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COVINGTON, LA. :
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Strange to say, there are not enough lawyers in the Lower House of the North Carolina Legislature to make a Judiciary Committee.

A dandy, smoking a cigar, having entered a menagerie, the proprietor requested him to take the weed from his mouth, "lest he should teach the other monkeys bad habits."

The following incident is said to have happened not long since in the Pine Tree State. A new convert wished very much to be baptized by one minister and to join the church of another. She went to the first and asked him if it could be done. "Yes," he replied, "I could do it, but I don't take in washing."

The New York Star, of the 22d inst., says Tilden did not capture Tammany last night, for the result of the election of Sachems was: Tammany 524, anti-Tammany 4. "If there is a Democrat in the United States who believes that Tilden has a ghost of a chance to carry the Empire State, as the party standard bearer in 1830, let him weigh carefully the events of last night at the Old Wigwam, and break the chains of his delusion."

A Shreveport, La., special says that the people in the neighborhood of the old San Antonio track, near Natchitoches, are much excited over the appearance of the withered old Mexican who knows the location of immense treasures buried by Mexican robbers in 1783. Many years ago the same old man was there with a party who exhumed treasures worth \$60,000, and it is estimated that fully ten times that amount still remains, consisting of church ornaments, diamonds, jewelry and coin. Parties are now digging at a terrible rate.

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THE CONVENTION.—The Constitutional Convention assembled at the State House in New Orleans last Monday. Hon. L. A. Wiltz was elected President; the following officers were also elected: W. H. Harris, Secretary; Ben Prescott, Assistant Secretary; E. W. Halsey, Minute Clerk; Thos. McIntyre, Sergeant-at-Arms; R. W. Barrow, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, J. H. Jelley, Doorkeeper; A. Vedrenne, Assistant Doorkeeper; Mr. Cosgrove, of Natchitoches, Printer.

The arrangement of the committees has not yet been completed, and nothing of special interest has transpired.

Quite a political discussion occurred on Wednesday, arising out of the assertion that a feeling of alarm and apprehension existed among the colored people, with regard to the intended action of the Convention, many of them throughout the State fearing that the new Constitution would in some manner deprive them of some of their present privileges and rights. To put an effectual quietus to all such nonsensical and silly rumors, the Convention paused in the work of completing its organization, and passed the following resolution, offered by Delegate Land:

Resolved, That there is no intention whatever entertained by this body of impairing or restricting the political, civil or religious rights of any class of citizens of the State, on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude; but on the contrary, the intention is to defend and maintain the rights of the colored citizens as guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States and of the State under the new Constitution about to be formed.

Governor Lucius Robinson, of New York, in speaking of the relations between office-holders and the people, made the following very sensible remarks: "The functions which we exercise are committed to us as a sacred trust. The Government which we control as public officers is not our own; it belongs to those who placed us here. The laws we enact do not express our will, they are the voices of the people. The money which we handle belongs to them, and not us. We can only take it from them for the legitimate expenses of government. More than this is robbery. Official generosity is official crime. Every needless tax cuts some comfort from a thousand homes. It means less food, less fuel, and less cheer in many families."

CHECKED FOR BATON ROUGE.—The trial of Richard Smith, for the murder of Mrs. Eliza Whittington, in Washington parish, two years ago, was brought to a close in the District Court last Thursday evening, by the jury returning a verdict of "guilty, without capital punishment." This case was tried at the August term, 1877, of the District Court in this parish, and resulted in an unqualified verdict of guilty; but an appeal to the Supreme Court was taken, which ordered a new trial to be had.

The case was ably contested by Messrs. Wright and Muse, representing the State, and Messrs. Russell and Thompson, for the defense. *Amite City Independent, April 19.*

GENERAL NEWS.

The preliminary arrangements have been made for holding a grand World's Fair in New York City in 1883.

Notre Dame University, at South Bend, Indiana, was burned to the ground last Tuesday afternoon. It was a fine five story building. Loss, \$200,000; insurance, \$60,000.

A dispatch from Cape Town, dated April 8, states that Lord Chelmsford had defeated 11,000 Zulus at Ekowe, and relieved Col. Pearson. The victory was a brilliant one and the British losses small.

The National Emigrant Aid Association has resolved to request the Secretary to solicit, by public announcement, immediate contributions for giving temporary relief to colored emigrants, who are suffering from want and sickness in Missouri, Kansas, etc.

The first Treasury warrant for the payment of the arrears of pensions was signed last Tuesday, and it is believed that the back pensions can be paid as rapidly as the accounts are made up, or at the rate of a million and a half a month, unless unexpected appropriations should hereafter be made by Congress.

An Omaha dispatch says the Omaha Indians urgently request that the Ponca Indians be permitted to return to the Omaha Reservation. The New York Herald remarks: "The appeal of the Omaha Indians in favor of their kindred, the Poncas, is one of the most extraordinary statements ever published in America. It is reserved for a band of heathen redskins, who have hardly yet forgotten the war-whoop, to emphasize that sympathy which civilization and religion have talked about, and only talked."

A desperate attempt was made to assassinate Edwin Booth, the great actor, last Wednesday night, in McVicker's Theater, Chicago, during the performance of Richard III. The play had advanced to the second scene of the fifth act, known as the prison scene. The lights were turned down, and the theater was almost dark as night, when suddenly the flash of a pistol was seen in the second balcony at the right, quickly followed by another. The shots were fired at Booth on the stage. The would-be assassin made an attempt to fire a third time, but was prevented by a man sitting near. Great excitement prevailed, both in the audience and on the stage. The lights were turned on as quickly as possible, and officers hastily secured the assassin. He was marched off to the station, where he gave the name of Mark Gray, and said he was a dry goods clerk from St. Louis. He would give no reason for attempting to shoot Booth, and appeared perfectly cool and in his right mind. It is whispered that there is a woman at the bottom of the affair, and those who have seen the young man, who is about twenty-five years old, say he strongly resembles Booth.

