

The Weekly Courier

Friday Morning, Oct. 21, 1853.
All Fiction is Truth.
And all Truth is Absurdity.

In the whole history of our newspaper career—and it has been brilliant with varied incident—we do not recollect ever to have said anything that has not been denied by some one or two—in many instances more than a half dozen different people. This is of itself strange, but what is still more strange, is that the more certain the truth; the greater the opposition to it. We never expect to have the whole world to agree with us, and shall always be very far from crying our eyes out, on account of diversity of opinion, that may—does—and doubtless always will exist, in a city of the vast dimensions of this; and composed of so many diversified materials. The COMET has always been open to let persons be heard, who differ with us, and have invariably published every thing anonymous or otherwise, that has been comprehensible, to our comprehensibilities. And here, by the way of parenthesis, let us add, (the first object of the publication of this paper, is our own fun and frolic, and it is an inexhaustible source of both. When it ceases to be, then we will endeavor to throw the benighted race of man into a mist, with the light of our extremities, and at once leave the solar system, for a more congenial atmosphere.)

We published an article the other day, for the benefit of our citizens, "abroad," that has called down upon us, the vengeance of the Board of Health; which is expressed in a very laconic note, in another column, of this (always) excellent paper. The last Dem. Advocate, endorses the "Important Notice," and must needs now go forth to the country, and cause the terrified to go off into spasms, because they are told therein, that it is extremely dangerous to come to town, and they must not think of coming in, until "official" information is published under the advice of our Physicians, from the Board itself. This is consolatory. If a panic must be kept up, and we find that our single arm can be of no avail in battling it down, why we shall fall in, and assist in blowing the trumpet of consternation, to the terror of the terror-stricken. But we do not think it at all necessary.

Long before there was any appearance of the epidemic in this city, we learned by the way of the flourishing town of St. Michael, that the fever was committing it ravages here; the Gazette and Advocate come suddenly into the possession of the same fact. We put on our tri-cornered hat, and went into the suburbs, to learn the truth; but could no where find it written, except in the Journals of our cotemporaries. To do away with the fiction, and get at the fact we volunteered to publish a daily report, if the Board of Selection would organize a Health office; which was done. Our friend Wm. F. Tannard, (to whom all praise is due) acting as reporter after the first few days of Mr. Cox's administration, and continuing to act, until two or three days elapsed, without a case to report—the Hospital closed, and daily reports, were at his suggestion abandoned.

During the most gloomy days of the Epidemic, we were not surprised to find our cotemporaries, contending in the face of the report, that the town was healthy. Now that there is positively as little, if not less, mortality than at any previous time, it does not a little astonish us that the "Board" comes out to "inform the public generally, that there is no safety—and will not be, until the Board says so." Our people abroad may believe what they like—such as are at home, can judge for themselves whether we have given bad advice or not.

The kind admonition to keep away

is no doubt, dictated by the very best motives. "Keep away until there is a frost," is what those who pretend to be wise in hygiene say, and yet when we ask them if people do not die after a frost, and die of that very significant disease, the "fever," they are at a loss to answer. We say again there is no danger in coming to Baton Rouge. The opinion is based upon the following facts.

- 1st, Our Hospital been closed for the past two weeks.
- 2nd, The Board of Health cannot find deaths enough to make a daily report, and thirdly, that there is less mortality within the limits of this corporation, than there is at any other point on the Mississippi.

The PICAYUNE of the 19th inst. contains Mayor, Crossman's message to the Common Council at its opening of the 18th inst. The following well merited praise in behalf of the Howard association, is therein contained:

In all these steps the efforts of the Board were auxiliary to the active, searching and unremitting benevolence of the Howard Association. Commencing its operations, as this institution did, prior to the establishment of the Board of Health, the latter found a portion of their labors already anticipated, and after entering upon their functions both bodies acted in harmonious conjunction, and continued during the prevalence of the epidemic to direct their energies to the relief of the destitute sick.

