

The Summit Times, and a dozen other country papers, after a full investigation of the facts, come to the conclusion that the old habit of hiring laborers for a share of the crop is a failure, and they consequently counsel planters to pay their laborers for the current year wages, it will be profitable in the end, they declare.

The country papers note a disposition on the part of the negro laborers to settle down. It has been the custom of the negroes never to work on the same plantation two years in succession. As soon as their year is out, they pack up and leave, generally, for some other parish. These nomadic habits have proved a serious drawback to them in every respect, has been one of the chief causes that prevented their acquiring any property, and has produced idle and dissolute habits.

It is to be hoped that the disposition now being shown of settling down and remaining where they get a good place will continue and become universal; it will be equally advantageous to the laborer and the planter, and will go far toward permanently settling the labor questions of this State, increasing our crops, and restoring prosperity.

The quiet and good order which prevailed in this city during the recent Mardi Gras festivities have been commented upon in the most complimentary manner by the many visitors who came here under the impression that, what with our political complications and the absence of any recognized government, New Orleans must be the theatre of incessant strife and bloody affairs.

The Police Jury of Jefferson, left bank, estimate their expenses for the ensuing year at \$3900, of which \$1500 (nearly one-half) goes for the per diem and other expenses of the Police Jury itself.

Two police juries, two sets of officers, for Jefferson parish is simply absurd. There was a time when some reason for this existed, when Jefferson was a large parish and included the cities of Jefferson and Carrollton; but since these have been separated from the parish and allowed up in New Orleans, there remains of the left bank of the parish of Jefferson only a narrow strip of land and a population of some three or four thousand. For this territory, something under twenty thousand, half of which is swamp, the citizens have to support an expensive independent government. There is not the slightest excuse for this. In wealth, population and extent, Jefferson is behind half the parishes of the State that get along very well on one police jury; it ought to be able to do likewise, unless the Radical idea, "the more offices, the better," is really recognized as one of the principles of government.

To-day, at twelve o'clock, the fairest and best opportunity will be afforded kind and indulgent parents to make their little ones happy for a few hours, at little cost, by the most charming and innocent of entertainments—a Mother Goose Tea Party. The nuns of the Dominican Convent, corner of Dryades and Calliope streets, in aid of their most worthy charitable institution, give the entertainment. The doors will be open from 12 to 4 p. m. Admission only 25 cents for adults, and 10 cents for children.

We are under obligations to Mr. T. M. Wiscoat, the gentlemanly agent of the Southern Express Company, for advance copies of New York papers.

A Good Man for a Hayes Retaining Board. From F. P. Anderson's "Round the World in Six Months."

Occasionally one may see at Galle the great Indian mango mystery. This trick has never been acquired by European magicians, but has been kept as a professional secret in a certain caste. The juggler fetches a handful of earth from the compound and places it on the floor of the porch; in the earth he buries the mango seed. After passing his basket for the scrutiny of his spectators, this he inverts over the covered seed and makes certain incantations. In raising the basket a small sprout is seen emerging from the shallow pile. The basket is replaced for further enchantments, and as it is raised successively an increase of the plant is apparent, until it reaches a height equal to that of its covering. The tree thus produced is given to one of the spectators. The scant attire of the manipulators renders the idea of concealment on his person of mango trees untenable, and to perform the trick at once involves a series of different sizes, yet the juggler will pass from house to house performing his feat with an inexhaustible supply of his wares.

M. L. Byrne & Co. offer this week a large lot of superior blank alpacas, at low prices.

Hon. Benjamin F. Peixoto, late United States Consul to Roumania, will deliver a lecture on Tuesday next, 24th inst., at 8 o'clock p. m., on "Turkey and the Eastern Question." We are obliged for tickets.

Staub, the indispensable and cheap news-dealer, who graces Goldwater's bookstore on Exchange Alley, near the corner of Canal street, has our thanks for Harper's Weekly, Harper's Bazar, Saturday Night, the New York Clipper, London Weeky Times, and the Western and Western papers.

THE PLAGIARISM OF COMUS.

Editor Democrat—Your criticisms on the presentation of the "Aryan Race" by Comus were conceived in a misapprehension of the nature of the subject. The "Aryan Race" was not, nor could it have been, properly nor correctly represented by personalities or nationalities, but was presented in its race idiosyncrasies of general and daily habit, as well as could be arranged in the small spaces of wagon platforms; and devoid of national or personal character, comprising as it does nearly every dominating nation and person of history. The object of the "Krews" has never been, nor is it now, the presentation of "striking historic attitudes" nor "pictures" only, but it has aimed at historical accuracy, just criticism, effective satire, and instructive burlesque, in orderly consistency with the title of its subject. The "Death of Caesar" and the "Police Verse" were not representative habits of the Aryans, and would have been totally out of place, and a misrepresentation of the subject; whereas, the "Krews" was one character, and the daily life of the luxurious Romans of that age.

