

# THE WEEKLY ECHO.

J. W. BRYAN, Proprietor.  
LAKE CHARLES, LA.

Saturday, June 27, 1874.

See card of Geo. H. Wells, Esq. in to-day's issue.

See advertisement of estray notice in another column.

Mr. Wm. Meyer has a large supply of sand-paper for sale.

Captain Gorham will please accept our thanks for late favors.

The Parish Convention, which met here on the 25th inst., turned out, as we intimated the week before last it would, to be the result of the most glaring political wire-working. The whole affair, beginning with the call for the convention, is as full of holes as a sieve. It's too thin!

A general meeting of the Democratic State Central Executive Committee will be held in the city of New Orleans, on Monday the 6th of July next, in order to perfect the organization of the Democratic party throughout the State. All members are earnestly requested to attend.

We invite the attention of our readers to the advertisement of Captain Frank Moore, which will be found in another column of to-day's paper. We hope that those having anything to do in his line will call upon him. All business entrusted to him will be attended to with promptness.

The new mail route between here and Manny, Sabine parish, via Leesville, Vernon parish, will be put into operation on the first of next month. We expect soon to visit Leesville and Manny and return with a hat full of advertisements and a long list of subscribers. Won't we, Johnny?

## Third Ward Meeting.

Meeting of the citizens of the third ward, on the 22d day of June, A. D. 1874, held for the purpose of electing delegates to the Parish Convention, to be held at Lake Charles on Thursday the 25th inst. Said Parish Convention convened for the purpose of selecting a candidate for the State Senate from this parish. Said meeting was organized by calling A. H. Moss as chairman, and J. D. Leveque as secretary.

On motion of John A. Spence, the following resolutions were offered and unanimously adopted: Resolved, That, recognizing in our fellow-citizen, Dr. William H. Kirkman, an embodiment of public virtue, and having evinced an untiring zeal in behalf of the welfare of his constituents at large, we hereby fully endorse him as our former representative in the House of Representatives of the State Legislature; and

Resolved, That this meeting of the citizens of Ward No. 3, of this parish, unanimously recommend and authorize our delegates to the Parish Convention, to be held here on Thursday next, the 25th instant, to cast the vote of this ward, in said convention, for Dr. Wm. H. Kirkman, as our choice as a candidate for the State Senate from this Tenth Senatorial District.

Resolved, further, That we pledge ourselves to abide by the decision of said convention, and are more than willing to meet a District Convention of the Democratic and Conservative parties, on or before the 15th August, A. D. 1874, to select a candidate to represent the Democracy and Conservative men of the district, as their standard-bearer in the coming election, in November next, in this Senatorial contest.

On motion, the following named gentlemen were elected as delegates from this ward, to represent said ward in said Parish Convention to be held as aforesaid, viz: Messrs. J. J. Granger, Allen Gilly, Julien Richard and Jacob Ryan.

A. H. MOSS, Chairman.  
J. D. LEVEQUE, Secretary.

## The Calcasieu Democratic Convention.

Pursuant to public notice, the Democratic Parish Convention met at the Courthouse, Lake Charles, on Thursday, at 2 1/2 p. m. By request of Jacob Ryan, W. W. Smart temporarily assumed the chair, and explained the object of the convention. On motion, Jacob Ryan was elected chairman, and Allen Gilly secretary of the convention; the latter, by request, was assisted by John A. Spence.

On motion, Julien Richard and David D. Andrus were appointed a committee to examine the credentials of the delegates to the convention; and, on examination, reported the following wards to be represented by the following delegates, to-wit: First Ward, represented by Leon Marcantel and Alex. Fontenot; Second Ward, represented by David D. Andrus and Olivier D. Broussard; Third Ward, represented by Jacob Ryan, Allen Gilly, Julien Richard and J. J. Granger; Fourth Ward, represented by Isaac Vincent; Fifth Ward, represented by W. F. Henderson. The Sixth and Seventh Wards were not represented.

On motion, the chairman appointed a committee of five, to draft resolutions expressive of the sense of the convention, and to inquire of the two candidates in this parish for the State Senate whether they were willing to submit their names to the convention for nomination, and if so, whether they would abide by its decision.

