

A Terrible Duel.

A fatal but rather novel duel occurred in New Orleans over forty years ago. The young men were Henri Delagrave and Alphonse Riviere, and the cause of the duel was the success of the former in wooing Mme. Celestin. Riviere sought out Delagrave and found him in a gambling saloon.

As he entered Delagrave the latter turned to confront him, when Riviere with a voice that seemed to come from behind the door of a tomb, said: "Delagrave, we cannot live on this globe together; it is not large enough."

Delagrave quietly puffing his cigarette, in a cold and impressive tone replied: "Yes, you annoy me. It would be better if you were dead." Riviere's face flushed, and, reaching forward, he laid the back of his hand gently against Delagrave's cheek. The game was at once interrupted. The slap, which was so light it did not even crimson the young man's cheek, was enough to call for blood, and leaving the house he sought an intimate friend; to him he opened his heart. "It must be a battle to the death." Such was the animosity between himself and Riviere, only a life could wipe it out.

"The old doctor, who had grown up, it might be said, on the field, shrugged his shoulders and remonstrated, but at last acquiesced and said: "Very well, then; it shall be to the death."

Few people know what sort of a party it was driving down the shell road bordering Bayou St. John. Two carriages stopped just in the twilight waiting for the island formed there by the bifurcation of the bayou, and four gentlemen alighted. Savalle, a well-known character here forty years ago, accompanied Riviere, and old Dr. Bocquet was with Delagrave. The seconds had met previously and arranged everything. Delagrave, as he stepped from the carriage, looked furiously around for the cause of pistols, but seeing none, he was a little disconcerted. "After walking about ten yards from the carriage the party stopped and the Doctor motioned them to approach closer. When they had done so, he called them by name and said: "Gentlemen, we have discussed this matter nearly all of last night, and both Mr. Savalle and myself feel satisfied that there is no solution to the difference between you but the death of one." The two nodded. "Therefore," the Doctor went on, "we have agreed to make the arbitrament as fair as possible, and let fate decide." He took out a black morocco case, and from it produced a pill box containing four pills. "One of these," said he, "contains a positively fatal dose of prussic acid; the other three are harmless. We have agreed that each shall swallow two of the pills, and let destiny decide." Savalle inclined his head, and said, as the representative of Riviere, he agreed.

The two men were pale, almost bloodless, but not a nerve trembled or a muscle contracted.

"Gentlemen," said the Doctor, "we will toss for the first pill." Savalle cried out "tails," as the glittering gold piece revolved in the air. It fell in a bunch of grass, the blades of which, being separated, showed the coin with the reversed head of the Goddess of Liberty upon it. "Mr. Delagrave, you have the first choice," said the Doctor.

Repeating in the little box, the four little globes seemed the counterpart of each other. The closest scrutiny would not develop the slightest difference. Nature alone, through the physiological alchemy of the human stomach, can tell of their properties. In one there rests the pall of eternity, the struggle for breath, the falling of sight, the panorama of years rushing in an instant through the mind, the ailment and peace of sleep forevermore, the cremation, the burial case, the solemn cortege, and the close, noisome atmosphere of the grave. All these were contained in one of these little pellets, Delagrave, having won the first choice, stepped forward and took a pill. With a calmness which was rigid he placed it on his tongue, and with a cup of claret, handed him by the Doctor, washed it down.

"And now, M. Riviere," said the Doctor. Riviere extended his hand and took a pill. Like his opponent, he swallowed it.

The two men stood looking one another in the face. There was not a quiver to the eyelid, not a twitch to a muscle. Each was thinking of himself as well as watching his adversary. One minute passed. Two minutes passed. Three. Four. Five. "Now, gentlemen."

This was the fatal choice. Both men were ready for the cast of the die. Savalle tossed the gold piece aloft, and the Doctor cried out "heads." "Heads!" it was and Delagrave took a pill from the box, leaving only one. "Now," said the Doctor, "Mr. Riviere, the remaining one is for you. You will please swallow them together."

The two men raised their heads at the same time and deposited the pills on their tongues and took a draught of claret.

One second passed, and there was no movement. Then—"Good God!" exclaimed Riviere, his eyes starting from his sockets. He turned half around to the left, raised his hands above his head, and shrieked a long, wild shriek that belated travellers even to this day say they heard on the shelled road, near the island.

He fell prone to the earth, and, save a nervous contraction of the muscles of the face, there was no movement.

Delagrave took him by the hand as he lay on the damp grass, and said, in a tender voice, "I regret it, but it was to be."

The funeral was one of the largest ever seen in New Orleans, and for weeks the cafes were agog with the story of the duel. The beautiful widow, horrified at the affair, would never see Delagrave afterward, and is now a happy grandmother on Bayou LaBouche, having married a wealthy planter two years after the fatal event.

Delagrave, weighed down with the trials of an unhappy life, writhed and tottering, strolls along Canal street of a warm afternoon, assisted by a negro servant. Having a bare competency, he has never actually suffered from want; but he shows evidence of great mental anguish. The sight of a pill box makes him shudder, and the taste of claret will give him convulsions.—N. O. Times-Democrat.

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Messrs. Editors:—Please announce **FREDERICK A. MORAN**, of the 6th district, as a candidate for a seat in the next General Assembly of Maryland. He desires and will receive the cordial support of

Feb. 15, 1883. REPUBLICANS.