The special acts of Charlemagne "crowning himself, or being crowned by Leo," had nothing whatever to do with the character or habits of the Aryan Race, formed no part of them, and would have been "medley confused." But that great king, in regal state as he was shown, was the recognized embodiment of the great, the entire Aryan Race in that age; the name of any other king of that age with the same insignia of government would have been equally correct, but less striking; and it is probable that "regal state" or simply "Government" as the title of that car might have better conveyed the intended lesson.

The fourth car, which so puzzled your critic, and was "past his finding out," was a daily scene in Democratic Rome 400 years B. C., correctly shown and readily recognized by historical readers, showing also the costumes of the three classes, senators, soldiers and plebeians. Court of Justice, XIIIth century, was common at that period, and, although prohibited by canonical law, it was countenanced and presided over by the Bishops. Dona Urraca, Queen of Castile, settled a dispute in this manner with the prelate of Santiago, in which her champion getting defeated, she immediately had his eyes torn out.

The scene shown is an exact copy of a picture of a trial between two princes of Spain about a land claim, written and drawn by two canons who witnessed it; the enclosure is exactly as they have shown it; but your critic, who knows better, thinks that they fought in a more elegant place. The cavalier in car XII was not "clad in plate armor," carried no "tilting lance," but was dressed and mounted in the costume of the occasion and the age.

The priest offering the fire to Isis did not have a "bird's head that should have been a dog's," but did have the head that is found engraved on many headstones recently excavated on the sites of the Temple of Isis in Egypt.

There are other minor criticisms, equally frivolous and incorrect with these cited. The authorities for the personnel of the subject are voluminous, and were found in the Astor Library of New York, and the libraries of Paris, and it is believed to be as correct as can be drawn from existing authorities. The Myrtle Krews of Comus pays for its annual festival with its own money, its street pageant, tableaux and ball are performed free of cost to the entire public who participate in them. It spares no expense to present its subjects correctly from all accessible existing authorities, often incurring a trip to Europe to consult them, and it does not recognize either the right or the propriety of dictation from any person as to what or how it should have or shall give its free exhibitions to the public.

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FATHER TAFI'S MARSHALS. Nearly Twelve Thousand at the Polls to Look out for Hayes' Interests.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—In the Senate to-day the President pro tem. presented a communication from the Attorney General in reply to the resolution of the Senate of December 12, adopted on motion of Mr. Bayard, directing him to communicate the information in regard to the employment of deputy marshals in the United States in connection with the elections held on the 7th of November last. The Attorney General says that the number of marshals appointed in Alabama was 150, with 125 voting precincts. In Arkansas, Eastern District 785, with 381 precincts; Western District 214, with 16 precincts. In California 214, with 10 precincts. In Florida, northern district 745, with 19 precincts. In Georgia, northern district, 155 in one county; southern district, 53 in one county. In Illinois, northern district, 113 in 81 counties. In Louisiana, 840 in 120 precincts. In Maryland, 1222 in 115 precincts. In Massachusetts, 117 in 25 counties. In Mississippi, northern district, 239 in 05 counties. In Missouri, southern district, 1028 in 96 voting places. In New Jersey, 244 in 60 precincts. In New York, 856 in 895 precincts. In North Carolina, 176 in 17 precincts. In Pennsylvania, 347 in 327 precincts. In South Carolina, 308 in 17 precincts. In Texas, one to each precinct. In Virginia, 301 in 35 precincts. In the remaining States very few deputies were appointed. There were a total of 2737 voting places and 11,615 deputies.

The Marshal of Florida reports that, in addition to his regular force, he appointed 745 general deputies. There were 75 in Escambia county, 50 each in Jackson, Gadsden, Leon, Jefferson, Madison, Columbia and Alachua, and small numbers in the other counties, including 10 in Baker county. The Marshals county, with the exception of Jackson county, nearly every portion of the State was peaceful and orderly, but in that county his efforts to secure a fair election were an entire failure.

The Louisiana Marshal's report merely says that 840 deputies were appointed, that they were equally divided among 120 precincts; that 750 of them served for one day, and the remainder for two to fourteen days each.

The Marshal of South Carolina reports that 78 deputies were distributed to 17 precincts in the city of Charleston and important precincts throughout the State, but, he says, in many counties men could not be found who were willing to incur the personal danger of attempting to preserve the peace around the polls and to protect colored Republican voters from the intimidation and violence of the Democrats.

THE WISDOM OF LEARNING TO USE BOTH HANDS WITH EQUAL FACILITY.

