



Official Journal of the City of Alexandria.

Henry L. Blossat, Business Manager

BANQUETS given by Court officials in China sometimes reach seventy-five cents.

It is estimated that foreigners own about 25,000,000 acres of land in this country.

The British Bible Society issued a New Testament at two cents a copy. In nine months 950,000 have been sold.

JUMBO, the great elephant, it is said, had three objects of fear—a mouse, a cat and a rat. He would howl at the sight of a cat and shiver at a rat.

SOME of the camels taken to Texas in ante-war days, with a view to breeding them for army transportation contracts, have perpetuated themselves in a herd in Bastrop county, where showmen make frequent purchases.

WOMEN are everywhere using and recommending Parker's Tonic because they have learned from experience that it speedily overcomes despondency, indigestion, pain or weakness in the back or kidneys, and the other troubles peculiar to the sex.

PLATINUM wire can be drawn so fine that it is no longer visible to the "naked" eye, and can only be felt. It can be seen with a magnifying glass when the wire is held against white paper. It is used in telescopes and similar instruments.

A DRUGGIST of Lancaster, Mass., has taken a contract to keep the stately old elms of that town free from canker worms for a year at twenty-five cents per tree. There are about 400 of the trees in all, and if he does not succeed he is to get no money.

PHIL Thompson, of Kentucky, says Carlisle will be next Speaker, Donelson, doorkeeper, Ledom, sergeant-at-arms, and General Clark, clerk. Regarding the civil service, Mr. Thompson says he and the majority of Democrats voted for the bill with the idea that it would prevent involuntary contributions. [Times-Democrat.]

MEDICAL science does not confer all its benefits on man, especially the surgical branch. A celebrated Yorkshire, England, veterinarian recently performed a novel feat in surgery. A valuable cow broke its leg, and as it was impossible to reset the member it was amputated and a wooden substitute attached to the stump. In a short time the cow was grazing contentedly, unconscious of her loss.

In indorsing the President's policy and administration the platform recently adopted by the Democrats of New York at their State nominating convention, at which David B. Hill was nominated for Governor and Roswell P. Flower for Lieutenant-Governor, says:—

We hereby tender to him our hearty approbation of the public policy which has governed his official action, and we especially emphasize in our appropriation the effort he has made to eradicate corruption and incompetency from the public service by the appointment of honest and capable Democrats, in order that there shall be a thorough and wholesome reform of the methods condemned by the people who confided to him the administration of his high official trust.

Crescent City Chronicles.

Celebrated Case—Death's Doings—Exposition Echoes—Fall Flood—Drainage Dots—"Pin's" Prize—Minor Matters.

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 24, '85.

Dear Democrat—

Interest in the Wallace-Walkup case was again awakened here by the advent of a little stranger in the family of Mrs. Finley, sister of Minnie, and in whose honor she has been named. Mrs. Walkup's counsel have signified their intention of pushing her case to trial, it having been set for October 10th, the Fall term of the Lyon county District Court. As there now seems to be no longer any doubt of the fair prisoner's innocence, she has become quite a heroine in the minds of all classes in Emporia.

New Orleans has suffered the loss of two prominent citizens this week. Mr. H. J. Rivet, who died Monday night, was a native of St. Charles Parish, but early removed to this city and entered the drug business, in which he was engaged at the time of his death. He served in the Confederate army in Guibet's Battery, and was engaged in the famous White League struggle against the horde of scoundrels who then infested this city. He was the founder and President of the Tax Payer's Association and a member of the State Constitutional Convention of 1879.

Mr. Charles E. McVean, whose death occurred Monday night, was the well-known Canal street clothier. Deceased was an active member of the Continental Guards, who paid the last fitting honors to his memory. He was also connected with other noted social organizations. Though reared in a northern clime, he was heartily in sympathy with the interests of this section of the Union.

Cheering news of the great interest manifested in the New Exposition continues to be received from all sections of the country, and it is no longer a doubtful question as to its complete success. The most gratifying and noticeable feature is the interest which has been aroused throughout the various Parishes of this State and among the citizens of New Orleans, who are now thoroughly alive to the lasting benefits to be derived therefrom. Work on the grounds is progressing rapidly, and the various exhibits are being placed in position. Everything will be ready by the opening day, which bids fair to be on a much grander scale than last year. The steam railway is being pushed with a vim, and this much desired, and necessary transportation facility will be completed in ample time for carrying visitors to and from the grounds, some of whom are already in our midst. They come prepared to devote a reasonable space of time to viewing the sights, and, unlike last season's eight-seers, do not expect to go through the big show with a rush.

This city can certainly carry off the palm for having lately experienced the worst spell of weather ever known to the memory of "ye oldest inhabitant." Sunday, it is fervently hoped, wound up the wet season. And the way the water poured down would have induced old Noah to begin preparations for a second ark. The streets and sidewalks presented a solid sheet of water as far as the eye could reach, affording excellent navigation for the heaviest draught skiffs, and causing many unused to the experience

to spend the better part of the day indoors. The rain was accompanied by a small cyclone, which, however, was very limited in its scope, doing no danger beyond unroofing a few dwellings and demolishing a few shade trees and shrubbery. Monday night we experienced the first cold snap, which proved a welcome innovation.

