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Summary of State News.

Gleanings from the Louisiana Press.

Mr. Samuel Wakefield of Iberia shipped the first bale of cotton from that parish on the 21st inst.

A panther, six feet three inches in length, was killed near Iatt Lake, in this parish, by Mr. Corbett, one day this week.—*Colfax Chronicle.*

On the night of the 16th of this month Peter Slater, a colored man, was shot and killed by some unknown person at Troyville, in this parish.—*Catahoula News.*

Abe Meyer & Bro., shipped on the 17th inst., the first bale of new cotton received at Clinton. It was raised by Daniel Prophet, a colored tenant of Hon. W. H. Pipes.—*Clinton Watchman.*

A number of miners from the North arrived at New Iberia Saturday afternoon, and started for the salt works on Avery's Island the same evening. Work commenced in the mines, we are informed, on Monday last.—*Iberia Sugar-Bowl.*

Some of the planters, both in the hills and bottom, are beginning to complain terribly of the ravages of the boll worm in their cotton. We understand that Col. J. M. Hollinsworth, whose plantation is a few miles above town, is very much disheartened, and thinks he will not make a fourth of a crop.—*Shreveport Times.*

Last week we chronicled the fact that a colored man living in our prairie had sent to the city the first bale of new cotton from this parish. We learn that our energetic young friend, J. F. Griffin, Esq., of Big Bend, has also forwarded a bale to New Orleans, and only a few days later than the one referred to.—*Marksville Bulletin.*

An old man employed about the parish jail died Wednesday evening on the road side about three miles from the Court-House, probably from sunstroke. His name is supposed to be John Koch, because, when given pen and paper and requested by signs to write his name, he would write something having that resemblance.—*Pointe Coupee Pelican.*

About 10 o'clock on Tuesday morning a shocking event occurred at the corner of Delery and Royal streets, near the U. S. Barracks. The participants were Jules Richard, a deserter from the band of the Thirteenth Infantry, who, in a paroxysm of insanity at the rejection of his suit by Mlle. Marie Candau, after making a desperate attempt upon the life of the young lady, committed suicide.—*St. Bernard Eagle.*

Last Thursday Preston Burns and U. M. Barker, two well known citizens of this parish, were hunting deer. Mr. Burns fired at a deer, not seeing his comrade, who was about one hundred yards beyond the deer. The result was a buckshot in Mr. Barker's leg, a few inches below the knee. Dr. Chambers was unable to extract the shot, but reports the wound as not dangerous. The deer that was shot at departed on the lookout for a safer pasturage.—*St. Tammany Farmer.*

Two Negroes, Isham Daniels and Robert Brice, got into a quarrel about some trifling matter last Sunday evening in the town of Mt. Lebanon. Brice drew a revolver and fired, killing Daniels on the spot. Brice was arrested, tried before Judge Drew, and bound over for the crime of murder under a bond of $3000 for his appearance at the next term of of the District Court.—*Bienville Times.*

The following is a complete list of the persons killed on the steamer Bonnie Lee last week: Jeff Posey, second clerk; Jno. McDermott, son of the bar keeper Varise Williams, Henry Williams, Henry Anderson, Aaron Dixon, Bob White and Charlie Howard, roustabouts, and Jno. Moss, cabin boy. The Bonnie Lee sank in two minutes after the explosion.... The proposition to levy a special tax of five mills for building a new jail was defeated by a vote 89 yeas to 197 nays.—*Minden Democrat.*

The cotton crop of this parish has been over-estimated. Six weeks since it looked very promising and it was conjectured that a full average crop would be made. It is now conceded by those who are familiar with the staple that there will not be more than half a crop made. The hard and continual rains that visited this and our sister parishes caused the older cotton to shed and rot. Rust is to be seen here and there on almost every plantation in the hills. We heard of the boll worm in the cotton in the vicinity of Logtown, Ouachita parish, but as yet no sign of worms has been seen in Caldwell.—*Columbia Herald.*

Sheriff Duson informs us that there are at present confined in the St. Landry jail eleven prisoners—four white men and seven Negroes. One of the white men is confined as a lunatic, and the other three are respectively charged with horse stealing, rape, and larceny. The Negroes are in upon various charges....Mr. Henderson B. Taylor, living at Barry's Landing, killed a doe, which had in her two fawns, one dead and the other alive. The live one he took home and fed, and at last accounts it was living and doing well....The culture of rice in the western portion of this parish, and in Calcasieu, is assuming vast proportions compared with what it was two or three years ago.—*Opelousas Democrat.*

