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DONALDSONVILLE, LA., Jan. 15, 1880.

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Ascension parish, January 29, 1881.

JAMES HOLMES,
Constable 3rd ward.

Sheriff's Sale.

State of Louisiana—Twenty-second Judicial District Court—Parish of Ascension.

Flash, Preston & Co., vs. No. 30, George A. Feig.

BY virtue of and acting in obedience to a writ of *fieri facias* issued by the Hon. Twenty-second Judicial District Court, parish of Ascension, in the matter of Flash, Preston & Co., *vs.* No. 30, George A. Feig, to me directed, I have seized and will offer for sale at public auction, to the highest bidder at the Court-House door of the parish of Ascension, in the town of Donaldsonville, on

Saturday, the 19th day of February,

A. D. 1881, at 11 o'clock A. M., the following described property, to-wit:

A certain lot of ground lying and being situated in the parish of Ascension, on the right bank of the bayou Lafourche and the Mississippi river, in the town of Port Barrow, and designated on the plan of said town drawn by V. Sulakauski, a deputy surveyor of the United States, which is deposited in the Recorder's office for reference and safe keeping as being lot No. 1 in square No. 43, measuring sixty feet front on Pine street by a depth of one hundred and twenty feet, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon and thereunto belonging.

Seized in the above suit.

Terms and conditions—Cash, in United States currency.

Parish of Ascension, January 15, 1881.

P. A. JONES, Sheriff.

Succession Sale.

State of Louisiana—Twenty-second Judicial District Court—Parish of Ascension.

Successions of Gervais Gauthreaux and Louise LeBlanc, his Wife.

BY VIRTUE of and acting in obedience to an order of sale, issued by the Hon. Twenty-second Judicial District Court, parish of Ascension, in the matter of the Successions of Gervais Gauthreaux and Louise LeBlanc, his wife, to me directed, I will offer for sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the premises, on

Saturday, the 12th day of February, 1881,

at 11 o'clock A. M., the following described property, to-wit:

All the improvements, consisting of a house, kitchen, etc., on lot No. 9, in the town of Donaldsonville, parish of Ascension, said lot fronting on Mississippi street, between St. Patrick and Vincent streets, being the house used as a residence by the late Gervais Gauthreaux.

One lot furniture, glassware, crockeryware, jewelry, kitchen utensils, etc.

Terms and conditions—Cash in United States currency.

Parish of Ascension, January 29, 1881.

P. A. JONES, Sheriff.

MISUNDERSTANDINGS.

BY G. BUTT.

He said "Good-bye," and he took her hand,
And thought, "After all I was wrong;
I dreamt that she loved me, and wake to find
I have dropped away from her fanciful mind
To the level where I belong."

He said "Good-bye," and he loosed her hand,
And she laughed as she said "Farewell;"
And she thought, "I was wrong for once, I see;
For I somehow fancied he cared for me—
But perhaps it is just as well."

He said, "I shall never forget the days
That the Summer has brought this year.
When shall I see you?" "Ah, when?" she said,
"Whilst you are earning your daily bread
I shall be waiting here."

He thought, "She is cruel, and hard, and cold,
I will take back my heart again;
For she will not stoop as she passes by,
But carries her proud head far too high
To be touched by a word of pain."

He said, "I am wasting your time, I fear,
You have always so much to do.
Do you think you could think, just once in a way?—
I half forgot what I meant to say.
Good-bye! for my train is due."

She said, "I have wished you good-bye before,
And I think that the grass is wet;
And as to wasting our time," she said,
"One wastes it dreaming of days that are dead,
So I think I will just forget."

She thought, "To the last he has played his part,
But I am his equal still;
I think that my heart has gone to sleep,
Or, perhaps, I have buried it safe and deep,
To come back to life at will."

He said, "There are tears in your eyes, I swear,"
And she answered, "You can not see."
"At least I may look," he laughed and said,
"For I fancy that something I thought was dead
Has come back to life and me."

He said, "Sweet eyes, may I read your tears
Would you rather I went away?"
And she said, "Since the train—your train, you know,
Was due, at the least, an hour ago,
I think you had better stay."

OUR NEW ORLEANS LETTER

Walsh and Fitzpatrick—Victory Evenly Divided—Shakespeare Displays his Ignorance—Davey as a Letter Writer—The Burton Murder Case—The Attorneys for the Accused—Theatrical Notes—Dan Rice—A Live Headless Rooster.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., Feb. 2, 1881.

