

The Daily Comet.

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BATON ROUGE: SEPT. 16, 1853.

During the temporary suspension of traffic, it will be seen that W. B. Phillips is busily engaged in opening a stock of staple and fancy goods. He will be prepared when the fall business sets in, to make such a display of dress goods, as will entirely eclipse any stock ever offered for sale in this city. We advise the ladies to be in readiness, far so soon as the business season does set in, there will be such a rush to Phillips' as never was before.

We hope our citizens will not withhold anything necessary to the comfort of the indigent sick. If nurses are wanted employ them, if medicine—send to any of the Drug stores, and Ice can be had by applying to Mr. Mann on Church street. See note of the Board of Health in another column.

See the Secretaries notice of the Grosse Tete and Baton Rouge Plank Road company. The grading and ditching the balance of the road can now be bid for.

THE BAND OF SEVEN.—Early in the career of the Epidemic in New Orleans, seven young men of this city volunteered to go down, and with their own hands aid in extending relief to the suffering.—With letters to Mayor Crossman and the Secretary of the Howard Association, they left the then healthy shores of our own healthy city and proceeded on their mission of benevolence. This was done without any of the *clat*, that would have followed the same number of men, had they enlisted to defend our "border" against a hostile foe.—Their mission was a fearful, Christian mission, and consequently unheralded. They assembled on the deck of one of our packets, and attracted no attention. In the midst of them was the principal guardian spirit of the town.—He gave them advice in brief terms: and after bidding them "God speed" in their mission they departed. The Howard Association after highly complimenting them for this hazardous display of true moral courage, declined their services—believing as they said, that their danger in the pestilence greater, than others better acclimated. Finding it impossible to obtain a place in the advance guard on active duty, they reached our shore, ere a field for their services was opened to them, and with a fearless risk of their own lives they went to work; how serviceable they have been—how much heart sickening distress they have relieved, and how much they have done towards stopping the progress, of the unmerciful epidemic, remains yet to be told.

Two out of the seven have fallen in the service; yet undaunted the five are still united, and before the lowering sky clears off, they will have written a bright page in the history of Baton Rouge.

The "Minden Herald" a newspaper devoted to politics, domestic and foreign news: morality, virtue, and general intelligence, is out again in full dress. The Herald is published now and then, to suit the times, and comes as near being what it professes as any paper we know of.

SUICIDE.—Yesterday about two o'clock, a man by the name of Caleb Blunt, in a temporary fit of insanity blew his brains out.

Missouri is the second—if not the first—State in the Union, in producing hemp. The crop of last year is estimated at 60,000 bales, or 12,000 tons. The crop of the present year is estimated at 70,000 bales.

CHARITIES.—There is no profanity in the expression of the wish, that fire, famine, and pestilence may continue to visit us from time to time as they ever have done. Tempered by the hand of Divine Providence "all seeming discord is harmony not understood. We like to hear the wind roar out in his gruff voice as he sweeps over the land and lays things prostrate; and we like the pestilence to come, to remind man that he is no better than the "stuff that dreams are made of and his little life is rounded." This is not the only lesson adversity teaches. It calls forth the tenderest sympathies of the human heart, and contrasts true charity with the mercenary and selfish motives of beasts who degrade "the human form divine." It does the soul good to look at the acts of sisterly affection that other cities in the Union have manifested for our own great metropolis; and when we look about us and see the philanthropic movements of some of our own citizens in the hour of distress, it pleases us to record their names—not upon paper, but on the indelible tablets of the memory itself.

How beautifully they contrast with the dark side of the picture? And how delightful it is to look at their actions in the sunlight of Heaven. Whilst the desolate, barren waste of selfish seclusion, and inaction of others fills in the impenetrable darkness of the background. In contemplating the scene, there is one fact that presents itself to the mind, and it is one for which the christian may piously thank the Lord—That money will not give security from the pestilence, or buy one inch of time when the "death bell rings." And oh! ye miserable poverty stricken people who ride about over a field of sable bipeds, and use the paddle and the rack, and the loaded whip, who turn the deaf side to every appeal of charity tremble in your shoes for the day of judgment is at hand.

