H. F. Finley; residence, Whitley C. H., Whitley County, Ky. Leaves Alexandria Tuesday and Friday, at 6 o'clock A. M., and arrives here Thursday and Sunday by 7 o'clock P. M.

Mail Route No. 30149, from Alexandria to Winfield, number of trips per week in each direction, 1; James B. Price, Contractor; residence, Jefferson City, Cole County, Missouri. Leaves Alexandria every Tuesday at 1 P. M., and arrives every Tuesday at 12 o'clock M.

Mail Route No. 30150, from Alexandria to Leesville, in Vernon Parish. Samuel J. Smart, Contractor; residence, Leesville, number of trips per week in each direction, 1.—Leaves Alexandria every Thursday at 6 o'clock A. M., and arrives here every Wednesday by 6 o'clock P. M.

Mail Route No. 30151, from Alexandria to Hickory Flat. Contractor, Nelson Taylor; residence, Alexandria; number of trips per week in each direction, 1. Leaves Alexandria every Wednesday at 6 o'clock A. M., and arrives here every Saturday by 6 o'clock P. M.

The next Route, and the greatest in utility and importance to us, is Mail Route No. 30162, from Shreveport to Red River Landing, at least it now so reads on the "Book of Lettings." Dr. B. H. Peterson, of New Orleans, has again received the award of this Route, and has secured the services of Col. McGinnis, of the Excelsior Stable, as his General Agent and Manager. To be plain, this is our New Orleans Mail Route as we understand it, and will continue to arrive here on Monday, Thursday and Saturday, and will leave here every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday by 3 o'clock P. M.

Temperance.

The cause of Temperance flourishes in Alexandria, and we are glad every day to note the heavy inroads its disciples are making against that arch-fend—whiskey. Both of our flourishing Temperance Lodges have recently elected their officers for the ensuing term, and we gladly make the following mention of them:

RAPIDES ENCAMPMENT NO. 7.—
KNIGHTS OF TEMPERANCE.

Chas. B. Stewart.....W. C. Jacob Haines.....V. C. E. de Penna.....V. C. J. B. Rachal.....V. C. R. L. Malachowsky.....A. R. Samuel Pincus.....F. R. Geo. R. Marsh.....T. James Milligan.....M. G. F. Malone.....A. M. John Graham.....S. S. Sydney Leckie.....G. Robert P. Hunter.....P. W. C. UNITED FRIENDS OF TEMPERANCE.—
COUNCIL NO. 49.

John M. Barrett.....W. P. R. Erickson.....W. A. L. Stewart.....C. John R. Stewart.....R. S. Chas. Owen.....A. R. S. A. Hilton.....F. S. Miss M. Hilton.....T. Thomas Kerrigan.....T. Miss Laura Graham.....A. C. Thomas Sample.....I. S. Frank Graham.....O. S.

—LET the untutored Democrats and anti-Radicals of the following Polls in the Pineville Ward be prepared to hand in the lists of their taxable property and be REGISTERED. The Registrar has fixed the following days there to be on duty, and he will not fail to make good these important appointments: Big Island, at Michael Deville's, August 5th, 6th and 7th. Holloway's Prairie, at John A. Newell's, August 8th, 9th and 10th. At J. E. Borland's, August 12th, 13th and 14th.

REGISTRATION.—Maj. G. O. Watts, Assessor and Registrar for the Parish of Rapides, will be on duty, assessing and registering at the following Polls on the dates as follows:—Calcasieu Ward, Hatch's Store, on July 13th, 13th and 15th. Hineson Ward, S. D. Williams' Store, on July 16th, 17th and 18th. Union Church, in the same Ward, on July 19th, 20th and 22d.

—A LONDON machinist had his arm cut off by a buzz saw. A fellow workman picked up the member and carried it home as a relic, and the courts have held that the original owner must pay the expenses of pickling if he wants his arm back.

—THERE is none now so poor as to do reverence to Mr. Hayes, except a person wanting a consulship in a warm climate, and fool enough to put faith in his gratitude.

—COFFEE must be getting a drug in New Orleans; the steamship Knickerbocker, which cleared that City on the 25th ult. for New York, had among her freight items 1060 bags of coffee.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS!

THEY ARE EXAMINED!

AND ARE LARGELY AT-TENDED!

AN INTERESTING WEEK.