Of the Howard Association, and of the humane and undaunted bearing the members composing that noble band of gentlemen, I feel inadequate to speak in becoming terms. But I should be insensible to the obligations of gratitude were I to fail in acknowledging thus publicly their untiring devotion, their generous zeal, and their disinterested efforts during the late epidemic. Unwearying and unflagging in their exertions, the influence of the Association was felt throughout the length and breadth of the city. Poverty and want disappeared beneath their well-directed energies, and the diseases were stripped of half its terrors from the knowledge that in the hour of necessity so many of that heroic society would be appealing to their aid.

The following telegraphic despatch is from Messrs. Baur and Phillips, two of our Samaritans now at Clinton:

CLINTON, 12 M., Oct 19.
There has been eleven new cases of fever, here in the last 24 hours. Seven cases in Hospital—forty of them convalescent. There are only three cases in town now that are considered dangerous. No deaths in the last 24 hours.

The Statue of Washington for the State Capitol.—When the State House located in this city was finished several years ago, the architect and the commissioners, came to the conclusion that so large a space as that called the "rotunda" should not remain unadorned; and the patriotic notion seized them to have a statue of Washington to put in it. Accordingly the first Legislature made an appropriation, and Mr. Hiram Powers, was engaged to produce a statue (as the Governor in his message for this year has it) for the use of the State.

The last appropriation for the statue was \$3000 effected by a loan from the La. State Bank by Chas. G. Tardif Secretary of State and Joseph Wilkner Governor. We were informed at that time "that the work was progressing;" and now we think before any further appropriations are made, it would be well to enquire "how far it has progressed." We have no disposition to "hurry" the artist, but would like much to see the figure where appropriations have been made to place it. When the seat of Government is removed (and we hope it will be done this winter) if the statue were there, the town might fall heir to it. It would be a beautiful ornament either for the market, or the City Hall, the "Rotunda" of the Hall seems to have been designed for it. Our "Charge" to Rome or "Minister" to Italy, could find in the statue, a subject for an excellent letter to one of New Orleans papers.

A Letter as is a Letter.

Below is a letter received by our most excellent Clerk, of the Sixth Judicial District. It shows a pitiable condition of things, and we feel satisfied that all our readers—the advocates of "Woman's Rights" included—will sympathize with the writer. The letter speaks for itself. We give it *verbatim et liberatum*.

ORANGE SPRING, MARION COUNTY, }
EAST FLORIDA, September 1st '53 }
To the Sheriff, or Clerk of the }
Court, or any Lawyer in or }
about Baton Rouge, La. }

Sir—I pray you to pardon me in addressing these lines, believing you are men or a man of liberal views and information, and trusting you are free and liberal as Sheriffs and Clerks or Postmasters are in my country, I pray you one, either Sheriff or Clerk or Postmaster to write me, and answer the following questions of law relative to divorces in your State.

- Quest. 1. How long residence or citizenship is required in order to let me avail myself of the laws on divorces in your State?
- Quest. 2nd. Will abandonment only do, and no other charge?
- Quest. 3rd. Could I be divorced by abandonment—that abandonment to take place in North Carolina, and I myself only come to Louisiana and my wife, she refuse to follow me and remain in North Carolina?

Write me the laws of your State in full on the subject, and direct your letter to Richlands, Onslow county, North Carolina. I live in North Carolina, and am out here in Florida on that business, (divorce) but find I have to remain two years, and in your State I am informed that only three months is required; if so, write also. I learn that abandonment, *ad infinitum* to take place in North Carolina, or any other State, is good cause to be divorced. My wife refuses to follow me here, or to Louisiana either; now will that give me a divorce? Or will she have to follow me in the bounds of the State of Louisiana? I pray you to write me, and if neither will write, hand this letter to a lawyer and let him write what he will charge me. If I can stand his price, I will send him money, and request an answer. So please be interested in directing me to a lawyer or answer the questions yourself. I am a poor man, but poor enough, to be yoked to an ungovernable and unmanageable woman, *"Hell"* the lower regions of the damned. So pity me and aid me in unfolding the laws of your State. She refuses to follow me, and refuses to be governed by me, in any way, and I want a divorce, and can I get it, and she remain in North Carolina, or will she and myself have to go to your State and let the notice be served on her then and there; write in full and plain and direct to F. J. H., *Richland's Postoffice, Onslow County, North Carolina*.

