

## THE MODERN BORGIA.

Mrs. Robinson, the Boston Poisoner. Convicted of Murder in the First Degree. BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 12.—The jury in the case of Mrs. Sarah J. Robinson, the alleged wholesale poisoner, yesterday morning rendered a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree. In this trial she was charged with the murder of Prince Arthur Freeman, her nephew. Mrs. Robinson had previously been tried on the charge of killing her son and daughter, but the jury disagreed. The incentive to all the crimes of which she is charged was alleged to be the securing of the life insurance of her victims. Not a muscle of the prisoner's face moved as she heard the words uttered. She stood staring vacantly at the court for a few moments and resumed her seat.

## WHERE'S THE SHERIFF?

A Corporation Asks the Governor of Pennsylvania for Troops. READING, Pa., Feb. 12.—General Manager McLeod and General Superintendent Swigard of the Reading company passed through this city yesterday on a special train for Harrisburg. It is reported that they had a long conference with Governor Beaver in relation to calling out the State troops in the event of the coal and iron strike being unable to properly protect such persons as may report for work at their collieries at Shesheben to-morrow.

## Failures for the Week.

New York, Feb. 11.—R. G. Dun & Co. report business failures during the last seven days: For the United States, 287; for Canada, 52; total, 339, as compared with 267 for the corresponding week last year.

## ADVICE TO MOTHERS.

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## ENGLISH COMPOSITION.

The One Thing Needed to the Success of Instructor and Scholar.

In my judgment the work of an instructor in English composition is, indeed, limited in range, but is very important within its range. His office is not so much to provide his pupils with matters for thought, or with machinery for thinking, as to show them how to communicate their thoughts to others in the clearest, strongest and most effective manner. To this end he should strive, in the first place, to stimulate their minds, so that they may put forth their full powers when they write, and put them forth naturally and with the force of their individuality; and, in the second place, he should, so far as in him lies, remove the obstruction which ignorance, half-knowledge, bad training, mannerism, self-consciousness, imitation of poor models, the thousand and one forces that fight against good English, place between the thought and its free and natural expression.

Over some of these obstacles a student's mental energy will, if roused to its full power, carry him by its own momentum; for, as every one knows, a writer is less likely to make egregious errors in spelling or punctuation, for instance, if he be so absorbed in the matter of what he is writing as to give no conscious attention to forms or words or construction of sentences. The more firmly, moreover, his mind grasps the subject in hand, and more rapid the moments of his train of thought, the more likely he is to hit upon the best words and the best arrangement of words.

If a teacher, then, is able to interest his pupils in what they are writing so fully that they put their best selves into their work with the pen, he will succeed not only in giving to it continuity and individuality not otherwise to be attained, but also in diminishing the number of errors and defects. Those which remain should be dealt with firmly but considerately. The student should be made to feel that they are removed in order that the free flow of his thought may be unimpeded, and that they are of no account as compared with lack of life and of unity in the composition as a whole.

Every teacher will decide for himself how to stimulate his pupils. The means are as various as the conditions of life and the idiosyncrasies of human nature. What is one man's meat is another man's poison. What is successful with a small class will fail with a large one. In all cases and under all conditions, the one thing needful is that the teacher should have the power to awaken interest and inspire enthusiasm. If he does not throw himself into his work, the minds of his pupils will be cold and sluggish. They must catch fire from him.—Prof. A. S. Hill, in Scribner's Magazine.

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## ELECTION NOTICE.

OFFICE OF RETURNING OFFICER. Parish of St. John the Baptist, Louisiana, February 13, 1888.

By virtue and under authority of the laws of the State of Louisiana, and the proclamation of His Excellency Samuel Douglas McEnery, under date of January 14, 1888, directing a general election to be held in this State on the Tuesday next following the third Monday of April, 1888, for State, Parish and Judicial officers, and for members of the General Assembly, also on the proposed amendments to the Constitution of the State.

