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Sweet are the lessons of adver-
sity, but they are very apt to sour a
man on learning them.

Miss Ida Lillian Greeley, eldest
daughter of the late Horace Greeley,
will shortly be married to Colonel
Nicholas Smith of Kansas.

The reports from the growing
crops of sugar cane, rice and corn are
generally favorable; good for the sea-
son of the year.—*Thib. Sentinel.*

The Ascension Leader an-
nounces Wiltz of New Orleans, as its
choice for Governor next year. We
second the motion. Wiltz is the best
man that could be nominated—for
the republicans to defeat.—*Attakapas
Register.*

J. J. Prior, playing with the
Lotta troupe, fell dead of heart dis-
ease, in the dressing room of the
Opera House, during the performance
of Little Nell on the night of the 30th
ult. He was a resident of New York.

At a municipal election, held
in Thibodaux, on the 3rd inst., Messrs.
P. E. Lorie for Mayor, R. R. McBride,
M. A. Legendre, H. Dunsenon, J. H.
Fleetwood, J. Badeaux and S. Na-
varro for Trustees, were elected with-
out opposition.

The St. James Sentinel ventures
a prediction: The Iberville Republi-
can advocates the re-election of Pres-
ident Grant for the third term, where-
upon the Chief says "old man Grant"
is all right. We predict that General
Grant will not be a candidate for re-
election.

A pastoral from Cardinal Man-
ning, read in all Roman Catholic
churches in England, protests against
the persecutions of the church in Ger-
many and Switzerland, and accuses
Bismarck of seeking to raise the ani-
mosity of the powers against the free-
dom of the next convocation.

Morehouse is certainly a favored
portion of Louisiana—that few of her
plantations are affected by over-
flow, and the worms generally satiate their
appetites before reaching our crops,
which are generally little injured by
them. There has been no failure in
the crops here since 1867, which can
be said of no other section in the
South.—*Morehouse Clarion.*

The modern Damon and Pythias
are living at South Abingdon, Mass.
They are the two oldest living grad-
uates of Brown University, it is said,
and are both over ninety years old.
They were born in the town, are mem-
bers of the same church, were partners
in practicing law, served together as
Representatives in the Legislature, and
are connected by family ties. They
are both in good health.

The Donaldsonville Chief
pitches into one of its radical conten-
tious with considerable asperity
about attempting political leaders,
and such. The Republican paper of
Donaldsonville assumes parental airs,
and by precept, and the example of
an interesting series of locals, teaches
his brother politicians in the editorial
familiarity to build their papers up on
home interests. The Chief has not
expected to speak eloquently on
subjects with which they are not iden-
tified.—*Donaldsonville Clarion.*

Mr. Coffin's Spelling Match.

The other evening Mr. and Mrs.
Coffin, who live on Bush street, sat
in their cosy back parlor, he reading
the paper and she knitting, and the
family cat stretched out under the
stove, and sighed and felt sorry for
cats not so well fixed. It was a
happy, contented household, and
there was love in his heart as Mr.
Coffin put down his paper and re-
marked:

"I see that the whole country is
becoming excited about spelling
schools."

"Well, it's good to know how to
spell," replied the wife. "I didn't
have the chance some girls had, but
I pride myself that I can spell almost
any word that comes along."

"I'll see about that," he laughed,
"come, now, spell 'buggy.'"

"Humph! that's nothing—b-u-g-
g-y, buggy," she replied.

"Missed the first time—ha! ha!"
he roared, slapping his leg.

"Not much—that was right."

"It was, eh? Well, I'd like to see
any body get two g's in buggy, I
would."

"But it is spelt with two g's, and
any school boy will tell you so," she
persisted.

"Well, I know a duth sight better
than that!" he exclaimed, striking
the table with his fist.

"I don't care what you know," she
squeaked; "I know that there are
two g's in buggy."

"Do you mean to tell me that I've
forgotten how to spell?" he asked.

"It looks that way."

