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From all sections of our parish comes the report of a fine crop prospect. The rains seem to come just at the time desired.—*Bastrop Republican*.

Several fine showers have fallen in this vicinity this week. They were timely, and were welcomed by all. Crops are coming on as well as could be wished. Never better.—*Brashear News*.

A bet of \$500 has been made in Washington that if Hayes beats Allen for Governor in Ohio next fall he will be the Republican candidate for Vice President, and the Republicans will carry the presidential election.

Bastrop Republican, June 24th:—While Masters Eugene Brodoux, Benny Gray and Jeff Grant were out gunning in the vicinity of town on Tuesday evening last, the accidental discharge of Eugene's gun killed him instantly.

Baton Rouge has declined to blow its brass band against the Donaldsonville band, and the CHIEF claims a victory for their boys. One thing certain, there is a heap of wind in the Donaldsonville brass band men, and all they want is an opportunity.—*Atchafalaya Register*.

We hear from reliable authority that the name of Hon. Thomas C. Anderson of Opelousas will be put forward as a candidate for Governor of the State of Louisiana, at the next general election. We hail the news with pleasure and are glad to hear that his candidacies is endorsed by all the influential men of our parish.—*Plaquemine Observer*.

Since our last issue the planters have been blessed with much needed rains, throughout the parish. The earth had become parched, but since the showers vegetation has taken vigorous life. If the crops are not good this year, many a hope which is now well founded, will be blasted, for the fields, while clean of grass, are green with growing cotton and corn, and give great promise of an abundant harvest this fall.—*Carroll Watchman*.

The Terrebonne *Republican* of Saturday last chronicles this peculiar incident:

On last Sunday morning, June 20, Squire Watson, of Bayou du Large, was on his way home from church when he surprised his immediate friends by becoming speechless. He was conveyed to his house and the physician sent for, who, upon his arrival, pronounced the illness to be a severe case of sunstroke. Mr. Watson lingered speechless and insensible until Wednesday night, when death relieved him of his sufferings.

Jolley, the fitly named special agent of the post-office department, who abides in New Orleans and edits the *Brashear Register*, says in his paper of last week:

Won't you, Rite, ob de Tabone *Publican* please send us the exchange of his "papa" to the city instead of Brashear? We wish to peruse those sarkastick articles that the Donaldsonville *CHIEF* speaks of in its last issue. Do so, Rite, and we will give you a large "stage-blank" for dinner, and feed you on catfish when you visit "Tuckpaw."

Attorney General A. P. Field.

[From the New Orleans Republican.]

When Colonel Field read the *Picayune* yesterday morning he must have been gratified by the handsome and hearty compliment contained in it. Although the occasion was the conviction of Newton, the acknowledgment of his services and ability was not confined to that case alone, but unstinted praise given to his eloquence, learning, fearlessness, manhood and devotion to duty. "Approval from Sir Hubert Stanley is praise indeed," and the deserved tribute is not the less esteemed though tardily paid.

The service Attorney General Field performed for the State in convicting Newton is not an exceptional one. In the thirty months he has represented the State as its chief law officer, hundreds of cases attest his fidelity to her interest. The voice of "that old man eloquent" has been heard in every court-room, never filtering in the presence of enemies or raised to defend what he believed to be wrong. One-third of his honorable life of three-quarters of a century has been passed in New Orleans and his name is on record for a thousand instances of zeal, fidelity and ability. Three States claim him for an honored son, but Louisiana is his latest and lasting home. Devotion to his client was always his motto, and he is still true to it now that the State is his only client. In pursuing the course he marked out for himself, never deviating from it or influenced by popular clamor, he may have seemed regardless of censure or careless of applause. If so, it is because of the strength that the consciousness of duty faithfully performed has given him. It is the firm belief that justice will some time be done that sustains such a man and gives him patience, sovereign over transmuted ill, to wait for the appointed hour.

The praise of the *Picayune* is not overstrated. He deserves it all. He is not only a gentleman by birth, but by instinct and practice. His learning is the result of half a century of exhaustive study and varied experience. His fearlessness and devotion to duty are innate qualities which have never failed him. When he first appeared before Judge Abell as the representative of the State, the impression was general that his long association with the practice of defense had unfitted him for prosecution. Conviction after conviction in rapid succession admonished all of the error, and made him the terror of expert criminals. In the civil courts he came with new means to protect the treasury, and the guards he threw around it still remain, in spite of vigorous and tireless assaults. The mountain of labor he has piled up is grown so huge, chiefly because of his own conscientious watchfulness.