I am your ob't. serv't,
F. J. H.

P.S. Be sure to state the residence or citizenship required—if three months, six months, or one, two or three, etc.
F. J. H.

P. S. 2nd. When I say divorce, I mean from the bonds of matrimony, full and free to set me at liberty. I pray you to write and I will be under many obligations, and you will greatly oblige a stranger. How about *"Alimony"* and a division of the children?

A few days ago we published the startling intelligence—twenty-four hours ahead of the mail, that "WAR HAD BEEN DECLARED BY TURKEY AGAINST AUSTRIA." At that time we put ourselves to a great deal of trouble to prognosticate the result of such a terrible blow to the peace of Europe. Now under the head of "Three days later from Europe—arrival of the Asia Cotton declining—breadstuffs quiet we learn War is not declared! Our readers may expect us to speculate upon the result of "War not being declared," but must put up without it; for we feel beligerent ourselves this morning, and not in the vein to talk of peace.

Herewith we give all the "further" news by the Asia, and will leave the people at large—the largest liberty to speculate for themselves upon its probable effect:

The Paris correspondent of the London Times writes that the English and French governments had notified the Emperor of Russia in very strong terms, that it is now too late to issue new modifications, and that the integrity of the Turkish empire must be maintained. The Czar at Olmutz expressed a strong desire for peace.

SUCCESSION SALES.

Succession Sale.
STATE OF LOUISIANA.—Parish of East Baton Rouge.
In the matter of the succession of Jesse B. McCrackin, deceased.—No. 341, Probate, Sixth Judicial District Court.

BY VIRTUE of a commission. Issued in the above succession, and to me directed by the Hon. Sixth Judicial District Court, in and for the Parish of East Baton Rouge and State aforesaid.—I will expose at Public sale on Thursday the 3rd day of November next, at 11 o'clock, A. M. at the late residence of the deceased, in the city of Baton Rouge; the personal property hereinafter set forth and described belonging to the above mentioned succession of Jesse B. McCrackin late of said Parish deceased—to wit:
One Horse and Mule colt.
A lot of Household and Kitchen furniture.
Terms of sale—cash.
oct-30-1853. H. V. BABIN, Sheriff

Vente de Succession.
ETAT DE LA LOUISIANE.—Paroisse d'Est Baton Rouge.
Dans l'affaire de la Succession de Jesse B. McCrackin, décédé.—No. 341, "Preuves"—Cour du Sixième District Judiciaire.

EN VERTU d'une commission lancée dans la susdite succession et à moi adressée par l'Hon. le Cour du sixième district Judiciaire, dans et pour la dite Paroisse d'Est Baton Rouge et Etat de la Louisiane, J'exposerai en vente publique Jeudi, le 3me jour de Novembre prochain, 1853, à 11 heures du matin, à la dernière demeure du dit défunt, dans la ville de Baton Rouge. Les propriétés personnel ci-après décrite et nommées, appartenant à la succession de Jesse B. McCrackin, dernièrement de cette Paroisse décédé, savoir:
Une Jument et son suivant un mulet.
Une quantité de meubles et ménage de cuisine. Conditions de la Vente—comptant.
oct-30-1853. H. H. BABIN, Sheriff.

Succession Sale.
In the matter of succession of JUSTIN PETIT deceased.—[No. 338 Probate—Sixth Judicial District Court, Parish of East Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

BY virtue of a commission issued in the above mentioned succession and to me directed from the hon. Sixth Judicial District Court, in and for the Parish of East Baton Rouge and State aforesaid. I will expose at Public Sale, on Saturday the 5th day of November next, 1853 at 11 o'clock, A. M. At the late residence of the deceased in the city of Baton Rouge, the personal property hereinafter set forth and described, belonging to the above mentioned succession of JUSTIN PETIT, late of said Parish deceased, to wit: One stone monument, one Stone Tomb, one Granite coffin, one lot of Granite, and a lot of Goods consisting of Groceries, Liquors, &c.
Terms of sale—cash.
oct 19th. H. V. BABIN, Sheriff.

