

A Cordial Invitation.

We extend a most cordial invitation to all persons in attendance upon the Court this week to give us a call. The editor, publisher, and others of the staff are all ways pleased to see their country friends.

If any of our readers have any criticisms to offer upon our course we would like to hear them. If they are made honestly, with no sinister purpose and are unobjectional we will profit by them.

- Go to the post-office for new books. Criminal Docket to be taken up to-day. Alexander H. Stevens is again seriously ill. See notice of Town Lot for sale, by Joe Shelton.

Quite a number of mysterious disappearances are chronicled in the New York papers. Zach. Chandler has gone to Washington City to arrange for the summer and fall elections.

New York State gets about one sixth of the whole amount appropriated for river and harbor improvements. The Courier Journal says a new song will soon appear called, "Put your arm around me pet, the old man's eyes are set."

The election for mayor and selectmen hardly creates a ripple of excitement. Messrs. Witter and Ferguson are candidates for mayor.

We are happy to announce that our friend William Smith is progressing finely and will doubtless be on his feet in a few weeks without the loss of a limb.

There is no certainty about the war news. Diplomatic discussions and correspondence still continue, all looking, the papers say, toward a peaceful solution of all troubles.

A. C. Jones who was lately bound over for manslaughter has been arrested for murder under a true bill found by the Grand Jury this week. He is now in jail.

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Among the attorneys in attendance upon our Court we have had the pleasure to meet George A. Killgore, Esq., of Farmerville of the firm of Ellis & Killgore. Mr. Killgore has relatives and numerous friends in Claiborne.

James A. Witter is always a little in advance of the rest of the world in gardening. He has been for two or three weeks feasting on green peas, and now tantalizes his friends by describing his fine potatoes.

Up to this date crops are in excellent condition. The rain which fell a week ago was just such an one as every farmer needed, neither too much or too little. It found the ground in excellent condition after the long dry spell.

The November Election.

Whether they be right or wrong in their opinions one thing at present seems to be certain that the people are dissatisfied with the work and the results of the fifth Legislature. So great is the dissatisfaction that nothing short of a change almost sweeping will satisfy.

Already the campaign looks as if it will consist in attacks upon one side—excuses on the other. The record of reform legislation is presented in an apologetic way: "So much good have we done but we might have done more."

Our leaders who propose to conduct the fall campaign to a termination happy alike for the party and the State should bear in mind that the conflict of apology and aggressiveness has usually but one termination—defeat for the first.

Verily, an unhappy condition of public affairs is presented for the consideration of the people. Dissatisfied with their legislators they do not wish their dissatisfaction to include Gov. Nichols and the others of the administration.

There must be no division in our ranks. There is no need for censure of the State administration. If the Legislature is responsible for the troublesome state in which we find ourselves, let us elect new men and better men.

We cannot afford to go through the campaign with administration Democrats and anti-administrators constitutional convention Democrats and Democrats opposed to a convention.

Whatever be the issues that now divide and agitate the Democracy, let them be settled in some way, and let us go into the campaign united upon one vital point—to hold on to the victory gained two years ago, and to choose such men as will improve that victory to the further advantage of the whole people.

Speech of Mr. George.

The seats in the Courthouse were filled by a very large audience of our most respectable and intelligent citizens to hear the address of the Hon. A. B. George, the Senator from this district whose term expires with the close of the present General Assembly.

It was suggested by some individuals that the large meeting and their earnest attention was due rather to the orator than to the theme, that our people gave their respect to Mr. George and not to the Legislature collectively. This is not so.

We are not prepared to state what was the effect of Mr. George's speech. The facts and figures which he presented are the same as those to be found in the speech of Senator White of New Orleans. These figures are we presume true.

The speech of Monday was an able effort, a masterly defense of the Legislature. No allusion was made to the fact that all the reform legislation had to be done at an extra session.

It may be considered especially fortunate for George that such an individual as Mr. George is ready to defend their record. His own pure motives and blameless life will do much to kill off the demagogues who assiduously fan into the flame every ember of discontent.

John R. Ramsey, Esq., parish recorder, on his return from Farmerville a few days ago was thrown from the back by the breaking of a seat. The wheels ran over his legs laming him.

[For The Guardian. Fiat Justitia, Ruet Colum.]

