

-We are now enjoying fall weather—cool nights and warm days. -The lessees of the State Penitentiary are about to erect a warehouse on the bank of the river opposite here, as a depot for supplies for the convicts employed on the railroad.

-We had preaching here on Sunday last, morning and evening, Rev. S. H. Cooper, presiding elder, officiating. The Rev. Mr. Boddie was unable to attend, owing to sickness in his family.

-Parties who have traveled a good deal over this and adjoining parishes, say that they never saw the cotton crop so far advanced this early in the season as it is at present, hardly any unopen bolls being upon it. This is singular, considering the backward spring we had.

-The weather is all that could be desired for the picking of cotton. It is cool and dry, and no dew in the morning. The cotton is well-opened, and, as a general thing the pickers are not up with their work. They ought to take advantage of the present favorable season, and devote every minute to the field, as in a very short time we will have chilly mornings with heavy dews, which will prevent picking till the day is about one-third gone.

-We were invited by Mr. Jeff. Pirtle, yesterday morning, to try some of his liquors, which have quite recently arrived. We accepted his invitation, and were surprised on tasting his article of whiskey. It is certainly the best we have tried for years, and we advise those in need of a really good article, for medicinal purposes, or otherwise, to give him a call.

-Red River is so low that our favorite steamer, the Bart. Able, could not make her usual trip. The C. H. Durfee took her place, however, and is being run by the well-known and gentlemanly officers of the Able. The Durfee was a good while behind time, but it was owing to a very heavy freight she had for Alexandria and Pineville, which took about fourteen hours to discharge it.

-There is considerable complaint among our colored citizens, who profess to be honest, and also amongst some of our merchants, against the extensive traffic that is carried on in seed cotton. The colored men say that it gives lazy, trifling, good-for-nothing fellows, who have not raised a pound of cotton, a good chance of disposing of what they pick on moonlight nights in other people's fields; and the merchant, on the other hand, says that it is ruinous to him, as the colored individuals he furnished have a good chance of disposing of their crops in this manner, and cheat him out of his just dues. Now, we would suggest a way to put a stop to this nefarious trade, and that is for our merchants to call a meeting and bind themselves not to purchase any more cotton in the seed; and we would further suggest that they buy cotton of no sort between the hours of 7 p. m. and 7. a. m.

Almost Murder. From the Rapides Gazette. On Monday afternoon the occupants of the Court House were startled by rapid firing of pistol shots in the main corridor of the building. Everybody rushed to see what the matter was, but bullets were flying right and left, and not until the contents of a five-shooter had been discharged, was the meaning of the disturbance understood. Sheriff Paul rushed out of his office and across the hall to the Tax-collector's office, where he found Mr. J. H. Ransdell standing erect, though bleeding from a

number of wounds. When asked if he was hurt, Mr. Ransdell replied with the cool nonchalance of Mercurious, when he said of the thrust which killed him: "It's not deep—as a well."

The particulars of the shooting are about as follows: Mr. Ransdell stepped into the Tax-collector's office, and finding no one in, picked up an illustrated paper and commenced viewing the engravings. While waiting thus with his back to the door, Mr. Rolla Maddox invited him into the hall and made reference to a private business matter. His tone and manner were highly improper to Mr. Ransdell, and forthwith Mr. Maddox found himself reeling against the wall. Maddox then drew a revolver and commenced firing at Mr. Ransdell. The first fire did not take effect. The second shot struck Mr. Ransdell in the fore part of the left thigh, passing entirely through the flesh. The third shot entered the right thigh and lodged. This would have caused death had the ball not been turned from its course and somewhat stayed by striking a silver coin in Mr. Ransdell's pocket-book. He also received a wound in the left arm, which is the most painful of the three. Mr. Maddox received a slight wound in the hand also.

Immediately after the shooting, Mr. Maddox was arrested by Sheriff Paul, but waived examination, and gave bond for his appearance before the District Court. The two young gentlemen have, heretofore, been considered quiet and peaceable. Mr. Ransdell has performed the duties of Clerk of the District Court faithfully, and won many friends who deeply sympathize with him in his sufferings. When last heard from his wounds were painful, but Dr. Price, his attending surgeon, thinks the wounds will not prove fatal.