On the 17th inst., on Bayou Bœuf, a Negro woman by the name of Jane Clarke, was shot and almost instantly killed, by a Negro man named William Washington. From the testimony of an eye witness, it appears that Washington was snapping the gun at a child, when the deceased told him to stop, or he might kill some one. He persisted in his criminal sport, when the deceased advanced to take the weapon from him. As she did so, Washington drew down on her, the gun fired, and lodged eight buckshot in her right breast. The accused claims that he did not know the gun was loaded, and that there was no ill-feeling between them. Washington is lodged in jail.—*Opelousas Courier.*

Richmond Dunn, a colored planter, brought the first bale of new cotton to town on the 11th. It weighed 422 pounds, classed low middling, and was sold to Leon Gerson for 11 cents....Michael Carroll, white, in the employ of Judge Ludeling, fell from a wagon loaded with lumber, and one wheel passed over his body, breaking several ribs. He died next morning from internal hemorrhage. *Monroe Bulletin*....Beginning with 1874, Richmond Dunn has brought in the first bale of cotton each year, except in 1877, when Phil Robinson, colored, brought the first bale to town. Richmond, we believe, has some land upon which the cotton opens very early, and from this he is at special pains to gather the first bale and thus to land in market a new bale ahead of any of his competitors. He owns and cultivates the place formerly owned by General Albert Rust, whose trusted servant Richmond was during the General's lifetime.—*Ouachita Telegraph.*

At a ball given last Saturday night at Lasseigne's Hall, about five miles above Thibodaux, an unfortunate affray occurred, in which George Rountree was killed by Fastin Martin. Judging from the evidence taken before the Coroner's Jury whiskey was the principal actor in this unfortunate tragedy. The deceased had been using violent and insulting language, in and near the room in which ladies were assembled for amusement. His friends had prevailed upon him to go home, but after mounting his mule he rode to the door of the Hall, which was near the street, and began cursing Martin, who took a stick from some one's hands and struck the deceased two or three blows over the head and neck, causing almost instantaneous death. Mr. Martin was immediately arrested by Mr. Rogers, Deputy Sheriff, who arrived on the ground at the moment the homicide was committed. The Coroner's Jury found a verdict of manslaughter....Rice is being harvested in Lafourche as rapidly as the weather will permit. The crop will be splendid if the weather will permit it to be harvested properly....A number of public free schools will be opened in this parish on the first Monday in September. Others will be opened as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made.—*Thibodaux Sentinel.*

The St. Landry Shrievalty.

Decision of Supreme Judges in the Contested Election Case Criticised.

Opelousas Courier, July 21.

We publish this week the dissenting opinion of Justice Fenner, concurred in by Justice Todd in the sheriffalty case. We do this, because we believe that C. M. Thompson was elected to the office of Sheriffat the last election, and that the decision of the three Judges who decided this case, has set aside and annulled the popular will as expressed at the ballot box. The question to be decided in this contest was one of fact, and of a character peculiarly proper to be submitted to a jury of the vicinage. Such a jury, in the selection of which both contestants concurred, has unanimously decided upon the facts, and with their decision the two able Judges mentioned have concurred. Thus, of seventeen judges to whom this case has been submitted, fourteen have given their judgment for Thompson, while only three are for Duson and yet the judgment of those three gentlemen who are strangers to the parties and their witnesses, has overbourne the unanimous verdict of the twelve resident jurors and the judgment of two Supreme Judges. These circumstances alone are sufficient to detract from the public confidence in the justness of the judgment.

We do not wish to be understood as meaning to impugn the motives of the majority of the court, but we think their judgment was not in accord with the facts. We believe that a majority of the people of this parish, including many who supported Mr. Duson at the last election for the office of Sheriff, will remain in the firm conviction that the court has given to him an office to which the people elected Thompson. The *Courier* has taken no part in the controversy, and has scrupulously abstained from any reference to the case while before the courts. Since, however, the matter is irrevocably settled, we feel free to express our opinion. We hold that it is the right and duty of the press to criticise the judgments of courts, within proper limits and when a proper occasion calls for it, just as the official acts of other public servants are made the subject of public comment; and in our judgment no occasion more strongly calls for such criticism, that when a great public right like that of the people to choose their own officers, is abridged or defeated by the decision of a court. We make no apology for here recording our opinion, that such has been done by the final judgment in this case.