The convention then took a short recess, to enable said committee to discharge the duty assigned to it. On re-assembling, Dr. Wm. H. Kirkman, one of the two candidates, submitted his name to the convention, and agreed to abide by its decision. George H. Wells, Esq., the other candidate, refused to submit his name to the convention, for written reasons, which will be published in our paper. By permission, Mr. Wells briefly addressed the convention, stating, in substance, that, in view of the fact that the Democracy and the Conservatives of the other three parishes of the district were willing that the next State Senator should come from Calcasieu, justice and courtesy required that they should be allowed a voice in the selection of a Calcasieu candidate; and therefore, in his opinion, if this convention should nominate a candidate, it would seriously hazard Calcasieu's chance of having a Senator from her midst.

Louis S. Leveque, Esq., then addressed the convention, urging its right and duty to make a nomination. D. D. Andrus nominated Dr. Kirkman as a candidate for the State Senate. Dr. Kirkman then addressed the convention. He commenced with a modest acknowledgment of his inexperience as a public speaker, and stating that charges had been publicly made, affecting his reputation, he denied that they were true, and defied their authors to prove him guilty. He then went into a history of the nature and object of the Free Market Bill, contending that his vote upon the bill was just and proper. He stated that if any gentleman would answer two questions he would feel called upon to defend himself against the charge against him in relation to that bill. The first question was, "What interest had Calcasieu for or against the passage of the Free Market Bill?"

The second question was, "Who paid the money to secure its passage?" He acknowledged that in going into the Kellogg legislature he yielded some of those lofty and noble principles which used to govern politicians in former days, and which were now banked on by some men when it suited their interests. Speaking of his going so

soon into the Kellogg legislature, he said that if he had not done so he might as well have come home, as he was satisfied at the time that the Kellogg government would rule the destinies of Louisiana for the four years following. He said that he went into it against his preference, and that at the time his strongest sympathies were with the McEnery government; and that while he was depressed with anxiety, and in doubt as to what was best for him to do, and in need of counsel and advice, he telegraphed to Calcasieu to know whether his constituents approved of his course, and received a telegraphic reply which sent a cold chill to his heart. The reply was, "We know nothing of the situation, and therefore can not approve your course nor condemn it." He said he saw instantly what that reply meant; it meant "You have put your foot in it, and now you can draw it out the best way you can." Referring again to the public charges against him, he said they were no direct charges—they were only insinuations; and concluded by saying that if the convention thought that he had acted unworthily as a legislator, the convention ought to say so by its vote.

Louis S. Leveque, Esq., again addressed the convention, and referring to a late editorial in the Opelousas Courier, headed "Dictating to St. Landry," he criticised that portion of an expression therein, commencing with the words, "If Dr. Kirkman is a Democrat, (his course in the Kellogg Legislature to the contrary notwithstanding,)" by saying that it contained no specific statement wherein his course in that Legislature was alleged to be not Democratic; demanded to know what was meant by that expression, and stated that Dr. Kirkman had told him that he (Dr. K.) wanted nothing better than for his course in the Legislature to be examined.

As there was no other nomination made, a vote was taken by ballot, but, without announcing it, on motion, it was decided to vote *viva voce*; by which vote Dr. Kirkman was unanimously nominated; and he then returned his thanks to the convention for the honor conferred.

The Secretary then read the resolutions presented by the committee appointed to prepare them, when, on motion, the convention adjourned *sine die*.

The convention was very thinly attended, several counts showing at different times from twenty-two to thirty-two persons present, including the delegates.

We have endeavored to give our readers a fair but condensed account of the proceedings of the convention, to the official report of which we refer for full particulars, premising that we have "nothing extenuated nor ought set down in malice."

It will be seen in this issue that George H. Wells, Esq., Democratic candidate for the State Senate, pledges himself to demonstrate that the action of the convention is not binding on the Democracy of Calcasieu, much less on the Democracy of the other three parishes of the district. He is certain to keep his pledge.

