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Our Agents in New Orleans.

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Gold in New York, on the 9th, closed at 143 3/4 @ 144. Cotton remained unchanged.

THANKS.—The officers of the steamer *Luminary*, (now running in place of the ill-fated steamer *Pierce*.) will accept our thanks for late New Orleans papers. Our thanks are also tendered the officers of the steamers *Fashion* and *Erolie* for similar favors. Messrs. ARCHER & HENDERSON, Steamboat Agents, through whom we were made the recipients of the above favors, are also entitled to a renewal of our thanks for their polite attentions.

Thanks are due, by the entire community, to our energetic Mayor and Selectmen, for the promptness exhibited in their efforts at placing our town in its former attractive condition. They have already commenced replacing the bridges at the corners. How long will we have to wait, before we can have our pavements repaired? But, of course, as matters are at present, the proper plan is to "hasten slowly." Our citizens for the most part are hardly yet in a condition to endure the taxation which would be necessary to a speedy rehabilitation of our city in all its features of comeliness, convenience and prosperity, to which it had attained "ante bellum."

The Market House is under the management of our old fellow-townsmen Mr. F. M. Young. There is no filth to be seen, and no offensive stench perceptible to the olfactories. How would it do to use the shrubbery as an ornament, that was bought for the purpose, instead of having it occupy its present position, where, certainly, it neither is useful nor attractive. Our market is an ornament to the city, an honor to its projectors, architect, and builders; a model of cleanliness and convenience.

The Capitol Grounds are entirely unattended and are fast going to utter ruin. The terraces are grass-grown, and in several places have caved away; the walks are cracked, trees and shrubbery untrimmed, and, strange to say, not one of the many beautiful flowers that once gladdened the heart and brought to mind the beauties of Florida's realm, is to be found. Are they plucked or has the late terrible war, which laid in ashes our houses, rendered barren our broad fields, and dyed crimson with gore each heartstone alike stricken them? This was once an attractive place, and notwithstanding the apparent destruction and neglect, still has many lovely spots.

An assault was committed last Monday, night upon Mr. P. Cook by a freedman, who also threatened to burn his house. The dangerous gentleman was next morning before justice Nephler but now lies in jail waiting the fall term of the District Court. Such cases are not of unfrequent occurrence, but the offenders too often succeed in making their escape.

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.—The son of Mr. Thos. Pullen, while out hunting near the old race course, on Thursday, accidentally discharged his gun, the whole load taking effect in his wrist. He will probably lose the use of his hand. This is the second accident of exactly the same nature, that has occurred in our parish within the last few years.—Our young friend Henry Castle, lost his life by the discharge of his gun, in taking it up by the muzzle while on horseback.

PUBLIC MORALS.

A great national convulsion, like the one through which our country has recently passed, is always productive of a train of evils requiring time and patience and the practical teachings of wisdom and experience to correct. Where so much has occurred to derange the elements of society, and open the doors to an influx of depraved passions, it cannot be expected that a return to the "normal condition" can be otherwise than by a slow, tedious and gradual process. The seething caldron of war, after pouring out upon the land its infernal compounds of havoc and destruction, exhibits the poisonous drugs of demoralization, which, on being diffused, like the multitude of evils contained in the box given by Jupiter to Pandora, breed innumerable woes, sorrows and misfortunes.