Age has not tamed his youthful fire nor dimmed the lustre of the learning of his riper years. Time has but lightly touched him and the frosts of winter have not yet silvered his head. Many years remain for our Attorney General's good work, and the time has not come when he can say his labors are done and he can rest. The recognition of his merits, even if it be tardy, is not less appreciated by the friends who have watched with admiration his course for so many years. Many a time have they trusted to him and never found him wanting, and the acknowledgment of his services by others is as grateful as its manner is kind and sincere.

The Dead Democracy.

The day after the assembling of the Ohio Democratic Convention at Columbus the following article appeared in the *Cincinnati Commercial*, the leading independent journal of the West:

There is no national Democratic party to-day. In the great Middle and Eastern States there is no toleration for the doctrines proclaimed at Columbus, and there is not the symptom of a party to support them. Why, in New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and all the New England States, the first care of the organs and orators of the Democratic party has been to prove that good Democrats could not entertain such principles as were unmistakably proclaimed at Columbus yesterday; and the platforms of the Cleveland and Mansfield Democracy displayed the sentiments of important masses of citizens in Ohio who have been accustomed to call themselves Democrats. The Democratic party is denationalized. So much for the presidential ambition of William Allen, and the inappreciable hunger for any place in public view of General Carey.

The victorious career of the Democratic party, continued for more than a year, and which until yesterday warranted anticipation of the possession of all the high places in the nation as fast as the popular verdict could be pronounced, stop here. The party that would deliberately reduce the finances of the United States, after ten years of peace and prosperity, to the level of those of the Southern Confederacy in the last year of the war can not prevail in Ohio; and after the October election Governor Allen must look to Fruit Hill and the natural science for consolation, while General Carey may utilize his abundant energies in his silver mine in practical preparations for the resumption of specie payments.

News Items.

Three large London firms failed last week.

Treasurer New assumed his duties Thursday.

The vomito is epidemic at Coatesa Coahuila, Mexico.

One case of yellow fever at Key West last week.

Bishop Ames is a member of the Sioux Indian commission.

The operation of the new liquor law in Ohio has been enjoined.

The Carlists claim a victory over the Alfonso troops at Castile.

The Carlisle port of Berns has been bombarded by a Spanish fleet.

The Memphis Express robbers have been taken in the penitentiary.

Twenty illicit distilleries have been seized in Yadkin county, N. C.

Dr. Wm. Warren of Barton, Md., died from sunstroke, Saturday.

The British House of Commons refused to repeal the quarantine law.

Rear Admiral John Decamp died at Philadelphia, June 24th, aged 64.

The war steamer Plymouth is stationed at the mouth of the Rio Grande.

The college crews are practicing for the annual regatta on Saratoga lake.

The Pennsylvania Editorial Association is touring through Maryland.

The Brazilian Cabinet ministers resigned and others have been appointed.

The Signal Bureau telegraph is working to Fort Sil, Indian Territory.

The American riflemen have shown some fine work in their practice at Dublin.

The Alabama Claims commission have adjourned to the 29th of September.

The rate for registered letters is now ten cents in addition to regular postage.

The cash in the national treasury will be counted by a commission of bankers.

New South Wales has voted £5000 for its representation at the American Centennial.

Jose Cullar has been appointed secretary of the Mexican legation at Washington.

One death from yellow fever and three new cases reported from Key West this week.

President Cummings of Wesleyan University, Hartford, has tendered his resignation.

Good counterfeit \$5 bills on the First National Bank of Baxton, Ill., are in circulation.

The railway between Vera Cruz and Jalapa, Mexico, has been opened for public traffic.

New York laborers held mass meetings last week to protest against the reduction of wages.

George Veith, a Frenchman, aged 42, drowned himself in Lake Pontchartrain last Monday.

The strike of coal miners in Pennsylvania is practically ended and the men are all resuming work.

The Richmond Knights Templar who attended the Boston Centennial reached home on June 25th.

It is announced that Mr. Gladstone has promised to resume the leadership of the Liberals next year.

During a storm at Olathe, Kansas, June 20th, a house was blown down and a man and his child killed.

John Morrissey has been arraigned by the Tammany Hall general committee for treason to the party.

Alex. Newton has been convicted of the murder of Jules Bourdonnay, in New Orleans, last September.

It is said the Marquis of Lorne and wife, the Princess Louise, intend making a tour of the United States.

