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SUBSCRIPTIONS BY THE WEEK

The carriers of the Bee are authorized to receive subscriptions to our paper, at the rate of 25 cents a week, payable in all cases to the carriers themselves.

Another Union Vote Duy.

By F. Peschaud, at bid-post 10 o'clock, at No. 134 Chartres street, fancy furniture; also, fancy china and glass, &c.

By G. Lanata, Rhodes & Co., at 10 o'clock, at No. 69 Chartres street, dry goods, boots, shoes and hosiery; also, at 11 o'clock, winter clothing.

By D. G. Murphy, at 10 o'clock, at Magazine street, No. 47, apples.

SHERIFF'S SALE OF LANDS AND VALUABLE SLAVES.—We are requested to call public attention to the sale to be made this day, at noon, at the City Hotel Command street, by the Sheriff of this parish, of a portion of Clio Plantation, situated in the parish of Livingston, and of valuable slaves. The slaves will be offered separately from the land. For particulars see advertisement.

JOHN BELL OF THE CRESCENT.

We find in the Nashville Patriot of the 6th instant an elaborate letter from Mr. Bell in relation to the political affairs of the country. It is addressed to Mr. A. Brownell, of Vicksburg, Mississippi, and was elicited by an invitation to Mr. Bell to attend and address a political meeting in that city. Mr. Bell's recent position as the Constitutional-Union candidate for the Presidency imparts more than ordinary interest and importance to his views; but occupying as they do much space, we must content ourselves with presenting a comprehensive synopsis of them to our readers.

Mr. Bell considers the question now before the South to be whether the election of Mr. Lincoln to the Presidency should justify Mississippi, or any other State or States, in withdrawing from the Union. The constitutionality of the election in form is conceded, but it was effected by a sectional party, in a hostile spirit towards the institutions of the South, and acting upon principles which, if carried out by the Federal Government, would operate more effectually in bringing about the extinction of slavery in the South by official influence and patronage, than by any more direct mode of attack. Mr. Bell regards the success of Mr. Lincoln as a bold experiment upon the temper and forbearance of the South, to test upon the strength of their loyalty to the Union. He admits to their fullest extent the present and prospective evil which may be inflicted on the South by the Republican party, and deplores the triumph of that party as a just cause of indignation and alarm.

Having reasoned Southern wrongs in the strongest light, Mr. Bell nevertheless declares emphatically that he does not believe that the election of Lincoln, together with all the precedent grievances of which the South complains, furnishes just cause for the dissolution of the Union, and the formation of a Southern Confederacy. His reasons for this conclusion are as follows: 1st, Mr. Lincoln's opinions are not extreme. He has repeatedly asserted that the South has a right to demand the faithful execution of the Fugitive Slave law. 2d, He will be powerless for mischief, during the two first years of his administration, as both branches of Congress will be against him, unless Southern Senators and Representatives withdraw. 3d, The Republican party, so far from having a clear majority, is composed of themselves in the 36th Congress, will probably lose material support. Mr. Bell estimates at least one-third of those who voted for Lincoln as devoted to the Union, and though opposed to slavery in the abstract, favoring the Republican simply through hostility to the Democratic party. Another third he thinks are attached to the Union through anti-slavery in their sentiments, and having especially no interest he believes they will cease to war upon South-ern interests and feelings. The reckoning third, Mr. Bell regards as Abolitionists and fanatics. For these reasons he feels confident that the 36th Congress will exhibit a falling off instead of an increase in the Republican strength. 4th, All the existing grievances of which the South justly complains, can be redressed in the Union. The Fugitive Slave law should be enforced, and Congress should adopt some further legislation to secure the surrender of fugitives. The President is armed with power and means to enforce the law. If he neglects or fails to execute it, he is liable to impeachment.

Mr. Bell then proceeds to notice the theory of secession. He denies the right, and disputes the soundness of that opinion which possesses that the Federal Union is nothing more than a voluntary association of States for common defence and other objects of importance to their interest and prosperity. In justice to Mr. Bell we give a single extract for the purpose of illustrating his ideas. He says the unreasonable-ness of the theory of the secession can be demonstrated by a single example, and then continues as follows:

