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Mary Ellen Lease, Esq., is a candidate for mayor of Wichita, Kans.

The "best element" in New Orleans must be in a hopeless minority.

'Tis a pity Judge King did not get the views of the country papers before rendering his decision in the Fitzpatrick case.

The Opelousas Evening Call is publishing a series of "Letters from Hell." Whether they are intended to furnish the citizens of the town with valuable information concerning the resources and natural advantages of that section as an inducement to prospective settlers, or not, Braux does not say.

The Louisiana Press Association will meet in Donaldsonville on April 30. If dead-headism could be prevented on such occasions the interests of journalism would be advanced.—Mansfield Democrat-Journal.

What does our esteemed confrere mean by "dead-headism." Please explain, Bro. Mac.

The fortunes owned by the Mackays, one branch of the Astors, the Huntingtons, one of the Goulds and others, aggregating not less than \$100,000,000, are now owned in Europe. The immense interest upon these fortunes is raked and scraped from high freights on agricultural products, exorbitant rents on real estate, usury in money lending, only to be loaded upon ships and carried away for European use. And the producer of the United States, working on farm, in shop or in factory, whose toil extends from sun to sun, only knows that while he has to work as hard his returns are small, his provisions more scant, and his hope of prosperity more distant than ever before.—Atlanta Constitution.

The sugar planters continue to abuse Senator Caffery in spite of all the hard work he did for them in securing the bounty for the past year's crop. Mr. Caffery, however, is in office for a long term, and by the expiration of that time he will have overcome the opposition of the people who ought to be his friends. The sugar planters, while good and deserving men, seem to be running from a phantom and grasping at straws where there is really no necessity of the slightest care.—Patterson Optic.

The sugar planters do not seem to know their friends. Not only Senator Caffery but all the members of the Louisiana delegation worked well and faithfully for the sugar interests. A large number of the sugar planters are chronic kickers and would not be satisfied with nothing less than the whole of Uncle Sam's treasury.

Whenever Editor Chevis of the Baton Rouge Advocate has some to say he knows how to say it, and he says it in his own way. We believe his paper was the only daily in Louisiana that denounced Populist Manning's ballot reform scheme. Recent developments proved that Manning is a political fake and populist misfit and even the few Democrats who attended his meeting at New Orleans are going back on him. Speaking of this fellow and his reforms, the Advocate says:

Clark Howell, the well-known editor of the Atlanta Constitution, has given out to the Associated Press a disclaimer denying that he has given his endorsement to the scheme originated by populist Manning who is now in New York attempting to arouse a sentiment in favor of the passage of a force bill by the national congress. We believe that Mr. Manning has a few followers among the democrats of this State, who seemed to find it strange that the democratic masses of Louisiana did not receive Kolb's lieutenant on his late visit here with open arms. The wisdom of the level-headed democrats in this State who refrained from aiding and abetting this foul-mouthed populist in his covert designs has now been fully shown, and the course of the Advocate, which was the only paper in the State to denounce the scheme prior to the meeting and to warn democrats against participation in its cut and dried program, is fully justified by the present turn affairs have taken. We have always taken the position that there is plenty of room within the democratic party for everything necessary to the welfare of the people and we shall adhere to that position until the contrary is proven to be true.

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SUBJECT TO PARISH TAXATION.

Last Monday the Supreme Court decided the case of the Parish of Lafayette and I. A. Broussard, Tax-Collector, against Numa Shayot, for a license claimed for business carried on by the latter in what is known as the McComb's Addition of the town of Lafayette. As this case involves questions of great importance to the parish as well as to the town we will give its history:

In the year 1884 the Town Council called an election at which was submitted certain amendments to the charter of the town. Among the number was one taking in its corporate limits all the adjacent territory known as the Mills, McComb and Mouton Additions. These amendments were adopted by the popular vote, and were so declared by the proclamation of the mayor.

Some time later, during 1884, the question was raised between the town and parish as to whom licenses due by persons doing business in the additions were to be paid. The Police Jury appointed a committee to confer with a like committee from the Town Council. This committee reported to the Police Jury that the licenses were due to the corporation and the report was adopted by that body.

In 1889 the Police Jury appointed by Gov. Nicholls after the election of 1888 passed a resolution in its license ordinance instructing the Sheriff to collect licenses from all persons engaged in business in the additions. The sheriff made demand but all refused to pay. Again in 1891, 1892 and 1893, the Police Jury gave the same instructions to the sheriff, and again upon demand they refused to pay the licenses. The Police Jury then instituted the suit against Numa Shayot for the license of 1893. The defendant contended that as the old town of Vermilionville was exempt from parish taxation by its charter, the new territory annexed in 1884 was also exempt; further, that having agreed to the exemption and having relinquished or abandoned its right to tax, the parish could not now claim it. It was found by the report of the committee of 1884, approved by the then Police Jury.

