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DEATH OF MARCEL J. PETERS

This distinguished citizen died on Saturday afternoon last. Although hopes had been entertained that the disease which carried him off—enlargement of the heart—might be conquered, still his demise was not unexpected by those who were well acquainted with his actual condition. His funeral took place yesterday evening, at 5 o'clock, from his late residence, at the residence of his wife, Mrs. J. Peters, on the line of the Carrollton street, and was numerously attended. A vast concourse of our most respectable inhabitants escorted the remains of a great and good man to their last resting place.

For nearly two years, Mr. Peters had been afflicted with ill-health, sometimes severe and dangerous, but again better and encouraging, giving his friends high hopes of ultimate restoration. But, as the sad result proved, all these hopes were destined to be blasted. The angel of death had seized him from a hold upon his victim to admit of extraction. Thus he passed away one of the most useful, one of the ablest, and one of the most patriotic men known to the history of Louisiana.

The protracted ill-health of Mr. Peters withdrew him, in a great measure, from the public eye, and confined him to the sphere of his business and to the circle which surrounded his own hearthstone. The great old man evidently felt that the hand of death was upon him; for more than twelve months ago, when comparatively well, he remarked to a friend who was speaking earnest words of cheer, that he was so situated that he could not prepare for the unknown world—that he could not calculate upon a lease of life even for a day.

But, although the retirement for two or three years of a public man, or one who has long been prominently before the public, is in this stirring age, equivalent to oblivion with the unreflecting, it does not follow that there are not events in their history of a distinctive and distinguished character. Such, particularly, was the case with Samuel Jarvis Peters. He was a man of mark; a man of mind; a man of irrefragable energy; a man of indomitable perseverance; and a man capable of filling, creditably and ably, any position known to our government. His history, for nearly a fifth of a century, is the history of the old Second Municipality;—the history of the First District of the city of New Orleans. He found it an unhabitable marsh;—this is no great exaggeration of language—and left it a magnificent commercial emporium. The monuments of his public spirit, his enlarged philanthropy, and his real endeavors to promote the public welfare, may be seen on every hand. Our public schools, our splendid wharves, our magnificent City Hall, are all evidences of his usefulness as a municipal legislator.

For many years Mr. Peters was the leading spirit of the Council of the Second Municipality. That there were mistakes of administration, none will now dispute; but, we opine the man cannot be found who will deny to Mr. Peters, honesty, capacity and disinterestedness, or that the city owes him a heavy debt of gratitude for his long, laborious and valuable services.

As one of the oldest and most successful merchants of the city, Mr. Peters stood highest among the high. To great ability, sagacity and industry, he brought inflexible exactness in the transaction of his business affairs. He was so systematic in his arrangements that he was enabled to get through a vast amount of labor before ordinary men would think of commencing. His business capacity was really prodigious. We will just mention, by way of illustration, that at one period of his life he was President of the largest bank in the city, head of an immense mercantile establishment and Collector of the Port, and that he discharged all the duties pertaining to these various positions with the utmost success and the most scrupulous fidelity.

But, this notice has grown to so great a length that we are admonished to close. Some able pen-will, we doubt not, do justice to the memory of a departed friend, who, for many years, was the object of admiration and esteem with us.

Truly, New Orleans has been sorely afflicted of late. Duncan and Peters died within a week! It will, we fear, be a long time before we find their equals.

THE MAILS.—The mails have now failed two days in succession. We have no idea when they will come through regularly, but are rather of the opinion that we will receive a box or so of exchanges in the course of time. But as we do not intend to inflict antiquities upon our readers, they need not become alarmed.

THE CASUALS.—Mr. Randall Hunt will address his fellow-citizens on Wednesday evening, 15th inst., at Old Fellows' Hall. About the 25th Mr. Hunt will leave for the country, and will visit every parish in the State before his return. We learn that the Executive Committee will prepare a programme and make appointments for Mr. Hunt at such points in each parish as may be most convenient for the people.

POINTS COULDE.—There will be a great barbecue at Waterloo, in this parish, on Saturday next. Hon. Chas. Derbigny, the American candidate for Governor, Hon. C. D. Dufour, the American candidate for Governor, Hon. S. Barrow and Alfred Roussin, have been invited to be present to address the good people of that parish, in the French and English languages. Leaving the city on Friday morning, by steamboat Laurel Hill, will enable those who wish to go up to Waterloo early on Saturday morning. We expect a grand upheaving of American patriotism. All who can attend.