"It does, eh? Well, I want you
and all your relations to understand
that I know more about spelling than
the whole caboodle of you strung on
a wire!"

"And I want you to understand,
Jonathan Coffin, that you are an ig-
norant old blockhead, when you
don't put two g's in the word buggy
—yes you are!"

"Don't talk that way to me!" He
warned.

"And don't shake your fist at me!"
she replied.

"Who's a-shaking his fist?"

"You were!"

"That's a lie—an infernal lie!"

"Don't call me a liar, you old buz-
zard! I've put up with your mean-
ness for forty years past, but don't
call me a liar, and don't lay a hand
on me!"

"Do you want a divorce?" he
shouted, springing up; "you can go
now, this minute!"

"Don't spit in my face—don't you
dare do it or I'll make a dead man of
you!" she warned.

"I haven't spit in your freckled old
visage yet, but I may, if you provoke
me further!"

"Who's got a freckled face, you
old turkey-buzzard?"

"That was a little too much. He
made a motion as if he would strike,
and she seized him by the neck-tie.
Then he reached out and grabbed her
by the right ear and tried to lift her
off her feet, but she twisted up on
the neck-tie until his tongue ran out.

"Let go of me, you old fiend!" she
screamed.

"Get down on your knees and beg
my pardon, you old wild cat!" he
replied.

They surged and swayed and strug-
gled, and the peaceful cat was struck
by the overturning table and had her
back broken, while the clock fell
down and the pictures danced around.
The woman finally shot off her hus-
band's supply of air and flopped him,
and as she bumped his head up and
down on the floor, and scattered his
gray hairs, she shouted:

"You want to get up another spell-
ing school with me, don't you?"

He was seen limping around the
yard yesterday, a stocking pinned
around his throat, and she had cou-
pled plaster on her nose and one finger
tied up. He wore the look of a
martyr, while she had the bearing of
a victor, and from this time out
"buggy" will be spelled with two
g's in that house.—*Detroit Free Press.*

Says Roche of the Iberville Republi- cians:

While in the conscientious discharge
of our duty, we are influenced neither
by the hope of praise, nor the fear of
censure, we are not insensible to the
judgments which are passed on our
actions. And while the disapproba-
tion of our contemporaries may not
convince us that we are wrong, their
good opinion will be an excellent as-
surance that we are right.

In its issue of April the 24th, the
Donaldsonville Chief, in a style in
which that live journal has but few
equals, pays a flattering compliment
to our pen. In the choicest of rheto-
ric, it bears favorable testimony to
the merit of the editorial conduct of
the Iberville Republican. And from
its reference to our attitude on the
third term question, it seems to be
as favorably impressed with our po-
litical views, as it is with the purity
of our diction.

News Items.

The Pope is again ill.
Oregon anticipates a bountiful grain
crop.

Ewald, the German philologist, is
dead.

Hon. Chas. R. Mallory of Hampton,
Va., is dead.

The striking Pennsylvania miners
are weakening.

Gen. Sheridan's father died at Cin-
cinnati last week.

South Carolina editors have formed
a Press Association.

The Mayor and city Council of
Memphis are at outs.

Gov. Ingersoll of Connecticut was
re-inaugurated on the 5th.

Bombay advices state that cholera
prevails in the city of Baroda.

A fire at Memphis on Monday de-
stroyed \$20,000 worth of property.

Count d'Harcourt has been desig-
nated Austrian minister to England.

The Pekin, Ills., Republican print-
ing office was destroyed by fire on the
9th.

A bill for the suppression of re-
ligious orders is before the Prussian
Diet.

A new Democratic newspaper, the
Herald, has appeared at Columbus,
Ohio.

A number of vessels are blockaded
in the ice on lakes Superior and
Huron.

A congratulatory letter from Glad-
stone was read at the Lexington cen-
tennial.

On April 24th Mexican General
Mejia fell from his horse and broke
an ankle.

