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PROCRUSTES.

BY CARLOTTA PERRY.

A long time ago lived Procrustes. The same
Was a dread and a terror wherever his name
Was heard, and his country was sorely afflicted
By the dreadful misdeeds to which he was addicted.
For he murdered and robbed in a horrible way!
Ah! he was a terror, by night or by day!
A terrible creature, a bold and a bad one,
And 'mong his bad habits he's said to have had one
That was worse than the rest and a cruelly sad one,
And you, when you hear it, will surely admit
That he had not the smallest good reason for it.

He had an idea, this very bad man,
That he was the only right pattern and plan
Of stature. That one who was taller than he,
Procrustes, or shorter, must certainly be,
Too short or too tall. So he said: "Let me see
For the ill-built man who is taller or shorter
I'll do what I can, for I feel that I orter

"I've hit the idea. I'll have me a bed
That shall measure exactly my length from my head
To my feet, and the man who don't fit upon that
Must be a poor, miserable figure. That's flat.
And so, when they lack the proportions of beauty,
I must set them aright, for it's plainly my duty.
The man that's too short must be stretched till he'll fit,
And the man that's too long must be cut off a bit.
So I'll measure them all by this bed, and their height
Where it differs from mine, I will quickly set right,
In the way that I mention." You can not but say
That this was a very original way
To settle the matter. No two men will be
Exactly the same in their stature. Ah! me,
But he was determined to make them agree.

And so, when his captives were fettered and brought
Into his stronghold, as quick as a thought
They were laid on that bed (he had wonderful strength),
To see if they were of the requisite length.

Such stretching, such sawing, such trimming! What pain
Did they all have to bear, the right length to attain!
"Here's a man that's too long. Cut him off!" with a shout.
"Here's a man that's too short. Stretch him out! Stretch him out!"
And when they arose from their beds, what a sight!
'Twould have made the heart ache to have seen their sad plight!
For the worst of it was that, when all was done,
They were not at all like Procrustes, not one;
There was not one like the other, and none
Was himself as he was intended to be;
As bad a state, surely, as one need to see.
How they hopped, how they limped, how they hobbled about.
The man who was lopped and the fellow stretched out.
Procrustes looked on, and he said: "Without doubt,
'Tis bad; but my heighth is just right to a thread.
And the man is all wrong who don't fit on that bed.
Since that's beyond question, it isn't my fault
If it makes them all crippled and crooked and halt."

How long he'd have kept at this work I don't know,
But, at last, he encountered a powerful foe,
Who cleverly gave him the long-deserved blow.
He met Theseus, of Athens, one day, and they fought;
And Procrustes went down in the dust, as he ought;
For Theseus most boldly and openly said
He didn't see reason why the right of the bed
As a standard for all—He declared, quite at ease:
"I've a right to be tall or be short, as I please.
Procrustes may grow to be tall as a tree,
But why should that make any difference to me?

"He has made a most needless and murderous bother;
His stature is good for himself, and none other;
Besides, while he's mangled and maimed at his pleasure,
He has not brought one of them all to his measure.
Every man has his own fashion of growing must keep on.
And the best that Sis Aim is the bed he must sleep on."

I do not insist that this happened just so;
It may be a fiction; but this much I know:
That, if but a tale of a dead long ago,
A neat little truth lies hidden behind it,
And I think, if you look, you will certainly find it.

—*N. Y. Independent.*

JUST SO!

"Where have you spent the Summer?"
One lounger asked of another.
"Oh, I've been up on the Hudson!"
Replied the question'd brother.

"And you?" "I've been by the seaside!"
And thus, having answered duly,
The proper question, they parted,
Each conscious of speaking truly.

And yet in the heart of deception
They proved how a little knack tells
For "up the Hudson" meant Sing Sing,
While "the seaside" signified Blackwell's.

—*N. Y. Clipper.*

OUR NEW ORLEANS LETTER.

Items of Interest from the Crescent City by Our Regular Correspondent.

NEW ORLEANS, November 14, 1882.

EDITOR CHIEF:

Wednesday evening, soon after the steamboat J. H. Hanna left her wharf at the foot of Canal street on her upward trip, a dispute arose between the mate, Mose Gibbs, and the steward of the boat, one William F. Flemmings, about the manner in which the latter served the food to the roustabouts, which was not satisfactory to Gibbs. Bad blood had been brewing between these men for several trips, and Flemmings always avoided a conflict, but upon this occasion Gibbs put it out of Flemmings' power to evade fight any longer, by jumping upon him and knocking him prostrate, and after having him at his mercy he drew a pistol to finish his work, but Flemmings was too quick for him and pulling a Smith & Wesson, shot and mortally wounded Gibbs, the ball entered the left breast in the region of the heart, and Gibbs falling back into the arms of the clerk of the boat, said, "I am gone," and died within ten minutes. The boat landed at Jackson street to allow Flemmings to surrender to the police, and then put back to Canal street to deliver the body of Gibbs to the Coroner, who held an autopsy upon the levee by the aid of the weird electric lights. The ball was discovered under the left shoulder blade, which bone had prevented its egress behind. The body was turned over to friends, who intend to transmit it to Tennessee, the birthplace of deceased. All accounts agree that Flemmings acted entirely in self-defense.

