

POLITICAL NOTES.

General Nicholls, Governor Wickliffe and other orators of the Democracy declare that at the coming election voters must be left free and untrammelled to cast the ticket of their choice.

With these mutual guarantees, especially if backed by a joint and thorough canvass of the State, which there seems to be a good prospect of an agreement upon between the party chiefs, an era of friendly regard, confidence and respect may be inaugurated which will insure a healing of all the grievances now a bar to the State's prosperity.

Hon. John McPhelin will scarcely live to serve out his term of the district attorneyship. Advice from Philadelphia represents him as in the last stages of consumption.

There were about six of them in the committee. The oldest was perhaps of voting age, but it is doubtful, yet each looked as if he could "scout a ship" equal to the oldest pirate in the business.

Stammer the orator: "Now, really, do you see—I am, that is—really you must excuse—"

Chorus from the glass ambuscade: "Oh, hell—no beer money for us out of that cove."

There was a lively scrimmage at the fourth ward club on Wednesday evening, and a young clerk in Holmes' dry goods store was roughly handled for displaying an independence of spirit distasteful to some of the more managers.

Mr. Frank Zacharias was elected, with his usual good fortune, to the State Central Committee. He can get more hard work and less reward out of politics than any man we know of.

Says the Democrat, speaking of a proposed parade of a colored Republican club, and the fears expressed that Democratic roughs might assault the members:

It is the intention on the night in question, if necessary, to provide a body guard of white men for the negroes of the first ward in order that they may parade and cheer for their chosen candidates with utmost security from harm.

What a commentary on the pledged fair election of the Democratic spokesmen! What an outrage to American liberty is this! Have we really fallen so low that the chief Democratic organ feels impelled to promise a body-guard for Republicans who have the temerity to shout for Hayes and Wheeler on the streets of New Orleans?

The New York Sun, followed by "Tray, Blanche and Sweetheart" of the Southern press, elaborate upon the threat of a mob to take from jail and hang a murderer in a New Hampshire town. They ecstatically call for troops, ask for martial law, etc., and attempt comparisons detrimental to Southern calls for national protection.

Will the Democrat please state why the Democratic Congress, and the Democratic national and State conventions should deem it necessary to formally and solemnly declare "in favor of a full, free and fair election" without this great American right were imperiled? Will it further discover to an anxious public what harm can grow out of the executive endorsement of these pledges if they were made in good faith?

Other announcements will soon be made with more definite assignments.

News was received last night that Attorney General A. F. Field, who has been for some time confined to his house by illness, had had a change for the worse, and that his recovery any hopes are entertained of his recovery.

Mr. Edward De Bion, clerk of the Fourth District Court, was able yesterday to make his first appearance in his office for over four months. It was hard getting up stairs but his success is enough to encourage the hope of a complete and speedy recovery.

Mr. Sholtz's Explanation.

We publish in another column the explanation of Mr. Sholtz, setting Auditor, and presume it is the best he has to offer why he has requested certain tax collectors to take sixty days to make their settlements.

Without being conscious of prejudice, we confess a sort of inability to see the full force of this sort of reasoning. The absence of the examiners from the city ought not to make any difference so far as the city collectors are concerned.

The Auditor is made by law the very best authority in all cases where accounts between the State and individuals are concerned, and where his personal supervision is practicable it is of course better than that of a subordinate.

We shall be very glad to hear that no unnecessary delay will be permitted in the future, as the success of the Republican party at next election is to a great extent dependent upon the successful administration of the laws and the preservation of the credit of the State.

What a Democratic Editor Knows About the Army.

The Houston Telegraph is very much excited because President Grant has promoted Major Elmer Ols, of the First Cavalry, to the vacant lieutenant colonelcy of the Seventh Cavalry, caused by the death of Custer.

Major Ols, who is so unjustly neglected in the above appointment, secured the President's enmity by reflecting on the policy of the Indian bureau in furnishing the savages with the means of slaughtering the whites; and of course his criticism of Grant's private financial schemes could not be overlooked by that friend of the Indian and promoter of his jobbery.

What truth there is in the charges the Telegraph makes against Major Ols, it is impossible to say; but had he been the senior major in the cavalry arm of the service nothing could have prevented his promotion.

The Attorney General's Office.

Acting Governor Antoine seems to have broken the deadlock in the office of the Assistant Attorney General, caused by the decided cases before the Supreme and Superior District Courts, by the following letter.

