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Charles Heywood Stratton, better known as Gen. Tom Thumb, died of apoplexy, last Sunday, at his residence in Middleboro, Mass., in his forty-sixth year. He leaves a widow.

There is a law in New Jersey against the selling of cigarettes to minors under 16 years of age. We are not informed whether the selling of cigars and navy tobacco is also prohibited.

Elijah Hays and Ruff McConnell, two young men, living near Paris, Tenn., quarreled while in swimming, last Sunday. In the scuffle which ensued, McConnell drew a pistol and fatally shot Hays. McConnell started home, but fell dead on the way from excitement and remorse.

A New Orleans special, of the 18th instant, to the Galveston News, says: The weather has been very hot here all day without a particle of breeze, the thermometer rising as high as 95°. Several sunstrokes which occurred were fatal, and quite a number of horses were prostrated and killed by the heat.

Two brothers named Barnard, charged with arson and murder, were released from jail in the parish of Vernon last Monday night by a crowd of armed men. They captured the guard and forbade the sheriff from coming near them. There is no clue yet as to who the armed men were or the whereabouts of the prisoners.

Young Ladies' Academy. COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES AND DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

Monday evening the Sisters Marianites of Holy Cross, in whose charge is the Lake Charles Academy for Young Ladies, met with the success they deserved for the untiring attention, maternal devotion and tender care taken by them over the pupils entrusted to them. The occasion was the commencement exercises and distribution of premiums which took place in their spacious school house, on the Catholic church grounds, at the corner of Ryan and Kirby streets. The large building had been recently enlarged, but it was found unable to contain the large concourse of people, consisting of the parents of the children and the friends of the institution, who had gathered there to witness the exercises. The evening was quite an enjoyable one, and the good Sisters had occasion to learn how much their meritorious zeal, in the cause of education, had been appreciated by the people of Lake Charles. They had become very popular in our community, and this event will increase their just popularity. The children acquitted themselves to perfection of their respective tasks, and when the exercises terminated all went away congratulating one another, each pleased and happy at the joy and happiness of the other. The following programme was carried out the letter, amid continued applause: "Les Inseparables" (4 hands)—Leduc. By Misses H. Terasera and C. Barbe. Welcome Song, Chorus by all the Pupils. "LES CARRIERES DE MIMI"—DIALOGUE. Personages: Mme. Cerny, Mlle. J. Leveque, Emilie, sa fille, Mlle. B. Fournet, Mme. Kerie, ami de Mme. K., Mlle. O. Hutchins, Marie, sa fille, Mlle. L. Leveque, Thecle, voisine et amie d'Emilie, Cecile, " " Mlle. K. Ryan, Helene, " " Mlle. L. Ferren, Malvina, " " Mlle. Hutchins, Babet, bonne d'Emilie, Mlle. H. Terasera, Nannette, petite servante, Mlle. I. Lyons, Les Muguettes (4 hands)—Streabog. By Miss L. Ferren and C. Barbe. "We are Fairies of the Sea"—(Vocal Duett and Chorus)—By all the Pupils. REVERSE OF THE MEDAL. Drama in 4 Acts.—Dramatic Personae: Countess Ervard, Miss J. Leveque, Isabel, her daughter, Miss O. Hutchins, Mme. Morville, Gouvernante, to Isabel, Miss G. Munns, Phillippa, Maid to the Countess, Miss E. McCormick, Ellen, housemaid, Miss D. Krouse, Mother Alarm, farmer's wife, Miss H. Terasera, Jane, her little shepherdess, Miss I. Lyons

"LA POULEE MALADE,"

