

☞ We have been urgently and specially requested on the part of many of the participants in the Colfax affair, from our Parish, to state that they are no ways connected with or parties to any hush propositions or *douceur* offered or promised to any conductors of Radical journals here or elsewhere. They wish this well understood and have no excuses to offer, no cravings to beg, but are ready and willing to shoulder and meet the full share of their responsibility in the matter, knowing full well they were right and struck the fatal blow purely in self defence, in behalf of their race, their homes, their wives, their children and their friends. We trust our friends will now be understood and none, however good their intentions may be, will place them in a false position.

☞ Friday next comes off the celebration, in our Town, of the Third Anniversary of Pacific Fire Company No 1. A procession will turn out, in which the Hook and Ladder Company will join and assist, as invited guests; and we are sure that the affair will—as usual, be a gay and festive sight, and warmly appreciated by our whole population. Certainly they should be encouraged and fostered in their laudable efforts as Firemen; hence we ask for them and their celebration all due honors and praises. At night they have their usual Ball at the Town Hall

☞ In the Picayune of the 15th is a long account of a tremendous mass meeting held in New Orleans to resist the Kellogg usurpation. Four columns are devoted to a report of an able address delivered on the occasion by our distinguished fellow-citizen, Judge T. C. Manning. It is replete with sound logic and statesmanlike views, and is clothed in the polished diction so characteristic of all Judge Manning's efforts. We regret that we have not space for its publication.

☞ Levin's Ice Cream and Soda Water Saloon opens for the season, on Friday, the 25th inst. The Saloon has been refitted and entirely renovated, and the public can expect to be served as of old, and be waited on by the best and politest of gentlemen. As usual it will be the favorite resort of the fair sex and the young ones. Success to all such enterprises.

☞ The late James W. Hadnot, who was murdered by the Modoc-negroes of Colfax, on Easter Sunday, was buried at his home on last Wednesday, and was followed to his grave by many friends, who knew his worth and honorable position here, and will long have cause to miss and regret the death of the good man.

☞ Last week has been an unprecedented one in the weather line. Four white frosts and several cold rains in mid-April, in Louisiana, is certainly something new; we have had them and went through it with patience and meekness.

☞ The river has commenced rising. On the upper Falls there is only six feet scant, which troubles our large boats, with heavy loads. Reports from above bring us news of a general rise. We can stand thirty feet here.

☞ E Hartner, boot and shoe maker, is always on hand and ready to give a good and perfect fit. His shop is on Murray Street, in Levin's brick building.

☞ Sidney Harris, who was shot and seriously wounded at Colfax, by the barbarians, is now doing well and is in a fair way of recovery.

The Colfax Fight.

Since our last much has transpired in the way of talk and rumors concerning this serious affair, and far and wide on the lightning wires has the news, with all sorts of details and falsehoods, been spread. Few, very few of the people outside of this immediate vicinity seem to understand, or even strive to comprehend the matter in its true light, and comment wildly on it. The Radical press, as a matter of course, think and make believe they have found and grasped another capital and first-class sensation, and with their usual vim and tenacity cling to it as a good thing for them and their party. All this is sheer nonsense and far from the truth of the situation and its sole and true cause. We are perfectly *au fait* and posted in the affair, and after a week's cool deliberation and searching examination, we reiterate all we wrote last week, and are more firmly convinced now than ever, that politics was the excuse but not the cause of the forced conflict on the whites of Grant Parish. The deep seated hate and malignity of the negro towards the white man, and the continued teachings of the Colfax tribe to their late friends, has forced the whole matter to a point, and for them, perhaps unfortunately, the point was punctured the wrong way, and success for the nonce perched on the gneidon of the persecuted and hunted down, but just.