Vente de Succession.
Dans l'affaire de la Succession de Justin Petit, décédé.—[No. 338 "Preuves"—Cour du Sixième District Judiciaire—Paroisse d'Est Baton Rouge, Louisiane.

EN VERTU d'une commission lancée dans la susdite succession et à moi adressée par l'Hon. Cour du Sixième District Judiciaire dans et pour la Paroisse d'Est Baton Rouge et Etat de la Louisiane: J'exposerai en vente publique, Samedi, le 5me jour de Novembre prochain, 1853, à 11 heures du matin, à la dernière demeure du dit défunt, dans la ville de Baton Rouge. Les propriétés personnel ci-après décrite et nommées, appartenant à la succession ci-dessus mentionnée de Justin Petit, dernièrement de cette Paroisse, décédé, savoir:
Une pierre monument; un tombeau en pierre; un cercueil de granit; une quantité de granit, et une quantité de marchandises, consistant de Groceries, Liqueurs, &c.
Condition de la Vente—COMPTANT.
oct 19-1853. H. V. BABIN, Sheriff.

Succession Sale.
In the matter of the succession of Dr. Lorin Very, deceased.—[No. 336 "Probate" Sixth Judicial District Court Parish of East Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

BY VIRTUE of a commission issued in the above succession and to me directed from the honorable Sixth Judicial District Court, in and for the Parish of East Baton Rouge and the State of Louisiana, I will expose at public sale on Friday the 4th day of Nov. next, at 11 o'clock at the late residence of Mr. J. C. Patterson near Court House Square in the city of Baton Rouge, the personal property hereinafter set forth and described belonging to the succession of Lorin Very late of said Parish deceased:
One fine horse, saddle and bridle,
One sulkey and harness, a lot of medical books, 1 silver watch.
One lot of office furniture, and wearing apparel,
Surgical instruments, &c., &c.
Terms of sale—CASH.
oct 21st. H. V. BABIN, Sheriff.

Vente de Succession.
Dans l'affaire de la Succession de LORIN VERY, décédé.—No. 336, "Preuves"—Cour du Sixième District Judiciaire—Paroisse d'Est Baton Rouge, La.

EN VERTU d'une commission lancée dans la susdite succession et à moi adressée par l'Hon. le Cour du Sixième District Judiciaire, dans et pour la Paroisse d'Est Baton Rouge, et Etat de la Louisiane, J'exposerai en vente publique, Vendredi, le 4me de Novembre prochain, 1853, à 11 heures du matin, à la dernière demeure de Madame J. C. Patterson, près de l'Ét de la maison de Cour dans la ville de Baton Rouge. Les propriétés personnel ci-après décrite et nommées, appartenant à la succession de Lorin Very, dernièrement de cette Paroisse décédé, savoir:
Un cheval, selle et bride;
Un Sulkey et harnais;
Une quantité de Médécines;
Une quantité de livres de Médécine;
Une Montre d'Argent;
Une quantité de meubles de Bureau et hardes; instrument de chirurgie.
Conditions de la Vente—Comptant.
oct 21-1853. H. V. BABIN, Sheriff.

ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE, BATON ROUGE.—The usual course of studies will be resumed in the institution, on the 3d of November. [oct 16.

Avis d'Administrateur.
TOUTES personnes ayant des réclamations contre la Succession de A. BAZIN, son père de la présente. Les personnes qui doivent à la dite succession sont priées de faire immédiate paiement, pour que la dite succession soit réglée.
oct 23 1853. F. B. SANS, Ad'leur.

Administrator's Notice.
ALL persons having claims against the Estate of the late L. V. V. Will please present them. Persons indebted to the estate will call and make payment, that the succession may be closed.
oct 23 1853. F. B. SANS, Ad'for.

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ALL persons having claims against the Estate of the late A. Bazin will please present them. Persons indebted to the estate will call and make payment that the succession may be closed.
GEO. A. PIKE, Administrator.
Oct. 21-1853.

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PROCLAMATIONS.

ELECTION NOTICE.

