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"Have we a statesman in Louisiana?" anxiously inquires the Shreveport *Times*, "a Lamar, a Bayard, a Voorhees, or a Thurman in the Senate? Have we a Carlisle, a Randall, a Morrison or a Holman in the House? What measures of universal import have sprung from the brains of our Senators and Representatives in the past ten years." The *Times* requests an answer to these interrogatories, but it is too soon after Christmas for the CHIEF to think of tackling such conundrums. We opine, however, that Sam. McEnery, John Fitzpatrick, Pat. Mealie, Floyd King or the ten million dollar Representative of the Third District could give our Shreveport contemporary some valuable pointers on the subject but for their well known excessive modesty.

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A BOY WOUNDED BY HIS BROTHER.—Thursday morning, about 7 o'clock, two sons of Mr. Lawrence Montero, named John and Lawrence and aged respectively 9 and 7 years, were playing with some other children on one of Mr. Montero's flatboats lying in the Bayou Lafouche. A colored boy employed on the boat picked up an old carbine which he thought was not loaded, and cocking the weapon, handed it to Jonnie Montero and told him to shoot his little brother. The boy pointed the weapon as directed and pulled the trigger, when to his astonishment a cartridge was exploded and the ball struck Lawrence on the right temple passing under the skin, through the right ear and making its exit from under the scalp back of the ear. The wounded boy was promptly conveyed home and Dr. McGalliard summoned to attend him. It was thought the bullet had entered the temple and that the boy was fatally injured, but this fortunately proved not to be the case and we are glad to believe the little fellow will speedily recover.

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Hon. F. S. Goode, Judge of the Nineteenth Judicial District, committed suicide last Monday morning at half past 8 o'clock, at his residence on Ridgeway plantation, seven miles below Houma, by shooting himself through the head with a shotgun. The incentive to the deed is not definitely known, but a special to the *Picayune* explains that the Judge was of a very nervous temperament and had been much depressed for several weeks. He was born in Alabama in 1829, and settled in Lafourche parish in 1840; studied law and began practice in Thibodaux, removing to Houma in 1850, where he was the first resident attorney; was elected State Senator in 1857 and Attorney General in 1861, under Gov. Moore; was again elected Senator in 1874, and in 1879 was elected District Judge, to which position he was reelected in 1884. Judge Goode was looked upon as one of the purest, and ablest members of the State judiciary and was respected and warmly esteemed wherever known. He leaves three orphan daughters, his wife having died several years ago.

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FUGITIVE MURDERER CAPTURED.—On Tuesday last, at the Donaldsonville depot of the Texas and Pacific railroad, Town Constable Edgar Fernandez arrested a colored man named Henry Jenkins, alias Squire Riggs, who is the alleged perpetrator of a murder committed in Tensas parish in 1882. Jenkins was identified by Joseph Edwards, colored, who was a resident of Tensas at the time of the murder and held the office of Constable of the ward in which the crime was committed. The fugitive was about to board the train when accosted by Constable Fernandez, but turned and ran down the depot platform, pursued by the officer, who found it necessary to use his club pretty freely on the fellow's head before being able to stop him. Uncle John Butler, the mail messenger, was instrumental in preventing the escape of Jenkins by tripping him up as he ran, and Mr. Louis Wild and several other bystanders aided the Constable in securing the prisoner and landing him safely in jail. A revolver was found concealed on his person, and he would doubtless have drawn the weapon had it not been for the effective use which officer Fernandez made of his club. The murder for which Jenkins has been arrested was committed on the plantation of Capt. Douglas, near St. Joseph, and the victim was a colored man named Tom Collins. Jenkins was indicted for the crime, but made his escape, and came to Ascension, where he has since resided, most of the time on the Stella plantation. The Sheriff of Tensas has been notified by wire of the apprehension of the murderer, and replies that a deputy will be sent on at once to take him in charge.

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CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

Both houses of Congress have adjourned for the holidays, the period of the recess to extend two weeks, dating from Tuesday last, the 22d inst.

A large number of bills have been offered both in the Senate and House, but very few matters have been finally acted upon by either body. The Senate has passed the presidental succession bill introduced by Senator Hoar of Massachusetts, and it is considered certain that the measure will obtain the ready concurrence of the House of Representatives not long after the holiday recess is over. The bill is the same which passed the Senate last year, and it places the line of succession in the Cabinet, begining with the Secretary of State, when vacancies occur in the offices of President and Vice President.

The Senate has also passed a bill removing the political disabilities of Gen. Alex. R. Lawton of Georgia, and has confirmed a few of President Cleveland's appointees to office.

In the House the revised rules were adopted by an unexpectedly heavy vote, notwithstanding the vigorous opposition of Mr. Randall. The most important change effected by the new code is to divest the Appropriations Committee of the exclusive authority it has heretofore exercised over measures proposing the disbursement of public money, and to give each committee of the House the same jurisdiction in the matter of appropriations that it exercises with reference to other features of measures committed to its consideration.