## A CARD

To the Democracy of Calcasieu, Cameron, Lafayette and St. Landry:

I HEREBY PLEDGE MYSELF to a publicly demonstrate, to a positive certainty, in advance of the November election, that the action of the Calcasieu Parish Democratic Convention, held at Lake Charles, June 25th, 1874, is not politically nor morally binding upon the Democracy of Calcasieu parish, much less upon the Democracy of St. Landry, Lafayette and Cameron.

GEO. H. WELLS.  
Lake Charles, June 26, 1874.

SHERIDAN VS. PINCHBACK—Washington, June 9.—The votes on the Louisiana election case were as follows: 1. That Pinchback is entitled to the seat *prima facie*. Lost without division. 2. That Sheridan was elected. Lost by a vote of 71 to 145. 3. That Pinchback was elected; lost—vote 94 to 121. 4. That the testimony does not show that either was elected, and that they may take further testimony; carried without division.

Both houses of Congress have agreed on the extension of its session till 4 p. m. Tuesday.

## Letter from Assumption.

ASSUMPTION, LA., June 17, 1874.  
Editor Weekly Echo:

Will you be kind enough to send me a copy of your paper. I noticed in a late number of the New Orleans Times an extract from your issue of the 6th instant headed "Answers to Correspondents," and from your description of the country in which you live, I judge it to be a better locality for a poor man to make a living than this over-flooded section is at present. There are plenty of young men in this parish that would leave here for a better opening, if the inducement was only held out to them. As there is nothing doing here, please send me a copy of your paper containing an article similar to the one above referred to. I think I can induce a half dozen or more, and highly respected young men at that, to go among you, and engage themselves at any honorable employment. Respectfully,  
R. C. SPARKS.

As we mentioned before, we say again, that we have a good country for the man that is willing to work for a living. The saw-mills pay from \$5 to \$6-per week; teamsters, \$45 a month; choppers, 15cts per log; common laborers, \$1 50 a day; raftsmen, \$2 25 a day, including board. At the present time mill hands are in demand. Lands can be bought cheap and on easy terms. In five or six years a person, with very little labor and expense, can have a fine orange orchard, which will bring him in revenue enough to live well without other labor. Plenty of public land here, which can be entered under the homestead act. In short, we want men of brave souls and stout hearts—men that will come among us to stay, and try and do something for themselves and the country. In conclusion, we want no office-seekers, nor men that are hunting "soft things."

## IN MEMORIAM.

These few lines are dedicated to the memory of ANDREW JACKSON SMART, only son of Dr. E. E. and H. N. Smart, who breathed his last at Leesville, in Vernon parish, Louisiana, on Tuesday the second day of June, 1874, at eight o'clock A. M.

No more will the ripple of his laughter be heard.  
No more the prattle of his darling voice.

He is gone, this dear one, gone from us all  
To the realms by angels trod.

This lovely bud adorned home's bower,  
And shed sweet fragrance round;  
It grew in beauty hour by hour,  
Till ah! the spoiler came in power  
And crushed it to the ground.

Yet not forever in the dust  
That beauteous bud shall lie;  
No! in the gardens of the just,  
Beneath God's glorious eye, I trust  
'Twill bloom again on high.

Why weep you kind parents? the blossoms that fade  
Not long shall inhabit the tomb;  
They only are planted in death's gloomy shade  
To prepare for an angelic bloom.

And soon shall that flower, that so late  
From your arms  
Was so rudely and painfully riven,  
Be transplanted and robed in imperish-  
ing charms

In the bright, blooming gardens of  
Heaven. W. J. E. RYAN.

## FRANK MOORE,

LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA,  
SURVEYOR

—AND—

CIVIL ENGINEER.

Will attend to all work entrusted to him.

Refer your application to Captain J. W. Bryan, or office of Econo.  
June 27 1874

## ESTRAY NOTICE.

I HAVE IN MY POSSESSION A stray horse, about fourteen hands high, sorrel, short mane and tail, and perfectly gentle. He came to my house about six weeks ago. He is a fence breaker. The owner will come forward, prove property, pay charges, etc., otherwise the horse will be dealt with according to law.