Par Mlle. B. Fournet. AUNT BETHIAH'S JOURNEY.—DIALOGUE. Characters: Aunt Bethiah, Miss E. Winterhalter, Emmeline, Miss H. Wilson, Laura, her niece, Miss N. Hansen, Susie, Miss J. O'Brien. "List! 'Tis the Woodbird's Song"—Vocal Duett and Chorus.—Glover.—By all the Pupils. "QUARREL AMONG THE FLOWERS." Characters: Rose, Miss E. Ryan, Crocus, Miss C. Barbe, Dahlia, Miss May Hutchins, Sunflower, Miss N. Hansen, Pink, Miss M. Miller, Water-Lily, Miss N. O'Brien, Violet, Miss Margaret Hutchins, Snow-Drop, Miss F. Blancar. CHORUS OF FLOWERS. Pansy, Miss B. Fournet, Heliotrope, Miss L. Ferren, Tulip, Miss J. Walker, Lilac, Miss Lorena Hutchins, Hollyhock, Miss E. O'Hausen, Rose-Geranium, Miss E. Guillory, Lily of the Valley, Miss B. Ferren, Jasmine, Miss M. Krouse, Oleander, Miss E. Wincky, Daisy, Miss O. Granger, Butter-Cup, Miss E. Dowling, Blue-Bell, Miss M. Sullivan. The following pupils were awarded prizes: Merit—Misses Irene Lyons, Octavia Hutchins, Julia Leveque, Blanche Fournet, Emma McCormick, Julia O'Brien, Georgia Munns, Katinka Ryan, Dora Krouse, Emma Ryan, Rosa Wilson, May Hutchins, Nellie O'Brien, Mary Krouse and Margaret Hutchins. Fancy Work—Misses Julia O'Brien, Henrietta Terasera, Claudia Barbe, Emma Winterhalter, Nettie Hansen, Rosa Wilson, Nellie O'Brien. Music—Misses Henrietta Terasera, Claudia Barbe, Lizzie Ferren. First English Class—Misses Irene Lyons, Octavia Hutchins, Julia Leveque. Second English Class—1st Division—Misses Blanche Fournet, Katinka Ryan, Julia O'Brien, Emma McCormick, Georgia Munns, Claudia Barbe, Henrietta Terasera, Emma Winterhalter. 2d Division—Misses Clara Chavanne, Nettie Hansen, Dora Krouse, Salome Rothkamm. Third English Class—Misses Louise Leveque, Julia Walker, Nellie O'Brien, Rosa Wilson, Emma Ryan. Fourth English Class—Misses Lizzie Ferren, May Hutchins, Mary Krouse, Ellen Guillory, Lorena Hutchins, Frances Blancar, Agnes Guillory, Margaret Hutchins, Margaret Sullivan, Elise Wincky, Mary Miller, Elma Rothkamm, Lizzie Secendorf, Belle Ferren. First French Class—Miss Julia Leveque. Second French Class—1st Division—Misses Irene Lyons, Octavia Hutchins, Blanche Fournet, Louise Leveque. 2d Division—Misses Katinka Ryan, Julia O'Brien, Emma McCormick, Henrietta Terasera, Emma Winterhalter, Clara Chavanne, Nettie Hansen, Emma Ryan, May Hutchins. Third French Class—1st Division—Misses Claudia Barbe, Salome Rothkamm, Nellie O'Brien, Lizzie Ferren, Lorena Hutchins, Frances Blancar. 2d Division—Misses Elise Wincky, Elma Rothkamm. Fourth French Class—Miss Belle Ferren. The evening's entertainment was concluded with "Military Galop," (4 hands)—Lobitsky. By Misses H. Terasera and C. Barbe.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

[From Our Regular Correspondent.] WASHINGTON, D. C., July 14, 1883. It is now settled that the President will start on his contemplated trip across the continent to Yellowstone Valley about August 1st, if nothing should occur to interfere with his present plans. The arrangements for the trip are in the hands of Lieut. Gen. Sheridan. The party will number about ten persons, and will be gone five or six weeks. The President will join Gen. Sheridan and the other members of the party at Chicago. It is proposed to go direct to Yellowstone with as few stops as possible. The President has abandoned all idea of visiting Newport. He will probably remain in Washington until he starts for the West, with the possible exception of making occasional short sea trips on the steamer "Dispatch."