LAST week was a busy one for the School Board and the Committee selected to assist them in examining the Public Schools of Alexandria and Pineville, seven in number. The Board had provided suitable books as prizes in every class to be examined, and we are sure that money was never spent to a better advantage. The parents and friends of the school children displayed such a lively interest in the examinations, that the prosperity and usefulness of the schools next session is already assured. On Monday was had the examination of

H. J. WRIGHT'S BOYS' & GIRLS' SCHOOL, PINEVILLE.

This school is taught in the colored Methodist Church, and on their arrival the examiners found the Church well filled with neatly dressed colored children and their parents and friends. The work in hand was commenced at once, and the result was very satisfactory. In reading and spelling his scholars acquitted themselves with much credit. His second spelling class was the best of its grade, in our opinion, that was found during the week. Mr. Wright complains of the irregular attendance of his scholars and of the want of books. Care was taken to impress upon the minds of the parents present their duty to correct these shortcomings. The prizes were then distributed and gave much satisfaction.

MR. W. J. CALVIT'S BOYS' AND MRS. ARMSTRONG'S GIRLS' SCHOOL, PINEVILLE.

On Tuesday, these two schools for white children were examined together, in a neat cottage school house recently built by that enterprising member of the School Board, Benj. Turner, Esq. All day was devoted to the examination and other exercises. The room was handsomely decorated and was crowded with the ladies and gentlemen of Pineville and Alexandria. These are both excellent schools, and stood the tests of the examination very creditably. Where all did so well it is hardly fair to make any distinctions, but we cannot refrain from mentioning the names of Masters James Bolton, Rollo Jarreau and Mike Aaron among the small boys of Mr. Calvit's school for their unusual proficiency in their studies. We could give the names of three girls in Mrs. Armstrong's school equally entitled to separate mention, and one little curly-headed girl in particular, but as the girls did so much better than the boys in almost everything, they must be satisfied with that honor, which was freely accorded them. In the spelling match in the afternoon between picked sides of boys and girls, the girls were victorious and little Miss Griffin carried off the prize. Rev. C. Keener delivered an address at the close of the exercises, which was neat, appropriate and full of wit. We have reserved the post of honor for mention of the address of welcome, which was handsomely recited by little Miss Ball, on the arrival of the visitors in the morning.

MRS. A. F. GRAYSON'S GIRLS' SCHOOL, ALEXANDRIA.

Having finished with the Pineville schools, on Wednesday the Examiners repaired to the school for the colored girls of Alexandria, taught by Mrs. Grayson, in one of the four fine school houses belonging to the Public Schools of Alexandria. That lady has had charge of this school for several years past, and the examination of her classes proved that she has labored faithfully, and that as a teacher she possesses a high order of talent. The discipline and correct deportment of her scholars was as marked as their proficiency. All of her scholars are thorough in their studies, but her first class, composed of four girls, is a most excellent class. We are sure that we give them no more credit than they deserve when we say that it was the best class found in any of the schools. They were subjected to a rigid examination in Arithmetic, Grammar and Geography by the Committee and surprised them all at the extent and thoroughness of their knowledge of these branches. It is not our fault that it is so, and we but do an act of simple justice to them and their teacher, when we accord them the first place in the seven Public Schools, which honor was freely and unanimously given them also by the Committee and visitors. Mrs. Grayson was presented with a testimonial signed by all the gentlemen present, and couched in the highest terms of praise.

A. J. GRINSTEAD'S SCHOOL FOR COLORED BOYS, ALEXANDRIA.

The examination of this school was had in the afternoon of Wednesday. The result was not so satisfactory as the Board would have

liked it to be, but Mr. Grinstead accounted for the want of proficiency on the part of his scholars, by the irregularity of their attendance and their want of books. The parents of the colored children will have to learn that their children cannot study without books and that they cannot learn unless they send them to school regularly every day. While their children are away the class is going ahead and a week, or even a day lost, can often not be regained during the remainder of the session. If they do not see to both these points, they cannot hope for their children to profit by the advantages offered them.

MRS. CANFIELD'S GIRLS' SCHOOL, ALEXANDRIA.

Thursday was devoted to the examination of the girls taught by Mrs. Augusta Canfield. The first class in Arithmetic, taught by Mr. Waters, displayed a considerable acquaintance with the rules and principles of that science, and in time, with the material of which it is composed, it will become a champion class. The other classes did well and reflected much credit upon their able teacher. Mrs. Canfield has had a long experience in teaching and her classes are all carefully taught. In elocution they have been taught with scrupulous care. The Committee and visitors were all highly pleased with the examination of this school. At the close of the other exercises in the evening, the girls challenged the boys for a spelling match and offered the prize which was intended for them, if the boys could win it. It turned out, however, to be another Waterloo for the boys, as Miss Fanny Mayer was the last left standing, and she was given the prize. Mrs. Canfield has every reason to be proud of her school, and the School Board have in her an efficient and worthy teacher.

MR. J. R. WATERS' BOYS' SCHOOL, ALEXANDRIA.