Very respectfully, C. C. ANTOINE, Lieutenant Governor and Acting Governor.

The Cavass.

Many Republican orators have already made arrangements for beginning the campaign.

Mr. Packard will start about the first of September and will thoroughly canvass the whole State.

Senator West will arrive about the tenth and will do the same.

Governor Warmoth will commence about the twentieth.

THE VIGILANTS AGAIN.

The following is from the last number of the Lafayette Advertiser. It is a pleasure to know that the lawless proceedings of the vigilante committee were promptly checked by an official of judgment and determination.

Our quiet town was shocked last Thursday morning by the entrance of a band of armed men, who seized Lazarus Levy, a merchant of this place, and carried him away. It was soon ascertained that it was one of those shameful outrages of the vigilante committee, which is proving more injurious to the country than cotton worms or epidemics, or even Radical rule.

Levy was taken a few miles off, and while being tried for some offense about a watch, the sheriff made his appearance with a writ of habeas corpus, and, meeting no resistance, brought the body of Levy before the parish judge. An affidavit having been made against him for breach of trust, he furnished bond to appear and answer the charge.

The vigilants, in undertaking to right a minor wrong themselves, gravely violated the law by committing the crimes of assault and battery, kidnapping and false imprisonment.

If the affidavit had been made at first, it would have averted a very humiliating spectacle and the necessity of the vigilants virtually acknowledging their wrong by surrendering their prisoner to the sheriff.

We can congratulate the intelligent and law-abiding citizens of the parish upon one fact, at least, that the authorities have been respected and the law of the land reigns supreme.—Lafayette Advertiser.

The Delay on Delinquent Taxes.

The following letter hardly needs any introduction. It is supplemental to the letter of Acting Auditor Sholtz to Collector Redwood, which completely exonerated all tax collectors from blame in the matter, so far as authority from the Auditor's office could go.

Mr. Sholtz's reason for extending the time since Auditor Johnson's absence seems to be sufficient to justify him also. The matter is now, however, before the courts, and will be determined in a few days.

EDITOR REPUBLICAN.

In your issue of this morning you suggest that an explanation from this office regarding the extensions granted to the tax collectors of this parish for the settlement of delinquent taxes collected is necessary, in order to strengthen the State's credit, alleged to be injuriously affected by such action.

You will please notice that these extensions were granted by me subsequent to the departure of Auditor Johnson from the State, and directly following the executive order resulting penalties on delinquent taxes. It has been customary, heretofore, when penalties on delinquent taxes were granted to make a thorough examination of the books of the collector, and to certify thereon the necessity for this will be apparent to every unprejudiced mind, and I deem it proper to follow this precedent.

But the fact that the examiner of this office is still engaged in investigations in the rural parishes, precludes earlier action in the premises, and causes the delay complained of.

Very respectfully, F. N. SHOLTZ, Chief Clerk and Acting Auditor.

The Conduct of the Campaign.

Mr. Packard has taken the initiative on the proposition that the coming campaign shall be conducted, at least in part, by a quiet discussion, by addressing the following letter to General Nicholls:

COURT RECORD.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 1876. Superior District Court. State ex rel. P. F. Fzandee and Francois Estade vs. F. J. Herron, recorder of mortgages.—Petitioners allege a judgment of cancellation of two mortgages in the succession of Aylmer Fzandee, Jefferson parish, and ask that a mandamus be issued enforcing it. Service of legal accepted and citation awarded. Mandamus made peremptory.

State ex rel. Board of School Directors vs. J. Brette et al.—Relators allege that certain property has been used for school purposes; that the rent has been paid for the same; and that the funders change claims to be the owner, and that suits for the rent have been instituted in the seventh justice court, and ask that Justice Favre be prohibited from further proceedings, and that the removal of papers issued without bond.

First District Court. NOLLE PROSEQUI ENTERED. Alex. Brown, for petty larceny. John Williams, for petty larceny; George Miller, for breaking and entering. Hubbard Wages, of assault with a dangerous weapon. SENTENCED. Edward Theodore, one day for an assault. Second District Court. Successions of John Van Slooten and James Van Slooten. Mary Jane Faber prays to be emancipated.

