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LAY ON, McDUFF!

But a few weeks ago the Franklin Vindicator-News, referring to the whipping of a woman in that town, said, in a spasm of virtuous indignation:

"'White capping' of such a low and degrading order, should be dealt with harshly—we either have laws for righting wrongs or we have not; if we have not; if we have none then we think some should be enacted. But the act of assembling drunken mobs for the perpetration of high crimes, as a means of correcting the smallest evils, should not be tolerated by this community, neither should we depend upon the District Court to punish the offense. The reputation of Franklin, for respectability, cannot be entrusted to the keeping and maintenance of mobs, especially such as entered the house of Eliza Bankins last Saturday night."

We saw fit to publish the article, and took occasion, believing it to be the honest effort of a fearless journalist to advocate the upholding of the law and its enforcement, to remark that the REPUTATION of St. Mary parish in that respect was not an enviable one; that it was on a par with Tangipahoa.

This it seems was like shaking a red flag at an angry bull—for the Vindicator-News—evidently repenting of its denunciation of crime, rushes to the fray in a most savage and vindictive mood, hurling abuse and defiance at us, and winds up by asking: "Assuming that to be an outrage when did any former one take place?" Really, we don't know. It is doubtful if mobs ever commit "outrages," but if our memory is not at fault somebody not long since threatened to mob a preacher near the depot and one of the Franklin papers had the hardihood to call it "an outrage."

Vermilion parish is not posing just now in any "holier than thou" spirit, and THE MERIDIONAL freely concedes that there are thousands of good people in St. Mary parish. Some of them as good, brave and true as are to be found anywhere under the broad canopy of heaven. One of these occupies the exalted position of District Judge—and for several terms presided over the administration of justice in this parish where he was universally loved and esteemed.

In years gone by, Vermilion parish suffered from lawlessness and disregard of the law and her good people felt keenly the reproach of such a reputation. But they did not seek to remove the reproach or repair that reputation by entering a flat denial. They made a united effort to punish crime and convict criminals, and they kept it up until today we can proudly say the laws—all of them—are respected in Vermilion parish and crime is infrequent.

What we had particularly in mind in speaking of Tangipahoa in connection with St. Mary—was the crime of murder. We heard a prominent citizen of St. Mary state not long since that there had been

more murders in the parish of St. Mary during the past ten years than in the parish of Tangipahoa. How many of them have been convicted? We challenge you to produce the record.

No matter how strenuously the Vindicator-News may deny it we think the wives, families and friends of the many men who have been murdered—(excuse us—died suddenly)—in that parish will agree with us that crime is not punished there as it should be

If the Vindicator-News man will scan the record for the past ten years, note how many white men have been indicted for murder or manslaughter and tell us how many have been convicted he will find food for reflection and little cause, we fear for congratulation.

During the troublous times when Vermilion was in the hands of the law breaker and Justice was a very uncertain quantity, a citizen of this parish killed a man and was arrested on a charge of murder. He had a preliminary examination before the District Judge who remanded him to jail without bail and ordered him taken to Franklin for safe-keeping, our jail being in a very unsafe condition. Hardly had the accused landed in Franklin before the judge in St. Mary assumed jurisdiction in the case and ordered him released on nominal bond. Of course such a thing could not occur to-day, and we merely refer to it as an instance of the lax methods of justice that have at some time prevailed in St. Mary.

THE PRIMARY MOVEMENT.

Just now there is a good deal of talk about Democratic primaries to select the State ticket. The Democratic Executive Committee of the 5th Congressional District has ordered primaries to choose the nominee. For contra the Executive Committee of the 4th District at a meeting held Monday in Shreveport voted down a resolution ordering a primary. So there you have it.

Much can be said in favor of a general primary. There is no doubt that at first blush it sounds very popular.

It sounds like "getting next to the people" and your true demagogue is perpetually howling about the wishes and wants of the dear people.

But the primary is no balm of Gilead. There is much to be urged against it. Just at the present moment the fact that the Times-Democrat and the Picayune have attuned their harps and are sitting like the sirens of old on a rocky ledge—far away from the old safe channel and calling in dulcet notes to the passers by, constitutes a reason for going slow. The Times-Democrat is such in name only. It has always worn Democratic livery that it might better serve the purpose of its Republican owners. Anything its advocates for the benefit of the party must be received with a certain amount of reserve and suspicion.

Our election laws have robbed the people of some of their dearest rights, chief of which are the chance to sell out to every candidate and the chance to be a candidate for any old thing from Governor to ward constable. All this has been done away with. We have even been deprived of the right to fix up our friend's ticket and march him up to the box and see that he puts it in. The primary was the one thing left to us. It was our last natural political right remaining. It was simple and unconfined, wild and woolly as a Texas mustang. But in an evil hour the lawgivers at Baton Rouge rounded up this last prop and comfort of the people and clapped the brand of

law upon it. So if we have primaries they are to be held under all the restrictions, red tape, frippery and fol de rol of this new primary election law.

