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The Czar of Russia Assassinated.

As Emperor Alexander of Russia was returning, through the streets of St. Petersburg, from reviewing a parade on the 13th inst., a bomb was thrown under his carriage, which exploded, doing considerable damage to the vicinity. He sprang from the carriage unharmed, but another shell was thrown under his feet, which exploded and mangled him in a frightful manner, from the effects of which he expired in a few minutes. The Grand Duke Michael, who was in the carriage with him, was unharmed, but an officer and two Cossacks were killed and several others injured. One of the assassins was captured, but the other escaped.

The Czarowitz was almost immediately installed Emperor, under the title of "Alexander III," and the next morning his manifesto was promulgated, commanding all the subjects of the Empire to swear allegiance to himself, and deploring the death of his father.

After repeated attempts, the insane and murderous Nihilists have at last succeeded in murdering their Emperor; and what have they accomplished, except the execrations and loathing of the rest of the world and the subjecting of themselves and others to a more rigid servitude? The assassin is the worst and meanest of murderers, who should be abhorred and condemned by all people and never justified or condoned under any circumstances. They never accomplish any good even when their malice is directed against the worst of tyrants, for the assassination of such never free the people from oppression. Governments can only be overturned by revolution or invasion, and not by the murder of their rulers.

Reports last week from the extreme northwestern States and territories were exceedingly gloomy and discouraging. The severity of the weather and depth of snow is unprecedented; and it is feared that when the snow drifts have cleared away the bodies of a great many persons who have perished from cold or been killed by avalanches will be found, as there are a large number of towns and settlements that have not been heard from since the heavy snowfalls set in.

Cattle have died by the thousand from starvation and exposure, the snow being so deep that it was impossible for them to get anything to eat, and the hard freeze even preventing their getting water to drink.

It is predicted that when the snow thaws and the ice gorges are broken up the Missouri river will rise to a stage never before known and do untold damage to the country through which it flows.

If this immense volume of water should come down upon us before the present superabundance of water has run off, we will have the highest water ever known in Louisiana perhaps. God save our country from such a terrible calamity.

Senator Hill, of Georgia, succeeded last Monday in developing the position of Senator Mahone, of Virginia, and in working that wirey little statesman up into a high state of excitement. Senator Ben may have been a little too previous and severe on Gen. Billy, but he succeeded in getting at a fact which the press and people wanted to know very badly for some time—which party Mahone would affiliate with—and we all know now that he has been captured by the Republicans. Mahone was a brave soldier and good general and we felt proud that our old division commander had been elected to the U. S. Senate, but we do not feel so proud now.

Wonder if the northern Republicans will be so sensitive about the ex-Confederate general Mahone being elected to the position of United States Senator?

Beef's Gift Edge-Turns restores the appetite

Information for the Bureau of Agriculture and Immigration.

Mr. W. H. Harris, Commissioner of Agriculture and Immigration of Louisiana, requested the members of the Press Association to publish in their respective papers answers to a large number of questions propounded by him, relative to the parishes in which they are published. In reading over and attempting to answer these questions, we find it impossible to answer them correctly unassisted by others, for many of our answers would be mere guess-work without such assistance. For instance, we do not know what wages are paid mechanics and laborers, amount of capital invested in stock raising and what the annual profit is, what sized tracts of land can be purchased and at what price, the price of improved land and what it can be rented at. Therefore, we will be very thankful to parties who will furnish us with such information.

As soon as we have collected all the information asked for relative to our parish we will publish it, but we have no idea when we can begin the publication. When we do we will forward a copy of the BEACON to Mr. Harris, so that he may gather therefrom the information he desires.

This work may prove of great advantage to our parish, and we hope our citizens will render us all the assistance in their power in getting up these statistics, especially those who are more directly interested in the matter than we are. Let us at least give immigrants such information as may lead them to seek homes in our parish, whether we make any other effort in this direction or not.

Dancing.