At Pomeroy, Ohio, last Monday, Jacob Roshur attempted to kill his wife and then committed suicide.

A train ran over a wagon near Boston Sunday night, killing four persons. The driver escaped injury.

Col. B. Y. Sage, a former railroad superintendent, was found dead in his bed at Atlanta, on the 23rd ultimo.

One man and five women, all colored, were drowned near Little Rock last Monday, by the capsizing of a skiff.

Thirty houses were destroyed at Detroit by a tornado last Monday. Four persons were killed and many hurt.

The grain shovellers at Buffalo are on a strike against steam shovels, and the grain business there is at a stand still.

The Kansas Pacific Railway Co. have decided to run their own express, and Wells, Fargo & Co. have left the road.

It is officially announced by government officers that gold in paying quantities has been found in the Black Hills.

Samuel Chubbuck, the pioneer manufacturer of telegraph apparatus, died at Utica, Monday last, aged 76 years.

The committee of thirty have decided that the French Assembly shall be renewed by elections every four years.

Judge Blodgett of Chicago has decided that the books of distillers may be seized and used in evidence against them.

A boy fell through the wharf into the river at the head of Conti street, New Orleans, last week, and was drowned.

Mortimer Thompson, a humorous writer better known as Philander Dooeticks, died at New York last Saturday.

Red Cloud and Spotted Tail have signed a treaty by which they cease hunting in Nebraska for a consideration of \$25,000.

A *nolle prosequi* has been entered in the case of Hinds, the alleged briber of postal department clerks at Washington.

Moody and Sankey, the American revivalists preaching in England, were prohibited from holding service at Eton College.

Kenny, who killed his brother-in-law, Brad Yarborough, near Covington, Tenn., two weeks since, was tried and acquitted.

The German iron-clad fleet will have a mock naval battle next Monday, and the American squadron will witness the display.

Mr. Beecher announces that he will continue as pastor of Plymouth Church, whatever the verdict in the scandal case may be.

Cardinal McCloskey and other distinguished Catholic prelates attended commencement at Emmetsburg College on the 23rd of June.

The refitting establishment of Bens, Fraser & Co., St. Louis, has been seized by the government for non-payment of \$14,000.

The President has recognized as consular agents of Italy Giuseppe D. Montaloro, at Memphis, and Raimondo Salas, at Savannah.

The interest on the consolidated debt of South Carolina will be paid in Charleston, Columbia and New York on and after the 1st inst.

The German government is preparing a parliamentary measure prohibiting public religious processions. This is aimed at the Catholics.

The King of Burma has granted to Great Britain the right to send troops through his dominions to Western China when requisite.

A flaw has been discovered in the direct United States cable, 300 miles from the American shore, and the steamer Faraday is repairing it.

The disorders in Chin-Kiang, China, growing out of the arrest of two native soldiers for insulting the American consul and his wife have subsided.

Work on the public buildings at Chicago has stopped on account of the unfavorable report of the committee regarding foundations and material.

On Friday of last week, two murderers were hung at Thomaston, Maine, one at Adams, Ga., one at Boston, and two at Charleston, S. C.

Dr. Brand, a young physician of St. Catherine, Tenn., was shot and killed by some unknown person while sitting in his office, last week.

Late news from New Grenada concerning the recent terrible earthquake represents the loss of life and property even greater than at first reported.

An important meeting of Patrons of Husbandry was held at Cincinnati on the 25th ultimo to consult upon the location of offices of the State Grange.

Delegations of colored Masons from thirteen States and the District of Columbia had a grand parade in Boston, June 25th, which attracted much attention.

Wm. Kramer, colored, imprisoned at Greenfield, Indiana, for attempting to outrage a white lady, was lynched by a mob Friday night of last week.

The Iowa Democratic Convention met at Des Moines, June 25th. Shepherd Lester was nominated for Governor. E. W. Woodward for Lieutenant Governor.

Wm. M. Evans of Pittsburg sees the *Allegheny Mail* for \$25,000 for saying that he is living in luxury on money stolen from the Indians and the government.

The American frigate Lancaster lost several of her crew from yellow fever, on the passage from Rio Janeiro to Bahia. The vessel has returned to the United States.

General N. P. Banks delivered a Masonic oration in Memphis, Thursday evening of last week, to an immense audience. The General was warmly received in Memphis.

The steamship City of Mexico, which left New York for Havana, June 22nd, returned next day for repairs, having collided with an unknown bark off Sandy Hook.

