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Judge Lynch.

TWO EX CONVICTS ATTEMPT AN OUTRAGE—ONE OF THEM FOUND IN FULL BLOSSOM OF A TREE.

On Wednesday night of last week, while one of the best known and most highly respected citizens of this parish, was away from home, one Will Washington, colored, who has served one term in the penitentiary, and Levy Abraham, also colored, who has served the State in the same capacity for two full terms, concocted a diabolical scheme to outrage his family. The lady of the house was sick at the time and two young ladies occupied an adjoining room. Late at night, one of the young ladies was awakened by a slight noise in the room, when she discovered and recognized Will Washington leaning over their bed, in the very act of laying violent hands upon his intended victim. She at once screamed, which aroused the whole household, and strange to say, the demon abandoned his scheme and beat a hasty retreat. The neighborhood was at once aroused, and the greatest excitement prevailed.

Next morning the track of the culprit was followed, which led directly to Will Washington's house. He was arrested, confessed his guilt, and said that Levy Abraham was with him.—We don't know what became of Abraham, but the next thing heard of Will Washington was that he was discovered hanging to the limb of a tree near the colored church on the Evans place—dead, dead, dead! It is useless to deny the fact, that probably the best citizens of the Parish participated in the hanging, but at the same time we must beg our friends to keep perfectly quiet, and let mum be the word for some good people are trying to elect Gen. Nicholls Governor, and we might then see another Tensas Parish proclamation; as we all know that he did, while Governor, let one man hang, for killing the despoiler of his family honors, and he would probably be worse on the slayers of Will Washington, as he only attempted to perpetrate the outrage.—DeSoto Democrat.

—AN exchange says: The result of the Virginia election show Democratic gains sufficiently decided to make it certain that the Democrats will carry the State in the fall, and elect a Senator to succeed Riddleberger. The victory is distinctly an administration triumph. Everywhere the local contests were made to turn on national arguments and the lines were sharply drawn between those who support and those who oppose the policy of the president. The color line has evidently broken down. In localities where negro voters have heretofore been unanimously Republican they voted the Democratic ticket this year. This makes assurance doubly sure that the old Dominion will stand in the Democratic column next year.

—A REPORT, which should have been sent out on April 1, comes from Chicago that of the Anarchists and Socialists, who compose the "International Working People's Association," contemplate an uprising in 1889, when they hope to overthrow the government and establish themselves in power. In the meantime they will rely on panic and starvation to recruit their forces. When the time comes for the explosion a great many armed genuine Americans will be on hand to witness the entertainment.—New York World, Democratic.

—THE shooting scrape at Henderson, Ky., between the principal of a high school and the superintendent of public schools, which took place in a school room in the presence of pupils, shows that in addition to other accomplishments, the youths of Kentucky are given practical illustrations how to shoot. It must be remembered, however, that in Kentucky a man's education is not complete, and he stands no show whatever in society unless he knows how to plug his man at thirty steps.—[States.]

—A new Methodist church has been completed at Donaldsonville.

THE "BIG FOUR."

We find in that sparkling, wide-awake evening paper, the New Orleans City Item, of the 2d inst., a graphic official biography, as it were, of the "big four" champion office holders of the New Orleans reform ring.—These celebrities, Fitzpatrick, Mealey, Duffey and Darcy, commissioners under the City government, Sheriff and District Recorder respectively, are shown by the record to have averaged sixteen years each of uninterrupted tenure of office.

Their political power, through official patronage, is recognized as impregnable in their respective wards.—They hold the success of any aspirant to office in the gift of the people in the hollow of their hands, or in their vest pockets. They have wielded this autocratic power over the ballot box in the City of New Orleans for many years. They do not constitute a ring, oh, no! They are fighting the "ring" under the "reform" banner of Nicholls and Gibson.

They are the corner stones upon which the reform architects of the Democratic party are building their beautiful air castle of pure Democracy. They are the champions, par excellence, of what may now be termed the Nicholls-Gibson wing of the Democratic party in Louisiana, or the "Nicholls Boom" for Governor. It is unfortunate for General Nicholls that his reform platform and his reform ring partisans, above named, do not consist, so to speak.

These "big four" reformers have only been in office sixteen short years each, uninterruptedly, but they want to smash "ring democracy" into smithereens, and erect upon its ruins an ideal political temple, where the spotless and the good, the meek and the lowly, and we may add, the impersonal Democrats in the party may come and worship. Is this not out-Heroding Herod!—and does not politics make strange bed-fellows, anyhow? We hope the good people of New Orleans will smash the "ring."

A Gift For All.