Messrs. Editors:—Please announce the name of **MR. JOHN H. LEACH** as an independent candidate for a seat in the House of Representatives of the next General Assembly of Maryland.

Feb. 15, 1883. POOR MEN AND REPUBLICANS.

Feb. 9, 1883.

Messrs. Editors:—Please announce **Mr. L. H. CARTER** as a candidate for re-election to the lower branch of the next General Assembly of Maryland, subject to the republican nominating convention, and say that he will receive the cordial support of the voters of Dec 14, 1882. LEONARDTOWN DISTRICT.

Messrs. Editors:—Please announce in the Beacon that **Dr. L. J. SUTTON**, of the 6th district, will consent to become a candidate for a seat in the lower branch of the next General Assembly of Maryland, and he will receive the cordial and thorough support of the republicans of the

July 13, 1883. 3rd District.

Messrs. Editors:—Please announce **Mr. WASHINGTON WILKINSON** as a candidate for a seat in the House of Representatives of the next General Assembly of Maryland, and say that he will be warmly supported by the voters of the

Jan 25, 1883. EIGHTH DISTRICT.

Messrs. Editors of the Beacon.—We suggest that if **Mr. A. BURROUGHS** can be prevailed upon to become a candidate for a seat in the next Legislature of Maryland, we believe that he would make an able representative and reflect much credit to the old county of St. Mary's. In making this suggestion we beg leave to say that Mr. Burroughs is not a man of great show, but we know him to possess a mind superior to the most of men and we regard him as a man of ability, honor, integrity and influence.

Aug 24, 1882. CHAPTIC.

Messrs. Editors:—Please announce **Judge JOHN L. HILGNER** as a candidate for a seat in the next Legislature. Judge Hilgner is in every way deserving of the confidence of the people and if elected will prove a most efficient representative and one having at heart the best interests of the people of the

Mar 23, 1883. WOOD COUNTY.

FOR STATE'S ATTORNEY.

Messrs. Editors:—Please announce **Mr. DANIEL C. HAMMETT** as a candidate for re-election as State's Attorney at the ensuing election, and say that he will be warmly supported by his friends and the people generally.

Jan 4, 1883. MANY VOTERS.

FOR CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT.

Messrs. Editors:—Please announce **JOHN N. GRAYES** as a candidate for Clerk of the Circuit Court in 1885, and say that he will receive the cordial support of the Republicans of St. Mary's County.

Mar. 15. LEONARDTOWN DISTRICT.

Messrs. Editors:—Please announce **Mr. W. F. FORD**, of the 8th district, as a candidate for Clerk of the Circuit Court, and say that he will be warmly endorsed by

LEONARDTOWN DISTRICT.
March 22nd, 1883.

FOR SHERIFF.

Messrs. Editors:—Please announce **Mr. JAS. H. ALLEY** as a candidate for Sheriff at the next Sheriffly and say that he will receive the cordial support of

Nov. 24, 1881. THE PEOPLE.

Messrs. Editors:—Please announce **Geo. BRENT DENN** as a candidate for Sheriff at the election in 1883. Mr. Denn is well-known and we feel certain that this announcement and his election will meet the approval of all, irrespective of party.

Sept 21, 1882-1/2. 1ST AND 2ND DISTRICTS.

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JNO. T. CURTIS, Colored.
May 10, 1882-1/2.

Messrs. Editors:—Please announce **Mr. A. J. BLAIN** as a candidate for sheriff at the ensuing general election and say that he will receive the support of the republicans of the whole county as well as

OAKVILLE.
June 7, 1882-1/2.

Messrs. Editors:—Please announce **J. S. MURPHY** as the republican candidate for the next Sheriffly, and say that he will be supported by the republican voters of the

July 5, 1883. FIRST DISTRICT.

FOR THE ORPHANS COURT.

Messrs. Editors:—Please announce **DANIEL J. PAVNE** as a candidate for Judge of the Orphans Court at the ensuing election and say that he will receive the undivided support of the republicans of

March 29, 1883. CHAPTIC DISTRICT.

Messrs. Editors:—Please announce **Mr. STEPHEN JONES** as a suitable candidate for Judge of the Orphans Court at the ensuing election and say that he will receive the undivided support of the Republicans throughout the County.

May 31, 1883.

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Mar 22 83. 8th DISTRICT.

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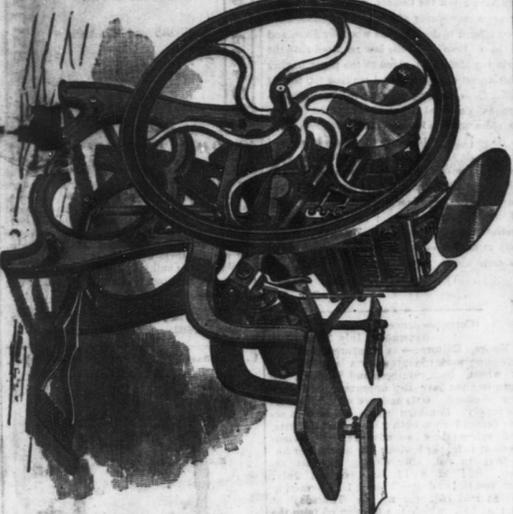
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