The recent floods and the serious effects produced thereby have provoked a lively interest in the subject of the inefficient drainage system of the city. Tuesday's *Picayune* contained a lengthy and interesting paper on that matter from Mr. Samuel D. Peters, civil engineer, and it is hoped his well-timed and valuable suggestions will be duly considered and promptly acted upon by the proper authorities, who have too long delayed action thereon, or the chief thoroughfares will shortly become less inviting and as impassable as the most neglected country lanes.

Last Tuesday was the occasion of a notable social event, the marriage of Mr. P. H. Hynson, of your Parish, and Miss Saille M. Brady, of this city. The happy event took place at the residence of the bride's aunt, Mrs. M. E. Talliaferro, on Eighth street. The gallant groom is to be congratulated upon his selection, one who will serve to brighten and adorn his home, while the fair bride has placed her future in the keeping of one of Rapides' most worthy and estimable young men. The happy couple left on the evening train for home. To them your correspondent extends hearty good wishes for a peaceful journey o'er life's fitful sea. May all their future lives

Know naught of grief or sorrow,
And may each happy day but bring
A brighter one the morrow.

Despite the unfavorable weather, the paving of St. Charles avenue proceeds slowly and surely, and, when completed, New Orleans can boast one of the best and smoothest drives in the country.

Building, repairing and repainting are still the order of the day, adding greatly to the appearance of the city and furnishing employment to many worthy members of the labor element. IANTHE.

NOTICE.

ALEXANDRIA, LA., Sept. 28, '85.

Bids for the building of the Alexandria Charity Hospital according to plans and specifications to be seen at the office of M. C. Moseley, President, will be received until October 31st, 1885.

Payments for accepted bid to be made in State warrants.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

MIRES ROSENTHAL, Secretary.

STATE OF LOUISIANA

District Court—Parish of Rapides. No. 488.—Whereas Bella Carey has made application to this Court to be appointed administratrix of the Succession of Lewis Carey, deceased: Notice is hereby given to all whom it doth or may concern, to show cause within ten (10) days from the date hereof, why the same should not be granted.

By Order of the Court.
Clerk's Office, Alexandria, La., this 28th day of September, A. D. 1885.
C. L. RANDELL, Deputy Clerk.

TO THE PEOPLE

Rapides and Adjoining Parishes.

During the past few weeks there has been in all the Eastern markets a tendency to advance the price of Cotton and Woolen goods, and many styles of both have already been advanced from 5 to 7½ per cent. In view of this, we wish to call your attention to the fact that our purchases were all made prior to any advance, and when the largest yield since the War, was expected from the Cotton crop in this and adjoining Parishes, and were so great in extent that we will be enabled to supply all demands for some time at old prices. We would also state here that our stocks are larger and more varied and complete than ever before, and at the same time remind the trade that we are nearer to them than any other market, and that they can get goods from us at smaller expense than from anywhere else, and lastly that we guarantee the price of every article we sell to be as it can be bought in the United States. Our stock is much larger than the consumption demands. Our goods MUST BE SOLD! We are not ashamed to append our prices.

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Flour, \$5.65 the best, Choice.
Pork, standard, at \$11 per barrel.
Meal, \$3 per barrel.
Bacon, 7 cents per pound.
Dry Salt Meat, 6½ cents per pound.
Choice Hams, 11½ cents.
Sngar, from 6 to 7½ cents.
Rice, 4½ to 6 cents.
Coffee, 8½ to 13½ cents.
Lard, in tierces, 7½ cents, in cans from 3 to 50 pounds, 8 cents.
Soap, at \$2.50 per box.
Soda, 6 cents per pound.
Buckets, 15 cents each.
Brooms, 15 cents each.
Bagging, 11½ cents per yard.
Ties, \$1.45 per bundle.
Salt, \$1 per sack.
Shot, \$1.65 per sack.
Oil, 15 cents per gallon.

Calicoes, 3½ to 6½ cents per yard.
Drilling, 6½ cents per yard.
Four quarter Brown Domestic, 6 cts.
¾ Brown Domestic, at 5 cents.
Ten quarter Brown Sheeting, 15 cts.
Ten quarter bleached sheeting, 19 cts.
8 Ounce Lowells, 8½ cents per yard.
Tickings, 8 to 15 cents per yard.
Lindseys, 8 to 17½ cents per yard.
Flannels, white and red and twilled, from 10 to 35 cents per yard.
Blankets, 65 cents to \$3.50 a pair.
Jeans, 12½ to 40 cents per yard.
Dress Goods, 8 cents up.
Suits, 12½ cents up.
Cashmeres, from 10 to 50 cents.
Worsted Plaids, 8 to 20 cents.
Clothing, in suits from \$3.50 to \$15.
Hats, 25 cts to \$3 for the finest.
Tobacco, 31 to 45 cents per pound.

BUGGIES and WAGONS!

Several Car loads just received—being sold at the lowest cash figures. Warren Corsets a specialty. Coraline \$1; Flexible \$1; Heath \$1.50; Med Corset, 40 cents. Misses Corsets at all prices. Come and see.

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