

The Capture of Matamoros.

EDITOR REPUBLICAN: During the first twelve hours of yesterday the sun shone upon two governments on the western banks of the Rio Grande...

The history of the revolution, as acted in the immediate vicinity, in brief, is as follows: General Diaz came to this city some two months since, and at once the air filled with rumors of revolution...

Early yesterday morning the Diaz people made an investment of the city of Matamoros and an immediate attack on the city, entering on the Monterey road...

General de Labarra, the commanding officer of the government forces on this part of the line, seeing his main dependence turn their backs to the enemy and their guns on him, escaped with his staff and body guard...

As near as can be ascertained the casualties were about seven killed and thirty wounded. This think a very liberal estimate of the killing; but as near the actual number as can be ascertained...

Diaz made the attack with not more than seven hundred men, and these very imperfectly armed and with no artillery; so that but for an evident understanding of assistance from the revolting National Guard...

General Potter placed General Labarra on parole, who at once took his quarters in Brownsville, his family being granted the privilege of joining him, his officers and men being placed in camp in the garrison of Fort Brown...

Under instructions from the Secretary of the Navy, the Rio Bravo, under command of Captain Johnson, United States navy, left Fort Brown and took station on the western bank of the river, to aid United States Consul Wilson in the protection of America and foreigners generally...

To day the city is quiet, and the merchants are opening their places of business, and some I find, so far from being discouraged, talk of better times and an increase of business...

Brownsville, Texas, April 3, 1876.

On the Wrong Track.

It appears that Mr. Marsh was carried out of the country by force attached to a railroad train. The following from his testimony makes the point clear that he took the wrong train...

Witness said he left New York for Montreal at four o'clock on the afternoon of Friday, and reached there the next morning at half-past ten o'clock.

Mr. Blackburn—Had you then heard that the government authorities had concluded to prosecute you as well as Secretary Bolkman?

Answer—I am not positive. I might have seen such a statement in a paper.

Question—It was said you hesitated when at Peekskill as to whether you would proceed to Montreal?

Answer—I did hesitate. I thought that if I had offended the law of my country I would stand trial. If the train had been going back to New York, I should have taken passage in it; but as the train was going to Montreal, I proceeded.

Another Assistant Attorney General.

Attorney General Field has found it necessary to have assistance in his criminal prosecutions, and the following notice was accordingly sent to the First District and Superior Criminal Courts:

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, State of Louisiana, New Orleans, April 6, 1876.

To the Honorable Judges of the Superior Criminal and First District Courts:

I have the honor to notify you that I have selected and hereby designated, under the power vested in me by the laws of the State, the Hon. George H. Braughn to represent me in all cases coming before your respective courts in which as Attorney General I appear for the State.

A. P. FIELD, Attorney General.

Personal.

First Lieutenant Rogers Birnie, Jr. of company C, Thirtieth Infantry, (station, Baton Rouge), has been ordered to report to the chief of ordnance for examination, with a view to his transfer to that corps.

Beet and Quickest. Beet and Quickest. Beet and Quickest.

Route to fortune; Golden Drawing. Route to fortune; Golden Drawing.

Second Golden Drawing. Second Golden Drawing.

After the Battle, Peace!

Amid the flash of lightning and the down-pour of torrents, young Lucien Adams was last evening laid in that marble city of the dead, the St. Louis Cemetery.

All day long, despite the flood, never-ending currents of saddened humanity flowed to and from the family residence, and a vast throng, on foot and in carriage, at the given hour followed the remains of the lamented young gentleman to St. Joseph's Church, Common street, where the last sad offices of the Catholic Church were solemnized over the corpse.

Never were these sacred rites more impressively administered, nor listened to by more sympathetic mourners. In a city where young men are exceptionally spared from temptation, the deceased kept free from vices and had no mean fault. Handsome, generous and brave—ever ready to respond to the call of friendship—it was impossible to know him well and not love him well.

From the church to the grave, as the procession wended its "slow length along" the flooded avenues, sympathetic spectators crowded the windows and sheltered galleries of the private residences, giving evidence of condolence that could not fail to prove soothing to the near friends and relatives of the departed.

May his happiness in that bourne to which he has been so untimely sped be as certain as that his memory will be here cherished as our most earnest wish.

Political Items.

In the Natchitoches Republican of the first instant appears a call signed by Rafoed Blunt, president, and John G. Lewis, secretary of the Parish Executive Committee, notifying the Republicans of the various wards to send delegates to a parish nominating convention, which will select delegates to the two State conventions.