When the dear people make this discovery we doubt if they will want any primary. It would be a good idea for the gent who writes the heavy political leaders on the Times-Democrat and makes the thunder of denunciation roar and roll, to read up the law and see how it suits the requirements of the occasion.

It would not hurt him any to read the statute books. It would perhaps prevent him from making such mistakes as he did the other day when he gravely informed us that the district judges and district attorneys were to be elected in April, 1904.

Acquaint the people with the fact that we have a primary election law. Enlighten them as to its provisions and requirements and allow them to ascertain if it would allow them a chance to intelligently exercise their choice.

IF A MAN LIE TO YOU,
And say some other salve, ointment, lotion, oil or alleged healer is as good as Bucklen's Arnica Salve, tell him thirty years of marvelous cures of Piles, Burns, Boils, Corns, Felons, Ulcers, Cuts, Scalds, Bruises and Skin Eruptions prove it's the best and cheapest. 25c at A. J. Godard's drug store.

TEDDY SHAKES THE SIMMON TREE.

President Roosevelt has shaken the persimmon tree once more, and all the old Louisiana black leg Republicans have fallen out. Henry McCall will be collector of the port; Col. Elmer Wood, naval officer. Winderly and his crowd will have to walk the plank, and while they have helped the Democrats out in times of need, we can't say we have any tears to shed.

Acts Immediately.
Colds are sometimes more troublesome in summer than in winter, it's so hard to keep from adding to them while cooling off after exercise. One Minute Cough Cure cures at once. Absolutely safe. Acts immediately. Sure cure for coughs, colds, croup, throat and lung troubles. A. J. Godard.

The Lafayette Gazette reports that there is a corps of Southern Pacific surveyors at work in that parish on a line in the direction of Baton Rouge. Judging from what has been done the new line will parallel the projected road of the Louisiana Central which was surveyed in 1884 and a part of the right of way cleared out and graded. So we may get a short cut to Baton Rouge yet.

Last week the famous Campanile tower of St. Mark's Cathedral, Venice, suddenly toppled over in ruins, narrowly missing the sacred edifice in its fall. Much uneasiness is felt for the safety of the other historic buildings in the city. The government will endeavor to ascertain the cause of the collapse of the tower.

E. W. Grover
This signature is on every box of the genuine
Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets
the remedy that cures a cold in one day

The Mandeville Wave makes the assertion that Col. Sam Robertson should not be a candidate for Congress this year as it would be a violation of his promise made last election to run "only this one time." St. Landry and Avoyelles are out of the district now. Where will you find a candidate?

Mississippi has vindicated her reputation for the maintenance of law and order by the execution of the the brutal murderers, Cocke and Lauderdale who were hanged Tuesday at Greenville. Both men died unrepentant and with curses on their lips.

Four men were hanged for murder last Tuesday in the State of Mississippi.

Perry Pickings.

Editor MERIDIONAL:

Vegetables are scarce now, on account of the recent drought.

Farmers are all planting their sweet potato vines now.

Dr. R. J. Young was down at Perry on a professional visit Monday.

Miss Fanny Marceaux is having her house painted.

Miss Ella Hollier, of Abbeville, visited at Lilywood, Wednesday.

Ernest Dervelroy and family have returned from a short visit to the coast.

District Attorney J. N. Greene passed through Perry Monday.

Remy Stansbury is convalescing very fast much to the joy of his many friends.

Mrs. Percy Summers visited her mother Monday.

W. P. Miller, the hustling business man, who is traveling for the Webb Press Co. is at home on a short visit.

P. L. Terrier, our enterprising merchant, is quite ill, but we hope to see him at his usual place soon—behind the counter.

Randolph O'Bryan, who was very ill some weeks ago, is up and about, but still very weak.

Ben Root, Frank Haynes and Joe Delaune went to Jennings "to put out the fire" but arrived too late.

Mrs. Kemmer McBurner is visiting her father, R. J. McCann.

J. B. Mills is working for Uncle Sam now. Mr. Mills can carry the mail easier than anyone around, as he goes to town every day anyway—and that quick too.

Misses Rosa Corrigan and Nannie Taylor of Gueydan, were the guests of Miss Mary O'Bryan last week.

Antoine Dronet, the former mail carrier, has moved his family to Prairie Gregg. Mrs. Summerfield Stansbury has purchased his property and will move there immediately. Her daughter Mrs. Jeff Stakes will reside with her.

Miss May Stansbury, an amiable and charming young lady of Perry, is visiting Crowley, the guest of her brother Ollie. Her return is looked forward to with much anticipation, as Miss May is a general favorite around Perry.

Mrs. Brumfield has a curiosity in the shape of a flower plant. It is called the chenille plant. From the body of the plant hang long spikes of bloodred flowers which look like velvet. The beauty of the flower is that these spikes get longer and larger as the plant grows, and they sometimes attain a length of several feet.

