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Friday morning our city was filled with strangers and with many citizens making their way to the court-house to witness the second trial of Isaac Cox, charged with the murder of Lieutenant Scott, in Port Hudson, a few weeks since, who it is said was killed by Henry Scherzer from whom Cox had escaped a short time before. As ten o'clock arrived the jury were being chosen when quite a shrewd step was taken by the District Attorney, who asked for a list of the regular jurymen, jurors, and upon a careful examination of the list twenty-eight names were found, and from this list the twelve jurors to be taken, which the District Attorney had previously arranged in a previous list of jurors, so much in favor of acquitting murderers, as they stood twenty-one white Democrats and seven colored Republicans. The District Attorney's list excluded them all, and the District Attorney having only six challenges, could object to six friends of the accused, leaving only six Democrats and six white men for the accused, from whom the attorneys for the accused could easily accept twelve. The District Attorney having become tired of laboring so diligently and guilty parties being acquitted, he consequently yields to the plea of the counsel for the accused as that a not guilty verdict is a strange step by the district attorney, the counsel for the accused objected to the plea.

Our District Judge being somewhat acquainted with the counsel for the accused, the motion of the District Attorney was sustained. Soon all witnesses summoned in the case were discharged, and friends of Cox were allowed to enter the court of bond without release him, or will be released without bond as soon as the jury on the first case acquitted him. Amid all the excitement of the District Attorney's forward with another affidavit against the accused, and asks that an order be issued to keep the accused in Baton Rouge jail until the term of the District Court at Clinton, which was taken by the judge, who, we believe, is anxious that guilty parties shall be brought to justice, which we are sorry to say is not the case with the managing counsel, who are lovers of peace and harmony, and ornaments of Southern society, especially when crime is committed by the most degraded and contemptible of the whites. In all the cases of Cox, he was in the case of John Jackson, colored, who killed a white man at Port Hudson in 1867 for threatening to kill him. How earnestly did the same party who are so anxious to see justice done every effort, not excepting money, to convict Jackson, and how easily he was convicted and sentenced to be hung, even the same time that he was in the case of the gallows, and is now in the penitentiary for life, which we all deem just; but, comparing that case with the case of Cox, we feel that it is not fairly done in a community when we see a man who has massed himself, their money and their influence to prevent justice being done murderers, thieves and highway robbers.

At no time since the termination of the war has the future appeared more promising for our people than at this time. The feverish excitement consequent upon the overthrow of our labor system, and the destruction of property values which bred a rashness of risking everything to retrieve, have given place to calm and calculating plans. Many men who left their plantations for cities to embark in commercial ventures have returned to their first love. Many planters who have been overtopping for the past years, depending on luck for success, have planted rice and sugar cane, and are looking to the future with confidence. The smaller crop will then bring a larger total sum than the large crop of last season. In addition to the fact that the cotton crop the prospects ahead of us, is the fact, as we learn from the cotton factors in our city, that planters, as a class, have not asked for such high prices as they have been doing, but that they require less than they have managed with less than half they bought in 1870, and that half has been purchased at fully a third less rate than paid last year. With an abundant supply of raised provisions, comparatively small advances to liquidate, and the prospect of getting a fair price for their cotton, they have cause to look forward with hope of better days.

The Baton Rouge Grand Jury reports the following: On Friday night last, while the witnesses in the case of the late Lieutenant Scott were returning to Port Hudson by way of the Bayou Sara road, when Commodore Alexander's plantation, about twelve miles from this city, one William Scott was brutally shot through the head and killed by instant death. Scott, being in company with his son, who refused to leave his father, was also shot and badly wounded, and the witnesses were in the volley of shot. The murderers then robbed the body of Scott of some fifty dollars or more, with other articles, including a valuable content of clothing, and fled. Fortunately, Henry Scherzer, deputy United States marshal, heard of the horrible deed in time to pursue the murderers, and succeeded in arresting the party, named David Butler, who states that he was forced by the murderers—J. Belmes and M. Nephew—to point out William Scott to them. Butler is now in jail. We ask our citizens, are you willing, causing such outrageous crimes to be committed at your doors, and not feel it your duty as law-abiding citizens to turn out and assist in bringing murderers and thieves to justice? And when such parties are brought before the court, restrain from any deriding assistance for their conviction because they belong to families of good standing in society. Let us be united in our efforts, that parties will let law have its course. William Scott was about sixty years of age, and an honest man. He had been cultivating land between the Bayou Sara and since 1866. He leaves an aged and dependent widow to mourn his loss.