The possession and control of the mouth of the Mississippi was held to be of such vital importance to the interests of the people inhabiting the valley of the Mississippi, it being the great outlet to market of the rich products of their soil, as to make its acquisition, either by purchase or conquest, a great political object. The purchase was made by the United States for that reason at a cost of fifteen millions of dollars. It was stipulated in the treaty of cession that the territory acquired should be admitted into the Union as a State or States, with all the rights and privileges of the other States of the Union. But it is not to be supposed that Mr. Jefferson and the other great statesmen of that day, if they interpreted the Constitution in the sublimation of the theory of secession now do, would have been so lamentably stupid and blind to consequences as to have assented to such a stipulation? For writer and bestow would it have been to have given to the new States the right and to have held the country as a subject province, having first amended the Constitution so as to authorize such a bargain? And should Louisiana now secede from the Union and set up an independent government, in the exercise of the right of secession, even supposing the right to exist, can there be any doubt that the same mercenary and political necessity which led to its original acquisition would lead to its subjugation, by the Government of the United States, or by the States interested in the navigation of the Mississippi and its tributaries?

After due consideration of the subject, with becoming diffidence to the opinions of others, I am forced to the conclusion that secession is but another name for an obsolete remedy, by a State to the laws and constituted authorities of the Union; or, which is the same thing, for revolution. The theory appears to me to have been conceived and propagated in a spirit of disunion; secession to the Union, and can serve no other purpose than to lead the unsuspecting and credulous into the mazy labyrinth of revolution, and under the delusive expectation that they would only be thereby exercising a right reserved to them, under the Constitution, to withdraw from it, would be in no danger of incurring the penalties of treason, or of exposing themselves and their country to the calamities of civil war.

Mr. Bell is alarmed at the progress of the secession movement in the Southern and Gulf States, especially as distinguished men have placed themselves at its head, and by their inflammatory appeals, highly colored stories of wrong and aggression, and glowing pictures of opulence and grandeur under a new republic, have misled thousands against the dictates of their sober judgment. He indulges in an earnest invocation to Mississippi to pause in her career, and at all events to take no decisive step without previous consultation with her sister States of the South, and first endeavoring every honorable mode of redress. He believes that the happiest consequences would result from a conference of all the Southern States, and that the people of the North are this day prepared to acquiesce in any fair and reasonable plan of adjustment which such a conference would propose.

The letter is perhaps as persuasive and reliable an exposition of the Union sentiment on the border slave States as could be expected. It is should appear feeble and unsatisfactory, the reason is to be found not in the incapacity of the author, but in the weakness of the cause he advocates. We respect the patriotism of John Bell and entertain no doubt of the purity of his motives, but we apprehend he has said nothing in this letter that will contribute to still the political storm now raging through the South.

CORRECTION.—We inadvertently acknowledged our indebtedness to the clerk of the steamer J. M. Taylor for our copy of the Governor's message. We should have said to Mr. J. M. Taylor, of the Baton Rouge Advocate, who sent it to us, and the clerk of the steamer Iberville, through whose courtesy we received it.

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC ART.—It will be seen by the advertisement in our columns that Mr. F. Moissenet, so long and favorably known as a highly skilful and tasteful photographer and daguerreotypist, has removed his studio from the corner of Camp and Canal streets to No. 124 Canal street, near Bourbon. Mr. M. is now prepared to FINISH all orders in his line with the accustomed expedition and accuracy.

TESTIMONIAL.—That well known Knight of the Shears, Henry Francis, No. 17 St. Charles street, gives notice in another column that his establishment has been repaired and refitted, and that he is now ready to perform all the usual mercantile operations at the most reasonable prices. We stand sponsor for his ability with both scissor and scissors.

THE VOTE OF TEXAS.—The official returns received at Austin give the vote of the State for the Presidential election.

Breckinridge and Lane received 47,548 votes for the Presidency; Union 15,438; total vote 62,911, or 6,175 greater than the vote of the August election.

Breckinridge and Lane, majority in 32,110.
Union majority in 16,672.
They have elected two members.

HEMORRHAGE AND DIARRHŒA.—We recommend sufferers to the confidence in any other remedy offered for the cure of the maladies for which Jayne's Expectorant and Jayne's Tonic Pills are said to be infallible. See advertisement.

BY TELEGRAPH.

[TRANSMITTED TO THE NEW ORLEANS BEE.]

LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE.

Second Day's Proceedings.

BATON ROUGE, December 11.—*Senate.*—The Senate convened at 11 o'clock to-day, pursuant to adjournment.

The bill for the calling of a State Convention, introduced by Mr. Taylor yesterday, coming up, Mr. Sutton moved to strike out the Governor of the State shall order the Sheriffs to cause notice of election to such delegates as may be chosen, the election to take place 7th of January next. There are to be as many delegates as there are members of the House and Senate. The Convention to meet at the Hall of Representatives on the 23d of January. The bill also provides for the appropriation of $50,000 for the mileage expenses of the members of the Convention.