All the most prosperous churches and most religious people condemn dancing. In a recent meeting held in Columbus, Miss., Rev. Mr. Battle, of the Baptist church, said: "Those who dance tread on the thin crust of a fiery volcano." Dr. Stainback, of the C. P. church, said: "If I had sons I would rather see them employed in saloons than have my daughters go to balls." Rev. Mr. Steel, said: "When my daughter is grown I hope she will attract the young gentlemen by her head and not her heels." Some think it a mark of culture to dance well, but we "have seen," says a correspondent, "a negro boy, without the first elements of an education, dance with a grace and agility that would put to blush the brightest star of the fashionable ballroom." The most accomplished dancers in the world are the untutored savages. What special incentives then can a cultivated, refined and intellectual youth have to waste precious time in an amusement in which, after all, he may be surpassed by a rude Hottentot or even an ape? Dancing is often fatal. At a ball given by Mr. Scott, near Aurora, Ala., the participants became much heated and exhausted by dancing nearly all of a warm night. In this condition they started for home. The weather changed, producing alarming results on their excited systems. Of those who engaged in the dance two died next morning, seven died a little later, and all suffered more or less. This is only one of the many instances of the fatal results of dancing. Many a young lady rests in an untimely grave through this cause. For this reason I could wish that the dance of death were painted on the walls of all the ball rooms in order to warn the dancers not to provoke the God of righteousness to visit them with a sudden judgment. The moral aspects of this subject are grave. It draws the mind from God. The devil under the sport of the dance makes the mind wander from religion, and if no other sin is committed this is a wound to the soul. "Shun the very appearance of evil" is the command, and were all to obey it the dancing halls would be deserted.—*Panola Star.*

The Beacon editor "has gone to grass" so says his paper. The last time we heard from him he was eating cake and drinking—in New Orleans. "Grass is too thin."—*Morehouse Clarion.*

All very true; but how did you come to be so well posted as to our movements in the city? That cake was delicious, and the champagne sparkling, but not half so sparkling as the eyes of the ladies who invited us to participate. Don't you wish you had been with us, neighbor?

The weather is very unfavorable, as the continuous and heavy rains will in all probability keep the water up until a big spring swell comes down the Missouri river; at least we are very fearful of such result. Still we hope for the better.

The Greeneyed Monster Leads a Victim to Murder.

John Bonce, a carpenter of New Orleans, conceived an intense passion for the fair but frail Belle Weaver, who it seems did not return his passion, but loved O. A. Esquirol better. This so enraged Bonce that, when she showed a decided preference for Esquirol, while the three were on the street together last Monday night, he shot the latter twice, inflicting two wounds, one of which probably proved fatal. The jealous murderer was arrested and locked up, and the wounded man taken to his home, where a Democrat reporter found him suffering very much, but being tenderly nursed by the cause of his trouble, whom the reporter describes as a very comely young woman.

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PROCLAMATION.

Notice! Special Election!

To the Property Taxpayers of Richland Parish, Louisiana:

Whereas, the Police Jury of the Parish of Richland, in regular meeting assembled on the 7th day of December, 1880, enacted Ordinance No. two, including in the estimate for public expenses of the Parish of Richland for the year A. D. 1881 a ten mills tax for the purpose of building suitable public buildings, court house, clerk's and sheriff's offices, etc.; and whereas, said Police Jury, in regular meeting assembled, January 12th, 1881, enacted Ordinance No. 7, extending time for holding said special election, provided for in said ordinance above referred to—

Now, therefore, in pursuance of law and by virtue of Article 209 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, and by the authority conferred upon me by the ordinances of said Police Jury, written and for said Parish of Richland, I, Eljah Scott, President thereof, and I, Leon Scott, Sheriff of said parish and ex-officio Returning officer, do hereby issue this our proclamation, giving full notice to all persons citizens, and more especially, property taxpayers, of said parish that there will be held on

Wednesday, April 27th, 1881,

at the usual polling places in said parish, a special election, for the purpose of raising or rejecting, voting for or against said ordinance, assessing said ten (10) mills tax to erect public improvements as aforesaid, and you are hereby further notified that the qualified voters voting at said election shall place upon their tickets "For the tax" if in favor of the ratification of said tax and of finances assessing the same, and "Against the tax" if they disapprove the same. Said election to be held in conformity to the laws of the State governing elections, and none but property taxpayers of the Parish of Richland entitled to vote under the State election laws will be entitled to vote therein.

ELJAH SCOTT, President Police Jury.

LEON SCOTT, Sheriff.

Sheriff & Ex-officio Returning Officer. Rayville, La., March 19, 1881.—dt.

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