Six Chicago distilleries have been
seized by the government for illicit
distilling.

No deaths from yellow fever at Key
West since April 10. Contrary re-
ports are false.

Five hundred Boston plasterers have
struck for \$3.50 per day. The pre-
sent price is \$3.

Spain has paid to U. S. minister
Cushing the entire amount of the
Virginian award.

An attempt was made by incendi-
aries to destroy the town of Sum-
mit, Miss., last Sunday.

The bark Rose Brack, from Galves-
ton to Liverpool, struck an iceberg
and sunk. Crew saved.

The Tennessee Knights Templar
had a grand reunion at Chattanooga
on the 6th and 7th insts.

Judge E. M. Pitts of Norfolk died
suddenly on the 7th inst., while en-
gaged in pleading a case.

Two unknown gentlemen were
drowned at New York, last Monday,
by the capsizing of a skiff.

The rate for transmitting cable dis-
patches from Europe to America have
been reduced fifty per cent.

The U. S. steamship Canandaigua
reached Colon, Central America, on
the 6th. All well on board.

The trial of Gerdemann, the de-
faulting and backsliding priest, is
progressing at Philadelphia.

Minister Dufaure has drawn up re-
gulations for the election of the French
Senate soon to be organized.

The Kentucky Democrats have
nominated McCreery for Governor,
and will, of course, elect him.

The correspondence between Ger-
many and Belgium continues, but its
nature is courteous and pacific.

Ben Hill has been elected to Con-
gress from the ninth Georgia district,
in place of McMillan, deceased.

The sailing vessel Cora Lynn, from
Darwin to Troon, was lost at sea with
the captain and five men on board.

A coal wharf burned at Brooklyn
on the 7th inst., and 100,000 tons of
coal was destroyed. Loss \$600,000.

The British government intends to
send the frigate Valorous to survey
Baffin's bay and the North Atlantic.

The proprietor of Chadwick's mu-
seum, Wilmington, Del., has been ar-
rested, charged with killing his wife.

The centennial of the German Fac-
siders of Charleston S. C., was cele-
brated with great eclat on the 4th
inst.

Six thousand German families are
preparing to emigrate from Russia on
account of the oppressive conscrip-
tion.

Fifty-seven captured Indians tried
at Fort Sill were convicted and sen-
tenced to imprisonment at Dry Tur-
tugas.

A motion made in the British Par-
liament to recognize the belligerent
rights of the Carlists has been with-
drawn.

Three convicts made an ineffectual
attempt to escape from the Indiana
penitentiary at Jeffersonville, on the
7th inst.

The Democrats carried Terre Haute,
Ind., by a reduced majority. The
Republicans elected a majority of the
Council.

Robt. C. Mayfield of Conyers, Ga.,
shot himself in the head with a pistol
last week. Dissipation led to the
rash act.

The Democrats of Montgomery,
Ala., and Raleigh, N. C., are jubilant
over their victory at the recent mun-
icipal elections.

A Catholic priest fainting during the
celebration of first mass at La Salle
College, Philadelphia, on the 6th, and
died soon after.

Ex-Federal and Confederate sol-
diers will participate in decorating the
graves of dead soldiers at Elm cem-
tery, Memphis.

The Mexican Congress is encour-
aging the construction of railroads.
Rail connection with the United States
is greatly desired.

Wesley Van Deusan, a wealthy citi-
zen of Hudson county, N. Y., last
week killed his aged mother and then
committed suicide.

Senor Antonio Mantilla has pre-
sented his credentials as Spanish min-
ister to the United States and received
official recognition.

The Southern Baptist Convention
met at Charleston, May 6th, and ad-
journd May 10th. Over 300 dele-
gates were present.

Jno. Morrison, a private in company
G, Third Infantry, committed suicide
by jumping into the river at New Or-
leans last Saturday.

Ex-Senator D. D. Pratt of Indiana
has been appointed Commissioner of
Internal Revenue, vice J. W. Doug-
lass, and will accept.