It is not unfrequently that we are called very hard names, by some of our friends—it only amuses us when we hear them. "He is a fool," "and he lies" are common expressions. Using these appellations indiscriminately involves metaphysical ethics that have troubled the heads of philosophers since the very earliest period. When a man calls another a "fool" he presupposes himself to be wise, and it is the business of third persons interested, to measure and weigh the parties to find which of the two is "wanting."

The stoical problem has never been solved. It reads thus: "When a man says 'I lie,' does he lie or does he not? If he lies, he speaks the truth; if he speak the truth, he lies." Many are the books written on this wonderful problem. Crispian favored the world with no less than six; Philetus studied himself to death in his vain endeavors to solve it.

Alluding to the charity concert given by Ole Bull, in aid of our suffering fellow citizens, the New York Times remarks:

"Ole Bull enjoys, in this country a considerable prestige. He is patriotic, charitable, and popular. He bestows superfluous means on worthy objects, and has earned for himself the reputation of an amiable and sterling man. He has supported this character, on the present occasion, by yielding his services, and thus organizing a beneficiary concert for the relief of the New Orleans sufferers. It was a noble and excellent example, which we are glad to perceive, has been followed, and is likely to be followed by other artists."—*Delta*.

Virginia, although the "mother of Presidents" is not very careful of the memory of her great men. Jefferson's tomb is in ruins; the grave of Madison cannot now be recognized; and the estate of Washington she has permitted to be sold to a company of speculators.—*Orleanian*.

We very cheerfully endorse the following paragraph from the New Orleans Commercial Bulletin. Speaking of the repeated failures of the mail; and the affairs of the Post office Department, as at present administered, the Bulletin says:

"It was a great mistake to make a Postmaster General a cabinet officer; He should be strictly and literally a ministerial officer, disconnected entirely with party and politics—a faithful, industrious official, exclusively interested in the discharge of the duties of his department, and an officer of experience and known administrative talent. If we are to judge from results, Mr. Campbell is better adapted to any other station than the head of the Post office Department.

The Bedouins of the Great Desert have been awakened by the shrill whistle of the locomotive. "Look out for the engine when the bell rings" is the kind admonition to be met with it the cross roads in Egypt. On the 6th of June last, we learn the first five miles on the Egyptian railroad was run, much to the astonishment of the semi-barbarians.

EARTHQUAKE AT BILOXI.—At about 5 o'clock on Sunday evening a violent shock of earthquake was felt at Biloxi. It came rolling and rumbling on from the east, shaking trees, houses and everything else which happened to be in the vicinity of its subterranean course, and, at the same time, communicated a violent palpitation to the hearts of "elderly ladies of both sexes." It appears to have been more violent at Biloxi, than at any other of the Lake shore watering places. Doors flew open and trembled as if shaken by some spiritual agency; plates and platters danced in their enclosures and bottles, and decanters leaped from their hiding places, and waited about floors, occasionally knocking against each other, and mingling without stint, their spirituous contents. Some houses, even rocked so that it was feared that they would tumble over, and no doubt they would have done so, had not the underground railroad passed on so suddenly that the danger was over almost before it was known to exist. We await further details.—*True Delta*.

THE DRY GOODS IMPORT.—The New York Courier, in some statements in regard to the present immense importation of dry goods into this country, says:

"As compared with the first eight months of 1851, the general result is an increase of about 40 per cent for 1853, in the values thrown upon the market. The increase in woolens is nearly ninety per cent; cottons 33 per cent; silks 33 per cent. In the consumption of silk goods, we see a picture of the extravagance of the times. Twenty-five millions of silks in eight months, or thirty-seven millions annually, indicate a love of costly dress, which seems to be authorized by the unexampled prosperity of the country. These completely throw into the shade the more plain and the cheaper articles of Delaines, Calicoes, etc., in which our New England factories have arrived at great perfection.

D. I. Ricardo, Esq., and Mr. J. E. Caldwell, of the New Orleans Howard Association, paid our city a visit yesterday. Their object in coming was to inspect our infirmaries and learn the extent of the sickness among us. In the event that aid should be needed in money, nurses or physicians, it will be promptly proffered. Dr. McFarlane, V. Boulemet, President of the Association, and several other members, will arrive here this morning, having in view mostly the same object. The whilom "Mayor of Hollywood" says Mobile shall not suffer while the Howard Association has a dollar in the Treasury.—*Mobile Tribune*, 11th inst.