The report of the Academy of Sciences on Prof. Collier's sorghum experiments is now printed, and Commissioner Loring declares tearfully that he has not kept it back a day. The Commissioner has a molasses man of his own now, besides a clairvoyant, and an herb doctor. Of course they are not distinguished in this manner in the blue book, but these names accurately describe their business. The end of the fiscal year in all the Departments of the Government is marked by the adjustment of the accounts with the Government and their final closing out. The ledgers which contain the records of the expenditures of the past year are closed, the accounts balanced, and the word "Finis" written over the last page. Unlike the accounts of a private individual, the balancing is not followed with the transfer of what ever remains over to the new account which is opened with the new year. The old books are closed, and the balance returned to the Treasury, while the amounts appropriated for the new year by Congress are entered upon the ledgers, and the new accounts begin. This balance, which the Government claims at the close of the year, varies all the way from five to eight million of dollars. These five to eight million, however, are somewhat dwarfed, at least in their relative magnitude, when the total amount of the expenditure is stated. The figures show that last year there was expended about \$382,000,000, which represents the total cost of the Government, including current expenses and interest on the national debt. How much of this will be returned as a balance to the treasury cannot be ascertained just at present, but the balance will probably not amount to more than five or six million. This amount was unusually large, owing to the increased amount for pensions and the large appropriations for rivers and harbors. This year it is calculated that the Government can struggle along on about \$318,000,000.

There is a nameless fascination in the Washington air. The average citizen, living far removed from the capital, often wonders why the officeholder who comes to Washington is so loth to leave it, that he will often stoop to almost any device to secure a further lease of power—whether it be four years in the White House, or an extension of the end of the capital or only a longer commission in a petty Department clerkship. But when the citizen comes to Washington himself, the mystery is solved. He may not be able to define them very clearly, but he cannot stay long in the city without himself experiencing, in some measure, those subtle influences which render the capital so attractive to the permanent resident. Even to the casual visitor there is something very interesting about merely watching the great governmental machine or inspecting its component parts. The very atmosphere of the capital, instinct with the official and social life that centers about the seat of government in a great nation seems to possess a singular charm which disposes one to linger and enjoy it. The stranger no longer wonders that the officeholder likes Washington, that he constantly schemes for an extension of his term; that, if finally deposed from power, he so often prefers the most humble position here to a residence elsewhere.

Last Saturday morning a young white man, known among his comrades by the nickname of Duchy, was seriously injured while at work on a bridge on the Mississippi Valley Railroad at a point some sixteen miles above this city. He was at work around the pile driver at the time of the accident. By some means the very top of his ears was severed from his head, his neck was badly lacerated, and he was otherwise badly bruised about the shoulders. Immediately after the unfortunate accident he was placed in a cart and brought to this city and placed in the hospital. When he arrived here he was in a precarious condition, and though every thing that was possible to be done for him had been done, it is doubtful whether he will be able to survive his injuries.

Assaulting a Priest.

A special from Port Allen, West Baton Rouge, to the Times-Democrat says: On Saturday morning last, at the Rev. Father Lassouaro, Catholic priest at Brusle Landing, was entering his residence, after being absent all night at the bedside of a sick person, he was assaulted and cruelly beaten by Frank Barrow, a youth aged about 20 years. He assaulted the reverend gentleman from behind with a heavy stick. Father Lassouaro has been in bad health for some time. His congregation is much excited, but the reverend father does not wish the young man prosecuted, as he has adopted him and he had been with him some years.

Is the Jury System a Fraud.