EDITOR CHIEF:

The Fitzpatrick-Walsh imbroglio is now the talk amongst the "ward statesmen" of the Crescent City, and as it is the boss of the third ward came out of the city hall rencontre second best greatly to the surprise of a large number of his admirers, who always thought him invincible. The preponderating impression seems to be that Hon. John Fitzpatrick placed too exaggerated reliance in the power of his redoubtable muscles—at least in this case—as Walsh's spittoon proved invincible to the gentleman's distinguished knuckles. The spittoon as it flew on its iron wings literally trampled on the knuckles of the Administrator of Improvements and proceeding on its hostile errand, struck with thundering force the majestic cranium of the political boss and fell—the spittoon—with a stunning crash on the marble floor of the central hall, followed by the immediate gathering of the regiments of clerks, porters, etc., employed in the City Hall. Fitzpatrick's beautifully shaped head proved invulnerable to the attacks of the iron spittoon. The head proved stronger than the iron muscle; it was for once a victory for the former. If Fitz had, however, come in contact with Walsh, or *vice versa*, just after that spittoon had accomplished its dirty work, the city scavengers probably would now be scraping up the remains of dandy Walsh. The shooting which took place on the following day is looked upon in different lights. Walsh was made a target of by James Fitzpatrick, a brother of honest John, and whether the act of James in so doing was justifiable or not is a question which will puzzle the keenest body of twelve men in this city. Some say that Walsh had expressed the ability to whip the entire Fitzpatrick family within the portals of the Crescent City, and that this big saying of dandy Walsh had reached James Fitzpatrick's ears, and hence his vigorous attempt to annihilate spittoon Walsh, rather than run the chances of having FITZPATRICK obliterated from future city directories. Of course Jim is right.

Following in the wake of the above highly interesting proceedings, the public prints contained a letter from Mayor Shakespeare addressed to the Recorder of the Upper Districts, ex-Senator Davey, in which his honor after directing the Recorder to the fact that certain individuals connected with the city government have been guilty of serious offenses, says: "I request from your honor the reasons * * for which the parties were paroled." Judge Davey is no lawyer, but he is aware, however, that the law presumes that a man is innocent until he is proved to be guilty, and judging from Mayor Shakespeare's own words, "have been guilty," it is evident that he has an exaggerated idea as to his powers as Chief Magistrate of this great city. May be he tried those "certain individuals" by star chamber trial, found them guilty and hence his dicta that those "certain individuals" have been guilty. May be Mayor Shakespeare considers the law of altogether aliunde consideration where the rights of "b'hoys" are involved; or maybe he is an ignoramus as far as presumptions of law are concerned. This is probably the case, so that Judge Davey has altogether the "upper hand" on the Crescent City's Chief Magistrate.

The young men charged with the murder of Robert Burton, and who are now being tried in Judge Roman's court, are defended by Capt. Anthony Sambola and Lucien Marrero, Esq. The former gentleman needs no introduction to the readers of the CHIEF. Mr. Marrero acted as counsel for Torregano who shot Dede White at a poll, last election, and defended young Nolan for shooting McIntyre. M. Marrero's clients were acquitted. After several trials and appeals he "cleared" one St. Geme of the crime of murder, and the decision in that case will be found in the 28th or 29th "Annual Report of the Supreme Court."

The Burton case is a bad one for the accused, judging from the evidence adduced, but their counsel have so dexterously managed their case that a mistrial, if not an acquittal, is confidently expected.

Dan Rice is organizing a first-class circus and menagerie, and expects by the middle of this month to have everything on running order. He will exhibit two weeks in New Orleans, after which a tour in the Mississippi will be the next move on the progamme. Dan Rice delivered a short address at the Varieties Theatre gospel meeting last Sunday. The address consisted of a glowing tribute to the Holy Book, together with a little gratuitous advertisement of his "great show." He said that he was looking for the meanest man in Louisiana to place on exhibition in his museum. He'll find him somewhere about 68 miles up the river.

There will be a rush to see the crooked Bernhardt.

Strangers should consult Rex's Accommodation Bureau for lodging, etc. Room rent is on a boom now.

Byron, a sensation actor, is at the St Charles.

Joe Emmet, the inebriate actor, will be at the Academy next week. He comes heralded by a reputation known far and wide.

The Varieties is closed.

Davis of the late Thornton's circus will be Dan Rice's advance agent. It is not yet known who has leased the Grand Opera House. Mr. Bidwell of the St. Charles street theatres, looks dandified with his new suit of clothes and stove pipe. Hundreds of ladies and children were refused admittance at Lotta's Saturday matinee. The French Opera has matinees on Wednesdays. The New Orleans and Memphis museum at 221 Canal draws crowds. A live headless rooster is one of the many curiosities.

EPSILON MU.

Mothers-in-Law.

"Soon there comes a handsome stranger,
And our daughters learn to leave us,
And go homeward with the stranger."