ALABAMA ELECTION.—The Mobile papers, received yesterday, are provokingly still in regard to the result of the recent election. The returns come in slowly, and seem to indicate that Winston has been elected Governor by a small majority. The American party has gained largely in Democratic sections, giving absolute majorities in some of the counties. In the meantime, we are prepared to say that we feel more than satisfied. If we have not absolutely stormed the citadel and taken it, we have so weakened its outworks that its capture is inevitable the next hour.

INQUIRY.—The Democracy of Berwick met in Plaquemine on the 6th instant, for the purpose of making parish nominations. Mr. James N. Brown was nominated for the State Senate. He is a gentleman of intelligence and experience, and would make a good Senator. We consider his chances for election very slim, however. He is on the wrong side.

Mrs. R. C. Downes and W. R. Boote were nominated candidates for the House of Representatives. Mr. H. H. Ellis for the Sheriff; M. A. Eusevier for Clerk; E. A. Arcevaux for Assessor; and Balthazar Armand for Coroner.

THE JUDICIAL ELECTION TO-DAY

A very important judicial election takes place today, which we trust will result in a speedy and final settlement of the question of the removal of the judges of the Supreme Court. The election is in its judicial determination. There is not a property holder, or an expectant property holder, who hopes to earn a permanent interest in New Orleans by the exercise of the virtues of industry and frugality, who should not concern himself in reference to this matter—the election of a Judge of the Second District Court, to fill the vacancy created by the elevation of Judge Lea to the Supreme Bench.

We are going to elect a Judge of the Probate Court, before whom and by whom all successions have to be tried and adjudicated. A higher or a more important office is not within the gift of the people of the State; and there is no parish in the State which should exercise so much prudence and wisdom in a selection as the parish of Orleans. More business, and business of the most delicate character, is transacted in this Court than in any other in the parish. The estate of the millionaire and the homestead of the mechanic, is subject to its jurisdiction. It is, besides, an office of more patronage than any in the State, and its power for good or evil is as extensive as the amount of business which comes under its administration.

The qualifications necessary to a proper incumbent of the office are, honesty, sound judgment, industry and varied acquirements. It is absolutely necessary that he should have an intimate knowledge of the French language—for the mass of business coming before the Court is the settlement of successions, and the French authorities are about the only ones we have upon that subject. His industry must be patient and continuous; his character must be upright and above reproach; and his honesty beyond suspicion. No man who does not combine these essential requisites has any claims to that bench.

According to our well matured opinion, just the very man the well-being of the parish requires has been presented to the people for their suffrages. We allude to PHILIP HICKY MORGAN, Esq. He is honest, capable and faithful—learned in the law, upright and just. He comes up fully to the measurement required for the position, in all its aspects; and we earnestly invite every citizen desirous of having an honest and capable man on the bench, to turn out and vote for him this day.

PHILIP HICKY MORGAN is a native of the State of Louisiana. With the exception of a comparatively brief interval, he has never been beyond its limits. We trust the mere mention of these facts will induce his voters. His father was, and is, one of the ablest jurists of the Southern country; and it may be fruitfully said of him that he was brought up at the foot of Gamaliel. The ablest and the best, the most learned and profound members of the bar of New Orleans, not only testify to his extraordinary ability and acquirements, but bear willing evidence as to his unexceptionable character and peculiar fitness for the position. To say that such a man is unknown, is the rankest absurdity, notwithstanding the assertion has been boldly made that he is not known.

Unknown? say the Orleansian, yet his birth-day, in Louisiana, probably dates farther back than the advent of that editor upon the soil of the United States! Unknown? [Unknown!] The judges know him, the bar know him, the people know him—but the Orleansian does not know him!

AMERICAN STATE AND PARISH TICKET.—To the American State Ticket, which has appeared in our columns for several weeks, we this morning append the Parish Ticket. The latter is not yet entirely complete, but it will be made so in due and proper season.

To say we are proud of the ticket would be the comest sort of adoration, for we regard it as one of the best, safest and soundest ever presented to the American people for their suffrages. From its head to its foot the names inscribed upon it belong to good, true and patriotic men. We do not know of one who cannot challenge the severest scrutiny as to character, intelligence, honesty, patriotism, and devotion to the best interests of the country and city.

Being fully impressed with this conviction, it is needless for us to state that we heartily desire the triumph of your ticket, or that we believe a brilliant victory awaits it in November next. No one will question the sincerity of the foregoing desire and belief.

As occasion may serve, we shall take up the various names on the ticket and give an account of the qualities and claims of the persons they belong to. We think we can make our general vote very interesting and valuable narratives.