[New York Telegram.] The lamentable upshot of the costly and tedious Star Route conspiracy trials again forces upon the public mind the familiar question, "Is the existing system of trial by jury a failure?" The uproarious acquittal of all the principal authors and beneficiaries of the scandalous Star Route extravaganzas is, indeed, but one in a long series of results that have tended to disgust observant minds with the verdicts of the average modern jury. The acquittal of Congressman Thompson, after perpetrating a deliberate homicide, by a jury in Harrodsburg, Ky., and the immediately preceding acquittal of Dukes, who has since paid the penalty of his infamous conduct and character at the hands of a private vendetta, were notable indications that the law under the interpretation of the ordinary jury is no longer efficient for the protection of life from individual appeal to summary violence. Unless such events shall have the effect of shocking public sentiment into a reform of the elements of which juries are composed, that system must surely and speedily go to pieces.

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The man who sits down on the road to success and waits for a free ride is sure to be left.

Making Safe Investments.

A Washington letter writer says: A good many Englishmen of wealth, it is learned here, are now buying lands in this country. A couple of gentlemen from London bought, it is said, 100,000 acres in the Yazoo Valley, Miss., only a short time since, and others are making large investments in Texas. The Herald has an interview with an English gentleman, son of a baronet, who accounts for these large investments upon the theory that there is to be a change in the Government of England soon, and that in the uncertainty regarding its results, it is well to have a nest egg in this country. He says the belief is gaining ground in England, that the Prince of Wales will be England's last King, and that his rules will be followed by some sort of republican government. Whether the revolution will come through war or peaceful agreements, they of course do not know, but should it be the former, all values must be unsettled for a time at least.

This sentiment, he says, is rapidly growing. Twenty-five years ago no English gentleman would have dared to give utterance to such sentiments. Now you can hear them everywhere. He admits, however, that much depends on the course of the Prince after he becomes King. If he is sober, decent and careful he may put off the evil day, but if he continues his present loose habit and disregard of social decencies, it will come very soon. He recites a number of scandals in which the Prince is said to have been the chief actor, some of which have been already told, and some have not. He says, further, that no woman who values her reputation will permit him to pay her the slightest attentions. Not more than a month ago, he says, a daughter of an earl, who was an Louise was married, ceased dancing with him, leaving him abruptly in the middle of a ball-room, asking a friend who was near to conduct her to her mother. The reason was afterward learned to be improprieties on the part of the Prince, and although he apologized, she refused to speak to him again.

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July 9, 1883.—ly.

NOTICE.—Land Office at New Orleans, La., July 9, 1883.—Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Judge or Clerk of Court, at Lake Charles, La., on the 24th of August, 1883, viz: Homestead No. 5787, Adrien Trahan, of Calcasieu Parish, La., for the Lot No. 29, or N W 1/4 of Sec 23, T 1, S R 4 West.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: Don Louis Broussard, Adolphe Broussard, Francis Broussard, Onetime P. Trahan, all of Calcasieu Parish, La. C. B. DARRALL, Register.

July 14, 1883.—5t.

NOTICE.—Land Office at New Orleans, La., July 2, 1883.—Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Judge or Clerk of Court, at Lake Charles, La., on August 8, 1883, viz: Homestead No. 5382, Alex. Miller, of Calcasieu parish, La., for the S 1/4 of S W 1/4, Sec 18, N W 1/4 of N W 1/4 Sec 24, and N E 1/4 of N E 1/4 Sec 23, in Tp 8, S R 6 West, Louisiana Meridian.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: Dupre Marcant, Esteve Miller, Francois Hebert, Sr., and Jules LeBlanc, all of Calcasieu parish, La. C. B. DARRALL, Register.

July 7, 1883.—5t.

NOTICE.—Land Office at New Orleans, La., June 15, 1883.—Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Judge or Clerk of District Court, at Lake Charles, La., on July 25, 1883, viz: Oneime Sallier, for the N 1/4 of S E 1/4 and E 1/4 of S W 1/4 of Sec 4, Tp 10, S R 8 W. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: Jacob Ryan, M. J. Rosteet, Geo. Ryan and J. L. Ryan, of Calcasieu Parish, La. C. B. DARRALL, Register.

June 23, 1883.—5t.

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