STATE OF LOUISIANA—Parish of East Baton Rouge.
IN OBEDIENCE to a proclamation issued by his Excellency P. O. Hébert, Governor of the State of Louisiana, an election will be held in this Parish, (East Baton Rouge), on MONDAY, the 7th day of NOVEMBER, next, A. D. 1853, it being the first Monday of said month, for the purpose of electing one Representative to Congress, to represent the third Congressional District, composed of the Parishes of Avoyelles, Calhoun, Carroll, Madison, Tensas, Concordia, St. Tamary, St. Helena, Livingston, Washington, East Feliciana, West Feliciana, Pt. Coupee, East Baton Rouge, West Baton Rouge, and Iberville.
Two Representatives to represent the Parish of East Baton Rouge, in the State Legislature. One State Auditor of Public Accounts. One State Treasurer, and one State Superintendent of Public Education, who shall hold their offices for two years, and until their successors are duly installed.
A Sheriff, a Recorder, Clerk of Court, Coroner and Assessor for said Parish.
Said election to be held as follows, to-wit: At the Court House of said Parish, in the City of Baton Rouge, presided by Messrs. Henry Tomlinson, G. W. Christine and J. W. Jones.
At the house of Mrs. P. Townsends in the Plains—presided by Messrs. Henry C. Young, S. W. Newport and Wm. Sowell.
At the house formerly Mrs. Greenwells, near Sandy Creek—presided by Messrs. J. F. McCaa, James Cooper and Wm. Kelly.
At the forks of the road, near the home of H. B. Harelson, Esq., presided by Messrs. T. Winthrop Brown, Absolom Dixon and Wm. L. Burnett, Commissioners.
The polls to be kept open from 9 o'clock, A. M., until 4 o'clock P. M. Said election to be conducted and returns to me made thereof, by said commissioners in all respects according to the provision of the Constitution and Laws, in such cases made and provided.
Given under my hand officially, at Baton Rouge, on this 21st day of September, A. D. 1853.
sept 22-td. H. V. BABIN, Sheriff.

Notice.
STATE OF LOUISIANA—Parish of East Baton Rouge.
IN PURSUANCE of law, an election will be held in this Parish, (East Baton Rouge) on Monday the 21st day of November next, A. D. 1853, it being the third Monday of said month—for the purpose of electing a Justice of the Peace, and a Constable in, and for each Ward of said Parish (of East Baton Rouge) said election to be presided by the Ward commissioners of each ward. The polls to be kept open from 9 o'clock, A. M., until 4 o'clock, P. M. Said election to be conducted and returns to me made by the commissioners thereof, in all respects according to the provisions of the Constitution and laws, in such cases made and provided.
Given under my hand officially at Baton Rouge on this 17th day of October, A. D. 1853.
oct 18th. H. V. BABIN, Sheriff.

NOTICE.

STATE OF LOUISIANA—Parish of East Baton Rouge—Sixth Judicial District Court.
BY VIRTUE of an order from the Hon. WILLIAM B. ROBERTSON, Judge of the Sixth Judicial District, of the State of Louisiana.
Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern, that a special court will be held at the Court House, in and for said Parish of East Baton Rouge, by the aforesaid Judge, on MONDAY the 14th day of NOVEMBER next, A. D. 1853, being the second Monday of said month,—to transact all business—civil and criminal and to try all cases, as if the term were a regular term of said Court (with Jury).
Given under my hand officially at Baton Rouge, on this 8th day of October, A. D. 1853.
H. V. BABIN, Sheriff.

AVIS.

ETAT DE LA LOUISIANE.—Paroisse d'Est Baton Rouge.—Cour du Sixième District Judiciaire.
EN VERTU d'un ordre de l'Hon. William B. Robertson, Juge du Sixième District Judiciaire de l'Etat de la Louisiane. Avis est par la présente donné à toutes ceux intéressés, qu'une Cour particulier sera tenu à la maison de Cour, dans et pour la Paroisse d'Est Baton Rouge, par le susdit Juge, Lundi, le 14me jour de Novembre prochain, A. D. 1853, étant le 2me Lundi du dit mois—pour expédier toutes affaires, Civil et Criminelle et pour considérer toutes cause, comme s'il était un terme régulier de la dit Cour (avec Jury).
Donné sous ma main officiellement à Baton Rouge, ce 8me jour d'Octobre, 1853. H. V. BABIN, Sheriff.