In order to give all a chance to test it, and thus be convinced of its wonderful curative powers, Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, will be, for a limited time, given away.—This offer is not only liberal, but shows unbounded faith in the merits of this great remedy. All who suffer from Coughs, Colds, Consumption, Asthma, Bronchitis, or any affection of throat, chest or lungs, are especially requested to call at Jacob Geiger's Drug Store, and get a trial bottle free. Large Bottles \$1.00.

—We are pleased to find that the Democracy of Ouachita Parish has recently had the pleasure of seeing in their midst, and of honoring with a complimentary serenade, that brilliant statesman, and war horse of Democracy, ex-Senator Jonas. Mr. Jonas is universally regarded in Louisiana as one of the ablest and truest Democratic leaders in the ranks of the party, while his Senatorial career won for him a national reputation as a statesman, and reflected honor upon the State he so ably represented.

—THE eagerness of England to empty her jails and poor houses by sending their occupants to the United States, under the pretense that they are evicted tenantry, has caused Uncle Sam to open his eyes to the scheme. As fast as they are brought here he will order the ship captains who bring them to take them back. This country has too long served as a dumping ground for European paupers and criminals, and it is well high time the practice was stopped.—[Ex.]

—We ask a fair trial and we can convince you that we can sell all goods cheaper than any other house in town. Bauer & Weil.

Renews Her Youth.

Mrs. Thoebe Chesley, Peterson, Clay Co., Iowa, tells the following remarkable story, the truth of which is vouched for by the residents of the town: "I am 73 years old, have been troubled with kidney complaint and lameness for many years; could not dress myself without help. Now I am free from all pain and soreness, and am able to do all my own housework. I owe my thanks to Electric Bitters for having renewed my youth, and removed completely all disease and pain." Try a bottle, 50 cents and \$1. at Jacob Geiger's Drug Store.

—JUST received a fine and large assortment of ladies fine shoes. Also a large lot of ladies dress goods, at Bauer & Weil's.

Did the Jews Crucify Christ?

The celebrated New York rabbi, Dr. Edward B. M. Browne, lectured at Blecker Hall last evening on "The Crucifixion of Christ, or Did the Jews Crucify Christ?" He was introduced by a Christian minister, the Rev. W. H. Tracy, of Danvers, and a number of christians was present. He treated his subject under the following heads, 1. Did the Jews Crucify Christ? 2. Were they instrumental in his crucifixion? 3. Did they endorse it? 4. Does the Jew of to-day approve it? 5. Does history testify to their sufferings in consequence. He portrayed the condition of Palestine under the Romans. Galilee was the poor and superstitious part of the country. It had gathered a mixed population—the dregs of foreign armies that had crossed it. To the more enlightened Jews—a Galilean leader was regarded in about the same light that the English would regard a man from the poorest county in Ireland. At this time Christ appeared, His miracles had been among the ignorant of Galilee. Whenever he happened at Jerusalem he went about in the night, confided his secret only to a woman, and if he chanced to do anything marvelous had disappeared before any one could find who he was, yet his miracles had given him notoriety enough to attract the attention of the Romans. He came up to Jerusalem and secured his lodgings secretly in a back upper room.

The speaker believed that Judas had confessed to his master and comrades that the Roman police had approached him and offered to protect Jesus during the feast, This Judas had thought the safest thing to do, and had so counseled. Hence, when the alarm was given, Jesus said to Judas: "Go quickly," intending to let the Romans take himself in charge, while the disciples scattered. Judas did not dream of the soldiers' intentions when he gave his master to them. He did not need the silver. In the years of his treasurership he had many chances to steal all the apostles had, but was too honest to do it—and now when he learns what is to be done with the master he loves so much, he throws away the money and hangs himself in despair. Dr. Brown asked for one example in history where a traitor committed suicide. Such a man has reached a point too far beyond remorse for that, and examples were cited from history. The slow and careful proceedings of the Sanhedrim, the strict Jewish customs at Passover which prevented their participation in any kind of civil proceedings—the delays necessary in the courts of those times—the absence of Jews at the last scene all go to throw blame on the Romans. The reverence with which Christ is referred to in the Talmud and treated by the Jews to-day, goes to prove their disapproval of his death. The financial prosperity of the Jews in all parts of the world, the eminence that some of them, such as Disraeli, Gambetta, Lasker, Castelar have attained shows that they have been blessed as much, if not more than the rest of mankind, and do not live under a curse.—[Albany Journal.]

—WE are yet offering Eagle Steam or Bauer & Weil's Sweet Bouquet at \$4.90 per barrel.