THE CANVASS.—Extract from a letter dated Monroe, August 4. "There have been some withdrawals from the Order here. Some have withdrawn from a hope that they could get out from the Order as they have no party, most of those who have withdrawn, so far as my knowledge extends, in an advantage to the organization. A few have withdrawn, but a large number have left the party in a much more healthy condition, but have withdrawn, and many who do not join the organization will support it as zealously as those who belong to it."

Extract from a letter dated Alexandria, Aug. 9. "I have of course heard of many secessions with you, but have been some. I cannot be denied, but in connection with the fact that the secessions have been truly insignificant. Not a man has left the Order, to my knowledge, in Alexandria, who would indicate a trace of secession."

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HEALTH OF VICKSBURG.—The Vicksburg Whig of the 9th, says: "The health of our city continues to be excellent. The quarantine is a full and successful operation. Dr. Brickell, the efficient quarantine physician, with his assistants and officers, are diligent and firm in discharging their duties, and we trust will succeed in keeping the yellow fever, now epidemic in New Orleans, out of our limits. Our readers may safely rely on our giving ample notice of the appearance of Yellow Jack here, should we again be visited by it—in which event we will be secured once more."

HEALTH OF NATCHES.—The Natches Courier of the 9th says that, "After several days of North wind and an occasional shower, we have now a beautiful South breeze, and yesterday about 1 o'clock, a driving wind and heavy storm. The health of the city was never better at this season of the year."

A writer has compared worldly friendship to our shadow—while we walk in sunshine it sticks to us; but the moment we enter the shade it departs.

MEMBERSHIP AND BOOK-KEEPING.—New pupils will be received this week at Debat's, 100 Canal street. The school will instruct the best and give French, Algebra and geometry. See advertisement.

Telegraphed to the Daily Crescent.

PHILADELPHIA, August 10.—True bill of indictment have been found against Pasmore Williamson and six negroes for their proceedings in the Wheeler slave case. Their trial is fixed for the 27th inst.

Kentucky Election.—LOUISVILLE, August 10.—Returns have now been received from 68 counties in this State, which give Morehead a majority of 9000 votes. The returns to hand are said to reduce the American members of Congress two, and to raise the Democratic members the same number. This, however, is doubtful.

Tennessee Election.—NASHVILLE, August 11.—Johnson's majority for Governor is now pretty definitely ascertained to be about 80,000 votes.

New York Market.—New York, August 10.—Cotton market in unchanged, with a moderate demand, and sales of 2000 bales. Flour is in active demand, and changed prices. Sales of mess pork at \$19 62 to \$19 68 per barrel. Rio coffee is selling at 101 cents per pound. New Orleans sugar commands 7 cents per pound. New Orleans molasses has advanced to 35 cents per gallon. Sales of Ohio whiskey at 40 to 41 cents per gallon. Lined oil commands 92 cents per gallon.

[From yesterday's morning Flouze, we clip the following telegraphic items, which our readers are welcome to make as much of as possible.]

Kentucky Election.—LOUISVILLE, August 10.—In eighty counties Morehead has a majority of 9151. There are twenty-three more counties to be heard from, and these give Mr. Morehead a majority of 1222.

The American candidates for Congress have been elected in the Second, Third, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth and Tenth Districts.

In the First, Fifth and Sixth Congressional Districts the Democrats have elected their candidates.

Governorship of Kansas.—New York, August 10.—Mr. Dawson has declined the Governorship of Kansas.

LATER FROM HAVANA AND CALIFORNIA.—The United States mail steamer Granada, Captain Griffin, arrived Saturday morning from New York via Havana, bringing from the latter place the California United States mails and passengers via the Panama route.

The United States mail steamer Empire City, Captain Winslow, from Aspinwall, arrived at Havana on the 7th inst., and left the California mails and passengers, and proceeded to New York.

Our date by the Granada are to the 16th ult., and the news is not of a very interesting character.

The John L. Stephens arrived at San Francisco on the 13th ult. Passengers in good health. The Sierra Nevada arrived from San Juan on the 14th, with cholera on board. She lost forty-five passengers, among whom were Rev. C. B. West, Joshua Lord, Miss Rosalie Hinchey, J. H. Brown, wife and child, H. A. Rogers, Charles Birge, Thomas Morrison, James Riggs, G. Behken, John Collins, infant of Mrs. Bile, Wm. Slattery, Charles Bole, Wm. Scotty, J. Campes, P. Connell, J. H. Pope, Jesse Barrow, J. Brown, James A. Brown, James M. Brown, Ralph Seymour, Mrs. Galloway, J. Maden, John Perry, Sarah Mullen, Ann Allen and James Buckley. Two died after reaching port. The health of San Francisco was good, as also that of the interior.

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