It has been known for some time in official circles that the New Orleans Gas Light Company intended to shut off the gas at an early day if their accounts were not settled by the city administration, but the people were rather astonished when they found out that the company publicly notified them that unless the account for gas was settled by the 8th of November, the city would be in darkness. Why the day after the election was chosen is a matter of some speculation, and many people say that if the city had been in darkness prior to the election it would have been hard for the Irish ring and Mr. Thomas J. Semmes, the Gas Company's representative on that ticket, to make any semblance at all of being elected. Mr. Semmes is the agent of this odious monopoly that has, by means best known to itself, robbed the city of New Orleans out of her title to the reversionary right to the works and mains of the Gas Company at the expiration of the charter, which occurred some years ago. Up to to-day the city is minus her rights and the Company snaps its fingers at the people. There can be no doubt that the notice was intended to frighten timid citizens into voting for the ring, as the sequel shows that as soon as the election fraud was thoroughly consummated and the ring had sobered up, an arrangement was arrived at, and after two nights of darkness the streets are again lighted up by the company's poor apologies for street lamps.

Election day passed off quiet and orderly, in accordance with the pre-arranged plan of Meahle, Fitzpatrick, Blaney Walsh, Obnoxious commissioners, thanks to fair minded (?) Cavanac, were few, and they were soon disposed of by croton oil, etc., administered at lunch time, and several gentle reminders that things had to be done just so, as per instructions received from the bosses. Although some of our best citizens were running in opposition and a great many of the better class of citizens voted, not a single ring candidate failed to secure having himself returned by the commissioners as elected, and the vote for Javin, although all in opposition to the ring supported him, is ridiculously light. Every thing points to corruption and fraud in the count throughout the parish. It may have to be borne but it will only hasten the day of retribution, and redemption from corrupt Democratic government.

Another very commendable phase in the present mismanagement of affairs here, is the dwindling police force, which day by day grows beautifully less. According to the report of Chief Doylan there are eighty-five patrolmen on duty, the entire twenty-four hours. Thirty-five of these take charge of this metropolis at night, the remainder are on duty by day on the streets and around the courts. What a *carte blanche* for the hordes of burglars and thieves now on their way South to take in our sunny winter and every thing else convenient to them. We shall not lack visitors of the dangerous orders this season, but those of the better class will no doubt shun our precincts, and the people only feel a sense of security themselves on account of the well-drilled labor organizations, which erstwhile threatened the government itself, and now are willing, at the tap of the bell, to put down any set of tramps or thieves that may quarter amongst us. The Chief says that he can not guarantee life and property with less than 500 regular police, and can barely make the arrests ordered by the courts with the present handful of men under his control.

The Independents, who claim to have elected their full ticket, although counted out, intend to contest each position to the bitter end; they have money and influence and will no doubt cause the honors claimed by the ring to sit very heavily upon it members. Every good citizen wishes them success, and as this is a Democratic quarrel we can afford to sit back and look on and say with Sullivan, "May the best man win."

The dull fall season brings us the usual number of suicides. It is only two days ago that a man upon the Mobile train, thinking that he would be mobbed at the next station, shot himself; and this is followed by a German waiter taking morphine. August Wainken only came to this city two years ago, and having contracted a disease in the Prussian Army which he thought was incurable, destroyed himself to end his miseries. He preferred death to an operation at the hospital. And still another suicide to swell the number on the list of those whose lot in life being of the do-nothing adventurous sort, and by dreaming too much and doing too little, end their days by violence self inflicted. Madame John, as she was known around the French market, after several days of despondency and murmurings about her unsatisfactory position in life, was missed suddenly from her home on Dumaine street, and the next thing seen of her was by the harbor police, who discovered her body floating under the wharf at the foot of St. Anne street. She was a native of Germany and had been a widow some years.

We hear every day of large numbers of Irishmen emigrating to Mexico, and from what can be learned there must be some preconcerted movement of that race in that direction. The gold excitement may have something to do with it, but it seems rather to have the support and countenance of the Land League or the Fenian Brotherhood than anything else. No other interest except the church could induce it, but the fact still remains that they who prefix with Mc. and O', are on their way to Mexico. There is plenty of room in our sister republic for any number of emigrants, and there is a grand future for those who are first in the field.

