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B. RYBISKI, Apothecary and Druggist, 117 Water street, between St. Patrick and St. Vincent streets, adjoining Gondrau's store.

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MRS. M. BLUM, Milliner, Mississippi street, between Lessor and St. Patrick streets. Latest styles of Bonnets, Hats, French Flowers, etc.; also, all kinds of Ladies' Underwear.

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CHANGE OF SCHEDULE.

DONALDSONVILLE and BATON ROUGE DAILY U. S. MAIL PACKET.

Morning Star.

Will leave Donaldsonville every day, except Tuesday, at 12:30, on arrival of cars from New Orleans, for Baton Rouge and all Matt Landings, carrying Passengers and Baggage only.

Will leave Baton Rouge every morning at 6:30, except Tuesdays, for Donaldsonville, competing with the cars for New Orleans.

SLEEPING AWAY.

They are slipping away—those sweet, swift years. Like a leaf on the current east; With never a break in their rapid flow, We watch them pass out by one they go Into the beautiful past.

As silent and swift as a weaver's thread, Or an arrow's flying gleam; As soft as the languorous breeze hid, That lift the willow's long golden lid, And ripple the glassy stream.

As light as the breath of the thistle-down; As fond as a lover's dream; As pure as the flash in the sea-shell's note, As sweet as the wood-lark's wooing note, So tender and sweet they seem.

One after another we see them pass Down the dim-lighted stair; We hear the sound of the steady tread In the steps of the centuries long since dead, As beautiful and as fair.

There are only a few years left to love; Shall we waste them in idle strife? Shall we trample under our ruthless feet Those beautiful blossoms, rare and sweet, By the dusty way of life?

There are only a few sweet years left—ah! let No envious taunts be heard; Make life's fair pattern of rare design, And fill up the measure with love's sweet wine.

But never an angry word! —Anon.

REDEMPTION.

[The following is a copy of a "hymn" printed at the Chief job office this week for a colored church member.]

Repeat Chorus after each verse.

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The New El Dorado.

Letter from New Mexico—Evidences of Antiquity—An Indian Funeral—A Splendid Climate and a Rich Country.

EL PASO, N. M., February, 1881.

EDITOR CHIEF:

In this strange old land of decaying monuments and ancient antiquities, the traveler is constantly confronting evidences of the skill and taste of races who centuries ago occupied this great Mississippi Valley. Who these people were, whence they came, and how or in what manner they were swept out of existence, are facts that are lost in the oblivion of forgetfulness. The Pueblos have a known history dating back 350 years, while the Pecos Cultural gives evidence of being built in the 13th century. These strange people were sun worshippers, and to-day they keep up the same heathen practices. One of the most novel sights is an Indian funeral. Wandering through the beautiful valley of the Rio Grande a short time since, in company with a fellow Bohemian, chance as much as any thing, led us to the Indian pueblo of Isleta, which nestles on the river's bank a dozen miles from Albuquerque. It is a curious town, resembling a large collection of lime kilns, wherein dwell a good sized branch of the Pueblo family, who, though avowed to war and hostilities, are not in the least Americanized. During one of the quiet days of our sojourn, we were attracted to the plaza of the town by the immense crowd gathered about a little and level called a chapel. We hurried along with others, exercising that American prerogative of following our way in through the crowd. In front of us, lying on the mud floor, was the corpse, with head resting on a red bandanna. A happy and peaceful smile was noticeable upon his stern and brawny features, and in his hand was firmly grasped the sword of state, but instead a large goose feather, dyed in all the hues of the rainbow; upon his brow, not the crown of power, but two or three red and yellow ribbon roses. The nettlestomest expression of his red cotton shirt (worn as a sack), was festooned with ribbons—yellow, green and blue—and his tawny limbs from joint to joint, were swathed in the same. I had observed all these details while the crowd was singing "I want to be an angel" or "Mary had a little lamb," I couldn't tell which. After the jubilee was over, Mr. Corpeo was carried out to the burying field and gently deposited on the ground to await the further action of the burial committee. The grave was of decent dimensions, and after a short chant by the medicine man, who was acting as "charge d'affaires," the deceased warrior was handed down to the two braves who had placed themselves in the grave at either end. They laid him gently to his rest, face to the East, and then climbed on. No sweet flowers were strewn upon his bony form by loving friends, but instead, the heavy earth, seized by a hundred hands, was thrown upon his inanimate form, while the crowd joined in the chorus "Good-bye, my Lover, Good-bye." Let me say at this point, parenthetically, that I may not have given the hymns correctly, owing to my being unable to understand a single word of their language. Shovel soon succeeded the hands, and when the body was covered by about six inches of gravel a brawny bravo got down into the grave with a bartering post and to my utter astonishment, commenced "settling" the corpse by pounding down the earth with all the strength of his sinewy arms. While he was performing this aboriginal ceremony the crowd was filing off toward two large pottery jars of water and cleansing their hands, which were reverently held toward the setting sun to be dried. These jars were then brought to the grave and the water emptied in it. More dirt was thrown in and more pounding done, and thus was the grave filled; and dependent further witnesses that that Indian was a poor show of getting out when the last trump shall echo in the neighborhood of Isleta.

At the close of these "impressive" exercises, a procession was formed, and at its head the two braves carried the empty water jars. The line marched outside the limits of the town, flanked by my fellow-Bohemian and myself, and numerous children, the most of whom, by the way, were clad only in nature's garb. Once out of town the jars were broken to pieces by the chiefs, and while they were intent on their destruction, the square of the deceased, with great show of secrecy threw away some Indian bread to feed his hungry soul upon its way to the happy hunting grounds. How it was going to get out of that grave after having been pounded in, is what has since greatly perplexed my Bohemian friend.

Throughout all the ceremony I observed that there was a spirit of interest in the affair which smacked more of curiosity than of sorrow. I was informed that this habit of decorating with ribbons is general among the Pueblo tribe, and that the widow often disposes of thirty or forty yards, as a contribution to friends of the deceased. I shall never forget what a peculiar appearance they presented when bedecking a dead man as a *de Indian*.

From Isleta my companion and I wandered South, down the valley of the Rio Grande, which is certainly the most odd and characteristic section of country I ever saw. It is dotted all over with little mud huts, inhabited by the wandering Mexicans who lead a hobo life and depend entirely for their subsistence

Supreme Court Decision.

The Judgment of one District Court in the Kline Garnishment suit never had the status of Property Dedicated to Public Use Can not be Seized by Creditors of a Town or Parish.

To our energetic New Orleans correspondent, Epsilon Mm, we are again indebted for a copy of a decision of the Supreme Court in a case appealed from Ascension, which possesses considerable interest both to the tax payers and creditors of the parish. The decree requires no further explanation than is furnished by its own words:

No. 7778.—Christian Kline, Appellee, vs. The Parish of Ascension, appellant; J. C. Boulanger et al., garnishees. Appeal from the Fourth Judicial District Court, parish of Ascension.

Associate Justice Wm. M. Levy delivered the opinion and decree of the court in the following words:

The plaintiff having obtained judgment against the defendant for the sum of \$1625 33, issued thereon a writ of *facias fieri* and had process of garnishment served on Boulanger et al., who are alleged to be indebted to the defendant, said parish. The garnishees in their answers acknowledged themselves to be indebted to the parish in certain sums for the rent of certain lands situated in the town of Donaldsonville. The Police Jury of Ascension parish filed a petition (which is styled in the agreement a statement of facts, in the transcript one of intervention and injunction, and which was ordered by the court to stand as an answer