Plain Talk from a Plain Man

A Scathing Criticism of Certain "Powers that Be."

At a Democratic mass-meeting recently held in the parish of Bienville resolutions were adopted indorsing the course of T. J. Butler, member of the House of Representatives from that parish. The Sparta *Rural Times* furnishes the following report of "the subsequent proceedings:"

After the adotion of the resolution Mr. Butler came forward in response to numerous calls and interested the audience for fifteen or twenty minutes. He had no apologies to make, for he was ready to give an account of every vote he cast while in the Legislature. He felt proud that his constituency approved of his course, but if he were asked what of the last Legislature he would hang his head in shame, for it had failed to accomplish the ends whereunto it was called. Good men's hands were tied. Howard, the Lottery King, stood there with his millions and defeated every measure in opposition to him. Wiltz, Mr. Butler thought, was a very good man, but he was controlled by the rings and monopolies of New Orleans. Louisiana never would be redeemed until she placed in power such men as ex-Governor Francis T. Nicholls—one of the very best men in the State. (Loud and continued applause.) If the Hon. H. N. Ogden, was Governor to-day this State would be in a more prosperous condition, for he was another sort of a man to the present incumbent. Mr. Butler didn't fancy the present Speaker of the House, Bob Ogden. When he arrived in the city there were only two candidates for the position, Ogden and a gentleman from some of the country parishes. The latter was an excellent man, but rather too slow for Speaker. Ogden was given up to be one of the best parliamentarians in the city, and on these grounds he supported him. Not, however, before he had put two very important questions to Ogden. He had heard that Ogden was very fond of his dram, and that he had mixed freely with such men as Warmoth, Packard, Kellogg and others while they were in power. This he emphatically denied. He drank wine occasionally, but swore he hadn't taken a drop of whiskey in twelve months, and he pledged his word to Mr. Butler that if he ever got drunk during the session of the Legislature he was ready to resign. He was elected. "But I found before the Legislature adjourned," continued Mr. Butler, "that he could get pretty drunk on *wine*." (Laughter.) The Hon. H. N. Ogden wouldn't permit Bob Ogden to speak to him because he thought he was a "dirty dog," and he was about agreed with him. Mr. Butler talked a good deal about the notorious Howard and his followers, showing conclusively that the Lottery and other monopolies must be wiped out ere Louisiana will be entirely redeemed, for Howard not only controlled the Legislature but the entire State Government. The speaker closed by saying that if Bienville was not as well represented in the last Legislature as she might have been it was because she failed to send a man there with more brains than he had. Mr. Butler was loudly applauded several times during his speech.

Political Notice.

Primary Election to be Held for Delegates to a Democratic-Conservative Parish Convention.

At a meeting of the Democratic Central Committee of this parish on Saturday, August 21, 1880, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That a convention of the Democratic-Conservative party of the parish of Ascension for the purpose of electing delegates to the Congressional convention which will be held at Morgan City on September 11, 1880, be called to meet at the Court-House in Donaldsonville, at 12 o'clock, Saturday, the 4th of September next.

Resolved, That the Democratic-Conservative voters are invited to meet in their respective wards between the hours of 2 and 6 o'clock P. M., on Saturday, August 28 next to elect delegates to the above called parish convention and the Chairman of the Central Parish Committee appoint commissioners to conduct said elections and that said elections be held at the places and for the number of delegates as herein set forth, viz:

First ward, at R. O. Landry's store, 4 delegates.

Second ward, Dufossat Gregoire's store, 3 delegates.

Third ward, Court-House, 4 delegates.

Fourth ward, Rod. Brand's store, 3 delegates.

Fifth ward, Mt. Houmas, 3 delegates.

Sixth ward, Ashland warehouse, 3 delegates.

Seventh ward, Paul Landry's store, 4 delegates.

Eighth ward, Hercule Landry's store, 5 delegates.

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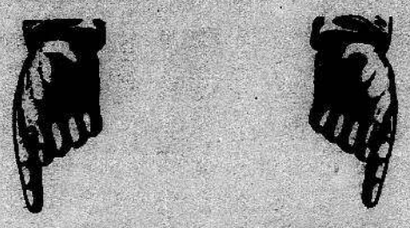

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