Board of Health.

The regular meeting of the Board of Health was held last evening, but the bad weather and flooded streets prevented a full attendance. It was therefore resolved by the quorum present to adjourn to Wednesday, April 12, when a special meeting will be called.

The Temperature.

The thermometer at Louis Frigero's, No. 50 Chartre street, stood as follows April 7: At 8 A. M., 68°; at 2 P. M., 64°; at 6 P. M., 61°. Lowest point during the night of April 6, 51°. Rain during the day of April 7, up to 6 P. M., three inches.

CHOICE CORNER STORE AND DWELLING AT AUCTION THIS DAY.

Messrs. Nash & Hodgson, auctioneers, set at 12 M. today, at the St. Charles Auction Exchange, for account of M. DeCoursey, bankrupt, that valuable property corner of Girod and Basin streets. The terms are easy. See the advertisement and plan at place of sale.

A Legendary Landmark Gone—A Strange Circumstance.

For many years a grave in the Minden graveyard, with a small, peculiarly constructed frame house covering it, and completely hiding it from view, has been the subject of much interest to the curious, inasmuch as strange stories have been told concerning the burial of the bodies which it was supposed to contain, and the secret and silent manner in which they were consigned to their last resting place, which added to the fact that no one knew of any recent death having occurred in the family from which the burial took place at the silent hour of midnight, it is not surprising that the subject has attracted the attention of the curious. It has been pointed out to us frequently as the grave with a history, the sequel of which remains a mystery to this day, and it is true, it is a mystery, and reveals the secret hidden beneath her surface.

The old stories will now be revived, the curious will still be more curious than ever before, and the stranger who hereafter visits Minden graveyard, having heard of the strange grave and its legend, and wishes to see the subject of innumerable conjectures, where once stood the strange little house, for like the burial, secretly and silently at midnight has ever vestige of it disappeared; by those hands or agency which it is nevertheless true that there is not a plank or shingle left to show where once stood this mysterious edifice which, for so many years, has been the object of prying eyes and the subject of innumerable conjectures. Every means seems to have been used to effectually erase all signs that a grave was once upon the spot. The ground has been leveled and green grass sown over it, as if a desire existed to blot out forever any evidence that a grave once existed there. It was possibly a monument to a "deed of darkness," which has since been buried and returned to the earth to rot to the ground.—Minden Democrat.

Philandering in Mexico.

The following is from a New York letter in the Philadelphia Ledger: There has been some talk at the clubs, within the last two or three days past, of a secret organization in this city, designed to afford aid and comfort to the Mexican revolutionists on the Rio Grande. The feeling is said to be that the Mexican States along that river will soon declare their independence of the central government, in which case there will be a splendid opportunity for enterprising and ambitious Americans who are looking to the future. The organization in question has this contingency in view, though its plan of operations contemplates no active violation of the neutrality laws. There is no reason to suppose, as a part of the scheme, that an active correspondence has been going on between the parties in question and General Portillo, as is asserted in the case of the capture of Matamoros, will be likely to bring the matter to a head.

Should a declaration of independence be issued by the rebels, the calculation is that the history of Texas would be repeated over again, with this difference, that Mexico is so far gone now that it would be out of her power to issue a warrant for your arrest, and the United States would be easy. Then, among the prizes would be a Governorship, members of Congress, Senators, and the intelligence of the matter would look to people at a distance, but if the "Echoes of the clubs" do not mislead, the persons who are engineering it are by no means well-meaning, neither are they without a valuable political and military experience. They may be a sort of madmen, but there is method in their madness.

Make Your fortune.

Grand Golden Drawing. Saturday, April 29.

OPERA HOUSE. Half million gold.

No need, no harvest. Capital prize \$100,000. All in gold.

Can win a magnificent fortune.

A Famous Forger.

The arrest of Walter Sherman, alias Walter Stow, alias Walter Sherman, by Detective Robert A. Pinkerton, of Pinkerton's national detective agency, in this city, on Wednesday night, nearly closed the career of the greatest thief and forger in this country, and disposed of the last of the famous gang of forgers which, under the leadership of Andrew J. Roberts, almost completely ruled the Wall street market in the summer of 1875. The capture of this celebrated criminal may solely be attributed to the efforts of Detective Attorney Phelps, Detective Pinkerton and Mr. Williams, alias Williamson.—New York Times.

COURT RECORD.

FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 1876.