State Senator J. E. Breanx of Pointe
Coupee has been appointed by Pres-
ident Grant Register of the Land
office at New Orleans.

A rebellion broke out at Porte-au-
Prince, Hayti, last week, but was
quickly suppressed after about forty
persons had been killed.

The New Fifth Avenue Presbyter-
ian church at New York was dedi-
cated last Sunday. It seats 2100 per-
sons and cost \$1,000,000.

The legislative committee investi-
gating the election of Senator Spencer
of Alabama, claim to have obtained
much damaging evidence.

China has engaged ex-Confederate
General Ripley to construct extensive
fortifications for the defense of her
coast and principal rivers.

Two houses and every chimney in
the town of Green Springs, Ohio, were
destroyed by a tornado last Monday.
Two children were killed.

Judge Brooks of the U. S. District
Court of Alabama decides the civil
rights bill, in its criminal aspect, to
be unconstitutional as void.

A new non-steamship for the Pac-
ific Mail company was launched at
Philadelphia last week. She was
christened "City of San Francisco."

The general assembly of the Pres-
byterian Church was held in Phila-
delphia last week. Hon. George
Sharswood was re-elected president.

The trial of the Bishop of Breslau
for violation of the German ecclesiastical
laws resulted in conviction. He
was conducted to the Bohemian fron-
tier.

Whiskey frauds in Chicago, St.
Louis and Milwaukee have caused the
removal of a host of gungers and
storekeepers from government em-
ploy.

The American Methodist chapel at
Quikang, China, was destroyed by a
mob. The Chinese authorities have
offered ample reparation for the out-
rage.

A German named Mason was shot
and killed on Saturday at Ashport,
Tenn., by Scott Hanley, a warehouse-
man, for attempting to kill Henley's
father.

A New York thief, arrested for
stealing a solitaire diamond ring val-
ued at \$1000, swallowed the stone
while being conveyed to the police
station.

The boiler of the steamer Senator
exploded at Portland, Oregon, May
7th. The captain, purser and a num-
ber of the crew were killed, and many
injured.

Cardinal McCloskey and the Catho-
lic prelates who accompanied him to
Boston last week, were handsomely
entertained by the Catholic Union of
that city.

The International Sunday School
Convention, with 470 delegates, re-
presented England, Canada and the
United States, met at Baltimore last
Tuesday.

An Adam's express messenger shot
and killed an ex-railroad conductor,
who was endeavoring to rob the com-
pany's safe, on a Cincinnati railroad,
last week.

The Fifth Maryland regiment will
visit the Bunker Hill centennial. The
Baltimore Council has contributed
\$5000 towards paying expenses of the
expedition.

Mrs. Tilton has written a letter to
Judge Nelson denying the charges
made by her husband and asking to
be heard as a witness in the great
scandal suit.

Gov. Jno. M. Thayer of Nebraska
has gone to Washington to assist in
dealing with the deputation of Sioux
relative to the ceding of the Black
Hills country.

Seventy of the principal chiefs of
the hostile bands of Indians have
been captured by the troops. It is
thought this will put an end to the
Indian troubles.

Fresh risings of the partisans of
Cabrera against Don Carlos at re-
ported in Valencia and Catalonia.
The Carlist chief, Pol, is said to
have joined the movement.

Gov. Chamberlain participated in
the anniversary celebration of the
Richland Rifle Club at Columbia, S.
C., on the fifth inst. He made a speech
that was loudly applauded.

Wm. E. Sturtevant, who inspired
his uncle, brother and a serjeant
at Halifax, Mass., on the 15th last
March, was hanged at Plymouth,
same State, on the 7th inst.

The American Medical Association
which met at Louisville last week,
appointed a delegation to represent the
association at the Medical Congress
to be held at Brussels in September.

Tom Donnelly, supposed to have
drowned at the sinking of the steam-
boat St. Luke near St. Louis, was not
lost. He floated down the river ten
miles on a raft and then swam ashore.