The Wisdom of Learning to Use Both Hands with Equal Facility. [New York World.] At table the one-handed man will find himself comparatively helpless unless he confines himself to such dishes as can readily be managed with fork or spoon. To learn to write with the left hand is an accomplishment which any reasonably patient pupil can soon acquire; but months of practice will be needed to enable one to write rapidly. Of course the script is "black-hand," or "hale," which with practice is superior, that is, more regular and far finer than the best efforts with the other hand, simply because the writer takes more pains with his work. In a broader sense, the left-hander will write better, since the very slowness of the operation gives him opportunity to weigh well what he writes, while the entire absence of the slightest disposition to put down a single superfluous word suggests that more than one eye is directed at the work, and will do to drop short-hand and learn left-hand writing.

A well known lawyer, formerly of Wall street, and now of San Francisco, writes equally well and rapidly with either hand; when he is tired of using one he employs the other. He began left-hand practice in his junior year at Yale, and had the advantage, he thinks, of two equally strong hands and arms, made so by daily exercise at the oars. The author of a recent monograph on the Bronte family gravely declares that Charlotte and brother Branwell possessed the power of simultaneously writing two letters upon entirely different matters. The child-like confidence of the mildest of marines will never credit it. It is physically impossible. An expert can write duplicates of the same letter, and it will be found that the formation of every stroke is simultaneous in the two scripts. But the two hands cannot be made to follow or obey two distinct mental promptings. A very simple proof of this is evident in the common, but not generally successful experiment of trying to make one forefinger describe a circle while the other attempts one in the opposite direction; the fingers will follow each other in the round; and while very exceptional power may enable a pianist to play two distinct airs at once, it would be a very extraordinary expert who could simultaneously write two entirely different sentences.

But to write at will and rapidly with either hand is not uncommon. The power was the boast of the male Medici for generations in succession, and both Beldand and Bonace have recorded it among the accomplishments of the famous Catherine of that family. A Connecticut clergyman, professor in a theological seminary, cannot only do it, but he can take a razor in each hand and simultaneously shave the two sides of his face, a delicate operation that seems the summit of two-handed expertise. Mr. Buggins had numerous examples for his encouragement, and to write with the left while the other hand was positively pleasurable. He did all his solid and writing and answering, sending what literally were "left-handed compliments" of the season, and receiving in return commendations of the success of his stiletter script, which were neither literally nor metaphorically "over the left."

The reason probably why all of us have not two "right" hands is for the lack of proper training. Undoubtedly at birth the two are equal. The two-year-old youngster puts out either indifferently for grasping or to seize a handle, and one of the earliest lessons is to teach the child to extend and mainly use what she conceives to be the "right" hand. Neglect of this special training frequently results in what are called left-handed people, who are so simply because in childhood they began, from chance or choice, to employ that hand in offices supposed to pertain to the other, and years have fixed the habit. And if either hand can be thus trained, early and careful discipline would make both equally useful and expert; and possibly we neglect the more valuable member of the two. Every pianist and violinist knows that the left hand is capable of a delicacy of expression and manipulation quite impossible to the right, in which over-use has hardened, stiffened, and to a degree even distorted every muscle. Hamlet says truly: "The dancier sense of little employment hath the handster sense."

How almost insensibly we make graceful use of the left hand is seen at the table, and almost without exception smokers handle the cigar or cigarette with the left hand, and place it at the left side of the mouth. The opposite is at once awkward and inconvenient. What practice does from Thibide to the London Parlyns in our own time, if the training is sufficiently early and rigid, an accomplished double right-handed race is quite possible.

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MUNICIPAL ADVERTISEMENTS. CITY LICENSES OF 1877. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, CITY HALL, New Orleans, January 13, 1877. City Licenses for 1877 are now due and payable in Cash at this Department. The following rates of discount will be allowed, to-wit: Five per cent from date hereof until January 31, 1877. Three per cent from February 1 to February 15, 1877, inclusive. Two per cent from February 16 to February 28, 1877, inclusive. J. C. DENIS, Administrator.

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New Orleans, Feb. 16, 1877—Hon. E. Fishery and others, who have so kindly volunteered to tender me a Testimonial Benefit, and with your pleasure will appoint next Tuesday, Feb. 20, for the occasion, and will name the French Opera House, as the place to which the Opera House at such date as you shall name. Please designate the date at which such benefit may take place, and oblige your, with respect, Ed. Fishery, H. G. Hubert, J. A. D. Hubert, A. G. Harrison, J. O. Monroze, J. L. Walker, Charles Cavanne, Thomas A. James, J. W. Rountree, J. H. Oglesby, Ben. J. Watkins, J. C. Denis, H. G. Hubert, J. A. D. Hubert, E. E. O'Brien, J. H. Smith.

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