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A Cordial Invitation.

We extend a most cordial invitation to all persons in attendance spon the Court this week to give us a calk. The editor publisher, and others of the staff are al ways pleased to see their country friends. in from such visits many ideas of practical benefit to the community; learn news from various quarters of the parish get facts about the crops, the candidates and the feelings of the people, and ar thus enabled to conduct our paper more under-standingly and to furnish a greater quontity of local news. We know of many persons in this parish who would like to subscribe for the GUARDIAN but so far have neglected to do so. If any such are in town this week let them give us a call, furnish us the local news from their neighborhood, and subscribe for the paper.

If any of our readers have any criticisms hear them. If they are made honestly, with no sinister purpose and are unobjec-tional we will profit by them. We want to make the GUARDIAN the mouth piece of the honesty and intelligence of the parish. Visit us therefore, say frankly what you think of us and if we are or have been wrong we are willing to amend.

Go to the post-office for new books

Criminal Docket to be taken up to day.

Alexander H. Stevens is again seriously

See notice of Town Lot for sale, by Joe

Cooking receipts at the post-office 25 cents a copy.

The Morehouse Clarion nominates J. Harvey Brigham for Congress.

See advertisement of Joseph Shelton

of good house and lot for sale

We are under obligations to Miss Ella Ramsey for a bundle of late Texas papers.

The Diaz Government of Mexico is to be recognized by the National Administration.

Pinchback thinks that Louisiana has now the best governor since his recollec-

Quite a number of mysterious disap pearances are chronicled in the New York

Zach. Chandler has gone to Washington City to arrange for the summer and fall

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 sround me pet, the old man's eyes are shet."

A farmer in Grant parish has bought an elephant which he

subsoil plough on his plantation near Colfax The election for mayor and selectment hardly creates a ripple of excitement. Messrs. Witter and Ferguson are candi

dates 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.

Get D. W. HARRIS to order books for yon. You have no money to advance, n risk, no charges to pay. He delivers you the book at publishers prices free of expense for money orders or postage

Among the attorneys in attendance upon our Court we have had the pleasure to speaker on this question, and indeed we know that converts were made. ville of the firm of Ellis & Killgore. Mr. Killgore has relatives and numerous friends

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

Vest pocket editions of all the leading poets et the post-office for only fifty cents a volume. Just think of it, choice, pure literature, beautifully printed with clear type 'on exquisitely tinted paper and ele gant bindings for only an half a dollar.

Up to this date crops are in excellent condition. The rain which fell a week ago was just such an one as every farmer

The November Election

Whether they be right or wrong in their pinions 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 dissatisfac tion that nothing short of a change almost sweeping will satisfy. It is true there are individuals who may be returned by their constituents, but the personnel of the legislative body will, if we mistake not, be greatly changed by the November election. It may be true as Senator White says the fifth general assembly has accomplished much in the way of reform, yet even the most ordinary intellect will won they see how much time was taken up with mighty endeavors to accomplish pet ty things. That is if all legislators on the Democratic side were patriotic, sacrificing men, anxious to labor for the

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." This condition of affairs is an unhappy one. Is injurious to

the party and to the people.

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 include Gov. Nicholls and the others of the administration. Disappointed in the men they have chosen to help them from their difficulties, they are not prepar ed to give any kind of support to the radi als who have brought upon them the original evils.

There must be no division in our ranks: There is no need for censure of the State administration. If the Legislature is re-sponsible for the troublesome state in which we find ourselves, let us elect new Mou can hear it along the roads, around men and better men. If there is to be the most retired fireside—it is the gush of any dissension in our ranks let it be healed the quiet and easy-living villager-log rollby the nominating conventions.

We cannot afford to go through the campaign with administration Democrats and anti-administrationists; constitutional convention Democrats and Democrats opposed to a convention. With such divisions as troublesome minority" of republicans that did so much to retard legislation, to do still more toward defeating us in Novem-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 wick; "Ball Tige;" "Falmoth;" "Sleepy -to hold on to the victory gained two Sam." Yours, truly, WARD Six. years ago, and to choose such men as will suprove that victory to the further advantage of the whole people.

Speech of Mr. George.

