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Un Epoux Timide.

Un homme qui était très timide dans sa jeunesse, mais qui n'est plus après plusieurs années de mariage, raconte à un journal l'horrible situation dans laquelle il s'est trouvé le soir de son mariage.

"J'étais dit-il, le garçon le plus timide qu'il y eût à l'ouest des Alleghenies. Je n'osais regarder une jeune fille, encore moins lui adresser la parole; mais cela ne m'empêchait point d'être follement amoureux d'une douce et gentille fille du voisinage. Les parents des deux côtés furent enchantés du mariage. J'étais un garçon maigre, droit, gauchette, d'environ dix-neuf ans; elle était rieuse, aimable et avait fait son éducation au village, elle était de beaucoup supérieure à moi sous le rapport de la culture. J'eus à fixer le jour du mariage et je l'éloignai le plus possible. Quand le jour s'approcha, j'avais des sueurs froides et des frissons quand je pensais à la terrible épreuve qu'il me faudrait subir. Mais le grand jour vint et je passai par les formes du programme demi étourdi, comme un patin à qui on tire la ficelle. Les invités commencèrent à arriver et mes cheveux se dressèrent. J'avais envie de prendre les bois et d'aller me coucher dans la grange; je pensais même à partir pour l'ouest et ne jamais revenir. J'aimais Sallie; je l'aimais plus fort qu'un mulet ne peut frapper du pied; mais penser à l'éprouve qui m'attendait! Oh! non, je ne pouvais pas!"

"Enfin, tout le monde était parti, la mariée s'était retirée, la famille s'était couchée, et je restai seul avec le vieux papa."

"John, me dit-il, vous pouvez prendre cette chandelle; vous trouverez la chambre droit au-dessus. Bonne nuit, John, et que le bon Dieu ait pitié de votre âme!"

"Ecrivez un malin clin d'oeil et sortez. Quand je l'entendis fermer sa porte, je me levai en trébuchant et saisis la chandelle d'une main nerveuse. L'énorme vacillante réalité était là, il y avait pas moyen de l'éviter, et pourtant j'hésitais à subir mon sort comme un homme. C'était horrible. Mais la vie me vint une heureuse idée. Je gravis les degrés de l'escalier bravement et m'assurai de la position de la chambre nuptiale. Je n'en aurai jamais une autre si sainte chambre où m'attendait une tremblante jeune fille. Je me décidai alors à me déshabiller, puis à étendre la chandelle, avant d'entrer; l'obscurité atténuait au moins l'horreur de la position. Ce fut vite fait, le terrible moment était venu. Mettant mes vêtements sur mon bras, saisissant le poignet de la porte d'une main nerveuse, je soufflai la chandelle, ouvris et entrai dans la chambre. Mais je m'arrêtai au premier pas, incapable de reculer ni d'avancer. Jugez donc: devant un bon feu flamboyant, avec une chandelle qui brûlait sur la table, la ravissante mariée était assise, entourée des six filles d'honneur!"

L'Allemagne a adopté un décret interdisant l'importation de ce pays, de fruits américains. La base de ce décret on la raison donnée par le gouvernement prussien pour l'exclusion de ces fruits est le fait que dans quelques années on découvrirait que les pommes de Californie étaient atteintes d'une maladie connue sous le nom de "San Jose Scale." On annonce que cette action du gouvernement allemand empêchera l'adoption d'un traité de réciprocité entre ce pays et les Etats Unis et pourrait conséquemment être un bienfait pour certaines industries. Un Californien récemment exprime l'opinion que ce décret de prohibition est une mesure de représailles contre les droits sur le sucre établis par la loi Dingley.

A cinq mille de Mulberry, comté de Franklin, Ark., pendant la nuit du 2 courant, Sol. F. Antrey, qui était allé rendre visite à ses vieux parents avec sa famille, s'est exalté, en parlant de religion, au point de perdre la tête, et soudain, se saisissant d'une barre de fer, il a tué son père, sa mère et un de ses enfants, puis a blessé six autres et trois autres enfants, dont deux ont été gravement tués. Il a été arrêté et enchaîné en attendant que son procès s'achève s'il est réellement fou.

Par un décret de la cour circuit des Etats-Unis, relativement à la collision qui eut lieu il y a un an entre le steamship Demois et le petit bateau Argo, le propriétaire du steamship est condamné à payer \$7,500 à Mme Heust et Mme De Blaine, dont les époux ont perdu la vie dans la collision, et \$11,000 au propriétaire de l'Argo, bateau qui a coulé après cette collision.

Le nouveau bureau de santé s'est constitué lundi le 24 janvier, par l'élection du docteur Edmond Souchon comme président et du docteur L. F. Reynolds comme vice-président. Le colonel F. C. Zacharie a été choisi avocat; le docteur John Callan inspecteur sanitaire en chef et le docteur Sidney Théard inspecteur sanitaire assistant.