SHIP BUILDING AT ST. JOHN, N. B.—The St. John papers state that ship building is unusually brisk there this season. Some of the fleetest clippers in the English and American fleets have been built at St. John. The quick trips of several of the provincial ships have not been surpassed by any others, and those of the Marco Polo, a St. John built ship, have not been equalled.

THE CHEROKEE NATION.—The Cherokee Advocate of the 24th ult., says:

We have had for two weeks or more the most intense hot weather ever experienced in this country—the thermometer a few days standing in the shade at 96 degrees. Vegetation is burning up for the want of rain.

But it is a matter of great rejoicing, that our country has been blessed thus far with unusual health. No epidemic through the nation—with the exception of the temperance fever, which, from all that can be seen and felt, we hope will take hold upon the minds and consciences of our people, until drunkenness, confusion, and murder will be things unknown in our country.

The Portsmouth, Va., Globe, of the 20th ult., states that three slaves had fled in the British ship Samuel, which sailed from that port on that day. A steamer was to be sent out to overhaul the ship.

THE TOMB OF NAPOLEON.—Wm. C. Bryant, the poet, recently visited the tomb of Napoleon in the Church of the Invalides, France, which has just been completed. He says, in a letter, that there is not upon earth so magnificent a mausoleum as that of the handful of dust that remains of the warrior who in his lifetime was the terror of Europe. The tomb is in part constructed of American marble, the resting-place of the remains being surrounded by a circle of colossal figures, one of which, a winged figure, is to represent the angel of resurrection, who is in the consummation of earth to call the mighty warrior from his sleep, to be confronted by the spirits of the myriads who were slain in his sanguinary wars.

In Bruce's *Life in Germany*, the following passage occurs: "In colloquial language, nothing will so utterly surprise the stranger—yes, shock him—as the universal profanity among the ladies. In the best circles of Germany, I have heard more oaths in one evening, than I would in the same time from a ship's crew. "Ach Gott!" "Mein Gott! mein Gott!" "Jesus Christus!" rung over and over at the veriest trifles. It was some time before I could accustom myself to it. Of course the words have no irreverent sound to them and are used like the French "*Mon Dieu!*" still, how so foolish a habit could have become so general among sensible people surprises one.

A PRESENT AS IS A PRESENT.—The numerous admirers of the dramatic talent and versatility of the favorite Mrs. Charles Howard, of the Placide Varieties, of this city, will learn with pleasure that during her summer sojourn in New York she has presented her husband with a little daughter, which, according to parental decision, is "a perfect little beauty." In the official language, "Mother and child both are doing as well as could be expected." Our friendly congratulations are due, and are tendered.—*Pic. 11th inst.*

A late statistical writer says that there are employed on the N. Y. canals 30,000 men and 7000 boys, cursing and swearing enough to dam Niagara.

CANDIDATES

We are authorized to announce CHAS. E. GRENEAUX, as a candidate for the office of State Treasurer.

We are authorized to announce Maj. A. M. DUNN as a candidate for the Legislature. Election in November next.

EDITOR COMET.—Please announce H. V. BABIN, Esq., the present incumbent, as a candidate for re-election to the office of Sheriff. Election to be held on the first Monday in November.

THE PEOPLE.

We are authorized to announce MANUEL MORENO, the present incumbent, as a candidate for re-election, to the office of Clerk of the Sixth Judicial District Court.

We are authorized to announce SAML. SKOLFIELD, the present incumbent, as a candidate for re-election to the office of Parish Recorder.

You are authorized to announce GEORGE V. TRUDEAU, as a candidate for the office of Parish Recorder. Election in November. MANY FRIENDS.

We are authorized to announce R. SIBLEY STUART as a candidate for the office of Assessor of this Parish.

We are authorized to announce H. M. PIERCE as a candidate for Assessor of this Parish.

OFFICIAL.
OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.
September 16th, 1853.

Report of the deaths within the City of Baton Rouge, for the 24 hours ending 4 o'clock, P. M. Thursday, the 15th September, 1853.

John Storms, 16 yrs. Prev'ing, Epid.
R. Collins, 25 " " "
Sebastian Schneider 40 " " "
Caleb Blunt, 22 years suicide by shooting himself.

Dumas, (colored) 14, disease unknown
Negro Child (belonging to Mrs. Donan)
Inflammation of Brain.

WM. F. TUNNARD,
Sec'y. Board of Health.