It is in the order of Providence that nations like individuals, should be made to feel the chastening rod of affliction, yet there are humanizing influences placed within their reach which if properly exercised, tend to mitigate the intensity of misfortune, and where coupled with a genuine christian spirit, seem almost capable of averting the judgments of Heaven. In opposition to the widespread demoralization now infesting the land, and weighing with such pernicious effects upon the well being of society, every counteracting agency should be employed. Every member of the community, holding sacred his moral obligations to himself and to society, has an equal and abiding interest at stake in this matter, and should set his face firmly and persistently against all attempts to set at naught the wholesome laws of God and man. A bad immoral man is an enemy to society, the world over, and should be marked as such and held amenable to public opinion and the law for his wrong-doings. How often is it the case that a single individual of this class makes himself the greatest curse to be found in a community. His conduct and example are a perpetual warfare against the best interests of society—a stumbling block in the paths of social order and happiness. The corrective penalties in such cases are in the hands of the people, and can never be applied too soon. An early and determined application of them will tend to arrest the development or multiplication of other evils of the sort, by nipping them in the bud. In times like the present, owing to the absence of a complete reorganization of the civil laws and authority in the South, we have to look to military cooperation in order to carry out efficiently the administration of the laws against all breaches affecting the "peace and dignity of the State." This system of co-operation, we are glad to say, is attended with beneficial results, thus far, in our own midst. The police regulations in our city, we will venture to say, were never better, as the quiet and order which generally prevail in our streets and thoroughfares will testify. A wholesome restraint is kept up and whatever disposition there may be to turbulence, is kept down. The "ounce of prevention" that "is worth a pound of cure," is by such means fully demonstrated, and our good people feel and acknowledge the force of the principle. Speaking in behalf of the cause of public morality, we may well express the hope that the peace and quiet of our community may ever be as well cared for as they are now by the custodians who are charged with their enforcement.

The cholera was continuing its fearful ravages in the orient at last accounts. 1785 deaths had at Alexandria, (Egypt) from June 27th, to July 27th, and it is estimated that more than 30,000 persons had fled the city, since the epidemic first appeared there, which was on the 10th of June.

The election for the State Convention in Mississippi, is reported to be going "largely conservative."

DISAPPOINTED.—On Sunday last, as it had been regularly announced from the sacred desk, it was expected that the exercises at the horse-watering would be resumed. Eleven pilgrims from Brother Magruder's church in the Eastern Liberties were looked for, over the plank road to eternal life, in the morning of that auspicious day—say nine women and three men. A crowd assembled early in the day to witness the interesting ceremony; but owing to some cause not yet made public, they did not come up to time and the audience gradually dissolved and melted away. The failure is again attributed to the river by the profane. The old Mississippi is on the rise; is full of drift which runs quite close to the eastern shore, and this for the moment, closes the way to salvation by water. We would respectfully suggest to our colored fellow-citizens, during the rise, the basin at the foot of the capitol, known to the young and sentimental who stroll there by moonlight as the frog pond. The terraced hills surrounding this lovely spot would serve the audience and give everybody a sight. If the weeping willows and things that have grown up in luxuriant confusion thereabout, are found to be in the way, it would be legitimate and proper to lop them off or cut them down entirely. What has John, the gardener to say? There is really no subject of greater vital importance than life everlasting, and no occupation more interesting and amusing to mankind at large than that of pointing out and leading others into the right way to it. When we seriously consider how few there are who are regularly booked for glory, we ought to remove all obstacles from their way when they devote their lives and lose much of their time at the forks of the road, pointing out the right way that others may know it and then blindly turn to the left. The perversity of the river—rising as it does, out of season to interfere with the revival, ought not to dampen the ardor of the good work, and it is for this reason we feel it our duty to suggest and recommend the frog pond.

THE PARISH PRISON.—We were conducted yesterday through the jail by our obliging friend, "TETE" PINO, and are forced to say that it is the dirtiest prison we ever looked into. Aside from its extreme filthiness, it is in nowise a proper place to confine criminals, for there is not a lock upon the doors of the cells that has not been broken or damaged. The walls are full of half-finished holes, made by prisoners to escape through; the platforms around the rooms to sleep upon are torn up and destroyed. So much for the inside of the jail proper. The rooms built for the jailor are badly in need of repairs, the doors, shutters and glass being entirely destroyed in many places. The wall around the yard has been damaged very little, but is insecure. The kitchen is useless, the back of the fireplace having been torn out by some prisoner to escape through. Let it not be understood that the civil authorities are at all to blame for this destruction, &c. The Government has had possession for months and it has been used as a military prison.

Will not the General Commanding have his Inspector General make a report of this matter so that the Parish may be reimbursed for all expense that may have to be incurred in repairing the damage done to the premises while in possession of the Government?

GEN. GRANT is said to have remarked lately: "I am a small eater, but I am a huge sleeper. To keep me in good working order, I need nine hours' good sleep out of the twenty-four. I can dispose of more, but nine I must have. When I was out West I could command but about seven, and I nearly broke down. Give me my quantum of sleep, and I can meet any amount of exposure and labor."