Speaker Carlisle is expected to complete the formation of the House committees during the recess, and the list may be made public before Congress reassembles. Owing to the delay in this matter only about seventy-five members of the House have gone home to spend the holidays.

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY JONES.

In the number of the CHIEF issued under date of September 19, we noted the appointment of Mr. Montfort S. Jones, then a resident of Coushatta, as United States District Attorney for the Western District of Louisiana, remarking incidentally that we had heard him spoken of as "an ordinary crossroads country lawyer." While it was literally true that this uncomplimentary estimate of Mr. Jones's *legal* ability was expressed in our presence by a resident of his district who had no apparent cause of personal or political enmity against him, yet it was somewhat ill natured and discourteous on our part to quote the opinion in our columns, and we regret having done so. This feeling of regret has been increased by the discovery that the new District Attorney is an ex-member of the journalistic fraternity, having been connected for three years with the editorial staff of the New Orleans *Times-Democrat*, and that his wife, a lady of refinement and culture, has also been and still remains a contributor to the press.

Mr. Jones has lived in Red River only five years. He abandoned a lucrative practice at the bar in Shreveport, where he was born and bred, to accept a position on the *Times-Democrat*, but three years of editorial life increased his love for the legal profession, and he went to Coushatta because he was informed there was an opening there for a first-class lawyer. Recently returning to Shreveport, he has resumed practice there in connection with the performance of his official duties.

He is a graduate of Georgetown College, District of Columbia, and had received an appointment to West Point, and passed his examination, when the breaking out of the civil war summoned him South. For the position of United States District Attorney he had the cordial indorsement of all the Judges of the Supreme Court and of many of the most prominent men of the State, and the honored position held by his father, Judge Roland Jones of Caddo, both as Judge and Congressman, brought him warm support from old friends. Senator Randall Gibson, to whom Mrs. Jones is related, assisted Congressman Blanchard in the effort to secure the office for the latter's district, and Hon. Milton C. Elstner, the retiring District Attorney, who is an intimate friend of his successor, resigned early so that the appointment of Mr. Jones might be obtained before the President left on his summer tour.

All these considerations go to prove that District Attorney Jones is a gentleman in every way qualified for and worthy of the important official station in which he was recently installed, and we reiterate our regret that the CHIEF should have been made the vehicle of an opinion or innuendo to the contrary.

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OUR LEGISLATIVE VACANCY.

As the death of the late Hon. Ben Gibson caused a vacancy in the State House of Representatives from this parish, there is considerable interest developing in the matter of selecting his successor, and speculation is becoming rife as to the time that will yet elapse ere Gov. McEnery deems fit to issue his proclamation ordering a special election.

Not long ago a reporter of the Baton Rouge *Capitolian-Advocate* interviewed the Governor upon the subject of the vacant seats in the General Assembly, and ascertained that elections to fill the vacancies would be ordered in ample time to suit the convenience of voters and premit the new members to participate in the proceedings of the next session of the Assembly. These elections could not be held until 1886, as the Secretary of State has no election paper on hand and the appropriation for its purchase for the year 1885 has been exhausted.

The next meeting of the General Assembly will occur on the second Monday of May, 1886, hence there remains more than four months prior to that event within which an election for Mr. Gibson's successor can be held.

Senator Gibson has introduced into the Senate a bill authorizing the transfer of the buildings and grounds of the United States barracks at Baton Rouge to the Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, to be used for educational purposes, and to revert to the government whenever such uses shall cease.

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A FEW POINTS ON CANE FERTILIZERS.

In the CHIEF of November 7, commenting upon the large yield of sugar obtained from stubble cane on the plantation of Capt. Aldrich, near Paincourtville, we said:

This fine result is largely attributed to the non-use of fertilizers, which have a tendency to encourage the growth and consequently retard the ripening of the cane in mid seasons like the present, rendering the juice gummy and augmenting the work and time required for granulation. On a number of plantations where fertilizers have been employed too freely, the grinding of stubble cane has been suspended and only plant is being hauled to the mills.

The indiscriminate use of the term "fertilizers" in this paragraph was an oversight and error which should not be allowed to pass without correction and explanation. It was cotton seed meal alone to which the deleterious effects above described were due, and, properly speaking, cotton seed meal is not a fertilizer, but only a stimulant, valuable for the six to eight per cent. of ammonia which it contains. It can only produce tonnage per acre, not yield of sugar per ton, provided the soil to which it is applied does not contain all the morganic substances that are required to ripen the sugar cane. If a planter is satisfied he can not ripen twenty tons of cane on an acre of land, there is certainly nothing to be gained in producing thirty tons on the same acre that will yield no more sugar than the twenty would have done.