—THE States has this to say about a scheme of Jay Gould's: "Jay Gould at last seems disposed to do something which will benefit New Orleans. He is now at work on a scheme to consolidate several railway lines, which will enable him to drain the produce of the West into the Mississippi river below the ice point. It is believed that he has selected Arkansas as the terminus for the new consolidated system, and that the produce of the West will be brought from that point to New Orleans in barge lines and exported to Europe." It won't do for New Orleans to sit down quietly and expect big plums like that to drop in to her lap without an effort. Her merchants must be up and doing and show a strong hand to aid a scheme of that sort. The game is worth the candle and it is hoped there will be a lively stirring up of the dry business bones in our great metropolitan city to encourage all moves of the kind indicated above.—[Capitolian.]

—R. B. HAYES attended the funeral of ex-Vice-President Wheeler yesterday. It will be remembered that Hayes is the man who was elected President of the United States by the Electoral Commission after the people had elected another. In life Mr. Wheeler was distinguished by the earnest manner in which he devoted himself to fishing.—[States.]

—Mulum in parvo.

—THOS. CORRIGAN, a cattle trader, aged 60 years, committed suicide by cutting his own throat with a pocket-knife, at the Shreveport railroad junction, on the 8th inst.

—It is now definitely settled that the woman's college in connection with the Tulane University will open on the 1st of October.

—Two Doctors Failed.

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ANOTHER EDITOR'S TESTIMONY.

PALATKA, FLA. } Jan. 20, 1887. } Ringworm has broken out on me every summer for four years. Three years ago a large sore formed on the back of my neck that became the size of a silver dollar. It finally spread all around to my nose and would not dry up. Last summer I took several bottles of S. S. S., which soon permanently dried up the sore, and I have had no eruption since. CHAS. H. PRATT.

FROM THE LADY OF THE HOUSE. PORT GAINES, GA., } Dec. 8, '86. } For over ten years I had dyspepsia. I tried every known kind of medicine and every first-class physician I could get near; all failed. A few months ago my husband, who had been cured of a twenty years' case of the same disease, by S. S. S., began to treat me with it. After I had taken five bottles I felt like a new woman. The dyspepsia was gone, and all feeling of lassitude had disappeared, and I feel built up anew. Your medicine is a household remedy in my family, and I would not be without it for more than its cost. It would be hard to tell which has the most faith in it, me or my husband—but we both regard it as the greatest of all medicines. MRS. B. P. LIGHTFOOT.

Treatise on Skin and Blood Diseases mailed free. The Swift Specific Co., Drawer 3, Atlanta, Georgia.

—WE claim to be still in the lead on groceries. Bauer & Weil, Second street.

HOW TO KILL A TOWN.—Oppose its improvements.

Run it down to strangers. Go to some other town to trade. Do not invest a cent; lay your money out somewhere else.

Lengthen your face when a stranger talks of locating in it.

If a man wants to buy your property charge him two prices.

If he wants to buy any body else's, interfere and discourage him.

Be sure to discredit the motive of public spirited citizens.

Do your best to divide your town up in factions, and keep one fighting the other.

If you can't hog everything, judge everything by yourself and accuse them of doing it.

When a meeting is called for some public enterprise, stay away from it and thereby show others that you would not think of doing anything for the town you live in.

By carefully following these rules a good healthy kicker can do wonders toward keeping desirable people out of town and disgust public-spirited ones in it so they will want to go away.

Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly For June.

Warm days tell us of approaching Summer, and an article that takes us to the woods and mountains has an attractive appearance. Mr. Charles Bacon allures us all to follow him in his sketch, "Camp Life Among the White Hills," in Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly for June. Miss Lilly Higgin tells something about the "Jubilee of Queen Victoria." Mr. O. W. Riggs, delving in the custom house and warehouses, writes a chapter which will be new and interesting to many.

The Coffee Trade of New York, which will give zest to a genuine cup of Mocha. "Percy Bysshe Shelley," one of the most marked literary figures of our century, is sketched in his whole career as he has not hitherto been done in any magazine. Mr. Tyrrell carries you graphically through the poet's life, and the pictures of the spots associated with his memory give all the reader can desire. Col. Chaillé-Long, than whom none better able, tells of "The Khedive's Expedition to Zanzibar and the Juba." "The Arabuchsch Ferdinand of Austria," is a charming sketch of a woman, lovely in face and character, who won her way into a royal family. "Marseilles," and its attractions fills a pleasant set of pages, and in the days when swimming is enjoyable we can read, if we cannot imitate, "A Veritable Merman, Some Adventures of Captain Paul Boyton." When the bell rings for dinner our readers may not stop to peruse Robert Wilson's article on "Hunger," but proceed to suppress the sensation. It may be read, perhaps, after dinner with more pomfrot, and you may puzzle yourself to find out just exactly what hunger is. The articles are all well illustrated, and the stories, six in number, are very clever and worth reading. The whole number is most attractive in matter and picturesque effect. Published by Mrs. Frank Leslie, 53, 55 and 57 Park Place, New York.