MUCHAS GRACIAS, SE.—We have received several numbers of a very neatly printed Spanish paper published weekly in New Orleans, and bearing the title of "El Indificador." Messrs. LEOPOLD FISCHER & Co. are the proprietors and conductors of it, and the talents displayed in its columns would seem to justify its designation as the "organ of the Spanish population." Mr. FISCHER was formerly a resident of Baton Rouge, where he is highly esteemed by numerous friends, whom we join in their good wishes for his success and prosperity.

Our Spanish friends hereabouts may appreciate with ourselves the complimentary notice given the *Gazette and Comet* by our friend of the "Indificador," in the annexed paragraph:

"Hemos recibido varios números de la *Gazette and Comet*, antiguo y excelente periódico que ve la luz pública tres veces por semana en la vecina ciudad de Baton Rouge. "Deseamos sinceramente que continúe mercediendo el justo favor que le han conquistado el talento y constancia de sus estimables redactores."

IMPORTANT SURGICAL OPERATION WITH NITROUS OXYD GAS.—An experiment was made on Saturday last of unusual interest with the nitrous oxyd gas, in a "first class" surgical operation. The operation was the removal of a cancer, with one entire breast from a lady, by Dr. Carnochan. The operation lasted sixteen minutes, during which time the patient was kept in a quiet, gentle anesthetic sleep with "laughing gas" administered by Dr. Colton. The gas was breathed from India rubber bags holding 30 gallons each. When the patient was profoundly asleep, Dr. Colton turned the gas off and allowed her to breathe the air; as soon as she showed signs of waking, the gas was turned on again, and thus alternating during the entire operation. A little more than one bag was used. Not a muscle moved during the anesthetic sleep—the breathing appeared easy and natural, and the pulse remained full and strong. There was no nausea or sickness, and on waking the patient appeared as fresh as when waking from a natural sleep.—*New York Tribune*.

BARE AND SPICY.—The "Scandinavian Post" is the title of a new weekly and semi-weekly paper lately started in New York City. It is designed as the organ of the Scandinavian race and lineage on this continent.

Here is a small extract from the columns of the *Post*, which shows that the editor knows what he is about, if English readers do not:

"President Johnson havde Leilighed til paa berømmelig Maade at giøre sig udodelig."

CURE FOR A FELON.—As soon as the part begins to swell, get the tincture of lobelia and wrap the part affected with cloth saturated thoroughly with the tincture, and the felon is dead. An old physician says he has known this to cure in scores of cases, and it never fails if applied in season.

FOUND THE STRINGS.—Mrs. Mehitable Shingle, who hails from a downcast village, about two miles on this side of sunrise, on returning home from a visit to our city the other day, informed her "darter" Gemina that she "cum purty near being pisened at the hotel with some soup they called violoncello soup, for she found a hull lot of strings in it."

A "BIG INDIAN" strayed away from his camp and got lost. Inquiring the way back, was asked, "Indian lost?" "No," said he, disdainfully, "Indian no lost; wigwam lost," striking his breast; "Indian here."

Instead of bothering about negro suffrage, the *Newburyport Herald* thinks the country should consider the subject of female suffrage.

A London paper says that though the Cunard steamers have been running twenty-five years, not a life nor a letter has been lost by them.

Some people think that the *beast with ten horns* in Revelations is intended to represent the sin of drunkenness.

The wine crop of France promises to be magnificent this year. Many "big drinks" are in prospective.

MARRIED:—At St. Joseph's Catholic Church, by the Rev. Father LASSAUN, on Thursday evening, the 10th inst., Mr. F. CARDEVILLE, merchant of this city, to Miss THERESA LITTY, also of this city.

We cannot let the occasion pass without wishing our esteemed friend CARDEVILLE and his bride, all the happiness that attends upon wedded life, and that their future pathway may be strewn with all the joys and pleasures attendant upon a prosperous career.

"Then come the wild weather—come sleet or come snow,
We will stand by each other, however it blow;
Oppression and sickness, and sorrow and pain,
Shall be to our true love as links to the chain."

FINANCIAL.