Cotton seed meal, if applied at all, should therefore be used on very rich land as an assimilating agent of the fertility present in the soil: or, if on poor land, it should be put on plant cane, when planting, in small quantities, or on stubble very early in the season, in order not to produce a late growth when the ripening process should be in progress.

Phosphates have been invariably most successful in ripening cane this season, and so far as we can learn only those planters using cotton seed meal have had cause for dissatisfaction.

SUGAR SQUIBS.—The grinding season of 1885 is at end on fully two-thirds of the sugar plantations of this parish and in the course of another week there will probably be not more than three or four chimneys still smoking. The favorable weather has held out to the end, and in that respect the season will ever be regarded as remarkable. So far as our information extends no Ascension planter lost an acre of cane, all having taken the precaution to windrow on the approach of freezing temperature, excepting where the quantity of standing cane was too small to render such precaution necessary. On the plantations where grinding has not been finished, the cane is still yielding finely, the only exception we hear of being the Orange Grove place, where for some cause not yet ascertained much trouble is being experienced in securing proper granulation.

The crop of Mr. J. C. Cofield's Point Houmas place—where grinding was finished last Saturday night and drying Thursday night—has given a splendid result: 1,009,072 pounds of sugar from 320 acres of cane, an average of 3153½ pounds to the acre. The mill was in operation less than eight weeks, and an average of fully 21,000 pounds of sugar per day was produced.

At Mr. James Teller's Riverside place hauling will be finished this evening and grinding to-night. If the yield doesn't reach a million pounds the CHIEF is no judge.

The Peytavin mill will be going until about the 8th of January, and the Messrs. Lemann will get considerably more than 2,000,000 pounds of sugar from the cane put through the rollers at that place.

Mr. Buckner's Crescent place is the only one on Bayou Lafourche in Ascension where the mill is still going. We have heard nothing relative to the Crescent crop.

Mr. Searing Taylor is through grinding at St. Emma, but we have no figures from there.

At Messrs. Lemann & Lum's Palo Alto place another very successful season, under the management of that model planter, Mr. Henry C. Wilson, was brought to a close Thursday night. The actual running time of the mill was 62 days, and the yield of sugar will closely approximate 1,400,000 pounds.

Messrs. McCall Bros. finished work at Evan Hall Thursday evening and we understand that the total yield of their crop was about 2,200,000 pounds.

Mr. Beirne's mammoth New Hope mill also ceased to move on Thursday, and the combined product of the New Hope and Ascension crops is estimated at 2,000,000 pounds. Under Mr. Jno. W. Tucker's admirable superintendence everything has moved like clockwork at New Hope from beginning to end of the grinding season.

Mr. D. F. Kenner's Bowdon and Tureaud mills are still running, and the former will be in operation until about the 5th of January. His Hermitage mill shut down this week, but we have no estimate of the yield realized.

From the group of plantations in the fifth ward owned by Mr. Oliver Beirne, we have the following information; Clark has two weeks to go and still counts on 1,300,000 pounds at the lowest calculation; Riverton will get through the coming week; Donaldson will follow suit in ten days; Orange Grove has 85 acres to grind and ought to do it in ten days; Conway is about through.

Following is our budget of Assumption squibs:

At Messrs. Lemann & Son's Belle Terre place hauling will be finished Tuesday. The yield will rub 900,000 pounds very closely.

At Mr. J. P. Kock's magnificent Belle Alliance place grinding is finished and something over 2,000,000 pounds of sugar have been made.

Capt. Aldrich's Magnolia mill has a week to go and will make from 500 to 550 hogsheads of sugar, averaging 1150 pounds each. A leaky boiler caused two or three days' delay last week.

Judge Beattie and Dr. Fainchaud are still grinding; so, we believe, is Mr. Godchaux at Elm Hall.

Mr. A. Latlande made 195 hogsheads from 92 acres of cane.

Messrs. Dugas Bros. are through at Arnaudville, but we haven't received a final report from there.

Mr. Abram Klotz obtained between 325 and 330 hogsheads on his Star plantation; and from his little Klotzville place 25 acres of cane ground at the Star mill gave 50 hogsheads of sugar. This place was considered unprofitable when Mr. Klotz bought it, but under the management of Mr. E. O. Melancon, who was serving his first season, it has yielded two hogsheads to the acre. A crop of 60 to 75 acres of plant cane will be put in next season.

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THE SUGAR TARIFF.