We assert, and can prove it, that the Parish of Grant was created by the Black and Tan Legislature of 1868 solely for bad and political purposes and in no other interest than that of the negro, and the bad negro at that. At the Legislative baptismal font Grant and Colfax were the talismanic names that Minerva like, armed to the teeth for wrong and oppression, sprang to the astonished glare of a people who were never even consulted; and at once and with a hyena rush the work was cut out, commenced, persevered in, and last Easter Sunday a halt was ordered, which has caused the present pause! The Town of Colfax, or rather Colhoun's Negro Quarter of Colfax, was at once proclaimed and acknowledged as the Mecca of the bad and desperate negroes from everywhere, and pressing invitations were sent far and wide to come to Colfax and find a turbulent home. In a word soon was the Town filled up with these sort, and soon a new hell in Colfax was inaugurated, and has been kept up with perfect tenacity and consistency. Bear in mind that in Grant Parish, outside of negro Colfax, a better, more industrious and peaceable people do not live in Louisiana, and this is the people who have been the special subjects of persecutions, robberies and infamies at the hands of these barbarians, whose friends and champions now endeavor to whitewash and whose crimes they strive to convert into virtues, Radical virtues. Much has been written and howled about wasted fields and lost crops; this may all be true, but be it remembered that these negroes of their own free will and accord stopped their plows, unharnessed their horses and mules and threw aside the shovel and the hoe, mastered the horses into a Cavalry Brigade, shouldered the Enfield, the Spencer and the double-barrelled shot gun, and abandoned these fair fields, and forced and pressed others, miles from Colfax, to do the same and join them in their proposed war against the white man. Well did they improve their time and well did they throw up their fortifications and constantly drill their men and new recruits. And right here let us state an important fact, which can and will be proven beyond the shadow of a doubt. Several times, after their evening drill, they would advance to the bank of the river and would salute the whites on this side with all sorts of obscene and savage threats, and telling them, more than a dozen times, that they (the negroes) were fixing for them and intended to kill the last of the men and children and violate their wives! In fact every threat, every curse that could be heaped on the white man were belched at them by these barbarians and inhuman negroes. And the hour, the occasion came that these white men had to act, had to defend their lives, their property, their wives, their children, and they did it in the best way they could, and the result has

gone into history.

That this sad, but just and retributive act, might have been delayed or perhaps stopped, we are free to admit. Every effort was made, every means exhausted with Kellogg and the United States District Attorney in New Orleans, but all to no avail; hence a large share of the terrible responsibility must attach to them. We reiterate the whites of Grant Parish were in the right, from first to last, and had exhausted every inch of patience and endurance in behalf of peace and quiet; and come what will, prosecutions and persecutions by the powers that be, a just and honorable world will hold them blameless and perfectly justifiable!

☞ The New Orleans Republican, when the first news of the Grant troubles reached the city, indicating that the riotous negroes were masters of the situation, could not conceal its gratification at the prospect of an approaching conflict in which it was sure of a victory on the part of its friends. Of course Ward and Register and the other fugacious leaders, had informed the Republican of the strength of the negroes' position and their ability to resist any opposing force. The Radical organ was jubilant over the fact that seven years of freedom had infused courage into the minds of the down-trodden slave. He saw no necessity of sending troops, not he. The negro needed no protection and the whites were entitled to none.

But the tone of the Republican has changed somewhat. The plans of its friends have been slightly frustrated. A lawless band of armed negroes have been met by the whites, who, failing to obtain protection from a bastard government, have undertaken to protect themselves. The Republican sends up a doleful wail. It intimates that its friends are ready for the issue.

If the legal government of Louisiana had been permitted to remain, there would have been no trouble. Kellogg was appealed to in time to prevent bloodshed, but he has not the moral courage to govern the people. He has the confidence of neither the whites nor the blacks. If, then, the people can get no protection from their rulers, they will have to protect themselves. In that event perhaps some people are as able to take care of themselves as others.

☞ United States District Attorney Beckwith has made up and dispatched to the Attorney General, at Washington, the biggest whopper on record, and with a grace and *nonchalance* only known to a Louisiana Radical. All this is in perfect keeping with his warfare and that of his negro allies and conspirators. We have not space for his official lies, in this issue, but must say, "thirty known to have been shot prisoners are said to have been shot after surrender, and then thrown in the river" will do for Beckwith just now.

