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FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

HENRY CLAY,

OF KENTUCKY.

Subject to the decision of the Whig National Convention.

FOR THE COMMISSIONER OF REGISTRATION.

We are authorized to announce the name of

JOHN SCHARFF,

as a candidate for the office of Commissioner of Registration, at the ensuing election.

THE DRAINING COMPANY.

Comprehensive projects of public utility commend themselves to the favorable consideration of the legislature, and the people, in proportion to the number that will be benefited by their accomplishment. Of this character is the project of draining the Cypress Swamp, and the low lands in the rear of the city, which is now before the legislature for its sanction. Throughout the Union the spirit of improvement which is now abroad in the land, has developed the fact that the most valuable property is produced by the reclamation of swamp and low lands. Whether it be the cultivation of sugar, cotton, rice, or the more humble but not less profitable products of the dairy, the garden, or the orchard, the result is the same. Land which is worthless in its natural state, is rendered productive by the application of labor and capital. The experience of the past has established the fact beyond question, that the cultivation of the sugar cane is not confined to the rich alluvial lands on the banks of the river, but that the poorer soils, when properly drained, are equally productive. The same is true of cotton, and of all the products of the soil. Let us look at the practical effect of this system of improvement in the parish of Jefferson. Take the plantation of Mr. Labatut, for instance, which is now under the process of reclamation. Before the commencement of the present year, the whole of this plantation was a cypress swamp, and was valued at $5 per acre. Now, it is worth $100 per acre, and is rapidly increasing in value. Take the plantation of Mr. Bringier, which is also undergoing the process of reclamation, and which, before the commencement of the present year, was worth $5 per acre, and now worth $100 per acre. Take the plantation of Mr. Soniat, which is undergoing the same process, and which, before the commencement of the present year, was worth $5 per acre, and now worth $100 per acre. Take the plantation of Mr. Fortier, which is undergoing the same process, and which, before the commencement of the present year, was worth $5 per acre, and now worth $100 per acre. Take the plantation of Mr. Duplantier, which is undergoing the same process, and which, before the commencement of the present year, was worth $5 per acre, and now worth $100 per acre. Take the plantation of Mr. Roman, which is undergoing the same process, and which, before the commencement of the present year, was worth $5 per acre, and now worth $100 per acre. Take the plantation of Mr. Delachaise, which is undergoing the same process, and which, before the commencement of the present year, was worth $5 per acre, and now worth $100 per acre. Take the plantation of Mr. Delachaise, which is undergoing the same process, and which, before the commencement of the present year, was worth $5 per acre, and now worth $100 per acre.

In calling a meeting of their people upon their own responsibility, the Directors of the Draining Company have done what all will acknowledge to be right. But having called the meeting, they will expect a full attendance of the citizens, and a free discussion of the subject. The project of the committee is before us, and we have a selection of such members as will willingly undertake the laborious, but not very responsible duty of examining it. We shall not enter into a discussion of the merits of the proposition at present. We shall only say that we have confidence in the integrity and capacity of the committee, and that we believe they will report a plan which will be found practicable, and which will be for the interest of the city and the parish. We shall, however, have something to say on the subject hereafter.

Mr. C. M. Conrad has published a letter in reply to Mr. Calhoun's late speech. Mr. Conrad is a Whig, and has been a member of the Cabinet of President Fillmore. Mr. Calhoun, in his late speech, made a violent attack upon the Whig party, and upon the Whig Administration of General Taylor. Mr. Conrad, in his letter, defends the Whig party and the Whig Administration from the charges made by Mr. Calhoun. We have not had time to read the letter, but we presume that it is able and conclusive. We shall read it to-day, and shall probably have something to say upon the subject hereafter.

The Democratic Legislature of Virginia has elected Mr. Mason, the present Governor, to the United States Senate, in the place of Mr. Rives, deceased. The election was made on the first ballot. Mr. Mason received 134 votes, and Mr. Scott, the Whig candidate, received 72 votes. Mr. Mason will take his seat in the Senate on the 4th of March next.

The Democratic Legislature of Virginia has also elected Mr. Dromgoole to the United States Senate, in the place of Mr. Rives, whose term of service will expire on the 4th of March next. Mr. Dromgoole received 134 votes, and Mr. Scott, the Whig candidate, received 72 votes. Mr. Dromgoole