"Why," inquires the Donaldsonville CHIEF, "should not the immense sugar interests of Louisiana keep the people of this State on the side of the party that favors protection?" Simply because those "immense sugar interests" can more securely rest *for protection*, on the firm basis of a system of tariff for revenue only, where sugar would stand almost without a rival in its capacity to produce revenue to the Government, than on a system of protection, where sugar would have to compete with an inexhaustible catalogue of *protected* industries. A protective policy means a reduced sugar tariff; a revenue policy means a high tariff on sugar. The sooner our sugar planters learn this truth the better.—*Lake Charles Commercial.*

Our question, it will be remembered, was suggested by the remark of the New Orleans *States*, a strong and able adherent of the policy of tariff for revenue only, that the immense iron interests of Pennsylvania would always keep the people of that State on the side of the party that favors protection—*i.e.*, the Republican party. In fact, we did no more than paraphrase the proposition of the *States*, merely substituting sugar for iron.

The fallacious argument with which our esteemed Lake Charles contemporary meets the issue is as familiar as it is absurd. One of the first principles of a tariff levied only for the purpose of producing revenue is that it shall be laid upon articles of luxury and removed from the necessities of life, in order that the latter may be supplied to the people at the cheapest possible rates. Sugar, it is scarcely necessary to say, is an article of prime necessity in every household in the land, and under a logical application of the tariff for revenue policy the impost upon imported sugars would be removed entirely or at least reduced to the lowest possible figure compatible with the requirements of the administration of the government.

In truth, there is no domestic industry more dependent upon the maintenance of the protective tariff system than our sugar producing interest, and no amount of sophistry and fine-spun theory to the contrary will obscure the recognition which this vitally important fact receives from the great body of our citizens engaged in sugar culture or concerned in its welfare.

It is undeniable, of course, that sugar is the main revenue-producing article upon which an import tax is levied under existing laws, but once let the principle for which the so-called tariff reformers contend become recognized and established, a decrease or abolition of the tariff on sugar and a corresponding increase of the duty laid upon articles of luxury will speedily follow. Until the day comes when we can produce sugar in profitable competition with that imported from the West Indies or other foreign parts, without the aid of an import tax, the only safety for our sugar interest lies in the recognition and maintenance of the protective principle which underlies our present tariff system.

A correspondent of the Alexandria *Democrat* relates a tale concerning the yield of sugar from a plantation in Rapides parish that removes the dilapidated linen from off the garden shrubbery. He says that Mr. Joel Matthews, whose place is near Lecomte, made forty-nine hogsheads from seven acres and then nearly half the juice was burned with the bagasse because the mill was not screwed down tightly enough. "In boring a well the other day," says this veracious correspondent, "a solid stratum of white sugar was struck at a depth of 49½ feet, similar to the stream of salt on Avery's Island. Mr. Matthews will go to work at once blasting sugar."

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List of Jurors

Drawn for Service in the Twenty-second Judicial District Court for Ascension parish at the January Term, 1886.

FIRST WEEK.

Name	Ward.	Name.	Ward.
Charles Parker	5	Wm. A. Acy	7
Vincent Villard	8	René Gieclard	4
James Landry	5	Philip Rodrigue	2
Ulger Bourque	7	E. L. Weber	4
Camille St. Amant	7	Martin Knox	4
Rosemond Gautreau	6	Charles Jambois	4
Adam Duplessis	8	Elphege Cousin	3
R. T. Hart	5	James Babington	6
Isidore LeBlanc	5	Henry Austin	5
John B. Quimby	1	Felix Bujol	1
Jules Arceneaux	7	W. F. Denny	5
Henry Melancon	7	Adolph Netter	4
Henry Droege	2	Charles Tircuit	2
Ulger Bourgeois	7	Alcide Braud	7
J. B. Gravois	1	Jacob Meyers, Jr.	8
Michel Gonzales	8	Henry R. Doyal	6
E. J. Redditch	6	William Parker	5
Andrew Ficklen	8	Doremi Dubois	7
Francois L. Dugas	7	A. E. Hodgeson	8
H. B. Wilkerson	5	E. A. Ramirez	4
Lawrence Montero	4	N. J. Duncan	3
A. P. Dominique	1	Perique Allemand	3
Kleber Aucoin	3	Lucien Acosta	4
L. M. St. Martin	2	C. D. Dalferes	3
Prosper Hebert	8	Felix Landry	8

SECOND WEEK.

Name.	Ward.	Name	Ward.
Augustin Hidalgo	3	William Tearney	2
Raphael Bourque	7	R. H. Thatcher	4
Davis Boote	1	Thomas Mitchell	6
Raphael M. Babin	8	Augustin Montecino	3
F. C. Leroy	4	René Brand	5
Augustin Corbo	3	Thomas Brandy	5
John A. Marchand	6	Louis Guedry	7
P. T. Babin	5	Oscar Gentil	4
Paul Landry	3	Adam Hébert	7
Arthur LeBlanc	2	William Ford	1
Albert Broussard	1	William Truxillo	2
Francois René	7	John Bell	3
Anthony Bringier	5	Manuel Ortso	3
Arthur Chapman	1	Vileor Babin	8
J. Ernest Landry	5	W. T. Ellis	2

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