Mr. Gardère's bill for the organization of a military system, offered yesterday, also provides for a "*Military Board*," to be composed of the Governor of the State as president, and four persons to be appointed by the Governor.

It will be the duty of this "Board" to purchase such arms, munitions, etc., which may be necessary for the protection of the State against domestic or foreign violence, having full power to appoint one of its own members, or any competent person to execute the duties. It shall be the duty of the "Board" also to distribute said material, as it may deem advisable, to volunteer companies under arms, or such as the Board may prescribe, a portion of the arms to be kept at New Orleans, a portion at the Seminary of Learning and Military Academy, located in the parish of Rapides, subject to the rules and regulations of the Board. The Board to have discretionary power to establish military depots in other parts of the State as occasion may require.

Volunteer companies desiring arms must report their organization to the Board. Such companies may be formed, independent of the military laws, subject to no command, save that of the officers of their own election.

Immediately after the passage of this act, the Governor and members of the "Board" to convene at Baton Rouge, to form by laws, etc. A meeting of the Board may be called at any time, by the request of any two members of the same. All sessions to be holden at Baton Rouge.

Members to receive the same compensation for mileage, &c., as allowed legislators.

At their first meeting they will report a plan of the organization of the militia, for promulgation and for the formation of volunteer companies also a plan for the formation of a "military bureau," at the seat of government, should it be deemed expedient.

Appropriations under the bill amount to half a million.

The Senate adjourned without passing the Convention bill. Mr. Randal Hunt, of Orleans, speaks on the bill to-morrow.

Adjutant-General and Auditor's Report.

BATON ROUGE, December 11.—The following items of the report of the Adjutant-General exhibit the present condition of Louisiana with regard to arms and ammunition: 5,000 muskets, 5000; sabres, 3000; musketoons for cavalry, 3000; artillery, 500; swords and rifles, 1,135,000 rounds of cartridges; and ammunition to the amount of $35,000.

The Auditor reports $1,484,500 in the Treasury, divided as follows: General funds, $375,; 000; school fund, $392,000; internal improvement and tax, $1,200 000; levy drainage, road and levy, $585,000; seminary, —

Action on Military Bills—Presence of the Commissioners from Mississippi.

Baton Rouge, December 11.—Mr. Allen, of the Joint Committee, reported the Convention and Military bills, as having already published.

A message was received from the House announcing its concurrence in the House Appropriation bills. Mr. Gardère's Military bill, and Col. Jacques's joint resolution had passed the Senate.

A resolution was passed inviting Hon. Wirt Adams, Representative from Mississippi, to a seat on the floor of the House; when the Military bill, as passed by the Senate, came up.

Mr. Jacques offered, as an amendment to the first section, that the Adjutant-General be added as a member of the Board, composed of the Governor and four other persons—two of the latter to be elected by the House and two by the Senate. The amendment was lost, when the bill passed with Mr. McFee's amendment providing for the equipment of a company of either cavalry or infantry in each parish of the State, and Col. Jacques's amendment that each company shall consist of thirty-two members. To take effect immediately upon the passage of the bill.

A motion for the appointment of a Chief of Ordnance, to reside at Baton Rouge, with a salary of $3000 per annum, was lost.

A motion to amend the second section of the Military bill, to prevent the purchase of arms in the Northern States, was lost—Ayes 61, nays 15.

A message from the Governor of Mississippi, accompanied by the resolutions of that State, with regard to the appointment of Commissioners are to visit the slaveholding States for mutual conference, was received, and upon a motion of Col. Jacques, was laid upon the table.

Mr. McFee, of Morehouse, introduced a bill providing for the confiscation of all goods arriving from the Northern States after the 1st of January next. The bill provides, however, that all such goods shall be subject to Sheriff's sale, the proceeds to be applied to the purchase of arms for the militia of the State. Referred to the Joint Committee.

The Convention bill was then called up, when Mr. Hamilton, of Franklin, offered an amendment to submit the question of call and calling of a Convention to the people. Mr. Barry, of Caldwell, made an eloquent speech in its favor, Mr. Waggaman, of Jefferson, opposing, when the amendment was lost. Nays, 50; yeas, 27.

An amendment to strike out the senatorial delegation—supported by Mr. Gray, of Bienville—was lost.

A bill to reduce the appropriation for the expenses of members from $50,000 to $25,000 was passed, when the House adjourned.

CONGRESS.

Proceedings of the Senate.