The alleged violation of the election law by the hirelings of the ring is giving plenty of work to Mr. E. M. Hunt, U. S. Commissioner, and the committee of the Independent party is daily bringing to light the action of some new miscreant who has defrauded the people of their rights for the sole purpose of keeping in power the Democratic ring. E. John Ellis lost many votes by his defense of John Fitzpatrick whom he described as a second George Washington—one who never told a lie and who never took a bribe. This argument does not go down with people who pay 37½ mills tax, and for what? If any thing, to bind the chains of partisan demagoguery still more tightly upon them.

The thirty men counted in by the ring as the next Council for this city, were sworn in yesterday by Mayor Shakespeare. After the oath being given Mr. T. J. Semmes stated that they would not be prepared to elect a President until Monday next, and requested Mr. Shakespeare to adjourn them until 12 M. of that day, when they will meet and proceed to business.

Yours truly, W. H. Y.

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Police Jury Ordinances.

Parish of Ascension.

[Ordinance No. 23, New Series.]

AN ORDINANCE to amend and re-enact Sections 1, 2 and 3 of Ordinance No. 21, New Series of 1882, adopted by the Police Jury of the parish of Ascension July 11, 1882, relative to the sale of all the lots in square No. 3, situated in the town of Donaldsonville, parish of Ascension, State of Louisiana, known as the "State-House" property and bounded by Opelousas, Houmas, Claiborne streets and Railroad Avenue; the appraisement, method, terms and conditions of said sale, and the exclusive application of the proceeds of said sale to the purposes of public education.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Police Jury of the parish of Ascension in special session convened*, That Section 1 of said Ordinance No. 21, New Series, be amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows: That the President of the Police Jury, be and he is hereby authorized to advertise for sale at public auction, by the Sheriff of the parish of Ascension, to the last and highest bidder, at the Court-House door of said parish, on Saturday, the sixth day of January, eighteen hundred and eighty-three, between the hours of 11 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M., on the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth, and after advertising said sale during thirty full days in the Ascension *Democrat*, Donaldsonville CHIEF and New Orleans *Times-Democrat*, *Bee* and *Gazette* the following lots of ground, viz: Lots Nos. 137, corner of Opelousas street and Railroad Avenue, 150, 155 and 154 fronting Railroad Avenue, 138 forming corner of Railroad Avenue and Claiborne street, 146 fronting on Claiborne street, 145 forming the corner of Claiborne and Houmas streets, 144 and 143 fronting on Houmas street, 98 forming the corner of Houmas and Opelousas streets and 97 and 96 fronting on Opelousas street, in square No. 3, bounded by Opelousas, Houmas, Claiborne streets and Railroad Avenue (formerly Cabahonosse street), situated in the town of Donaldsonville, in said parish of Ascension, being the same property granted to the Police Jury of said parish by the State of Louisiana, by an Act of the Legislature approved March 30, 1853, entitled "an Act granting to the Police Jury of the parish of Ascension the lots and buildings erected by the State, at the town of Donaldsonville, commonly called the "State-House." Said lots of ground measuring sixty feet front, more or less, by one hundred and twenty deep, more or less, French measure, with the exception of the key lots Nos. 155 and 143, which have a depth of one hundred and fifty feet, more or less.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted, etc.*, That Section 2 of the same Ordinance be amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows: That the Police Jury shall elect five competent appraisers, the President of the Police Jury to constitute one, to value and appraise said lots of ground, who shall before entering upon the discharge of their duties take oath before any officer qualified by law to administer oaths, to make a true and just appraisement of said lots and each portion of said lots separately, when subdivided, at their actual cash value to the best of their judgment and ability. They shall receive such compensation, if demanded, as may be fixed hereafter; they shall return their said assessments in meeting and annex their oaths thereto, on or before the 28th day of December, 1882, to the Clerk of the Police Jury, who shall deliver the same to the Sheriff on or before the day and hour appointed for the sale, to serve as a basis for the sale, and if the price offered by the highest and last bidder for any of said lots or fractions of said lots when subdivided does not reach the appraisements made on the same, as directed above, then such of said lots or fractions thereof shall not be adjudged, but the lot or lots or fraction of lots not sold for the reason that the price bid did not reach the appraisement of the same respectively, shall be again advertised to be sold at public auction at such time and on such terms and conditions as this Police Jury shall hereafter provide.