Last Saturday quite a crowd from Perry went to Young's coulee to fish and have a good time in general. Among those who went were the Misses Maggie, Wealthy, Lizzie and Bessie Stansbury, Ella Simon, Edie Lyons, — Hardee, Mabel Miller, Vella Delaune and Messrs. Frank, Charley and Clare Haynes, Marshall Boudreaux, — Becker, Jewel Simon and Ernest Miller.

AVIS.

Perry, La., July 23, 1902.

PERRY RE-PICKED.

Editor MERIDIONAL:

P. L. Nugier left Friday for a few days visit to the Crescent City.

R. H. Stansbury, son of H. J. Stansbury, who has been confined to his bed for several weeks, is much improved. It is hoped by his many friends that he will be up and out again soon.

Work has begun on the new steel bridge at Perry and when completed will add much to the appearance of the thriving little town. Much credit is due John Nugier, Sr., for his untiring efforts towards the accomplishment of this new public enterprise.

The many friends of P. L. Terrier will regret to learn of his illness this week.

The old dancing hall at Perry is being repaired and hereafter will no longer be a place of amusement, but a place to train the young growing minds of this vicinity to look forward with higher aspirations and to fit themselves for the enjoyment of their old days as well as the young.

A delightful social party given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Becker, a few miles south of Perry, was attended by a large number of Perry's young people, among whom were: Misses Carrie Terrier, Jeanette Nugier, May Stansbury, Alice Davidson, Lizzie, Wealthy, Maggie and Bessie Stansbury, Victoria Gooch, Angeline Clement and P. L. Nugier, V. F. Stansbury, Clare, Charles and Frank Haynes, B. Stansbury, Albert LeBlanc, Walter Terrier and Clare Gooch. A few of

the number went on a hay ride and were ably chaperoned by Mrs. Nugier. Dancing and games were participated in after which refreshments were served and at the proper time, which arrived only too soon. All expressed themselves as having spent a delightful evening and departed for their respective homes.

We are much elated over the large number of bright, newsy, well-written communications which we have received lately and feel that our efforts are appreciated. There is only one thing which would make us feel better and that is new subscribers and we feel sure they will come. A publisher with an increasing circulation has nothing to fear.

Stops the Cough and Works Off the Cold.
Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets cure a cold in one day. No Cure, No Pay. Price 25 cents

The Lily White Republicans have decided to put out a Congressional ticket this fall, and the hope of Federal pap and patronage will prove a strong incentive for the victims to come forward and meet their predicted fate—defeat at the hands of the Democracy.

If the Times-Democrat and the Picayune accurately represent public sentiment, why is it that we hear of no great desire for a primary among the people of New Orleans?

The Best Prescription for Malaria

Chills and Fever is a bottle of Grover's Tasteless Chill Tonic. It is simply iron and quinine in a tasteless form. No cure, No pay. Price 50c.

Capt. Móresi has struck oil at Anse la Butte and expects to bring in a gusher in a few days. The Heywoods are busy drilling there for the LeDanois company.

Floods of rain continue to devastate Illinois, Iowa, Missouri and Kansas. The losses of property and crops are way up in the millions.

Gen. Wood may head the Panama Canal commission.

STATE OF LOUISIANA—17th Judicial District Court—Parish of Vermilion—No. 478.

Succession of Jean Vincent
Whereas, Desire Vincent, of the Parish of Vermilion, has filed in this Honorable Court his petition praying that he be appointed Administrator of the Succession, numbered and entitled above;

Notice is therefore hereby given to any and all whom it doth or may concern, including the heirs of said Succession, to show cause, if any they have, within ten days, why the prayer of said petition should not be granted.

By order of Court.
SIMONET LEBLANC,
Clerk of Court.

Clerk's Office, July 22, 1902.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE Acme Saving Association OF ABBEVILLE.

Showing its condition at the close of the six months ending June 30th, 1902.

ASSETS:	
Cash, that is lawful money and funds on deposit in bank	22.88
Loans, with vendor's privilege	10,425.00
Loans on all other security	1,225.00
Interest accrued and not collected and not more than for six months past	81.85
Cash short	49.49
	\$12,004.22

LIABILITIES:	
Full paid stock, other Dayton	8,075.00
Installments and dividends for interest on current stock accrued	2,997.50
Undivided profits	1,000.00
	\$12,072.50

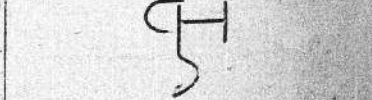
I, J. Nelson Greene, Vice President, and I, W. W. Edwards, Secretary, being duly sworn, declare that the above report is true, and is a correct statement of the condition of this Association.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of July, 1902.

D. L. McPherson, Notary Public.

Taken Up.

By the undersigned at his home about five miles north of Abbeville, one red cow, white or bald face mark thus on left hip:



Said cow has a calf not branded and has been depredating on my premises for the past year. Owner is hereby notified to come forward, prove property and pay expenses or I will have her sold according to law.
GERARD FREDERICK
June 28-30d.
Brand to be seen at this office.