☞ W. M. Surls & Co., U. S. Mail Contractors, have commenced service from this place to Red River Landing, and we may now expect to receive our mails regularly and without failures—at least so we hope, so we pray—for we have had no mail service from any point to our Town since the surrender. We have waited long enough for the luxury and now intend to relish and enjoy it. See their schedule published elsewhere.

☞ The Modoc murder of General Canby and the Colfax troubles seem to be all the sensation in all the newspapers we lay eyes on. Well way it be so in some particulars, for both General Canby and James W. Hadnot were murdered under precisely the same circumstances. But then the Radical press are for punishing Captain Jack and his tribe, and protecting and adopting the murderers of Hadnot.

☞ Samuel C. Cuney, the Post Master of Colfax, a colored man and a Radical, during the Colfax mass, previous to the battle, was driven off and forced to leave his office and his home by the negro rioters, and is now here a refugee and broken up in business. He saved most of the Post Office documents and has them here for protection and safe keeping.

The Colfax Riot.

STATEMENT OF J. M. McCAIN.

On Saturday, April 5th, an affidavit was made by W. R. Rotland against R. C. Register, G. D. Brantley, Lewis Meekin and others, for violently and maliciously breaking into Rotland's house, taking and destroying property there. Special constable Payne arrived on the ground with a posse of men in charge and a proposition was made by Smith, an appointee as Recorder, by —, for a compromise and a surrender of the parties named in the warrant. An answer was returned that they would send a squad of four men, unarmed, which was agreed to. The following gentlemen were sent from the posse summoned by the special constables: Payne, special constable, J. M. McCain, Shuman and W. A. Strong, who were met by three colored men, to wit: Flowers and two others. After talking some time G. D. Brantley and Shaw met us when a proposition was made by the special constable to surrender the parties named in the warrant. This was frustrated by Louis Meekin, who approached on horseback and presented his gun, on me (J. M. McCain) within five paces, and had it not have been for one of the parties who met us in compromise, I would have been shot, notwithstanding the previous understanding.

Shortly after this occurrence other armed men were seen approaching in the direction of Colfax, the two parties on horseback. This dispersed the two parties. A demonstration was made the same evening to see whether any resistance would be made, when a body of armed men, about 150 in number, formed in front of the Court House and charged in the direction of those making the demonstration, when we retired without offering any resistance except in self defence.

On Sunday evening, April 6th Capt. W. Ward, with a company of cavalry attempted to cut off our men at R-Rhe's Bayou, but the posse retired to the Lamard house and awaited until a sufficient force of men could be summoned to execute the warrant. This eventuated in a general fight of all the forces on both sides on Sunday, April 13th, and it became necessary to set fire to the Court House, which afforded protection to Ward's men. The men in the building hoisted a white flag, and our men seeing it supposed all was right and approached the Court House, when they were fired upon by the party within, which resulted in wound five or six men. The conflict then became desperate, resulting in the death of most of the men in the building.—[Red River News.

THE HUMAN FORM DIVINE.—What sad havoc Scrofula inflicts on the human system. How Rheumatism distorts the frame. What misery, the injudicious use of Calomel entails. How sad the effect of Syphilis transmitted from parent to child. Would you avoid these terrible afflictions, fall not to use DR. TUTT'S SARSAPARILLA AND QUEEN'S DELIGHT. It penetrates every fibre of the system, even into the bones, and eradicates every trace of disease.

NATURE'S REMEDY.

The medicinal virtues of the Roots, Herbs and Barks which are contained in DR. TUTT'S SARSAPARILLA AND QUEEN'S DELIGHT in a concentrated form possess powerful alterative properties for the cure of Scrofula, Ulcers, Tumors, Mercurial and Syphilitic affections, Skin Diseases, Rheumatism, and all maladies resulting from a depraved blood. It is free from all violent minerals.

☞ General Canby and two United States officers were recently murdered by the Modoc Indians, under command of the noted Chief, Captain Jack. The Government have inaugurated severe measures to wipe out the tribe of savages.