There is something very pathetic in the lives of this much abused class, it we would only allow ourselves to look upon the other side of the question than the one of ridicule to which they are constantly subjected.

After a woman has devoted all her health and strength to the rearing of a family, sacrificed her bright young days upon the altar of maternity, it is with many a heartache she sees that part and portion of herself embodied in her offspring, whose baby feet she guided up life's pathway, and whose baby heart knew no sovereignty but her own, turn from it's allegiance, and yield supinely to another and a stranger.

She asks herself, with fear and trembling, how this tender bud which she has always shielded from life's tempestuous storms, will flourish on an alien soil without her watchful care and guardianship, and wakens to the bitter knowledge that she occupies but a secondary position in the affections of her loved one and must yield her kingdom to a more favored ruler.

Thus finding her citadels have fallen, and smarting from her real or imaginary wrongs, the mother-in-law becomes aggressive, the husband defiant, and the young wife painfully neutral, and so the families drift gradually apart, until a tiny dimpled hand bridges the mighty chasm; then the mother-in-law is summoned hastily, to find her darling weak and pale, with the glorious light of maternity on her brow and a little wailing stranger cradled on her breast.

When the young mother is well and strong again, why the mother-in-law is no longer necessary, and so reluctantly departs, until baby has croup or measles, and her presence is again demanded; or, there comes a day when a great shadow blots out all the sunshine of existence and she has to still the wailings of her own heart while she soothes the grief of others and robes the beloved form for the tranquil sleep for which angels sang the lullaby.

Mother-in-law! Breathe the name tenderly and with reverence, for surely if a life time of patience and tireless devotion befits one for the Kingdom over the way, then she will stand prominent in glory, "when the flowing river bears us to the sea."

We are in receipt of the Seed Catalogue of David Landreth & Sons, Philadelphia, Pa. This firm, established in 1784, is the oldest in their line in the United States, and is widely known for square dealing. Their Almanac and Rural Register and Catalogue is an improvement upon former editions; their motto seeming always to be *Forward*. It is illustrated with cuts of their farm buildings and the more important vegetables. It contains valuable tables and instructions to market gardeners and amateurs. It is mailed, postpaid, to all who apply for it.

GENERAL NEWS SUMMARY.

Domestic.

New York is to erect a monument to Poe.

A petrified baby is being exhibited in Ohio.

California has 350 square miles under water.

Salem, Mass., has its streets lighted by electricity.

New York has had two shocks of earthquake.

Mississippi has the largest cotton plantation in the world.

A Negro was lynched at Columbus, Texas, for horse stealing.

Illinois is out of debt, and has a surplus in the State treasury.

The ice harvest on the Hudson this year will be the largest ever gathered.

A snow in Laredo, Texas, last week is said to have been the first that ever fell in that region.

A band of Negroes made three attempts the same night to fire a dwelling at Denison, Tex.

Franktown, Nevada, has been swept out of existence by a wave of water from a bursted reservoir.

The recent storm completely cut Vicksburg off from telegraphic communication with other points.

James A. Garfield will be the third President of the United States who began life as a school-teacher.

Strakosch will sue the Central road for damages by the late wreck, by which fifteen of his company were injured.

The post-office at Paris, Texas, has been burglarized. Thirty dollars in stamps and some registered letters were stolen.

FIRES:

Steamer Bertha, Orange, Tex.; loss, $30,000.

Woodwork manufactory at Amestown, N. Y.; loss, $43,000.

Business blocks at St. Louis, Rome, N. Y., and Pensacola, Fla.; total loss $455,000.

Foreign.

Rome has a crematory.

Tennyson spent the Winter in Italy.

Lancashire has 50,000 striking miners.

Thos. Carlyle, the British author and essayist, is dead.

Italy has erected six monuments to Victor Emanuel.

English post-office authorities have ordered 20,000 telephones.

Gen. Hancock has been invited to attend the inauguration of President Garfield.

A ladies' political club has been opened in London, with a membership of 1000 women.

The anti-Jewish agitation has extended to Saxony, Bavaria, Leipzig and Breslau.

The visit of the King of Italy to Paris and England has been postponed till after Easter.

For the great cathedral at Melbourne an anonymous gift of $50,000 has just been received.

Mary Anderson, the actress, is a devout Roman Catholic, and will not play in the Lenten season.

The famous Jardin Mabille of Paris is very little patronized, since the beginning of the new *regime*.

Four thousand cotton weavers have struck for an advance of wages at Hyde, and 11,000 looms are idle.

The steamer Bohemia, from Boston, was wrecked on the Irish coast, on the 27th ultimo; thirty-two lives lost.

An explosion took place in the Whitfield colliery, Staffordshire, England, and seventeen miners were smothered.