I, MICHEL ALCHIDE BECKEL, Returning Officer of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, do hereby give public notice that an election will be held in this parish, on TUESDAY, THE 17TH DAY OF APRIL, 1888, (it being the Tuesday next following the third Monday of said month) from seven o'clock in the morning until six o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of voting for a Governor, a Lieutenant-Governor, a Secretary of State, an Auditor of Public Accounts, a Superintendent of Public Education, one Senator of the Seventh Senatorial District (of which this parish forms part), one Representative for this parish, one District Judge and one District Attorney for the twenty-sixth Judicial District (of which this parish forms part), one Clerk of the District Court, one Sheriff, one Coroner, one Justice of the Peace and one Constable for each ward of this parish, and for or against the proposed amendments to the Constitution of this State adopted by a two-thirds vote of all members elected to each house of the General Assembly of this State at their regular session of 1884 and 1886, and which are more fully enumerated and described in the official publication thereof made by the Secretary of State and duly promulgated in every parish in this State, as required by the Constitution.

The polling places are established as follows, with the names of the clerks to serve at each poll:

1st ward—at Bossier & Eldener's Cooper shop.  
Clerk—Auguste Chabaud.  
2d ward—at the Courthouse.  
Clerk—Emile Laurent.  
3d ward—at Henry Horn's Store.  
Clerk—Felix Rousseau.  
4th ward—at H. Clement's Store.  
Clerk—Ernest Alexandre.  
5th ward—at Lions & Pellandini's.  
Clerk—F. P. Lions.  
6th ward—at Reine's School-house.  
Clerk—Justin Ory.

M. A. BECKEL, Returning Officer.

## REGISTRATION.

Public notice is hereby given to all citizens of the Parish of St. John the Baptist who have not been registered in this parish and to those who have removed from one ward or precinct to another since the last election, that the registration office will be opened at the Court-House from the 16th day of February to the 16th day of April—except when opened at the following places:

1st ward—at Bossier & Eldener, March 1st;  
2d ward—at Henry Horn, March 2d;  
3d ward—at Joe Webb, March 3d;  
4th ward—at H. Clement, March 5th;  
5th ward—at Lions & Pellandini, March 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th;  
6th ward—at H. Rabinowitz, March 6th;  
And, from thence, at the Court-House until the closing day of registration as above stated.

WM. J. HART, Registrar.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, Twenty-sixth Judicial District Court, PARISH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.

SAMUEL VIGNES, versus HIS CREDITORS. No. 321.

Whereas John Webb, of this parish, Syndic duly appointed and qualified, of the foregoing insolvent estate, has, this day, filed in the foregoing Court a final account of his administration of said estate, praying for the homologation of the same.

Public notice is hereby given to the creditors of said insolvent, Samuel Vignes, and to all interested parties, to show cause, if any they have or can, in writing, to the Honorable the Judge of the said Court, within ten days from the first publication hereof, why said final account should not be approved and homologated and the funds in the hands of the said syndic distributed according therewith. Witness the Honorable Emile Kost, Judge, L. S., and the seal of said Court, this 10th day of February, A. D. 1888.

ZENON MILLET, Clerk of Court.

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## PROMULGATION

OF THE Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, adopted by the General Assembly in 1884 and 1886.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, Office of the Secretary of State. In pursuance of the provisions of the Constitution, publications hereby made and given to the qualified electors of the State of Louisiana of the proposed amendments to the Constitution of this State, which have been concurred in by two-thirds of all the members elected to each house of the General Assembly of this State, at the regular sessions thereof, held at the city of Baton Rouge, in the years 1884 and 1886, and which are required to be published for the information of the qualified electors of this State for three months next preceding the general election for Representatives, and which proposed amendments more fully appear in Act No. 3 and Joint Resolution No. 112 of the Regular Session of 1884, and in Joint Resolution Nos. 38, 39, 40, and 41 of the Regular Session of 1886, which are hereinafter officially published, for the information of the qualified electors of this State, and which will be submitted to them for their approval or their rejection, at the next general election which will be held on Tuesday, the 17th day of April, A. D. 1888 (it being the Tuesday next following the third Monday of said month) in such manner and form that the qualified electors may vote for or against each amendment separately; and if a majority of the qualified electors voting at said election, shall approve and ratify all or either of said proposed amendments, then such proposed amendment or amendments or either of them, so approved and ratified, shall become a part of the Constitution of this State.