SEC. 3. *Be it enacted, etc.*, That Section 3 of the same Ordinance be amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows: That it shall be the duty of the President of the Police Jury to immediately cause the Parish Surveyor to make a complete map of said lots of ground in said square showing the numbers, width, depth and subdivisions of said lots; when occupied by more than one lessee, the names of all lessees, and such other necessary description of said lots respectively; which plan shall be deposited with the Parish Notary as a part of the archives of this parish, and shall serve as a basis for the advertisement and sale of said lots of ground and be open to the inspection of all bidders to the day of sale and down to the moment of adjudication. On the day and hour appointed for the sale it shall be the duty of the Sheriff of this parish or his deputy to repair to the Court-House and cry the lots to be sold and the subdivision thereof, when leased to more than one person separately, as represented on said map.

SEC. 4. *Be it enacted, etc.*, That all Ordinances of this Jury in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby expressly repealed.

Adopted by the Police Jury of the parish of Ascension, October 24, 1882.

[Signed] R. T. HANSON, President.
[Signed] R. PROSPER LANDRY, Clerk.
A true copy: R. PROSPER LANDRY, Clerk.

Proceedings of the Police Jury,

Parish of Ascension.

DONALDSONVILLE, Oct. 24, 1882.

The Police Jury met this day in extra session.

The roll was called and resulted as follows:

Present—R. T. Hanson, President; Dr. Edward Duffel and Messrs. Klopman, Gibson, Barmon and Blouin.

Absent—Messrs. Rodriguez and Braud.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A circular letter from Henry B. Richardson, Chief State Engineer, was received. Among other things he calls the early attention of the Police Jury to the important duty of providing suitable ways and means for the repair, preservation and protection of the public levees of our parish. In case the ordinary means of the parish are too limited for this purpose, he respectfully suggests that Act No. 41, Session of 1882, provides a method for raising such funds. He points to the necessity of timely preparation for this work—its execution before the season of high water is not only demanded by considerations of economy, but is frequently essential to doing it at all. He respectfully suggests the propriety of cutting out and refilling all unlicensed or defective rice flumes, and holes or leaks caused by crayfish or other burrowing animals; the filling in of roadways and other cuts in the levees; the restoring and securing of broken and decayed revetments and fascinas; the raising and strengthening of low and weak places. He also suggests that it is desirable for the Police Jury to establish and declare the local danger line, as provided in Section 2 of Act No. 194, Session of 1832, instead of waiting for this Board to do so.

On motion of Mr. Gibson it was agreed that the President be requested to answer said letter and to inform the Chief State Engineer that the matters by him recommended shall be attended to, and that he shall be advised of any danger we may foresee.

On motion of Mr. Gibson, it was also agreed that the President be requested to answer the letter of Mr. O. A. Bullion, lessee of the Manchac ferry.

Mr. Earhart, District Attorney, made the following returns of moneys by him collected for rent due to Dec. 16, 1882, by the following lessees of the following lots in square No 3:

Phillip and Phebe Green, lot No. 93....	$118 95
Sac. Jos. Icard, ¼ of lot No. 97....	52 80
Mrs. J. C. Boulanger, ½ of lot No. 98....	55 20
Thos. O'Malley, lots Nos. 143, 145, 146....	266 40
Mrs. O. Torrio, lot No. 141....	95 20
Sac. J. C. Mathieu, ¼ of lot No. 143....	43 25
Octave Mellere, on lect. lot No. 153....	30 00
A. Genozzini, lot No. 153....	87 50
Total....	$684 10
Less his commission, at 10c....	$68 41
Less 33⅓ per cent, judgment for J. C. Mathieu....	88 95
Less amt. of a note due by F. Duffel, rec'd. for as much due F. D....	77 00
Total....	$184 26
Paid balance cash....	$499 74

A bill of Mr. M. W. Darton for making survey and plan of lots in square No. 3, amounting to $30, was approved and ordered to be paid.

Ordinance No. 33, being "An Ordinance to amend and re-enact Sections 1, 2 and 3 of Ordinance No. 24, N. S." etc., was unanimously adopted.

Messrs. Klopman, Gibson, Hanson, Frederick Duffel and David Israel, were appointed experts to appraise the lots in square No. 3, under the above ordinance.

On motion, duly seconded, the following resolution, offered by Mr. Klopman, was unanimously adopted:

Be it resolved by the Police Jury of the parish of Ascension, That the District Attorney be and he is hereby authorized and ordered to immediately proceed to collect by suit or otherwise all back rents due the parish on squares one and two in the town of Donaldsonville, and to annul all leases where the conditions have not been complied with, and that he receive a commission of twenty per cent on all sums collected by suit and ten per cent on all collections without suit.

The President's action in accepting the contract relative to the river ferry was approved.

The Police Jury adjourned.

(Signed) R. T. HANSON, President.
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