We think if citizens do not take part in putting a stop to such an outrageous crime, and refuse to harbor those who commit such, the Republican party and the State authorities will at once see that Louisiana is yet regarded as a lawless territory, and will not be until she is a law-abiding State.

Political excitement in Sacramento has brought out a little more than a hundred John Bigler's. It seems there was much eagerness to know how the State had gone in the last Presidential election, and a big crowd had collected around the telegraph office to learn the returns. Bigler, of course, was a prominent figure on the outdoor platform. There was much noise that very much could not hear the announcements. But everybody could see him, and pretty soon most of the spectators could "read the indications." For, if the vote was back on his coat collar, if he reverse it was drawn down over his eyes, if on an even thing it was nicely balanced, if it was up, it was a sign of Seymour; and if it went over the top and down the front Grant was ahead. Finally, when a cheer went up and the hat suddenly jingled down to the ground, it was the very eyes, the waiting Democrats fully told the Republicans they could take the money, and went home.

LAW OF THE UNITED STATES.

Passed at the Third Session of the Forty-first Congress—(No. 49.)

ACT making appropriations for the purchase of land, and for other purposes, for the year ending June thirty, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums be and they are hereby appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the year ending June thirty, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, and for other purposes:

For pay of commissioned and warrant officers at sea, on shore, on special service, and on detached duty, including pay for the engineers' force, eight thousand five hundred dollars; for receiver and inspector of stores, one thousand five hundred dollars; for gatekeeper and detective, one thousand dollars; and for messenger at commandant's office, six hundred dollars; in all, twelve thousand seven hundred dollars.

For foreign and local pilotage and towage of ships of war, fifty thousand dollars.

For the purchase of astronomical instruments, nautical books, maps, and charts, and sailing directions, and repairs of nautical instruments for ships of war, ten thousand dollars.

For the purchase of libraries for ships of war, three thousand dollars.

For nautical signals and apparatus, namely, signal-lights, lanterns, and rockets, including running lights, daymarks, and daymarks for signal-boats, six thousand dollars.

For compass fittings, including binnacles, pedestals, tripods, and other appendages of compasses, and repairs made in the navy yards, five thousand dollars.

For logs and other appliances, for measuring the ship's way, leads, and other appliances for sounding, three thousand dollars.

For lanterns and lamps and their appendages for general use on board ship, including those for the cabin, ward-room, and other parts of the vessel, and for signal-decks and quartermaster's use, six thousand dollars.

For bunting and other materials for flags, and for the purchase of flags of all kinds, five thousand dollars.

For oil for ships of war other than that used for the engine department, candles when used as a substitute for oil in running lights, and other articles, and for oil used in navigation department, forty thousand dollars.

For stationery for commanders and navigators of vessels of war, five thousand dollars.

For musical instruments, and music for vessels of war, one thousand dollars.

For the purchase of telegraphs, and for speaking signals and indicators, and for communication on board ships of war, two thousand five hundred dollars.

For drawing, engraving and printing on copper, and for the purchase of plates, preparing and publishing sailing directions and other hydrographic information, ten thousand dollars.

For the purchase of paper for pay of writers and laborers and for purposes incidental to the support of the civil establishment under this bureau at the several navy yards, twenty thousand dollars.

For contingent expenses of the Bureau of Navigation: Freight and transportation of navigation materials; instruments, books and stores; postage and telegraphing on public business; and for the purchase of packing-boxes and materials; blank books, forms and stationery at navigation offices, six thousand dollars.

For rent of building, fuel, lights and office furniture, carpenter and other labor, purchase of books for library, drawing materials, and other stationery, postage, freight and other contingent expenses, ten thousand dollars.