The next in order was the school so ably presided over by Mr. Jas. R. Waters, for the white boys of Alexandria. This was found to be a remarkably fine school, in thorough training as to principles and well grounded in the principles of their studies. The bright eyes and rosy cheeks of so many pretty girls, as were watching them, rather frustrated the boys at first, but they soon got over that and showed how well they had been taught. The examination proved it to be a first class school under competent management, and it fills a want long felt here. Mr. Waters has undoubtedly entered upon his work with great zeal and earnestness, and he has accomplished much more in the short time he has had the school than could have been expected of him in that time. His scholars are evidently interested in their studies, and at the end of next session we predict that he will have the brag school of the Parish. At the end of the exercises the boys returned the challenge to the girls for a spelling match and offered their prize, if they could win it. After an exciting contest, little Miss Cleoni Well carried it off, she having spelled down about thirty boys and girls. In this contest the girls beat the boys easily. The boys will have to give it up or learn to spell better.

We have not the time or space to publish a list of the prizes awarded. The Public Schools of our Town and Pineville are now on a solid basis and under the management of our present efficient School Board they will, in a short time, be the best in the State, outside of New Orleans.

Mr. Pardee had an examination of his private school on Monday and Tuesday of this week, but as it was not closed at the time of our going to press, we reserve our notice of it until next week.

CONSUMPTION CURED.—An old physician, retired from active practice, having had placed in his hands, by an East Indian missionary, the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma and all Throat and Lung affections; also a positive and radical cure for General Debility and all nervous complaints, after having thoroughly tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, feels it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellows. Actuated by this motive, and a desire to relieve human suffering, I will send, free of charge, to all who desire it, this receipt, with full directions for preparing and using, in German, French or English. Sent by mail by addressing with stamp, naming this paper, W. W. Sherar, 149 Powers' Block, Rochester, New York.

—LORD Dufferin has determined that he will retire from the Governor-Generalship of Canada, with its salary of \$50,000 a year. Won't this make the head swim of the average American office-seeker? Grant is the only office-holder in the United States who retired from a position paying that amount, and he only did it because his contract was out and he couldn't retain it.

A DESERVED COMPLIMENT.

On Friday after the close of the morning exercises of the Prof. Jas. R. Waters' school, to all of which Mrs. Grayson had been an attentive listener, she was presented with the following testimonial which speaks for itself. It was presented to her on behalf of the signers by Robt. P. Hunter, Esq., in a few appropriate remarks, who read it to her in the presence of the large number of ladies and gentlemen present, and as it is signed by some of our best and most responsible citizens, it must have gratified the lady who was the recipient of the compliment.

ALEXANDRIA, LA.,
June 28th, 1878.

To Mrs. A. F. GRAYSON—
Madam:—The undersigned Committee in charge of, and visitors at the examination of your public school for colored girls, held on the morning of the 28th inst., deem it to be but an act of simple justice to you, to express in this form, their high appreciation of your capacity, zeal and usefulness as a teacher and disciplinarian. We notice with no little surprise, the marked proficiency of your scholars, and we were no more pleased with the thoroughness of their mental training, than we were with the modesty and correctness of their deportment in the school room. So impressed were we with both, and so certain are we that the public school system of our State would be benefited by your advancement to higher stations, that we are ready, Madam, on all occasions to testify to your worth as a competent and conscientious instructress, and if occasion should arise, we will be pleased to have you refer to us personally, or use this testimonial in any manner in which it may be serviceable to you. We beg leave, with high respect to be,
Your humble servants,

JULIUS LEVIN, Pres. S. B.
REV. A. N. OGDEN,
JOHN M. BARRETT,
E. WEIL,
B. C. DUKE,
I. C. MILLER,
ROBT. P. HUNTER,
H. P. LOCKETT,
JAS. R. WATERS,
J. F. MARSHALL,
M. KLEIN,
W. W. WHITTINGTON, JR.

A CARD.

ALEXANDRIA, LA.,
July 1st, 1878.

EDITOR DEMOCRAT—

Sir:—If the following thoughts, relative to our Public Schools in this Parish meet your approbation, you will oblige the author by giving them a little space in your valuable columns. At the invitation of the gentlemanly President of the School Board, (Mr. Julius Levin,) I was present to witness the recent examinations of the schools both in Pineville and Alexandria, and agree with Mr. Robt. P. Hunter, the chief examiner, whose interest in the work he had undertaken seemed unabated to the last, and who so patiently grappled with the delicate and difficult task of examining the scholars, and complimenting both teachers and scholars, in saying all the schools did well, taking into consideration the disadvantages against which the teachers have been struggling—a deficiency of a proper complement of text books. But I am satisfied I speak the sentiments of the entire colored race of this vicinity, when I say we are much gratified at the result of the examinations.

Especially are we most favorably impressed with the progress made by the colored girls, under the instruction of Mrs. A. F. Grayson. I also feel it due the School Board to say, the general impression is, they have done their part well.