Act No. 43 of the Regular Session of 1884.

AMENDMENT NO. 1. TULANE UNIVERSITY AMENDMENT. The terms of Act No. 43, of the Regular Session of 1884, adopted at the session of the Legislature in the year 1884, are hereby ratified and approved, and all provisions of the Constitution of 1879 repugnant thereto, or in any way impairing the passage thereof, are hereby repealed, so far as the operations of said act are concerned.

Joint Resolution No. 112 of the Regular Session of 1884.

AMENDMENT NO. 2.

"The General Assembly may divide the State into levee districts and provide for the appointment or election of Levee Commissioners in said districts, who shall in the method or manner to be provided by law, have supervision of the erection, repair and maintenance of the levees in said districts; to that effect the Levee Commissioners may levy a tax not to exceed ten mills on the taxable property, situated within the alluvial portions of said district subject to the provisions of the Constitution of 1879, and may provide for the raising of additional funds for the purpose of constructing, preserving and repairing any levees protecting the lands of the district, the rate of taxation, herein limited, may be increased when the rate of such increase and the necessity and purpose of such increase shall have been submitted to a vote of the property tax-payers in such district, paying taxes for himself, or in any representative capacity, whether resident or non-resident, on property situated in the alluvial portion of said district, and the majority of those in number and value, voting at such election, shall have voted therefor."

Joint Resolution No. 28 of the Regular Session of 1886.

AMENDMENT NO. 3.

"In those districts composed of one parish, there shall not be less than six terms of the District Court each year."  
"In all other districts, there shall be in each parish not less than four terms of the District Court each year, except in the parishes of Cameron, Franklin and Vernon, in which there shall not be less than two terms of the District Court each year."  
"Until provided by law, the terms of the District Court in each parish shall be fixed by a rule of said court, which shall not be changed without notice by publication at least thirty days prior to such change."  
"There shall be in each parish not less than two jury terms each year, at which a grand jury shall be empaneled, except in the parishes of Cameron, Franklin and Vernon, in which there shall not be less than one jury term each year, at which a grand jury shall be empaneled."  
"At other jury terms the General Assembly shall provide for special juries, when necessary for the trial of criminal cases."

Joint Resolution No. 75 of the Regular Session of 1886.

AMENDMENT NO. 4.

Article 180.—"The New Basin Canal and Shell Road and their appurtenances shall not be leased nor alienated."

Joint Resolution No. 88 of the Regular Session of 1886.

AMENDMENT NO. 5.

Article 62.—"That in the event of the death, or from whatever cause the office of Lieutenant Governor shall become vacant, then, and in that event the President pro tempore of the Senate shall fill the office of Lieutenant Governor, performing all the duties incident to the office and receiving its emolument."

Joint Resolution No. 92 of the Regular Session of 1886.

AMENDMENT NO. 6.

Article 207.—"The following property shall be exempt from taxation and so other, viz: All public property, places of religious worship or burial, all charitable institutions, all buildings and property used exclusively for colleges or other school purposes, the real and personal estate of any public library, and that of any other literary association used by or connected with such library; all books and philosophical apparatus, and all paintings and statuary of any company or association kept in a public hall; provided, the property so exempted be not used, or loaned for purposes of private or corporate profit or income. There shall also be exempt from taxation household property to the value of five hundred dollars; there shall also be exempt from taxation and license for a period of twenty years from the adoption of the Constitution of 1879, the capital, machinery and other property employed in the manufacture of textile fabrics, leather, shoes, harness, saddlery, hats, furs, machinery, agricultural implements, manufacture of ice, fertilizers and chemicals and furniture and other articles of wood, marble, or stone, stationary ink and paper, paint building and chocolate; provided, that not less than five hands are employed in any one factory." In testimony whereof, I have hereunto affixed my signature and attached thereto the seal of the State of Louisiana at the city of Baton Rouge, this 12th day of January, A. D. 1888.

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