For expenses of Naval Observatory, namely: For pay of one clerk, one thousand eight hundred dollars; for three assistant observers, four thousand dollars.

For payment, in part, for the great refracting telescope now in course of construction at the Naval Observatory, six thousand dollars.

For purchase of chronograph, five hundred dollars.

For computation for theory and tables of the moon, two thousand dollars.

For preparing instruments for observation of transit of Venus, two thousand dollars; Provided, That this and all other appropriations for the observation of the transit of Venus shall be expended subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Navy, under the direction of a commission to be composed of the superintendent of the observatory and two of the president's privy council, and two of the president's privy council, and shall not receive any compensation.

For wages of one instrument-maker, one messenger, three watchmen, and one porter; for keeping a watchman, one carpenter, one building; for fuel, light, and other expenses, and for stationery, purchase of books for library, chemicals for batteries, postage, and freight, and all other contingent expenses, thirteen thousand five hundred dollars.

For expenses of Nautical Almanac: For pay of computers and clerk for compiling the nautical almanac, the American Ephemeris and the Nautical Almanac, eighteen thousand five hundred dollars.

For rent, fuel, labor, stationery, boxes, and express and miscellaneous items, one thousand five hundred dollars.

For ten fifteen inch guns, to meet contingencies, seventy thousand dollars.

For one thousand two hundred and fifty barrels of gunpowder, twenty-five thousand dollars.

For fuel and materials necessary in carrying on the mechanical branches of the Ordnance department at the navy yards and stations, seventy-five thousand dollars.

For labor at navy yards, two hundred thousand dollars.

For repairs to ordnance buildings, magazines, gun parks, machinery, and other necessaries of the like character, seventy-five thousand five hundred and nine thousand dollars.

For improvements at the nitre depot, Malden, seven thousand three hundred and fifty dollars; at the magazine, Norfolk, one thousand dollars.

For the construction of two iron-plated torpedo boats, six hundred thousand dollars.

For the torpedo corps.—For the purchase and manufacture of gunpowder, nitro-glycerine, and gun-cotton, seven thousand dollars.

For purchase and manufacture of electrical machines, galvanic batteries, and insulated wires, one thousand dollars.

For purchase of copper, iron, and other materials necessary for the manufacture of torpedoes, and for work on the torpedoes, one thousand dollars.

For construction of torpedo-boats, purchase of boiler-work or hulks, and contingencies, twenty thousand dollars.

For the purchase of building materials and repairs to buildings and to wharf, five thousand dollars.

For labor, including one chemist at two thousand dollars, one foreman machinist at one thousand dollars, one foreman cooper at one thousand dollars, and one clerk, ten thousand dollars.

Civil establishment.—For pay of the superintendents and the civil establishments under this bureau, fifteen thousand dollars.

For contingent expenses of the ordnance service of the navy, one thousand dollars.

BUREAU OF CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIRS.

For preservation of vessels on the stocks in ordinary, purchase of materials, and repairs to stores of all kinds; labor in navy yards and on foreign stations; preservation of material; purchase of tools; wear, tear, and repair of machinery, and general maintenance of the navy; construction of buildings, and foreign postage, three million five hundred thousand dollars.

To enable the Secretary of the Navy to purchase, for all purposes, his patent called hydrostatic arrangement for raising turrets, fifty thousand dollars; provided, that he may contract with the Secretary of the Navy, an instrument conveying to the United States full right to use the same under his patent, and under all improvements, modifications, or extensions of the same, which may now or hereafter exist.

Civil establishment at the navy yard, Kittery: For clerk of stores, one thousand five hundred dollars; inspector of stores, draughtsman, clerk to naval constructor, time clerk, and superintendent of floating dock, at one thousand four hundred dollars each, eight thousand five hundred dollars.

At the navy yard, Boston: For clerk to naval constructor, inspector of timber and stores, one thousand five hundred dollars; draughtsman, one thousand four hundred dollars; clerk of stores, at one thousand two hundred dollars each; in all, seven thousand six hundred dollars.