Six men were instantly killed at East Nantuxee, Pa., Saturday, by the falling of a shaft of a coal mine. One man was killed at Plymouth, Pa., the same day from a like cause.

A terrible storm prevailed at Kansas City on the 22nd of June. Several houses were destroyed and a number unroofed. Five railroad bridges were washed away and six cars dished.

Pools were sold in New York on the international rifle match last Monday, and the Irish team was the

favorite, by small odds. In Dublin the Americans were the favorites.

The International Bank of London has recovered judgment against Allen Hay, a well known New York draftsman, for \$1,625,226, amount of drafts drawn by latter on Gladstone & Co., London.

Count Von Arnim's trial closed on Thursday of last week and he was adjudged guilty of abstracting State papers intrusted to his care. The sentence is nine months imprisonment.

The schooner Mary Chilton, abandoned at sea under suspicious circumstances, arrived at Havana June 23rd. Her crew, under arrest, have been brought to the United States for trial.

The body of John Farand, engineer of the burned steamer *Clas. Bodannan*, was disinterred and identified at Myrtle Grove, La., below New Orleans, and sent to his friends in Cincinnati.

Barnum's balloon, which left Toronto June 24th, was picked up by a vessel next day, five miles from shore, in Lake Ontario. All the inmates were safe, but had suffered considerable hardship.

Sheriff Crosby of Vicksburg, who was shot early in June, has nearly recovered. His deputy, Gilmer, whom he charged with the shooting, was examined by a magistrate and released, their being no proof of his guilt.

Sophie Schidler was taken out on the North river, at New York, in a skiff last week, by her step father, who shot her three times and then killed himself. The girl died next day. No cause is assigned for the strange crime.

The People's Independent State Convention met at San Francisco, June 23rd, and after adopting a series of resolutions against monopolies, nominated Gen. Bidwell for Governor and Lieut. Gov. Pacheco for Lieutenant Governor.

Thos. E. Snellbacker, chief of police, Wm. Mark, editor of the *Volksfreund*, J. B. McCormick and Paul Remicis, all of Cincinnati and formerly connected with the waterworks of that city, have been indicted by the grand jury for grand larceny.

Mr. Beach of counsel for plaintiff in the Tilton-Beecher case closed his argument on Wednesday of last week, and then moved to reopen the case, to introduce new testimony. The next day Judge Neilson decided the motion adversely and charged the jury, who retired to consider a verdict.

A thoroughly organized gang of counterfeiters under the lead of Dr. Milton H. Frank, a practicing physician of Allegheny City, Pa., has been broken up. Several members, including Frank, were arrested, and \$20,000 in counterfeit money captured. The attention of the government was called to the work of these men through letters containing consignments of spurious money, which being unstamped, went to the dead letter office.

Frank Enterer, a German, 60 years of age, who was sent to prison at Philadelphia for attempting to outrage a little girl of 4 years, committed suicide by hanging himself in his cell.

Wm. M. Tweed was released from the penitentiary on Blackwell's Island last week. He has furnished bail in the new criminal suits against him and his counsel are endeavoring to secure a reduction of bail in the civil suits. The present amount of bail required is \$3,000,000.

A freshet has occurred in the valley of the Garonne river, in the southern part of France, which has caused immense destruction of property and great loss of life, aggregating nearly 1000 souls. At Toulouse, Verdun, Treuillet, Tarbes, Loissiac and other places the devastation was greatest. Thousands of people have been rendered destitute by the disaster and measures for their relief have been inaugurated throughout France. Fully 2000 houses were swept away at Toulouse alone.

FIRE.—Dover, Mason county, Ohio, June 22nd: W. E. Tobb & Co.'s woolen and flouring mills; loss \$50,000. Georgetown, Ky., Sunday, June 20th: a livery stable and four dwellings; loss \$10,000; a number of houses were burned to death. Cincinnati, June 22nd: Steamboat R. W. Skilling struck by lightning and destroyed; loss \$15,000; insurance \$10,000. Lancaster, Canada, June 22nd; Emory Dyson's mill; loss \$100,000; 100 hands thrown out of work. Three men were suffocated in a burning mine at Nevada city, June 21st. The college at St. Theresa's village, Canada, June 24th. Mystic Bridge, Conn., June 24th: a large woolen mill and contiguous buildings; incendiary. New York, June 25th: the *Adline* establishment, valued at \$100,000, totally destroyed. Cumberland, Md., June 25th: Several business houses, including First National Bank; loss 40,000. Jackson, Tenn., June 25th: half a business block and the Catholic Church. Cincinnati, June 25th: the lightning struck R. W. Caldwell's distillery, destroying building and contents; loss \$25,000, covered by insurance. Hawthorne, N. J., last Saturday: Fenge & Co.'s woolen mills; loss \$50,000; 200 men out of work. Palacios, Spain, Monday last: 190 houses destroyed. Memphis, June 25th: a smokehouse and stove store damaged by fire to the extent of \$17,000.