Un autre assassinat a été commis samedi soir dans la paroisse Tangipahou près de Tickfaw. La victime est M. J. S. Hutchison, citoyen paisible. Il a été tué pendant qu'il était sur sa chaise, entre 8 et 9 heures, et le crime semble un mystère comme ceux qui l'ont précédé.

Le cadavre trouvé dans une malle à la Nouvelle-Orléans a été reconnu comme le dépositaire de l'Italien Romano Casimiro et l'assassin est supposé être un des Italiens qui sont récemment retournés en Europe.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY.

(CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK.)

On motion of Mr. Durio— Resolved, That 500 copies of the amendment to the road ordinance be printed and same to be forwarded when printed to the members of the police jury in each ward.

On motion of Mr. Durio— Resolved, That the following committee be appointed to ascertain the probable cost of erecting a ditch on road from Opelousas to Ville Platte near Mrs. Louis Fontenot and Edmond Sylvestre. Committee: Ozeime Fontenot, Edmond Sylvestre, Alfred Deville, Louis Sylvestre and Benjamin M. Lafleur.

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Lastie Grange from Johnnie Fruge's bridge to Froisain Fontenot's point.

Louis Andreu, from Froisain Fontenot's point to William M Fontenot's bridge.

Dassylvas Fontenot, from Wm Fontenot's bridge to intersect Ville Platte road.

Denis Lajaque, from Point Grand Louis to Nezigne bridge, via Anse Johnson.

Simon Fontenot, from Point Chataignier to Point Manuel.

Private Lafleur, from ward line to school house.

Christoval Smith, from Martin Pommiere's corner to Dr A Lafleur.

Adras Fontenot, from Dr A Lafleur's bridge to Froisain's bridge.

Adam E Fontenot, from Froisain's bridge to Ville Platte corporation.

Paul Pearson, from Ville Platte road to Martin Pommiere's corner.

Edmond Sylvestre, from Ville Platte road, Guillory bridge—Cane bayou.

Edmond Sylvestre, from Wm Barkers lane to Dr. Debailion's bridge.

Edgar Lafleur, from Fremont Fusilier's bridge to Petite Passe bridge.

Pierre Fontenot, from school house to Doreste Lafayette.

Dumas Andreu, from Doreste Lafayette to Gustave Foster's bridge.

Martin Pommiere, from Gustave Foster's bridge to Martin Pommiere's corner.

R. D. Sisman, from Point Manuel to Ville Platte corporation.

Louis Vidrine, from Ville Platte corporation to ward line at Point Laque gully.

Marius Pitre, from Aristide Bouillard to ward line at the bridge.

On motion of Mr. Durio— Resolved, That the following be appointed as road overseers for the 1st ward, namely: J. M. Fontenot, from Chataignier road to Debailion's bridge.

Edgar Dupre, from Chataignier road to Dupre's bridge.

Terrence Dupre, from Garrigue's bridge to Washington road.

Adolphe Hollier, from Washington road to Opelousas.

D. Durio, from Louis Christ to D. Durio.

Eraste Reed, from D Durio to Paul Young.

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On motion of Mr. Haas— Resolved, That the following road overseers were appointed for the 6th ward, namely: J. M. Fontenot, from Grimm bridge to Belle Cheney springs.

Eugene Carpenter, from Pine Prairie near the old Carpenter place to Lloyd's bridge.

J. C. Williams, from Louis Deville's place in Pine Prairie, via Singletary's old gin to Lloyd's bridge near Dan Hinton.

Willis Whately, from S Haas' store to bayou Torreau bridge.

W. Wolf, from bayou Torreau to Griffin's bridge.

W. B. Stewart, from Griffin bridge to Avoyelles line.

Frank Wharton, from Wm Furman to Red Hill to Avoyelles line.

C. M. Richard, from Red Hill to Avoyelles line.

B. S. Bossman, from near Pierre Leduc to Torreau bridge.

William Robbette, from near Bossman's store to Elkin's place on Cocodrie.

J. W. Saddle, from Elkin's place on Cocodrie to near Griffin's bridge.

J. U. Murray, from S Haas' store to C. T. Lutz's place.

Adison Johnson, from S Haas' store to near Belle Cheney springs road near Singletary's store.

W. C. Wooley, from Elisha Whittington's place (old place) to grave yard, intersecting "Chicot" road.

Willie Singletary, from near Singletary's store to Belle Cheney springs.

J. King, Sr., from near Singletary's place to Belle Cocodrie bridge, via Parrott's place.

Stephen Deville, Jr., from Chicot to Nezigne, via Pine Prairie.

John H. Cole, from near James West's place to Louis Olin Fontenot's old place.

William Clark, from near school house via near Clark's saw mill to near John Leggett.

Wm Carroll, from near O C Griffin to near T. W. Lutz's place to Chicot.

Narcisse Guillory, from spring gully to Calaham gully.

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