At the navy yard, Brooklyn, New York: For draughtsman to naval constructor, one thousand four hundred dollars; clerk to naval constructor, one thousand two hundred dollars; time clerk, at one thousand five hundred dollars each; clerk of stores, at one thousand two hundred dollars each; seven thousand six hundred dollars.

At the navy yard, Philadelphia: For clerk of stores, one thousand five hundred dollars; inspector of timber, draughtsman, one thousand four hundred dollars; clerk to naval constructor, one thousand two hundred dollars; time clerk, at one thousand five hundred dollars each; in all, seven thousand six hundred dollars.

At the navy yard, Norfolk, Virginia: For draughtsman to naval constructor, one thousand four hundred dollars; clerk to naval constructor, one thousand two hundred dollars; time clerk, at one thousand five hundred dollars each; in all, seven thousand six hundred dollars.

At the navy yard, Pensacola: For equipment clerk, one thousand three hundred dollars.

At the navy yard, Mare Island: For clerk in equipment office, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five dollars; for store clerk, one thousand two hundred dollars; for receiver and inspector of stores, one thousand five hundred dollars; for writer to receiver and inspector of stores, one thousand five hundred dollars; for gatekeeper and detective, one thousand dollars; and for messenger at commandant's office, six hundred dollars; in all, twelve thousand seven hundred dollars.

At the navy yard, Charleston, Massachusetts: For assistant to civil engineer, one thousand five hundred dollars; for draughtsman to civil engineer, one thousand four hundred dollars; for receiver and inspector of stores, one thousand five hundred dollars; for gatekeeper and detective, one thousand dollars; and for messenger at commandant's office, six hundred dollars; in all, twelve thousand seven hundred dollars.

At the navy yard, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: For draughtsman to civil engineer, one thousand four hundred dollars; for receiver and inspector of stores, one thousand five hundred dollars; for gatekeeper and detective, one thousand dollars; and for messenger at commandant's office, six hundred dollars; in all, twelve thousand seven hundred dollars.

At the navy yard, Norfolk, Virginia: For draughtsman and clerk to civil engineer, at one thousand four hundred dollars each; for receiver and inspector of stores, one thousand five hundred dollars; for gatekeeper and detective, one thousand dollars; and for messenger at commandant's office, six hundred dollars; in all, twelve thousand seven hundred dollars.

At the navy yard, Washington, District of Columbia: For draughtsman to civil engineer, one thousand four hundred dollars; for receiver and inspector of stores, one thousand five hundred dollars; for gatekeeper and detective, one thousand dollars; and for messenger at commandant's office, six hundred dollars; in all, twelve thousand seven hundred dollars.

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At the navy yard, Boston: For superintendent of rope-making, one thousand nine hundred dollars; for clerk to same, one thousand two hundred dollars; clerk in equipment office, one thousand five hundred dollars; for store clerk, one thousand two hundred dollars; in all, seven thousand two hundred dollars.

At the navy yard, Philadelphia: For clerk in equipment office, one thousand four hundred dollars; for one store and one time clerk, at one thousand two hundred dollars each; in all, three thousand eight hundred dollars.

At the navy yard, Washington: For clerk in equipment office, one thousand five hundred dollars; for one store and one time clerk, at one thousand two hundred dollars each; in all, four thousand one hundred dollars.

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At the navy yard, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: For draughtsman to civil engineer, one thousand four hundred dollars; for receiver and inspector of stores, one thousand five hundred dollars; for gatekeeper and detective, one thousand dollars; and for messenger at commandant's office, six hundred dollars; in all, twelve thousand seven hundred dollars.

At the navy yard, Norfolk, Virginia: For draughtsman to civil engineer, one thousand four hundred dollars; for receiver and inspector of stores, one thousand five hundred dollars; for gatekeeper and detective, one thousand dollars; and for messenger at commandant's office, six hundred dollars; in all, twelve thousand seven hundred dollars.

At the navy yard, Pensacola, Florida: For draughtsman to civil engineer, one thousand four hundred dollars; for receiver and inspector of stores, one thousand five hundred dollars; for gatekeeper and detective, one thousand dollars; and for messenger at commandant's office, six