United States Circuit Court.

Present—Hon. E. C. Billings, district judge presiding.

The grand jury returned certain findings which were placed on the secret files.

Superior District Court.

State ex rel. James Longstreet vs. George B. Johnson, State Auditor.—Salary, etc., as level commissioner. Defendant appeals.

State ex rel. Bray, Ryan et al., Police Commissioner, vs. City of New Orleans.—On plaintiffs' motion injunction is dissolved to prevent the City to receive Metropolitan Police warrants for taxes to the amount of \$12,000.

Workmen's Park vs. Jean Berthin.—Injunction to restrain defendant from occupying the premises of the City Park and Lake Shore Railroad vs. David Hughes.—Judgment for \$400.

H. Bouffe vs. Mrs. Berna.—Order putting defendant in possession on bonding the injunction, already dissolved, rescinded, the suit being considered dismissed.

John C. Ballentine vs. Pöntchestrain and others.—B. Ballentine, defendant, alleges that he has been obstructed by Theodore J. Dinitz; that Thomas H. Hunt and John B. Lafitte will interfere with him, and prays that they be restrained from such an action on bond previously given.

Charles Montaldo vs. City of New Orleans, W. P. Loan and J. H. Lawlor.—Petitioner prays for the removal of the name of signatories and a license to keep the license of \$300 and it was refused; that defendants have elected to place. Injunction issued on bond of \$300.

W. O. Denegre vs. Atlas Insurance Company.—Petition for legal services and prayer for \$450.

State Auditor vs. George B. Johnson, State Auditor.—Petitioner, owner of a lot in the Fourth District, avers the tender of \$145 for tax of 1875, and refusal; the sale of the lot to the defendant, and an agreement with the Assistant Attorney General that it should not be sold; that under act No. 105 of 1874, Louis Fisher has obtained a title from the Metropolitan Police, and that the defendant is liable for the same in criminal process. Blaindell, Lambert and Olmstead, who were minor parties, are under heavy bail to appear at the trial on the 15th inst. Judgment for the plaintiff, with costs.

Superior Criminal Court.

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Education under Democratic Rule.

Under Democratic rule, is a fair example of what would be the fate of the public school system were this party in control in a majority of the States of the Union. It seems that the fund raised for the support of public schools in the State has very mysteriously disappeared, and in consequence the schools are being abandoned for the want of means. The Norfolk Day Book commenting upon this outrage, uses the following pertinent language, which is not only deserved, but will be echoed by every friend of free schools the world over:—

"Every man with a particle of pride or love for the State of his birth or residence must feel a deep humiliation or mortification at the fact that the common schools of this State are on Friday night abandoned, and the poor children turned out without a chance to get an education, as several schools in the rural districts have already been closed. It is a very singular intimation from their friends in Richmond that there is no money to pay them for their services, all because the money taxed upon the poll has mysteriously disappeared, but no one knows who or by what authority, to pay off that portion of the funding bonds which were stolen by the officers of our State and spent with the gamblers and brokers of the disgraceful Virginia lottery. It is a very singular intimation that a crime is this on the fair face of old Virginia."

Now, we assert that such a crime as this could never happen under any other political rule, and it is but a foretaste of what would be the policy in other States did the same politics predominate. Beside this high handed violation of a public trust, it is a fair index of the political rule that prevails all over the South, and proves conclusively that that section of the country will never recover from its slow growth until its politics pass from the control of the present party. It is now prostituting its power for selfish and malignant purposes. After all, this blow at free education is meant for the poor negroes, and to stimulate the political passions of the white race, they resort to the next best expedient of depriving him of an education, and the more they can reduce him in ignorance the more pliable he will become to the will of the party in power. The victory they achieve will be short-lived.

Occasionally we hear of this State's imploring immigration from the Old World to come and help develop her hidden wealth, and give the benefit of their industry for the improvement of the country. What sort of welcome could poor emigrant expect from a people who close their public schools and misapply revenues collected for their support for speculative purposes? It is a fair index of the political rule that prevails all over the South, and proves conclusively that that section of the country will never recover from its slow growth until its politics pass from the control of the present party. It is now prostituting its power for selfish and malignant purposes. After all, this blow at free education is meant for the poor negroes, and to stimulate the political passions of the white race, they resort to the next best expedient of depriving him of an education, and the more they can reduce him in ignorance the more pliable he will become to the will of the party in power. The victory they achieve will be short-lived.

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Mexico at the Centennial.