CHARLES HAUDRECHY,  
Bayou Galle, Calcasieu river, nine miles from Lake Charles. n161

## CANDIDATES' COLUMN.

### For Sheriff.

We are authorized to announce RIED as a candidate for re-election the office of Sheriff of this parish the coming election, in November next.

### For Representative.

At the solicitation of many Democrats, I hereby announce myself a candidate to represent the parish of Calcasieu in the next General Assembly, at the election in November next.  
W. E. GILBERT.

### For Senator.

We are authorized to announce WILLIAM H. KIRKMAN, as a candidate for the State Senator for the Tenth Senatorial District, comprising parishes of Calcasieu, Cameron, Lake and St. Landry, at the next election in November, 1874.

I respectfully announce myself a candidate for the office of State Senator of the Tenth Senatorial District, comprising the parishes of Cameron, Lake and St. Landry.

GEORGE H. WELLS.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the State Senate at the ensuing election.

WM. A. ROBERTSON.

### For Parish Judge.

We are authorized to announce B. JONES, as a candidate for office of Parish Judge of Calcasieu Parish, at the coming November election.

## Information Wanted.

ANY INFORMATION as to whereabouts of Mr. EDWARD SYLVESTER will be thankfully received by the undersigned. He last heard of in San Francisco, California, arriving there from Honolulu.

C. W. FELTER.

Lake Charles, Louisiana  
confer a favor by copying the above

## PROBATE SALE.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,  
PARISH OF CALCASIEU.

Succession of William M. Nichols  
Parish Court.

BY virtue of an order from the Honorable Parish Court in and for parish of Calcasieu, State of Louisiana, to me directed, I will SELL at PUBLIC AUCTION, to the last and highest bidder, at the late residence of deceased, on West Fork, on

Saturday, June 27, A. D. 1874.  
The following described Property to-wit:

ONE LOG CARR, one lot Bl Smith's Tools, and one hundred, or less, Cords Fire Wood.

Terms and conditions—All sums due sixty days from day of sale. Chaser to furnish his note, with good solvent security, approved by Curator, conditioned to bear eight per cent. interest per annum from date till paid.  
A. L. REID, Sheriff.

## PROBATE SALE.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,  
PARISH OF CALCASIEU.

Succession of Joseph Reed.

BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER from the Honorable Parish Court of Calcasieu parish, to me directed, I will SELL at PUBLIC AUCTION, to the last and highest bidder, at the late residence of deceased, near Bayou Nezpeque, this parish, on

Thursday, July 9, 1874,  
all the PROPERTY belonging to succession, to-wit:

1. TRACT OF LAND situated Bayou Nezpeque, being one of the Ben. Andrus Spanish grants, containing about 621 acres of Land, more or less, as per inventory in the said succession, a certified copy to be produced on day of sale.

2. DWELLING HOUSE, Kitchen, three Outhouses, Fencing, etc., on public land, late residence of deceased.

3. DWELLING HOUSE and improvements on the lands of said deceased known as the William Reed Place.

4. TEN HEAD, more or less, of CATTLE. Six HEAD, more or less, of WILD MARES, two yoke of OXEN, one Gentle HORSE, one old Bug, fifteen Head HOGS, one Ox Cart, double-barreled Shot Gun, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and Kitchen Utensils, etc., Farming Implements.

Terms and conditions—One-tenth cash on the day of sale, and the balance on a credit of one and two years from day of sale; purchasers furnishing the promissory notes, with good and solvent security, in *solido*, residents of this parish, payable to Mary E. Andrus, surviving widow, etc., a naturalatrix, to her satisfaction, conditioned to bear interest at the rate of eight per cent. per annum from their respective maturities until paid. The immovable property to be remain specially mortgaged, with vendor's privilege, until full and complete payment.  
Jed td A. L. RIED, Sheriff.

## FEMALE SCHOOL.

Mrs. THEODORE LAND has opened a private school for girls in Lake Charles. Tuition French and English. Terms \$2 per month.