The seats in the Courthonse were filled by a very large andience of our most respectable and intelligent citizens to hear the address of the Hon. A. B. George, the Senator from this district whose term expectable and intelligent citizens to hear the address of the Hon. A. B. George, the Senator from this district whose term expectable and the following the grand the most profound attention by the grand the most profound attention by the grand pires with the close of the present General jurors. The grand jurors are all good men

than to the theme, that our people gave their respect to Mr. George and not to the Legislature collectively. This is not so. While it is true that the people of Claiborne parish have the highest regard and veneration for the ability and integrity of parish. their Senator, they are not hasty in forming ens on important topics. They deire to be just, and that they may be impartial in their judgment they gladly seek their motive upon Monday last.

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.

His views upon the constitutional concention question are precisely the same as those urged in our columns. The audience seemed to appreciate the views of the

The speech of Monday was an able effort, a masterly defense of the Legislathre. No allusion was made to the Legisla-ture. No allusion was made to the fact that all the reform legislation had to be done at an extra session. We regret that the Legislature have to be defended, that their conduct has been so peculiar that it required any explanation and defense.

It may be considered especially fortuate for that body that such an individual as Mr. George is ready to defend their record. His own pure motives and blame-less 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 hack by the breaking of a seat. The wheels ran over needed, neither too much or too little. It his legs laming him. His injuries, we found the ground in excellent condition after the long dry spell.

[For the GUARDIAN. Fiat Justicia, Rust Colum.

MR. Eptron-It certainly seems that sufscient 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, as well from the informed and reasonable, as the overweening, discomfitted and ambitious political tinkers, who have never learned the gamut of State craft.

All intelligent and law-loving men as knowledge the right of the press and con stituents to criticise the actions of their pub lic servants—a right which would requir an extraordinary degree of immodesty to declare had not been thoroughly exercised during the last few months. In this short article I shall not attempt to undertake the arduous and unthankful duty of correcting the public mind, however egregious the error it may have fallen into; but see ing in your valuable paper, which is ac knowledged to be conducted with impar-tial ability, the notice of Senator White's speech to appear soon, and that Hon. A.B. George, another pure and distinguished Senator, is to address the people during court, I also place at your disposal, in accordance with previous promise, the jour that you may read and see for yourself, and inform this much interested and inquiring people of the doings thereof; and, besides errect the public mind in reference to the reports, speeches and votes of our dis-tinguished Representative, General John Young, who has in the recent period of four years carved a record in the readjustment of Louisiana second to none in honor, in-tegrity, ability and conscientions duty of the oath he took as a Representative. And. as sure as night succeeds day, the reacting evidences of correct information to our people will acknowledge and accord this to this true and good man.

It is truly astonishing with what alacrity legislation, conventions, Moffet register, mileage and per doem, apportionment, and other measures of importance, are discussed. You can hear it along the roads, around ings and road-workings have nally characterized with this contagions deliberation

And now, Mr. Editor, as you have broken the spell and began your information to the people by telling them of one representawe think it easy for that "large and tive, etc., inform them how much a repre-desome minority" of republicans that sentative is to get in the future, and let's see what kind of stock will be trotted out for the much speken of race. I conjecture the friends will put forth the names of the several steeds, to wit: "Yaller Blosse from Jasper; "Tom Smart's filly," in Pick

District Court.

The Court was not called until the afteron of Monday, the heavy rain of the morning having detained Judge Graham for an hour or two on the road. The grand pires with the close of the present General Assembly. The audience was an intelligent one, the profoundest attention was paid to the address, and the quiet and decorous silence was interrupted by the frequent cheers which greeted the complimentary to their homes, they leave much undone, and fervial allusions to Goy. Nicholls. or but partially examined. We hope that It was suggested by some individuals that the large meeting and their carnest demand wise deliberations of them. They must not disappoint us. must not disappoint us.

The present grand jury have serious and important duties before them. Let them remember that on their oath depends in a farge degree the reputation of Claiborne Fearful crimes have been committed in our midst in the past six months. The wrong doers are at large, doubtful it may be, but not without a hope that from their skill in suborning witnesses and the upon every occasion opportunities to acquire correct information. Such was grand jurors they will be left alone. We have heard it said that in Claiborne parish We are not prepared to state what was accused parties usually were tried by the side work," in preventing the finding of bills. There has been some truth in this assertion; but if the grand jurors will remember and obey the solemn obligation they take for themselves and through their foreman, they will be far from being influ enced in any other than a legal way.