Laughing Gas.

Shades of night—window curtains. Sheet music—children crying in bed.

The cause of woman suffrage—the scarcity of husbands.

What portions of the body are the best travelers—the two wrists.

Stamps are not required on notes—but it takes "stamps" to pay 'em.

What is that which, by losing an eye, has only a nose left? A nose.

The hair from a lady's braid should never be worn on the lapel of a gentleman's coat unless the parties are engaged.

Young Lady—"Is this a smoking car?" Fellow inside—"No, ma'am; if you want to smoke you must take the far side car."

Of what beverage did Julius Caesar die? Of a Roman punch, administered by Brutus.

"It's generally the case with bad boys," remarks Miss Susan B. Anthony, "that they look like their mothers and act like their fathers."

Your feet are very stylish, said a man to his friend, whose feet was covered with bunions. "No, not stylish, but exceedingly nobby," was the good natured reply.

A Kansas paper says:—"A mule kicked an insurance agent in this place on the cheek the other day. The agent's cheek was uninjured, but the mule's hoof was broken."

Kansas teacher—"Where does all of our grain product go to?" Boy—"It goes into the hopper." "Hopper! What hopper?" "Grasshopper!" triumphantly shouted the lad.

Old Lady (who sleeps badly): "Now, Mary, if I should want to light my candle, are the matches there?" Mary: "Yes, ma'am, there's wan." Old Lady: "One! Why, if it misses fire, or won't light?"—Mary: "Oh, devil a fear of it, ma'am. Sure I tried it."

"Do you enjoy going to church, now?" asked a lady of Mrs. Partington. "La, me, I do," said Mrs. Partington. "Nothing does me so much good as to get up early on Sunday morning and go to church, and hear a populous minister dispense with the gospel."

A fond parent who bought a cow for his summer residence in anticipation of the delight that the product would cause his little daughter, was somewhat chagrined when Miss Pert, looking upon a pan of nectar, exclaimed: "Oh, the horrid yellow scum. It isn't half so good as the nice blue milk we get in Boston."

There was a ludicrously sudden descent from the sublime to the ridiculous where a clergyman preaching on the "Ministry of Angels" suddenly observed, "I hear a whisper" the change of tone started one of the deacons, who sat below, from a drowsy mood, and springing to his feet he cried, "It's the boys in the gallery."

English Tourist (in Ireland):—"Tell me, waiter, at what hour does the first train leave for Clonmel?" Waiter—"Is it the first train, or is it not rightly shure. The noise thrain up to leave at last past noise—but faix it goes at tin now, and there's no first train now at all. But I'll ax at the bar, sor!"

Aunt Hetty inquired of the servant girl recently if she came from the Hungarian parts of Ireland. On being told that her geographical knowledge was somewhat defective, she excused herself by saying, "I hain't much learnin'; I never went to school but one day, and that was in the evenin' and we hadn't no candle, and the master didn't come."

Jones went to a theatre the other evening. The play was bad, the acting worse. On all sides Jones friends were hissing both. "You take it comfortably," said a friend to Jones. "I came in on a pass and I don't feel at liberty to express an adverse opinion," was the reply. Presently, however, Jones rose, hurriedly, indignation in every line of his face, & by Jove, I must go out and pay!" he exclaimed.

As a boy was going down Porter street, yesterday, a woman opened the front door of a house and called, "John! John! John!" As the boy paid no attention to the calls, a pedestrian said to him "Here, bub, your mother is calling you." "No she isn't," replied the lad, as he turned the corner; "she's only father's second wife, and I want her to understand that she can't run me!"—*Detroit Press*.

A man in North Carolina who was saved from a conviction for horse stealing by the powerful plea of his lawyer, after his acquittal by the jury, was asked by the lawyer, "Honor bright, now Bill, you did steal that horse, didn't you?" "Now look-a-here, judge," was the reply, "I allers did think I stole that boss, but since I hear your speech to that 'ere jury, I'll be dogoned if I aint got my doubts