The recent floods and gales in the provinces of Spain were the severest on record. The losses will exceed $40,000,000.

It has been discovered that the slave trade is not extinct in Africa, but is encouraged by the Egyptian goverment. Half a million people are seized and sold every year.

In consequence of some Capuchins having been stoned at Barcelona, and others hooted at Valencia, they have been forbidden at Madrid to appear in public in the dress of their order.

England is frightened over a report that the Irish Land Leaguers will blow up the Woolwich arsenal, the Portsmouth and Plymouth barracks and dockyard, the Hyde park magazine and Windsor castle.

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SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY.

—It was estimated in a recent lecture that sixty tons of soot are daily sent into the air by the chimneys of Sheffield. The opinion is rapidly gaining ground in England that the way to avoid smoke is to burn the solid and gaseous constituents of the fuel separately.

—The largest library of the world, at Paris, contains many a curious and interesting work. Among them may be found a Chinese chart of the heavens, made about 600 years B. C. In this chart 1450 stars are correctly inserted, as corroborated by the observations of modern astronomers.

—It has been found by several microscopists that the cause of whooping cough is a peculiar fungoid growth, which first germinates under the tongue and then pervades the air passages. Quinine is found to be a very valuable antidote by virtue of its well-established power to destroy microscopic vegetable organisms.

—A watchmaker at Copenhagen is reported to have made a watch which requires no winding up, inasmuch as it performs that work itself by means of an electric current. An electro-magnet fixed inside the watch keeps the spring perpetually in a state of tension. To keep the watch in running order all that is necessary is to preserve the battery in proper working condition, for which purpose one or two inspections a year are said to suffice.

—Near Herculaneum the ruins of a once magnificent bathing establishment have lately been discovered by Prof. Guiseppe Novi. The remains were found under a layer of more than thirty feet of ashes and lava, and are said to eclipse all previous discoveries of a similiar nature both in Herculaneum and Pompeii. The fountains and tanks are made of oriental marble and adorned with sculptures, the floors are of colored glass mosaic, while the walls of the various buildings are elegantly ornamented with paintings and stucco-work.

—Dwellings which have remained empty may become fever-breeders when reoccupied. It is asserted by an English sanitarian that typhoid, diphtheritic and zymotic affections have been found to arise under these circumstances. The cause is supposed to lie in the disuse of cisterns, pipes and drains, putrefactive processes going on in the impure air they contain, while this foul air gradually permeates the entire house. Persons moving from the city to their country homes for the summer should see that the drains and pipes are in perfect order, that the cellars and cisterns are cleared of rubbish, and the whole house thoroughly aired before being occupied. Carbolic acid freely used in the cellar is a cheap and effective disinfectant.

—Among the petroleum springs of Baku, on the western shore of the Caspian, is one communicating with the sea, which produces at times a very striking phenomenon. The floating oil that covers the surface of the sea is frequently ignited by accident, turning the smooth water into a veritable lake of fire. The most famous of these conflagrations—to which the superstition of the natives gave the name of "Shaitann Noor," or Devil's Light—occurred in 1872. It broke out in the middle of the night, and was declared by a Russian naval officer, who witnessed it from the deck of a gunboat, to be the most remarkable spectacle he had ever seen. The sheet of flame waved to and fro in the wind like a flag, lighting up sea and shore for miles, and throwing a deep crimson glow into the sky which was visible to the inhabitants of several inland districts far out of sight of the sea itself.

—Concerning the duration and character of the Arctic winter, Lieut. Schwatka, the Arctic explorer, makes these interesting comments: "The generally received opinion that the Arctic winter, especially in the higher latitudes, is a long, dreary one of perfect opaque darkness, is not strictly correct. In latitude 23 degrees 20 minutes N., the highest point ever reached by man, there are 4 hours and 42 minutes of twilight on December 22, the shortest day in the year in the Northern Hemisphere. In latitude 82 degrees 27 minutes N., the highest point where white men have wintered, there are 6 hours and 2 minutes in the shortest day, and 328 geographical miles from that point must yet be attained before the true Platonic zone, or that one in which there is no twilight whatever, even upon the shortest day of the year, can be said to have been entered by man. The North Pole itself is only shrouded in perfect blackness from November 13, to January 29, a period of 77 days. Supposing the sun has set (supposing also a circumpolar sea or body of water unlimited to vision) on September 24, not to rise until March 18, for that particular point, giving a period of about 50 days of uniformly varying twilight, the Pole has about 180 days of continuous daylight, 100 days of varying twilight and 77 of perfect inky darkness (save when the moon has a northern declination) in the period of a little over 4 days the sun shines continuously on both the North and the South Poles at the same time, owing to refraction, parallax, semi-diameter and dip of the horizon."