District Attorney Barksdale arrived on Broadway bank is paying gold in sums of five hundred dollars and hard week's work at Farmerville 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 We join with the belief, for, to our opinion, Allen Barksdale is by odds the est District Attorney we have had in this district since the war. He has the confiof the people, and the criminals think him a dreadful little man. We take pleasure in testifying to the integrity and undoubted ability

Reduced Representation.

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

First ward, parish of Orleans, is reduced from two Representatives

Third ward, from three to two. Sixth ward, from two to one. Seventh ward, from 3 to 2.

Tenth ward, from 3 to 2.
Ascension is reduced from two
Representatives to one. Assumption, from 2 to 1. East Baton Rouge, from 3 to 2. Bossier, from 2 to 1.
Caddo, from 3 to 2.
Claiborne, from 2 to 1.
Concordia, from 2 to 1.
DeSoto, from 2 to 1.
West Feliciana, from 2 to 1.
Iberia, from 2 to 1.
Jetterson, from 2 to 1.
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Madison, from 2 to 1.
Morehouse, from 3 to 1.
Natchitoches, from 3 to 2.
Ouachita, from 2 to 1.
Plaquemines, from 2 to 1. Bossier, from 2 to 1. Plaquemines, from 2 to 1. Pointe Coupee, from 2 to 1. Rapides, from 3 to 2. St. James, from 3 to 1. St. Landry, from 5 to 4. Union, from 2 to 1.

This makes a reduction of 28 Representatives.

The Governor is authorized to cause a census to be taken in the 1st, 3d and 10th wards of Orleans, and parishes of Claibone, DeSoto, Assumption, Madison, St. James and Iberville, to ascertan whether those districts are entitled to an addi-tional Payrocent time. tional Representative, on the basis of ten thousand population. If en-titled to such, the additional Rep-resentatives are to be elected in November, also. But as no appro-priation is authorized for taking the census in those districts, we do not see how it is going to be done, un-less some patriot does it gratis. Eighteen Senators are to be elec-ted next November, in addition to

the above ninety two Representa-

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 about right: We want items of news from every part of the country, but nothing but news. We don't want your views of politics or religion. We don't want your opinious on any subject. Write nothing but news—actual facts. Write all the poetry you please, but it would be cheaper for you to burn it yourself than to pay postage to send it to us for kindling. We don't want obituaries claiming the deceased to be for kinding. We useft want contraries claiming the deceased to be several degrees better than any other saint that ever lived, as we publish enough lies already. Never write unless you have some news. Don't tell the people that it has been raining, snowing, or that it has been raining, snowing, or that the weather is warm or cold. If they don't know it is raining, let them get wet. Report every accident, death clopement, revival, departure, sale of real estate, and every public im-provement. The above mentioned topics are about the only ones it is desirable for correspondents to write upon to any country newspa-per.

Political Gossip.

- Major J. C. Moncure, of Shreve-

* Major J. C. Moneure, 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.
He is a talented, worthy and gallant gentleman, and we hope he will
get the nomination.

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The Nominating Convention will probably be held about the 20th of July, either at Shreveport, New Orleans or Alexandria.—Bossier Banner.

Decline of Gold.

Gold closed at 100; the extreme sales to day were at 1001 a 1001. This is the smallest difference be-tween gold and United States legal tender notes that has existed since the issue of these notes at the beginning of the war and it is moreover difference that would not be regarded in the money market if there should be any pressure for loans.

undoubted ability of so important an official as the States Attorney of the 11th Judicial District.

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 fonce and passing through, in some instances leaving the rails out and the gate open. The dispatches from Washington

Dr. S. Y. WEBB.

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Fine Toilet Foats,

Fancy Hair and Jooth Bushes,

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Grass and Garden Seeds, Stationery, Glass, Putty, Tobacca

PAINTS and OILS, VARNISHES and DYE-STUPPA

The Purest and Best WINES, BRANDY, WHISKY, &c., for Media

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THE BEST and CHOICEST of Everything in my line at the LOWEST PRICES



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A Full Line of **TIN-WARE** always in stock. A first-class TINNER kept melarly at work, STOYE and OTHER REPAIRING DONE TO ORDER. Good Wat and Moderate Prices.