STATE NEWS. BOSSIER. From the Bossier Banner, August 10: Mr. Daniel P. Gardner, a young man residing with a nephew of Judge E. W. Turner of this parish, was thrown from a horse on Sunday evening last, and fell on his head, and, it is supposed, instantly killed, as he was quite dead when found. Mr. Gardner was twenty-one years of age, and was a native of Louisiana, and generally esteemed by his acquaintances.

ST. LANDRY. From the Opelousas Journal, August 11: Last Friday Mr. James F. Dolson's little son, Charles, about five years old, while playing on the levee of the large gulf wheel which was in motion at the time, fell off in front of the levee, which was too low to admit of his body passing under it, and the wheel rolled over him, and he was instantly killed. The levee was originally low, and had settled some, making it still lower, and there had probably been an accumulation of mud on the levee, which had been near the ground. The child was dragged half way round, and his neck broken. His afflicted parents have the sympathies of all in their great distress, caused by this shocking accident.

Mexican Coffee. Hon. John W. Foster, United States minister to Mexico, has received from the production and capacity of Mexico for the increased production of coffee, which has been printed in the July report of the United States Department of Agriculture. Mr. Foster thinks the soil and climate of Mexico admirably adapted to the growth of coffee, and attributes the small amount exported to the causes which depress general localities where such discussion is to be had.

The coffee exported from Vera Cruz is all grown in that name, with the valley of Cordoba on the Mexico and Vera Cruz railway, as the chief centre of its production. In 1818 and 1819 the profitability of the growth of coffee in the West Indies led to the establishment of extensive plantations in the vicinity of Cordoba and Orizaba, and in 1825 they were in a flourishing state, in the valleys of Cuernavaca and Casatilla. In 1826 the coffee plant was introduced growing as many as 500,000 plants. And elsewhere in the republic much attention was given to coffee planting at that period.

The American consul at the city of Colima places the small amount of coffee produced at from \$15 to \$30 per acre, depending on location and climate. He states that a plantation containing 100,000 plants burr coffee old, in 1826, realized \$200,000. The first year being about 30,000 pounds, and from the fifth year onward 100,000 pounds per acre, and he estimates the coffee for the largest crops produced, and exempting coffee lands from all taxes.

Dr. J. Moreira, of the Brazilian commission at the Centennial Exposition, has published a small pamphlet on the coffee of Brazil, which traces that branch of production to a few seeds brought from French Guiana about the middle of the last century.

The coffee tree in other countries is supposed to require an annual temperature varying between 62° and 66° Fahrenheit; but in Brazil no such limitations are noticed. The coffee tree grows in all latitudes of the empire. The virgin soil of the cleared forest is planted with trees, without special regard to its composition, but, in old lands, soils composed of two or three layers of soil, and the most desirable; reddish-yellow argillaceous soils on hill sides, at a distance from the sea, are preferred. The taste and aroma of the coffee is the best, and the most comfortable. The Spanish proverb which tells us that life would be impossible without a great deal of forgetting.

Perhaps the best friends of Queen Isabella may be those who whisper to her that, until she returns to the pleasant shades of the Champs Elysees, the brief is her sojourn in disagreeable Madrid, and the longer her stay in charming Seville, the more comfortable she will be. The metropolis of Spain, during nine months out of twelve, is virtually uninhabitable; whereas there is no more salubrious and less oppressive residence than that of the capital of Andalusia. There is a perennial growth of oranges in the gardens of San Telmo; the Alcazar, which is a palace of the ex-Queen will be particularly beautiful in the shade; and the most sumptuous of Spanish royal abodes; and, finally, while orthodox of the most edifying kind regard on the banks of the Guadalquivir, pollution do not certainly run so high there as on the shores of the Manzanares.—London Telegraph.

The most "telling" arguments in favor of Mr. Hayes' candidacy for the presidency are furnished by Southern journals that profess to favor the election of Mr. Tilden. When, for instance, the Mercury, of Meridian, in Mississippi, declares that "there is quite a margin for 'intimidation' between us and the boundaries of the law, and we can govern ourselves accordingly," it strikes a blow for Hayes which there is no parrying. "If reform is accomplished in the same old-fashioned way as the government of the South is now being run, it can not be effected to some."—Chicago Times.

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Thanking you, gentlemen, for the honor you have conferred upon me, and invoking the blessing of God on your praiseworthy effort to redeem our State, I here pledge myself to work with you in that sacred cause until the goal of the century,