NEW ORLEANS, Thursday Evening, August 10.
Gold—Rates at counter quoted at 147 3/4 @ 148 1/4; for small sums, 148 is asked.

Exchange—Three days' sight on New York, sold for 1 1/2 discount. Bank counter rate for Checks on New York, 3/4 discount; sight outside drafts rate at 1 1/2 1/4 discount. Bank rates for Sterling, 15 1/2 @ 15 1/4; outside, private bills, 14 1/2 @ 15 1/4.

COMMERCIAL.

NEW ORLEANS, Thursday Evening, August 10.
COTTON.—Market continues much depressed, and no sales of any moment reported.

SUGAR AND MOLASSES.—Market ruling very quietly—sales few and at no material change of figures.

FLOUR.—There is considerable inquiry for Flour this morning. The stock is light and prices are full. The sales comprise 200 bbls. Superfine at \$9 25; 75 Medium Extra at \$10 50; 150 Good Extra at \$11 50 @ bbl.

OATS.—200 sacks sold at 80c. @ bushel.

INDIA BAGGINS.—Yesterday, 100 bales sold in two lots at 25c. and 140 in two lots subsequently at 25 1/2c. per yard.

A. Jackson,
COTTON BUYER
AND
COMMISSION MERCHANT,
CASH ADVANCES MADE ON
Shipments to his Friends in N. O. and N. Y.
Office Corner of Laurel and Third Streets,
(UNDER THE VERANDA HOTEL.)
aug12 BATAON ROUGE, LA.

F. PERRILLAT,
Watchmaker & Jeweler,
FROM GENEVA AND PARIS,
WATCHES, CLOCKS AND JEWELRY,
REPAIRED AT SHORT NOTICE,
IN THE VERY BEST STYLE.
THE LATEST STYLES OF JEWELRY,
ALWAYS ON HAND.
La Fayette Street, Baton Rouge, La.

W. W. McMAIN & SON,
REAL ESTATE BROKERS,
Accountants & General Agents,
aug12-3m BATAON ROUGE, LA.
A. S. ARCHER. WM. HENDERSON.

ARCHER & HENDERSON,
FORWARDING & COMMISSION
MERCHANTS,
AND
GENERAL STEAMBOAT COLLECTION
AND
PURCHASING AGENTS,
Third street, Baton Rouge, La.

REFER BY PERMISSION TO:
Capt. P. D. Pratt, Capt. Jno. McLean, N. O.
W. B. Richardson, H. W. Taylor, N. O.
E. R. Beckwith, Baton Rouge, La. aug10

F. OTTO,
COMMISSION MERCHANT,
AND
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL
DEALER IN
DRY GOODS, CLOTHING,
GROCERIES,
AND

PLANTATION SUPPLIES;
WINES, LIQUORS,
CIGARS AND TOBACCO,
CROCKERY AND TIN WARE,
AND ALL KINDS OF
WESTERN PRODUCE,
Received per steamers almost daily.

F. Otto respectfully announces to his friends and customers and the public generally, that his store having been removed from its former stand, adjoining Day's Drug store, to the large store and warehouse building,
ON THE SOUTH EAST CORNER OF THIRD AND LAUREL STREETS,
He is fully prepared to keep on hand one of the largest and most varied assortments of the above articles to be found in the city of Baton Rouge. With his increased and increasing facilities for obtaining and storing merchandise, he is enabled to meet all present and future demands, and therefore invites the special attention of purchasers to that fact, hoping by a spirit of accommodation to please all, and to always sell on as reasonable terms as the state of the markets will permit, to secure a liberal share of regular patronage.

PLEASE call before purchasing elsewhere.
aug10-11

CORN AND OATS.
ANOTHER arrival just stored, and at a reduction in prices.
JOSHUA BEAL.
July 27

CANDIDATES.

To CANDIDATES.—Candidates for office need occasionally to be reminded that we insert no announcements, unless accompanied with the printer's fee of \$10. We have on hand a goodly number of names which have been left at our office to be announced in the foregoing connection, but until our old-established rates are complied with, the parties concerned cannot receive the benefit of a standing announcement in our columns.

FOR SHERIFF.
Messrs. Editors.—Please announce H. V. BABIN, Esq., as a candidate for Sheriff of the Parish of East Baton Rouge at the approaching Election.
July 25-pd. MANY FRIENDS.