Wishing the cause of education, in which we share equal interests, much prosperity, and hoping it will evoke the sympathy and succor of its patrons more now than ever,
I subscribe myself,
Yours respectfully,

F. D. MARSHALL,
Pastor M. E. Church.

—At a meeting in New Orleans, on Wednesday, June 26, 1878, of the stockholders of the Pool Line, the following Board of Directors were elected to serve for the ensuing year: Joseph A. Aiken, M. N. Wood, H. J. Brinker, Noah Sovell and Charles P. Truslow. Captain Joseph A. Aiken was re-elected President and Ed. Burke Secretary.

—FRANCOIS DELAUR, a native of Port Prince, Island of St. Domingo, died in New Orleans on the 27th ult., aged 81 years. He was a printer, and the founder of the New Orleans Bee, and had worked in that office for the past sixty years.

—Mrs. E. J. Holbrook—Pearl Rivers—proprietress of the New Orleans Picayune, was married to Geo. Nicholson, of the editorial staff of that Journal, on Thursday evening, June 27th, 1878.

—THE Agents and Managers of the Southern Calendar Clock Co., leave this morning for Hempstead, Texas, their new Headquarters.

—THE Potter sub-committee arrived in New Orleans on Saturday, and commenced operations by swearing Boss Packard as first witness.

A CARD.

ALEXANDRIA,
June 27, 1878.

EDITOR LA. DEMOCRAT—
Dear Sir:—Through the medium of your Journal, I desire to return my thanks to our efficient School Board, and the gentlemen of the Committee, who attended the examination of my school, on Monday, June 24th, in Pineville. I cannot refrain nor can I at this time command the words I wish in returning you thanks for your untiring fidelity towards the teachers of our Parish, and the building up of the public schools; they are now upon a better foundation than they ever were known, and a few years more under the present system, they will be upon a basis of everlasting credit and merit. To our School Board, words are inadequate. There are two reasons for speaking a few words more: first, that these gentlemen understand their obligation towards our people, and that they are going to carry into execution that which some denied they would do if ever they came in power. Secondly, that they are directing the educational interest of our people in that way and manner creditable to us, and having these examinations and visiting these schools themselves, together with some of the best people of interest in our Parish, and at the same time, then and there impressing upon our people the absolute necessity of sending their children to school, that they may be enabled to receive an education equal to their competitors.

May they continue to do the good work unswayed by the things of the past, looking to the welfare of our native place and home.

Respectfully yours,
H. J. WRIGHT,
Teacher Pineville Colored School.

—THE commencement exercises of the Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, of which Col. D. F. Boyd is President, will be celebrated on the "glorious fourth." Col. S. H. Lockett, well and favorably known here, and late of the Egyptian army, is the Orator on this occasion, his subject being: "The Mississippi and Nih Valleys compared."

—A RECENT startling dispatch states that "gold has been discovered in Essex County, Massachusetts." This is doubted because it does not come within the scope of probability, and the Washington Post says: "It should read: 'A large silver mine has been discovered near the home of General Butler.'"

—THE magnitude of the free school system of the United States is truly marvelous. The statistics show that there are more than 8,000,000 pupils enrolled, and the average daily attendance is 4,500,000. The State of Indiana has the largest school fund, it being about \$9,000,000.

—AFTER all, there is such a thing as genuine gratitude in the land of America—all the men whom Grant pardoned for their crimes in the whiskey ring are now the loudest and most demonstrative in advocating his election in 1880.

—THE Empress of the Mississippi River, the steamer E. E. Lee, has laid up for repairs, and her place has been supplied by the new steamer, John W. Cannon.

—JUSTICE Miller, of the Supreme Court of the United States, is lying dangerously ill at his residence in Washington, having recently undergone a surgical operation.

—PEACHES, figs, watermelons and cantelopes are in abundance, but that surplus in the market has not much benefited the commissary of the DEMOCRAT.

—THE most remarkable among Mr. Hayes' Republican certainties now are demoralization, disaster, defeat, disgrace and the detestation of mankind.

—QUEEN MERCEDES, of Spain, died on the afternoon of the 26th of last month. She was the daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Montpensier.

—We have gone through, in Town, a week of June light showers, which have cooled the atmosphere and laid a thin crust on the dust.

—CHARLES Matthews, the great English actor and the husband of Ellen Tree, the greatest actress of the day, is dead.

—FISHING parties and excursions are now in order to Big Creek and the Buffalo Springs.

—THE caterpillar has made its appearance in Collin County, Texas.

—THANKS to the clerks of the Southern Calendar Clock Co., for not for New Orleans papers.

—GOVERNOR Nicholls has been on a visit to St. Landry Parish.

—GEORGE P. KANE, the Mayor of Baltimore, is dead.