GOOD NIGHT.

To Miss M*** G*****, BLUFFTON, S. C.
 Good night, dear one, 'tis time we part;
 But yet I linger still,
 While joyful memories sway my heart
 With soft, resistless thrill.
 One happy hour I've held thy hand,
 Thy doubting footsteps led,
 While, foaming toward the distant land,
 A gallant vessel sped.
 In that short hour the billows sent
 Thy cheeks a sweeter hue,
 And wilder grace the zephyrs lent
 Thy curls in whispering through.
 Once foolishly I let thy voice
 My many cares beguile,
 And felt my weary soul rejoice
 Beneath thy sunlit smile.
 Thy voice's lucid notes must thrill
 Some other heart with pride;
 Thy lingering steps from care and ill
 A stranger arm must guide.
 A stranger hand those tresses bright
 With loving touch will twine;
 Those dewy, melting eyes will light
 Another soul than mine.
 Good night! good night! the dying West
 Is faint with golden light;
 The creeping shadows bid us rest—
 Forever, sweet, good night!

Covington, April 26, 1879.

There is a certain pathos mingled with the politeness of a little boy, who, on being asked by his Sunday School teacher: "Who made these everlasting hills by which we are surrounded?" replied: "I really don't know, ma'am; I have only lived in the village about ten days, and have not yet made any acquaintances."

"What shall I wear to my sister's wedding?" anxiously asks a little rustic maiden of our fashion editor. The fashion editor having stepped out to pay a bill, we suggest that you wear a dress, a pair of shoes and stockings, and perhaps a clean collar. But it would be positively necessary for you to wear the first named articles, if you desire to create a favorable impression.—*Ex.*

The craze for dime necklaces has broken out and promises to be a greater scourge than were the dreadful button strings of ten years ago. The dime necklace is built by levying tribute upon one's friends. A young lady concludes to possess one. She asks every soul that she can call a friend to contribute a dime with his or her monogram engraved upon it. After she collects twenty-five or thirty monogrammed dimes, she has a jeweler string them together, and the necklace is an incontrovertible fact.

A curious specimen of the tramp family turned up at Danbury, Connecticut, recently. When arrested and searched, nine pairs of trousers, a dozen waistcoats and an equal number of coats were removed before the searchers came upon the frame-work of the man himself. These articles of clothing, with the contents of their pockets, weighed some 200 pounds, and the officers turned out of them rubbish of all sorts, in quantity sufficient to fill an ordinary flour barrel. Amid the various bits of old iron, rusty scissors, knives, etc., were found \$147 in greenbacks.

New Advertisements.

SUCCESSION OF MRS. S. FONTAINE.
 State of Louisiana, Parish of St. Tammany—Parish Court.

By virtue of an order of sale to me directed from the honorable the Parish Court of the Parish of St. Tammany, La., in the above named succession, bearing date April 21, 1879, I will proceed to sell at public auction, on the premises of the late Mrs. S. Fontaine, in the town of Mandeville, in this parish, between legal sale hours, on MONDAY, May 25, 1879, the following described property, to-wit—

- A CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF GROUND, situated in the town of Mandeville, parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana, in the square bounded by Lake Pontchartrain, Galvez, Messens and Monroe streets, designated by the number nine on a plan drawn by Mr. Harrison, civil engineer, in September, 1848, deposited in the office of Archelle Chlopea, notary public, in and for the city and parish of New Orleans, which lot forms the corner of Monroe and Galvez streets, and measuring one hundred and eighty feet on Monroe street, the same on Lake Pontchartrain, two thousand and seventy-two feet in depth, on the line of lot number ten.
 - Three Bedsteads.
 - Six chairs.
 - One Cooking Stove.
 - Two Tables and one Desk.
 - One Box of Tools.
 - One Rifle.
 - One Clock.
 - Two Mirrors.
 - One Skiff.
 - One hundred and fifty head of Cattle, more or less.
- Terms of sale—Cash on the spot, in United States currency.
 W. B. COOK, Sheriff.
 Covington, April 26, 1879.

SUCCESSION OF A. KAIRE, AD.
 Parish Court for the Parish of St. Tammany—State of Louisiana—No. 117.

Notice is hereby given to the creditors of this estate, and to all other persons herein interested, to show cause within ten days from the present notification, if any they have or can, why the account presented by the administrator of this estate should not be approved and homologated, and the funds distributed in accordance therewith.
 By order of the Court.
 WM. C. MORGAN,
 Administrator.
 Covington, April 26, 1879.

SUCCESSION OF CHARLES MOLLE
 Parish Court for the parish of St. Tammany—State of Louisiana—No. 120.

Whereas, J. M. Favaron has petitioned the Court to have Wm. C. Morgan, Clerk of Court, appointed administrator of the succession of Charles Molle—
 Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern, to show cause, within ten days from the first publication hereof, why the prayer of petitioner should not be granted.
 By order of the court.
 WM. C. MORGAN,
 Clerk.
 Covington, La., April 19, 1879.

SUCCESSION OF MRS. MARILDA BERNARD, WIFE OF W. H. TOOMER.
 Parish Court for the Parish of St. Tammany—State of Louisiana—No. 121.

Whereas, Wily G. Toomer has petitioned the Court for letters of administration on the estate of the late Mrs. Marilda Bernard, wife of W. H. Toomer, deceased—
 Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern to show cause, within ten days from the present notification, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted.
 By order of the court.
 WM. C. MORGAN,
 Clerk.
 Covington, La., April 19, 1879.

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