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FOURNET & PUJO,
Attorneys at Law,
LAKE CHARLES, - - - LA.

Will practice in this and adjoining parishes, and before the Supreme Court at Opelousas. (my 12 '85.)

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Lake Charles, - - - La.
Oct. 20, '86.

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A THOUGHT.

BY FATHER RYAN.
There never was a valley without a faded flower
There never was a heaven without some little cloud.
The face of day may flash with light in any morning hour,
But evening soon shall come with her shadow-woven shroud.

There never was a river without its mists of gray,
There never was a forest without its fallen leaf;
And joy may walk beside us down the windings of our way,
When lo! there sounds a footstep, and we meet the face of grief.

There never was a sea-shore without its drifting wreck,
There never was an ocean without its moaning wave;
And the golden gleams of glory the summer sky that beck us back,
Shine where dead stars are sleeping in their aure-mantled grave.

There never was a streamlet, however crystal clear,
Without a shadow resting in the ripples of its tide;
Hope's brightest robes are brodered with the sable fringe of fear,
And she lures us, but abysms girt her path on either side.

The shadow of the mountain falls athwart the lowly plain,
And the shadow of the cloud hangs above the mountain's head,
And the highest hearts and lowest wear the shadow of some pain,
And the smile has scarcely fitted ere the anguish'd tear is shed.

For no eyes have there been ever without a weary tear,
And those lips cannot be human which have never heaved a sigh;
For without the dreary Winter there has never been a year,
And the tempests hide their terrors in the calmest summer sky.

The cradle means the coffin, and the coffin means the grave;
The mother's song scarce hides the *De Profundis* of the roses;
You may cut the fairest roses any May day ever gave,
But they wither while you wear them ere the ending of your feast.

So this weary life is passing—and we move amidst its maze,
And we grope along together, half in darkness, half in light;
And our hearts are often burdened by the mysteries of our ways,
Which are never all in shadow and never wholly bright.

And our dim eyes ask a beacon, and our weary feet a guide,
And our hearts of all life's mysteries seek the meaning and the key;
And a cross gleams o'er our pathway, on it hangs the Crucified,
And he answers all our yearnings by the whisper, "Follow Me."

Life is a burden; bear it;
Life is a duty; dare it;
Life is a thorn-crown; wear it,
Though it break your heart in twain;
Though the burden crush you down;
Close your lips, and hide your pain,
First the cross, and then, the crown.

Why Men are Prohibitionists.
(Farmville Gazette.)

There are many men who are prohibitionists, who can give no reason for the belief they profess. They blindly accept what somebody else says is a true principle and one which the government should enforce.

The late overwhelming majority against prohibition in Texas will cause many such persons, who have not heretofore thought upon the subject, to seek for the reasons of their faith.

Temperance and prohibition must not be confounded. The former is one of the highest virtues all men should seek to practice; the latter is the punishment of a whole community for the vice of drunkenness of a few of its members.

The principles which appear to actuate prohibitionists are that men are not able to take care of themselves and that a paternal government must decide what they shall drink. They never, for a moment, give up a single right or comfort of their own; yet they seek to deprive others of the liberty of drinking whatever gratifies their taste. This is supreme selfishness and brazen-faced tyranny. No law compels a man to drink beer, wine or whiskey. No law prevents a man from becoming a prohibitionist. There is no law that ever made a man a prohibitionist whose appetite craved strong drink and who determined to gratify that unfortunate appetite.

In this, as in nearly all matters affecting individuals, the settlement of the question depends wholly on the determination and strength of purpose of the person concerned. He can quit drinking, but no one else can quit for him. His conversion removes the evil from his own door, and furnishes a good example for his weaker neighbor. But the man too weak to abandon an evil habit will not be strengthened by constitutional amendments or local legislation. The man must conquer the evil or it will remain his master.

It is not justice to put one lawyer on the bench at a small salary and allow other lawyers to talk him to death and collect large fees for doing it.

THE REV. GEO. H. THAYER, of Bourbon, Ind., says: "Both myself and wife owe our lives to SHILOH'S CONSUMPTION CURE." For sale by Wm. Meyer.

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The Tide of Immigration.

(Times-Democrat.)

It is now calculated that nearly a million immigrants will land in this country during the present year, making it the biggest immigration year on record. This alone is encouraging. Immigrants do not come to a country when it is depressed and there is little hope of improvement, and their very advent in itself assures more activity in business.

The name of America is now known to the uttermost portions of the earth, and from all lands save China the tide of immigration comes to our shores. We have prohibited the Chinese from landing, but it is not unlikely that several thousand of them will slip by notwithstanding this prohibition.

Another feature of our immigration is that the Irish, English and German elements which once constituted the bulk of it, do so no longer. It was predicted that with the amalgamation going on, the American people of the future would become, in the course of time, a Germano-English race with a strong dash of Irish; but it now promises to be far more composite. Germany sends barely one third as many people as she did years ago, and the immigration from both Great Britain and Ireland has decreased.

The loss is more than made up from other lands—Italians, Slavs, Hungarians, Swedes, etc. There is a disposition among certain Know-Nothing journals to regard this latest immigration as very undesirable. We are told that it is impossible to Americanize the new comers; that they are aliens, who will never make good American citizens. The Irish and Germans are all right, they say, but of the Russians, Hungarians and similar races nothing can be made. If, however, we turn back to these Know-Nothing papers a few years ago, we will find that they then made the same charges against the Irish and other immigrants they are urging against the new comers to-day. Indeed, they were still more violent, and predicted the complete destruction of American institutions by this invading horde of foreigners.