Washington, December 11.—In the Senate yesterday, Mr. Latham, of California, said in his remarks on the State of the Union, he would go with the North and the West, no matter what secession and that the Pacific Railroad was her (California's) only means of communication.

Mr. Powell's resolution on Federal affairs was again called up. Mr. P. advocated the amendment of the Constitution, that the rights of the South might be secured.

Mr. Collamer moved, as an amendment, that all matters having reference to Federal affairs be referred to a special committee. Mr. Powell accepted the amendment.

In the Senate, to-day, Mr. Dixon spoke, denying that the perishing of slavery or freedom was the present alternative.

The House bill providing for the payment of outstanding Treasury notes and authorizing a loan of $10,000,000 was referred to the Committee on Finance, at which Mr. Hunter, of Virginia, is chairman.

Mr. Hale's resolution asking the Military Committee to inquire whether the expense of that branch of the public service cannot be reduced, etc., was agreed to.

Mr. Bigler spoke of that part of the President's message referring to secession, taking a strong position in favor of the Union.

Mr. Trumbull said the South was not so much in fear of the Personal Liberty bills of the North, &c., &c., as she was of mob law; alluded to the burning of the effigies of Senators Wade Stocks slightly better. Sterling Exchange rules Stocks slightly better. Sterling Exchange rules steady at 109 for bankers' bills. The Money market is easy. The Liverpool Freight market is somewhat firmer.

Cotton Circular for Europe.

NEW YORK, December 11.—Messrs. Wotherspoon, Kingsford and Co.'s circular for Europe by the steamer to-day reports that only a moderate business is being done, with prices quoting a decline of ¼d. The sales were mostly to the trade. Middling Orleans 10½c.

The Electoral Colleges.

The telegraph brings reports of the meetings of the Electoral Colleges, in their respective States, on Wednesday last, and their casting their votes in accordance with the popular vote by which they were elected. Abraham Lincoln, is, therefore, elected President, and Hannibal Hamlin Vice-President, of the United States. The vote of one State only is divided—that of New Jersey, four of whose votes were given for Lincoln and Hamlin, and three for Douglas and Johnson. Including the votes of Oregon and California, which are supposed to have been cast for Lincoln and Hamlin, the electoral vote will be divided as follows:

For Lincoln and Hamlin	180
For Douglas and Johnson	12
For Bell and Everett	39
For Breckinridge and Lane	72
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EXTRAORDINARY LONGEVITY.—Daniel McGrath died at Montreal recently, at the age of 120 years. He was born in Wicklow county, Ireland, and obtained his mental faculties to the last extent. His occupation through life was mostly out of doors. He was a well proportioned man, of strong frame, lived a life of unbroken temperance, though not abstemious, was the husband of two wives, and the father of sixteen children, twelve of them daughters.

THE PERIL OF THE CRAVASSE.—I remember well the first time I had into one of those terrible crevasses which intersect glaciers. Quoting a guide to avoid my hand, I leaned over the yawning abyss. The sunbeams above me penetrated but a few feet into the blue depths below. I gazed carefully into the crevasse, and discovered that the sides of ice appeared to be gradually approaching each other. I called the guide's attention to the appearance, remarking that from the outward look of the ice it appeared to me that there was a gradual tendency in the chasm to close. The guide, who spoke very little French, answered, with a grim smile, "Monsieur comprend bien." He once more looked down into the crevasse, and then, turning to me, said, "Monsieur, you see our guides, 'n'est ce pas?' I replied that I did. "Well, then," said one of them, "a man once escaped, and lives still at the Grindelwald; but he was a obstacle hunter, and came across the glacier, he was precipitated into a crevasse. His fall was broken by projecting ledges and blocks of ice, which, however, gave way as he alighted on them. After falling many hundred feet, he reached the bottom of the crevasse, with his body terribly mangled, but his head unhurt. He found himself in a hollow space, through which a stream of water ran. Instinctively he followed its course, and after wandering about for several hours, found himself in a large cavern. Ordinarily overcast, the sky was then clear, and the sun was shining brightly. He was enabled to see that the sides approached each other rapidly, so that a man could be lodged in between the walls of ice long before they would reach the bottom, and then, unless there should be room for a hand long enough and strong enough, with which to climb out, he would be inevitably crushed. He was, however, perfectly composed, and, after a few minutes' reflection, he came to the conclusion that he would not die. He was not long in coming to this conclusion, for he was young and strong, and had a wife and children dependent upon him for support. He looked around him, and saw that the sides were approaching each other more rapidly than ever. He was now within a few feet of the bottom, and he knew that in a few minutes more he would be crushed to death