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Cabinet Maker and Undertaker. Prom the Cradle to the Coffin.

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PURNITURE MADE. REPAIRED AND VARNISHED. I make a specialty of Codins, from the plainest to the finest, and guarantee better work for less money than any establishment in North Louisiana. A lot of all sizes kept constantly on hand. References—All who know good work when they see it. Feb. 27, 1878.—2556m

JOSEPH SHELTON, DRUGGIST HOMER, LA.

JUST RECEIVED A LARGE and CARE, DRUGS, CHEMICALS and MEDICINES,

TOILET ARTICLES,
PERFUMERY,
STATIONERY, &c.
TOBACCO and CIGARS of best quality.

Pure Liquors for Medical purposes. The most approved Patent Medicines of

Prescriptions carefully compounded day

New and sound Garden Seed. t V Special inducements as iscount to Physicians. Feb. 6, 1878.

McCRANIE'S NOTICE.

A LL PERSON'S INDERTED TO ME Are hereby notified, that I have sold my entire stock of goods, and leased my storehouse, to S. Y. Gladney. I have retained my vault and safe, and will continue my office with S. Y. Gladney. All persons indebted to me will find me at all times prepared to make settlements—to receive Corton for debts, and to purchase Cotton for eash.

A. McCRANIE

BOARDING HOUSE.

THE BEST OF EVERYTHING IN THE Board and Lodging, per day, \$1 00 Single Meals, At my old stand, near Tankersley's Stable WILLIAM SMITH. Feb. 6, 1878.

Filing of Tableau of Debts. Estate of J. S. Barrow, decea 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 tablean of the control of has this day filed in my office a tableau of debts.

Now, therefore, unless opposition be made hereto within the time prescribed by law the same will be allowed, homologated and made a judgment of the Court.

Given under my hand and official seal on this the 2nd day of April, A. D.

DREW FERGUSON, CI'R D. C.

April 3, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE undersigned take occasion to reim thanks to their friends and customs for their liberal patronage in the past, as solicit a continuauce of the same for the successor.

CRICHTON & GEREK

WILL CONTINUE THE
Receiving and Forwarding Busines, at the MINDEN LOWER LANDING. Wigive my personal and multi-ded attents to the same; will study the interest and side deaver to please all who patronize me. I will do business for my customers as leval any one else, no matter how low that my be, and claim as an advantage in giring me their patronage that I can delive freight from six to twenty-four hours estimated the continue of the continue

Minden Upper Landing.

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LE PER LANDING. It invite the attention's
Shippers and Consignees to my commodise
WAREHOUSES and the thorough repriof the road leading thereto; and returnly
thanks for past favors, respectfully sold
further consignments of cotton and freight
As my personal care will be given to be
usiness, my patrons may rest assured the
it will receive prompt attention.

H. A. BARNES
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BEEF AND PORK.

PROM this date until the close of the Winter I will only bring Beef and Pet to the Homer Market ONCE A WELL My meat will be of the best quality, niely dressed and as cheap as can be sold in this market. Will open regularly three time a week with the beginning of the season as week with the beginning of the season as the control of the season and the control of the season as week with the beginning of the season as week with the beginning of the season as well as the control of the season as well as the control of the season as well as the control of the season as the control of the contr

Notice To My Customers.

I HAVE YOUR NOTES AND OPEN ACcounts. Notes are all due, and then
that don't pay may look out, for I must
MONEY—I must have it. 'I give you his
warning. If the money is not paid by is
January, I shall proceed to collect by hay,
and I mean what I say. I will give go
prices for cotton in settlements. A. MCCRANIE

Lock and Gun-Smithing

JOSEPH MULLER,

In front of Witter's Cabinet Shop, set door to S. Y. Gladney's. All work and dispatch. Sewing Machines a specially All work warranted.

1 Work warranted.

1 Work not taken out in 30 days will be sold to pay charges.
Oct. 24, 1877.

WEEKLY TRIPS TO SHREVEPORT

I WILL make weekly trips to three port—leaving Homer on Monday ing. The best attention will be given all orders. Prices low for handing and commissions charged for small purchase.

Jan. 30, 1878.