All cases under the enforcement act
before the U. S. District Cou of
Alabama have been postponed to
await the decision of the Supreme
Court in the Louisiana Grant prob-
case.

Vice President Wilson rebed
Memphis last Saturday and was or-
dicially received by the city amori-
cally and the people. He left for
Colorado, and will return hom in
June.

All the miners who went to the
Black Hills have been brought back
by the military and the greatest rigi-
lance is maintained to intercept
other parties bound for the forbidden
region.

A man giving the name J. W. Ward
attempted to assassinate Capt. F. F.
Wild, a respected citizen of St. Fer-
nand parish, last week. No car is
assigned for the outrage. Ward was
arrested.

The Ben Franklin colliery at o-
atylee, Pa., was destroyed by fire
last week, and 200 men and boys were
thrown out of work. The fire is sup-
posed to have been started by an in-
cendiary.

The steamship Schiller of the ngle
line was wrecked off the Sollys, near
the Southern English coast last
week, and 200 lives lost. Several
Americans are among the drowned
passengers.

Russia has imitated France and for-
bidden the importation of American
potatoes or wicks which have pro-
prietors them. Europe is afraid of our
peculiar institution, the Colorado
potato bug.

Anarchy still reigns to a consid-
erable degree among the Pennsylvania
striking miners. Disturbances oc-
curred at Mahoning city last week,
during which several men were se-
verely beaten.

The American rifle team shotly to
go to Dublin to shoot a return match
with the Irish team, will consist of
Messrs. Fulton, Bodine, Gildersleve,
Dakin, Yale, Hepburn, Costman,
Canfield and Jewell.

Dr. J. O. Wharton of Baltimore,
father of Col. Jack Wharton Ad-
jutant General of Louisiana militia,
died at New Orleans a week since,
while on a visit to his son and daugh-
ter. He was 70 years of age.

The bridge on the Hornellville and
Athica branch of the Erie railroad,
thirty miles north of the former place,
was burned on the 6th inst. It is
said to have been the largest struc-
ture of its kind in the world.

The bridge of the Philadelphia and
Reading railroad at Pottsville, Pa.,
was partially burned by an incendi-
ary last week. Several attempts have
been made by the striking miners to
wreck trains in the Schuylkill valley.

A letter from Monterey, Mexico,
brings news that on the 24th ultimo
eight of the bandits who attacked
Corpus Christi were taken through
Monterey under guard to Sutillo,
where they are to be shot by order of
Gen. Escobedo.

The Duke of Buckingham has been
appointed Governor of Madras Mr.
John Walter Knuddestone, judge
advocate of the fleet and counsel to
the admiralty, was appointed to suc-
ceed Judge Pigott. He will be suc-
ceeded by Mr. Lindley.

At Chillon, Wis., last Saturday,
a one-armed soldier named George
Miller shot John Namp, proprietor of
a hotel, Henry Kuehls, the holder of
the establishment, and then proceed-
ed to the cemetery and shot himself.
Kuehls will recover. The cause of
the affair was a quarrel about a board
bill.

Gen. Young, ex-member of Con-
gress from Georgia, last week visited
the President, Secretary of War and
chief of the ordnance department, to
ascertain if a revocation of the order
withholding arms and ordnance stores
from the States lately in rebellion
can be secured. The matter has been
referred to the Department of Justice.

The following is a London dispatch
dated May 10th: The Rev. John
King, of Ashley de la Launde, in Lin-
colnshire, is dead. King, under the
assumed name of Mr. Lamde, was
widely known as the owner of racing
stock, notably of Apologyth, winner
of the Oaks 1000 guineas and St.
Leger stakes of 1874, and of Holy
Fiar, one of the favorites for the
Derby of 1875.

Laughing Gas.

Hard drinking—chewing ice.
Staving business—making barrels.
The scale of good-breeding B nat-
ural.

A poor relation—telling an anecd-
ote badly.

Sure to produce