☞ Governor McEnery has commissioned W. E. Taylor State Assessor and Collector for our Parish. He will qualify at once and enter upon his official duties.

☞ Companies C and D, 19th United States Infantry, Major Smith in command, passed up on Monday, on the Hodge, en route for Colfax.

☞ We thank the clerks of the Les-sie Taylor, South-Western, Seminole, B. L. Hodge and St. Mary for late New Orleans papers.

Half Alive.

It is a sad thing to pass through life only half alive. Yet there are thousands whose habitual condition is one of languor and debility. They complain of no specific disease; they suffer no positive pain; but they have no relish for anything which affords mental or sensuous pleasure to their more robust and energetic fellow-beings. In nine cases out of ten this state of lassitude and torpor arises from a morbid stomach. Indigestion destroys the energy of both mind and body. When the waste of nature is not supplied by a due and regular assimilation of the food, every organ is starved, every function interrupted.

"Now, what does common sense suggest under these circumstances of depression? The system needs rousing and strengthening; not merely for an hour or two, to sink afterwards into a more pitiable condition than ever (as it assuredly would do if an ordinary alcoholic stimulant was resorted to), but radically and permanently.

How is this desirable object to be accomplished? The answer to this question, founded on the unvarying experience of a quarter of a century, is readily given. Infuse new vigor into the digestive organs by a course of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. Do not waste time in administering temporary remedies, but wake the system up by re-energizing the fountain head of physical strength and energy, the great organ upon which all the other organs depend for their nurture and support. By the time that a dozen doses of the great vegetable tonic and invigorant have been taken, the feeble frame of the dyspeptic will begin to feel its benign influence. Appetite will be created, and with appetite the capacity to digest what it craves. Persevere until the cure is complete—until healthful blood, fit to be the material of flesh and muscle, bone and nerve and brain, flows through the channels of circulation, instead of the watery pabulum with which they have heretofore been imperfectly nourished.

ORIGIN OF THE GAME OF BILLIARDS.—There is no data upon which to form a reliable account of the origin of billiards. Dr. Johnson gives reasons for believing that the game had its birth in England. Todd argues that billiards originated in France. Strutt, who is an excellent authority on "Sports and Pastimes" believes billiards to be merely the game of *paill-maille* transferred from the ground to the table. Billiards superseded *shove* board. In 1674 a billiard table had six pockets. The bed of the table was made of oak, and the cushions were stuffed with "fine flax or cotton." Maces, not cues, were used, made of some weighty wood and tipped with ivory. The peculiarity of the game consisted in the use of a small arch of ivory called the "port" (placed where the pyramid spot now stands), and of an ivory peg, or "king," placed at the opposite end of the table. Two balls were used, and the game played was the white-winning game (single pool) five up by day-light, three by candle light. Beyond the "lives," scores were counted appertaining to passing the port or touching the king. "French billiards," which was essentially single pool, was next introduced "Carombole," the precursor of billiards as now played in England, was the next advance in the game. Curiously enough the French have of late years entirely discarded pockets, playing only *carom*; and what was formerly the French game, is now called the English game." Up to 1810, the development of the game was very slow; soon after this date, the introduction of cue-playing, leathern tips and chalks, side strokes and improvements in tables, caused quite a revolution in the science of billiards. A man named Bentley, proprietor of a billiard room at Bath, discovered the side stroke, and *snook* billiard table keeper, first popularized the spot.—[Exchange.

☞ A young white woman, by the name of Kate Parker was married on Monday evening to a coal black negro; the ceremony was performed by a negro preacher. The parties had been living together for some time. Such cases of depravity, we regret exceedingly to state, are by no means rare; the police reporting quite number of white women thus living openly and unblushingly with negro men, and, in most instances, men of the lowest and dirtiest type.—[Mobile Register.

☞ A fragrant breath and pearly teeth are easily attained, and those who fall to avail themselves of the means, should not complain when accused of gross neglect. The Soreodont will speedily eradicate the cause of a foul breath, beautifying and preserving the teeth to the oldest age. Spalding's Glor sticklest thing out—ready.