Bloody Riot in Charleston. S. C.

CHARLESTON, Sept. 7.—A serious riot occurred late last night, growing out of a street attack by the colored Republicans upon some colored men who have been taking a conspicuous part in the Democratic canvass. A small body of whites endeavored to defend the Democratic negroes, but were overpowered by the number of the rioters, after a severe fight, in which pistols were freely used on both sides. The rioters held King street, the main thoroughfare, from midnight until sunrise, breaking windows, robbing stores, and attacking and beating indiscriminately every white man who showed his face. A large number of persons were injured, mostly whites. Several of those shot are in a critical condition. Intense excitement prevails, the general feeling being that the trouble is not yet over. The riotous proceedings of the rice field strikers on the Combahee have been renewed. The situation is regarded as serious.

The oldest son of the late Gen. Robert E. Lee is now one of the most substantial farmers of Fairfax county, Va. A local paper describes him as having "just passed our office, sitting behind a fine pair of mules that seemed to know that a master hand held the ribbons."

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Registration Notice. COLFAX, GRANT PARISH, LA., August 22, 1876. Under existing laws, all voters registered in 1874 are required to present their Registration Certificates for verification, at the office of the Supervisor of Registration, before the 28th day of October, 1876. The Supervisor will open his office at the following named places on the dates specified: Montgomery.....Sept. 11 and 12 Liberty Chapel....." 14 " 15 Big Creek....." 18 " 19 C. W. Thames....." 20 " 21 The Supervisor will stop and register all infirm or aged men on his route from Montgomery to Colfax. D. A. WARD, Supervisor of Registration, Parish of Grant. sep2-td.

OFFICIAL.

Amendments to the Constitution.

No. 96. An Act to amend the Constitution of the State of Louisiana.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, two-thirds of the members of each house agreeing thereto, That the following amendments be proposed and entered upon the respective journals of the Senate and House of Representatives, with the yeas and nays taken thereon, and the Secretary of State shall cause the same to be published three months before the next general election for Representatives in the General Assembly, in at least one newspaper in every parish in the State in which a newspaper shall be published, and said proposed amendments shall be submitted to the people, at said election, in such manner and form that the people may vote for or against each amendment separately, i. e.: First proposed amendment, "For approval," or "Against approval," and in like manner as to the others; and a majority of voters, at said election, shall approve and ratify such amendment or amendments, the same shall be appropriately numbered, and become a part of the constitution, and be proclaimed as such by the Governor and Secretary of State. 1. The expenditures of each session of the General Assembly for printing and mileage of members, for payment of officers and employees, and for contingent expenses, shall not exceed the sum of one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars; and members of the General Assembly shall receive five dollars a day during their attendance, and a mileage of twenty cents a mile for actual distance from the court house of their respective parishes to the State Capitol. 2. The last sentence in article sixty-six of the constitution, which reads as follows, to wit: "If any bill shall not be returned by the Governor within five days after it shall have been presented to him, it shall be a law in like manner as if he had signed it, unless the General Assembly by adjournment prevent its return, in which case the said bill shall be returned on the first day after the expiration of said five days, or be a law," shall be amended so as to read as follows, to wit: "If any bill shall not be returned by the Governor within five days, not including Sundays, after it shall have been presented to him, it shall be a law in like manner as if he had signed it, unless the General Assembly by adjournment prevent its return, in which case it shall not be a law unless signed and promulgated within twenty days after said adjournment."