MR. EDITOR—It certainly seems that sufficient time has elapsed for the last arrow from the quiver of intelligent, as well as ignorant and malevolent criticism to have slipped, and the last vibrating echo of denunciations against the recent legislature to have passed off in a becoming way.

All intelligent and law-loving men acknowledge the right of the press and constituents to criticize the actions of their public servants—a right which would require an extraordinary degree of immaturity to declare had not been thoroughly exercised during the last few months.

It is truly astonishing with what alacrity legislation, conventions, Modest register, mileage and per diem, apportionment, and other measures of importance, are discussed. You can hear it along the roads, around the most retired fireside—it is the gush of the quiet and easy-living villager—log rollings and road-workings have all been significantly characterized with this contagious deliberation.

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District Court.

The Court was not called until the afternoon of Monday, the heavy rain of the morning having detained Judge Graham for an hour or two on the road. The grand jury was empaneled with W. C. Cooksey as foreman. The charge was a good one, was well delivered, and was heard with the most profound attention by the grand jurors.

The present grand jury have serious and important duties before them. Let them remember that on their oath depends in a large degree the reputation of Claiborne parish. Fearful crimes have been committed in our midst in the past six months.

The wrong doers are at large, doubtful if they can be brought to justice. In their anxiety to get back to their homes, they leave much undone, or but partially examined. We hope that this body will take their time. The people demand wise deliberations of them. They must not disappoint us.

District Attorney Barksdale arrived on Monday, at 12 m., fresh and rosy, after a hard week's work at Farmerville court. The people confidently anticipate that Mr. Barksdale will bring to justice many of the evil-doers who have been having things their own way in Claiborne for so long a while.

It is proper that the town council pass an ordinance prohibiting the use of the grave-yard as a thoroughfare. Already parties have been removing the rails of the back fence and passing through, in some instances leaving the rails out and the gate open.

Reduced Representation.

The recent session of the Legislature reduced the number of representatives in the House from one hundred and twenty to ninety-two. Senatorial representatives remain, as now, at 36. Following are the changes:

- First ward, parish of Orleans, is reduced from two Representatives to one. Third ward, from three to two. Sixth ward, from two to one. Seventh ward, from 3 to 2. Tenth ward, from 3 to 2. Assension is reduced from two Representatives to one.

The Governor is authorized to cause a census to be taken in the 1st, 3d and 10th wards of Orleans, and parishes of Claiborne, DeSoto, Assumption, Madison, St. James and Iberville, to ascertain whether those districts are entitled to an additional Representative, on the basis of ten thousand population.

Eighteen Senators are to be elected next November, in addition to the above ninety-two Representatives.

To Our Friends.

An exchange gives the following sensible advice to its correspondents. It is given a little bluntly, but it is about right: We want items of news from every part of the country, but nothing but news.

Political Gossip.

Major J. C. Moncre, of Shreveport seems to be the coming man for State Treasurer. Several of our exchanges mention him favorably. We endorse their recommendation.

The "Claiborne Guardian" favors Colonel John S. Young, of that parish, for Congress. The "Vienna Sentinel" says that section is entitled to the Representative, and mentions the name of Col. Young.

Decline of Gold.

NEW YORK, April 13.—The Broadway bank is paying gold in sums of five hundred dollars and under. Gold closed at 100; the extreme sales to-day were at 100 1/4 a 100 3/4.

The dispatches from Washington to the western press say that Hayes is not at all disturbed by the action of the Republican caucuses recently held for the purpose. He is regarded as so "fixed in his ways" that it is doubtful if the resolution adopted in caucus requesting him to rescind the order prohibiting government officials from participating in political meetings, will be even presented to him.

Dr. S. Y. WEBB,

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Filing of Tableau of Debts. Estate of J. S. Barrow, deceased. State of Louisiana, Parish of Claiborne. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that A. W. Barrow, Executor of said estate, has this day filed in my office a tableau of debts.

Notice To My Customers. I HAVE YOUR NOTES AND OPEN ACCOUNTS. Notes are all due, and those that don't pay may look out, for I mean MONEY—I must have it. I give you fair warning. If the money is not paid by 1st January, I shall proceed to collect by law, and I mean what I say. I will give good prices for cotton in settlements.

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