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PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL.

ALEXANDRIA, LA. } May 23, 1887. } Pursuant to a call of the Mayor the City Council met this day at 4 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of taking action on a petition of property tax payers asking that an election be called to take the sense of the people on the question of voting to the Louisiana and Arkansas Railroad a tax of five mills for ten years, and an additional tax of five mills for three years to purchase thirty acres of ground, to be donated to the said Louisiana and Arkansas Railroad, on which to locate its depots, machine and workshops.

Members present:—Thos. Crawley, Mayor, H. S. Gossens, E. J. Sullivan, N. L. McGinnis, Jacob Irving, John Rosenthal.

The following ordinance was offered by Councilman McGinnis:—

Resolution Adopted at Mass Meeting of January 21, 1887.

Resolved, That it be declared as the sense of this meeting that the Town of Pineville and City of Alexandria agree to vote to vote to the Louisiana and Arkansas Railroad Company, its successors or assigns a five mill tax upon the assessed valuation of said town and city for a term of ten years, to be paid to said company by the proper officers of said town or city immediately after the said tax is collected.

Second.—To donate or secure to said company, its successors or assigns, the right of way through the Parish of Rapides into and through the Town of Pineville and into and through the City of Alexandria.

Third.—To procure and donate to said company, its successors or assigns, thirty (30) acres of land in and adjoining the corporate limits of said City of Alexandria, at such a point or place as may be determined upon by the engineers of said company as necessary for terminal facilities; provided, however, that said company construct the construction of their proposed road from Brinkley, Ark., to Alexandria, La., or commence the work of construction at Alexandria or Pineville on the first day of February, 1890; and provided further that if the company, its successors or assigns, commence to construct that portion of their proposed road in the westerly direction from Pineville or Alexandria, that the road shall be completed from said Pineville or Alexandria to Harrisonburg, in Catahoula Parish, before the first payment under the tax shall be made. The right of way and said thirty acres for terminal facilities to be provided for the said company, its successors or assigns, whenever required by said company, its successors or assigns.

(Signed) N. L. MCGINNIS, L. V. MARYE, JULIUS LEVIN, G. O. WATTS, W. E. BUCKMAN, G. W. BOLTON, E. J. BARRETT.

The above resolution is accepted on behalf of the Louisiana and Arkansas Railroad Company. HARLOW M. HOYT, Treasurer and General Counsel.

The Commission to be made of the right of way and the thirty acres for terminal facilities until ready to proceed with construction. HARLOW M. HOYT, Treasurer and General Counsel.

Petition.

ALEXANDRIA, LA. } May 9, 1887. } We, the undersigned, being one-third of the property tax-payers of the Town of Alexandria, Rapides Parish, State of Louisiana, do respectfully petition your honorable body to levy a special tax of five mills upon the taxable property of the Town of Alexandria, for the period of ten years, which tax when collected from time to time, as the same are annually collected, shall be donated and paid over to the Louisiana and Arkansas Railroad Company, its successors or assigns, the first payment to be made on the 1st day of February, 1890, and the said company, its successors or assigns, shall have completed a good and substantial standard gauge railroad from Pineville, on Red river, to Harrisonburg, on the Ouachita river.

And we further petition your honorable body to levy a special tax of five mills on the taxable property of the Town for three years, for the purpose of purchasing grounds for work shops, depot grounds, and other public improvements and terminal facilities for said railroad—and that said election be held in accordance with Act No. 35 of the year 1886, and that suitable ballots be provided and inscribed respectively: "For the Tax," and "Against the Railroad Tax."

(Signed) A. Pettengill, J. M. Hetherwick, Mires Rosenthal, Sarah Gehr, S. Cullen, Chas. Goldenberg, D. Lehman, N. L. McGinnis, J. W. Dammon, Robert P. Hunter, C. A. Schnack, M. Ryan, A. Albert & Son, S. Schmalhofer, C. T. Ralston, agt John DeLacy, John Parker, John S. Sullivan, Horace Reason, Catharine V. Reason C. R. Graham, J. J. Peterman, A. P. Williams, E. J. Sullivan, W. W. Whittington, Jr.

Resolved, That no dog shall be allowed to run at large upon the public streets of the City after the promulgation of this ordinance, unless the said dog shall wear a corporation collar, for which a charge of one dollar shall be made.