3. The judicial powers heretofore vested in parish courts are hereby abrogated and withdrawn. The District Courts of the State, outside of the parish of Orleans, shall have original jurisdiction in all civil cases when the amount exceeds one hundred dollars, exclusive of interest, and appellate jurisdiction over cases decided by justices of the peace when the sum in dispute exceeds fifty dollars, exclusive of interest. In criminal cases their jurisdiction shall be unlimited, and they shall have full jurisdiction over matters of probate and succession. Each of said district judges shall receive a salary of four thousand dollars annually, payable quarterly on his own warrant. Justices of the peace shall have jurisdiction in civil cases when, without reference to interest, the amount in dispute does not exceed one hundred dollars; with power to pronounce judgment for that amount, and such interest, not to exceed eight per cent per annum, as may be proved, and shall have, in addition to the criminal jurisdiction now vested in them, all such criminal jurisdiction as is now vested in parish courts. Clerks of the district courts shall have power to grant writs of arrest, attachment, sequestration, provisional seizure and injunction; to receive and probate wills; to appoint administrators, executors, curators, tutors and under-tutors in cases in which no opposition shall be made; to homologate accounts, tableaux and schedules of debts when no opposition is made thereto, their judgments being prima facie evidence of correctness; to grant orders directing sale of property belonging to successions or minors, and to grant orders of seizure and sale by executory process, and shall receive such fees therefor as may be provided by the General Assembly. 4. The Governor shall receive a salary of six thousand dollars annually, payable quarterly, on his own warrant. 5. No fees or perquisites of office shall be allowed to or received by the Treasurer, Auditor, Attorney General, or by district attorneys. (Signed) E. D. ESTILETTE, Speaker of the House of Representatives (Signed) C. O. ANTOINE, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate. A true copy—P. G. DESLOEDE, Secretary of State.

The foregoing was received in the office of the Secretary of State July 17, 1876, and is made public in accordance with article 147 of the State constitution, which provides: An amendment or amendments to this constitution may be proposed in the Senate or House of Representatives, and if the same shall be agreed to by two-thirds of the members elected to each house, such proposed amendment or amendments shall be entered on their respective journals, with the yeas and nays taken thereon; and the Secretary of State shall cause the same to be published, three months before the next general election for Representatives to the General Assembly, every parish in which a newspaper shall be published. And such proposed amendment or amendments shall be submitted to the people at said election; and if a majority of the voters at said election shall approve and ratify such amendment or amendments the same shall become a part of this constitution. If more than one amendment shall be submitted at one time, they shall be submitted in such manner and form that the people may vote for or against each amendment separately. P. G. DESLOEDE, Secretary of State.

ANNOUNCEMENTS. Under this head we will announce the names of candidates for any office; our charge is \$5, and the card will be published, if necessary, till November. The cash must accompany the card in every instance; if not, it will be thrown in our waste-basket. We are authorized to announce the name of ELDER B. F. BRIAN as an independent candidate for election to the State Senate of Louisiana, from the District comprising the parishes of Winn, Catahoula and Grant. SHERIFF'S SALE. Second Justice of the Peace, Parish of Orleans. Lewis Fishel, Agent, vs. No. 599, (alias fi. fa.,) Mrs. M. S. Gelston. Lewis Fishel vs. No. 1446, (fi. fa.,) Mrs. Mary Register, formerly Mrs. M. S. Gelston. Lewis Fishel vs. No. 1447, (fi. fa.,) Mrs. Mary Register, formerly Mrs. M. S. Gelston. First Justice of the Peace, Parish of Orleans. Lewis Fishel vs. No. 368, (alias fi. fa.,) Mrs. M. S. Gelston.

BY VIRTUE of the several writs of fi. fa. and alias fi. fa., issued in the above numbered and entitled suits, I have seized, and will offer for sale, to the last and highest bidder, at the door of the Court House, at Colfax, Parish of Grant, between the hours of 11 A. M. and sundown, on SATURDAY, the 7th day of October, 1876, the following described property, to-wit: Lots numbered one, two and seven, making part of the north-east quarter of section twenty-one, of township eight north, of range one, east, in the Land District north of Red River, in Louisiana. Also, lots numbered three, four and six, making part of the north-west quarter of same section, township and range. Also, the east half of the east half of section No. seventeen, same township and range—the aggregate amount of acres being Four Hundred Acres, more or less. Terms of Sale—Cash, with the benefit of appraisement. DANIEL FLETCHER, Sheriff of Grant Parish, La. Colfax, Sept. 2, 76-5t.

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