New Advertisements.

Ladies Dress Well.

THE attention of the Public is called to the beautiful assortment of Dress Goods which I am now opening direct from New York and Philadelphia, consisting of the following:

Rich figured Plaid, striped and Chene Sacks do Plaid, plain, and figured Black Plaid silk Poplins, Turk satins and Scotch Plain; Plaid and figured Delaines and Cashmeres; Black mourning Crape, a new article for mourning; Black Alpaca Bombazines and black Delaines; English and American Prints, a large assortment small figures for children; French Prints all in dress patterns no two alike; Plain figured and dotted French Swiss Muslins; Jacket Cambrie, Nansook and Cross bar Muslins. Also a beautiful assortment of evening dress Goods, vary rich and entirely new.
sept-16-y. W. D. PHILLIPS.

Carpets Rugs and Druggets.
JUST received per Ship Sarah Jurlinton a splendid assortment of English Sopers, and three Ply Carpets, also a few pieces at very low prices, together with Rugs, and Printed Druggets.
sept-16-y. W. D. PHILLIPS.

Cloaks, Mantillas & Talmas.
W. D. PHILLIPS has just opened his fall stock of the above goods, consisting of plain and embroidered silk and cloth talmas; silk, satin and velvet mantillas; cloth, velvet, and satin cloaks; rich figured mantillas and talmas, a la ostrich.
sept 16

Blankets.
THE subscriber has just received from New York 300 heavy grey negro blankets; 100 white French do; 100 fine bed do; also crib and saddle do.
sept 16 W. D. PHILLIPS.

Phalons Chemical Hair Invigorator.
THE subscriber has just received 12 dozen of the above preparation for the hair, also bachelor's hair dye.
sept 16 W. D. PHILLIPS.

Board of Health.
September 14th, 1853.
ALL persons having claims against the Board of Health, will please present their accounts every Monday morning at the Mayor's office to be acted upon by the board.
sept 15.

Notice to Contractors.
PROPOSALS will be received for the completion of the grading, and bridging, and for falling the timber on the sides of the Grosse Tete and Baton Rouge Plank Road. Address CHAS. A. SLACK, President, —Grosse Tete Post office.
JAS. H. JOHNSTON, Secretary.
sept 15-16.

Porter and Ale.
IN quart and pint bottles, for sale by
sept 15-y. JOSHUA BEAL.

Pure Kentucky Mustard.
A Fresh stock in pound, half and quarter pound canisters; just received and for sale by.
sept-15. JOSHUA BEAL.

Groceries! Groceries!
15 Boxes Cream Cheese,
20 " Family Soap,
19 doze Kentucky Mustard,
10 boxes new Herrings.
Just received and for sale by
sept. 15-y. JOSHUA BEAL.

Potatoes, Onions &c.
91 Sacks white Irish potatoes; 40 sacks Onions; 25 barrels new St. Louis Flour; 5 casks extra Fancy Hams; 10 pound Nutmegs.
Just received and for sale by
sept 13-y. JOSHUA BEAL.

Notice.
ON account of sickness and misfortune my Jewelry establishment on Church street, will remain closed until further public notice. Articles of Jewelry and watch left on repair, are deposited in the office of the La. State Bank until my return.
sept 11th. THEODORE GOLDMANN.

Disolution.
THE copartnership of HOLT & HUTCHINSON is this dissolved by mutual consent, and R. C. HUTCHINSON is authorized to receive all money due the said firm and receipt in name of said firm and pay all debts due by said firm.
JORDON HOLT,
Sept. 10th. R. C. HUTCHINSON.

SAND! SAND!
2500 BARRELS, BAR SAND, best quality—Sharp grit. Apply to D. Montan, or A. Montan & Bro. sept 7th

Leeches! Leeches!
100 BEST Hungarian Leeches.
Just received and for sale by
sept 7-11. H. T. WADDILL.

Election of School Directors.
IN accordance with the 19th section of the act of 1853 to re-organize Free Public Schools in this State, there shall be held an election of three Directors in each school District of this parish, on the first Monday of October next. Returns of said election to be made to the undersigned.
sept. 1-1w L. SHEPPERS,
Parish Treasurer.

OATS! OATS!—60 Sacks Choice St. Louis Oats, just received.
Sept. 1st. JOSHUA BEAL.