Resolved further, That the Constable shall kill all dogs found running at large without the said corporation collar.

THOS. CRAWLEY, Mayor.

See a. v. Snyffe's Sale.

W. M. Watson Insolvent vs. His Creditors—12th Judicial District Court—Parish of Grant.

BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF SALE issued by the above named Court, in the said proceeding, I will, in conformity to law, offer for sale in public auction, in the town of Boyce, Rapides Parish, La., commencing on MONDAY, the 27th day of JUNE, 1887, and continuing from day to day until finished, One lot of fenced and assorted merchandise, consisting of:—Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware, Notions, &c. Also a lot of vehicles, two cows and calves, one horse, and one mare and colt.

Terms of sale—All bids of \$100 and less, to be bid in cash; bids over \$100 to be paid in four months from day of sale, purchaser to execute his notes, with approved security, and said notes to bear 8 per centum per annum interest from maturity. W. G. WHEELER, Clerk.

Be it ordained and enacted by the Mayor and Councilmen of the City of Alexandria, Rapides Parish, Louisiana: That a special election be ordered and held at the City Hall, under the general election laws of the State of Louisiana for the purpose of submitting to the property tax payers of Alexandria the question of a five mill tax for ten years in aid of the Louisiana and Arkansas Railroad or assigns, said five mills on the dollar to be levied and collected annually upon the taxable property situated within the corporate limits of said city for the period of ten consecutive years; provided the said Louisiana and Arkansas Railroad shall construct and build a standard gauge railroad from Harrisonburg, in Catahoula Parish, to and into the corporate limits of Alexandria, in the Parish of Rapides, and shall commence the building thereof by the first of February, 1890; provided further, that when the said company shall have completed the aforesaid standard gauge railroad from Alexandria or Pineville to Harrisonburg, in Catahoula Parish, then the first annual payment of the aforesaid five mill tax shall be paid to the said Louisiana and Arkansas Railroad or its assigns.

Be it further ordained and enacted, That at the same time and place a special general election be ordered and held under the general election laws of the State of Louisiana, submitting to the property tax payers the question of a five mill tax for three years for the purpose of purchasing thirty acres of land adjoining the corporate limits of the City of Alexandria, the said land to be donated to the Louisiana and Arkansas Railroad or its assigns; provided, that said Louisiana and Arkansas Railroad, or its assigns, shall construct, build and maintain permanently thereon its machine shops, repair shops, depot buildings and terminal facilities, and to be used for no other purpose; and provided further, that the said railroad company shall not ask for the donation of the thirty acres of land provided for in this ordinance until said railroad company is ready to commence the construction of their depot and terminal facilities in the City of Alexandria.

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Be it further ordained, etc., That the said election be held on Monday, the 27th day of June, 1887, and that the commissioners of election to be appointed make returns of said election on Tuesday, the 28th day of June, 1887.

Be it further ordained, etc., That the aforesaid taxes shall be collected from time to time by the City Collector of the City of Alexandria, and that he shall be entitled to charge 21 cent for said collection, and that he give bond in the sum of one thousand dollars for the said collection.

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Be it ordained and enacted by the Mayor and Councilmen of the City of Alexandria, Rapides Parish, Louisiana: That a special election be ordered and held at the City Hall, under the general election laws of the State of Louisiana for the purpose of submitting to the property tax payers of Alexandria the question of a five mill tax for ten years in aid of the Louisiana and Arkansas Railroad or assigns, said five mills on the dollar to be levied and collected annually upon the taxable property situated within the corporate limits of said city for the period of ten consecutive years; provided the said Louisiana and Arkansas Railroad shall construct and build a standard gauge railroad from Harrisonburg, in Catahoula Parish, to and into the corporate limits of Alexandria, in the Parish of Rapides, and shall commence the building thereof by the first of February, 1890; provided further, that when the said company shall have completed the aforesaid standard gauge railroad from Alexandria or Pineville to Harrisonburg, in Catahoula Parish, then the first annual payment of the aforesaid five mill tax shall be paid to the said Louisiana and Arkansas Railroad or its assigns.

Be it further ordained and enacted, That at the same time and place a special general election be ordered and held under the general election laws of the State of Louisiana, submitting to the property tax payers the question of a five mill tax for three years for the purpose of purchasing thirty acres of land adjoining the corporate limits of the City of Alexandria, the said land to be donated to the Louisiana and Arkansas Railroad or its assigns; provided, that said Louisiana and Arkansas Railroad, or its assigns, shall construct, build and maintain permanently thereon its machine shops, repair shops, depot buildings and terminal facilities, and to be used for no other purpose; and provided further, that the said railroad company shall not ask for the