The destruction did not come, but instead the foreigners became good American citizens. And the same will be found true of those coming to this country to-day. Every other land throws open its doors to immigrants, recognizing that in bringing it energy, labor and industry, they bring it wealth and prosperity. The United States cannot alone, of all the world, place itself in opposition and lay down the rule that industry, strength and energy are undesirable acquisitions.

Peculiarities of Male Telegraph Operators.
(New York Sun.)

The other night, at the New York bureau of a Western newspaper, the telegraph operator was busily engaged in transmitting the latest news. It was noticed that while he manipulated the key with his right hand fingers he kept drumming on the table with a lead pencil in his left hand. When his right stopped so did his left. After watching the knight of the key several moments a reporter ventured to remark that he seemed very nervous. The operator smiled, and said that such was not the case, but that 99 per cent. of the male telegraphers accompany the transmitting movements of their right hand in various ways. Some operators drum on the table, while others tap the floor with one of their feet, like a musician keeping time to music. An operator employed by the Baltimore and Ohio company in this city cannot transmit without holding his left hand across his face and gently patting it. Another operator duplicates the dots and dashes which his right hand forms by wiggling the lobes of his ears with the idle hand. These peculiarities are not noticeable among female telegraphers.

A Sailor's Compliment.
(Chicago Tribune.)

A compliment, true and genuine, was paid by a sailor who was sent by his captain to carry a letter to the lady of his love. The sailor, having delivered his message, stood gazing in silent admiration upon the lady, for she was very beautiful.

"Well, my good man," she said, "for what do you wait? There is no answer to be returned."

"Lady," replied the sailor with humble deference, "if you please, I would like to know your name."

"Did you not see it on the letter?"

"Pardon, lady—I never learned to read. Mine has been a hard, rough life."

"And for what reason, my good man, would you know my name?"

"Because," answered the old tar, looking up honestly, "in a storm at sea, with danger afore me, I would like to call the name of the brightest thing I'd ever seen in my life. There'd be squabine in it even in the darkness."

State News.

Thibodaux Sentinel: Planters are beginning to gather in corn, which cereal has produced a bountiful yield this year.

Boston Calligraph: There appears to be a considerable epidemic of colds throughout this vicinity for the past week, accompanied with more or less of fever.

Markville Bulletin: There is considerable sickness prevailing in this parish, but fortunately few cases of a serious nature. The fevers are making their appearance this year earlier than usual.

Point Coupee Banner: A great many persons in this vicinity are complaining of sore eyes. Prior to the high water of 1882 this complaint was unknown, but since then it has been very common every summer.

Patriot Democrat: The cotton worms, though in considerable numbers in some localities, do not yet seem to have reached the destructive stage of their development. Those now in the fields near here are webbing up.

De Soto Democrat: Wolf hunting is now a popular sport in this parish. They are hunted with dogs just like they were deer. Where they come from it is difficult to tell, as none have been seen in this parish for thirty years until recently.

Sabine Southron: Since the first of June last, the want of rain in many sections of the parish, has caused a very serious injury to the cotton crop in this parish. It is quite likely that more than one half crop of cotton will be made in the parish. The corn crop however is abundant.

Plaquemine Observer: Rice cutting has commenced, and will soon become general. From various accounts, the yield, in this parish, will fall short of last year's by at least one third. However, the quality is very good, and it is expected that better prices will be obtained, which encourages our farmers.

Onachita Telegraph: The third, and most dangerous, crop of cotton worms are making their appearance on the Bayou. Gen. Paris Green is called on again.—The biggest beet on record is reported from the plantation of our venerable friend, Mr. A. Lazare. It was 22 1/2 inches long, 25 inches in circumference and weighed 22 pounds.

Baton Rouge Truth: As a result of Auditor Steele's wise administration of his office, the final settlements of tax collectors in various parts of the State continue most flattering. The tax collector of East Feliciana made his final settlement a few days ago and paid in 95 1/2 per cent of his entire roll. He of Franklin paid in 97 1/4; Jackson 95; Natchitoches 95; Terrebonne 99 1/4.

Democratic Review: Considerable alarm at present exists among our planters about the cotton caterpillars which have lately appeared on several plantations in great numbers. Some of our planters are making efforts to destroy them by the application of Paris Green, while others have deferred its application, believing that the present crop will web up before much damage is done.

Rayne Signal: Cotton worms have made their appearance in small numbers, in some sections of our parish, and we fear the showery weather we are having at present will favor and encourage their ravages upon the growing crop. We learn that they have shown themselves in considerable numbers in our neighboring parish of Lafayette, and if not destroyed will do considerable damage to the crop.

St. Landry Democrat: The prospects for a large cotton crop are not good. The cold dry Spring retards the crop generally; and the excessive rains in June and July prevented the proper cultivation generally, and caused some fields that we have seen to be irredeemably lost in the grass. The very dry weather that followed, during the present month, caused an immense quantity of forms to be shed. Then come the caterpillars; they are now webbed up, but the fear is that they will make a clean sweep at their second coming.

Opelousas Courier: Among the portraits of distinguished jurists of Louisiana that are placed in the gallery of oil paintings in the Supreme Court room at New Orleans, is that of the Hon. Henry Adams Bullard, who wore the judicial ermine, from 1831 to 1845, and won a most enviable reputation in the discharge of his functions, for his uprightness, industry, learning and independence. Justice Bullard was the father of Mrs. Alphonse Lastrapes and Mrs. Henry L. Garland of St. Landry, and Mrs. Virginia S. Blane of New Orleans, the latter daughter presenting the portrait of her distinguished father to Chief Justice Bernades, at his request, to adorn the gallery of his illustrious predecessors.