Mr. Editor.—Please state, that at the request of many of his friends, ALFRED DUPONTIER, Esq., has consented to become a candidate for the Sheriffalty of the Parish of East Baton Rouge,
aug5-pd

Mr. Editor.—You will please announce THOMAS F. HERNANDEZ, Esq., as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of East Baton Rouge, at the forthcoming November election.
aug5-pd. VOX POPULI.

FOR RECORDER.
Editors of the *Gazette and Comet*.—You are authorized to announce WILLIAM HUBBS, Esq., as a candidate for the office of Recorder for the Parish of East Baton Rouge. He will be supported by
aug1-pd. NUMEROUS FRIENDS.

Messrs. Editors.—Please announce JOHN MCGRATH as a candidate for Parish Recorder, at the approaching election.
aug1-pd. MANY FRIENDS.

Messrs. Editors.—Please announce WILLIAM MONGET, Esq., as a candidate for Recorder at the approaching November election.
aug5-pd. MANY VOTERS.

Mr. Editor.—You are authorized to announce SAMUEL SKOLFIELD, Esq., as a candidate for the office of Parish Recorder at the ensuing election.
aug5. MANY OLD FRIENDS.

FOR ASSESSOR.
Messrs. Editors.—Please announce Mr. CHARLES VERBOIS, as a candidate for the office of Parish Assessor, at the approaching November election.
aug12. MANY FRIENDS.

Messrs. Editors.—Please announce JOHN P. PIKER, Esq., as a candidate for the office of Parish Assessor at the approaching November Election.
NUMEROUS SUPPORTERS.
aug1-pd.

Mr. Editor.—Please announce as a candidate for the office of Parish Assessor of East Baton Rouge, Mr. STEPHEN J. YOUNG, and oblige his
FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS.
aug5.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

WASHINGTON R. A. CHAPTER.
THERE WILL BE A REGULAR MEETING of Washington R. A. Chapter, No. 5, on next Sunday, August 13th, 1865, at 4 o'clock P. M. Sojourning companions in good standing are fraternally invited to attend.
By order of the M. E. H. P.
JOHN JASTREMSKI, Secretary.

ST. JAMES LODGE, NO. 47.
There will be a CALLED MEETING of the brethren of St. James' Masonic Lodge, No. 47, at their Hall, corner of Main and Church streets, this (Saturday) evening, the 12th inst., at half-past 7 o'clock. All sojourning brethren are invited to attend.
J. MCCORMICK, Secretary.

ATTENTION!
Independence Fire Company No. 2.
YOU are hereby notified to attend a Regular Monthly Meeting, of the above Company on Saturday evening, August 12th, 1865, at half-past 7 o'clock. A practical attendance of the members is requested.
J. C. CHARLOTTE, Foreman.
V. A. ALLAN, Secretary.

I. O. O. F.
THE Regular Weekly Meeting of DE SOTO LODGE, No. 7, I. O. O. F., is held at their Hall, on Main Street, nearly opposite the Sumner House, every THURSDAY EVENING, at half-past 7 o'clock.

FOR SALE.
A COMFORTABLE family residence, situated on Main Street, opposite the Female Orphan Asylum. A bargain may be had if disposed of immediately by applying to
H. W. JOLLY,
aug12-1m On the premises.

FOR RENT.
A NUMBER of unfurnished rooms, large and small, suitable for single lodgers or small families. Situation extremely eligible.
For particulars, apply to the Editor of *Gazette and Comet*.
July 29-11

WANTED TO RENT.
A HOUSE furnished or unfurnished, (furnished preferred), for a small family. Situation near the Barracks preferred. Address F. OTTO, at his store, corner of Third and Laurel streets, stating locality and terms of rent.
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To Rent.
A COMMODIOUS "Cottage House," pleasantly situated, containing 4 rooms and kitchen, newly plastered and painted, with a plentiful supply of pure cistern and well water. Possession given immediately.

ALSO,
A VERY desirable "Cottage House," containing 3 rooms and kitchen, &c., with an excellent well of water. Possession given on the 1st of August next. Apply to
July 18 JAMES McVAY.