The Supreme Court decided that the Town Council had no right or power, under the law, to take in any new territory and that the parish could not relinquish the powers entrusted to it. Hence the decision means that the parish licenses claimed were legal and constitutional. It is to be regretted that the proceedings of the Town Council were not carried out according to law, or if no law authorized the annexation of new territory, it is unfortunate that it was ever undertaken. It now places the inhabitants of the additions in an anomalous predicament. They invested in those localities believing them to be a part of a duly organized municipal corporation, with all the advantages flowing therefrom, but they may now exclaim with the celebrated statesman from Georgia, "Where are we at?"

We are not a lawyer and do not know what will be the effects of the decision on the additions, and we presume that many others and even some among the legal fraternity, are in the same fix. 'Tis a rather knotty question to say the least. But be this as it may, the error of 1884 seems to carry serious hardships on these people. But this is not the only side of this question. Since 1890 the Police Jury gave notice that it intended to exercise its power of taxing the people of the additions. Representing the people of the parish it considered itself in duty bound to collect taxes from all persons subject to its jurisdiction without regard to individuals or localities. By abstaining from, or failing to, collect taxes from certain localities, the burden of defraying the expenses of the parish fell more heavily on the others. This is quite an item when the amount which the parish would have collected during the last ten years in licenses and taxes from the additions is considered. The parish tax of ten mills could, with this amount, have been lowered considerably. As sworn servants of the people they have placed matters on a basis of equality, to which no one should object.

Now that the matter is ended in so far as the questions decided go, we would suggest that as the people living on the disputed territory have been paying their taxes and licenses to the corporation, it would be in-

quitable and unjust on the part of Police Jury to collect back taxes from them. It is true, that according to the Supreme Court they should have paid them to the parish when demanded, but it is equally true that they paid them to the corporation upon the faith of the resolution passed by the Police Jury in 1884. It would be unfair to collect back taxes from them and we believe that all fair-minded people agree with us that they should not be made to suffer for the errors committed by the authorities of 1884.

Sewing machines sold on monthly payments at Biossats' jewelry store.

A motion for contempt has been filed in Judge Moise's court against that stenderous sheet, The Item, which is managed by the notorious O'Malley, Dominick once fled from New Orleans to get out of the way of Mr. Parkerson's Parish Prison Brigade and to-day he is one of the leading "Municipal reformers" in the Crescent city. He is not satisfied with airing the records of the boodlers, but is now engaged in making contemptible attacks upon the courts of the city.

An Arkansas paper wisely says: "The printer has made presidents, killed poets, furnished bustles for beauties and punished genius with criticisms. It has curtailed the power of kings, graced the pantry shelves and busted. It has converted bankers into paupers and made lawyers out of college presidents. It has educated the homeless and robbed the philosopher of his reason. It smiles and cries and dies, but it can't be run to suit everybody, and the man is a fool who tries it."

THEOPHRASTUS IN WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS.

People we all abhor are: Those persons who want to tell part of your story for you.

Those persons whose education is constantly paraded before us.

Those persons who know so much they cannot refrain from correcting other people.

Those persons who look with benign pity on any one who does not see things as they do.

Those persons with opinions so positive that they know dissenting humanity to be fools.

Those persons who know truth only in what they think is right, and see error in all else.

Those persons who have tasted the waters of culture and have little intellect to cultivate.

Those persons who survey the universe with a little mind quite fascinated with its own importance.

Those persons who long to impress one with their ease and unconcern in the presence of supposed inferiors.

Those persons who by superficial falsity and internal egotism would convey an impression of exalted refinement.

Those persons who bore us by interjecting a narration of self or surroundings into a subject having no tangible connection.

Those persons who consider themselves so educationally endowed they have lost to view the ordinary rules of common sense.

Those persons who do not know the meaning of decency, yet are highly set up by self-estimation and a well-advertised Christianity.

Those persons who mistake cynicism for wit, narrow self-satisfaction for liberalism, and the wrong side of every subject for an exemplification of all the world's culture they have cage! in their own conceit.—Adams Freeman.

Reasons Why You Should Locate in Southwest Louisiana.

1st. It's healthy; not subject to epidemics; has the lowest death rate in the States (12 to 2,000 more than the people to population than elsewhere); nine tenths population white; northern people almost invariably gain increased vigor, recover from catarrhs, are relieved of kidney diseases. They are out of doors more. It helps stimulation and strengthens the body. A radical change like this will add ten years to the average life.

2d. Good rainfall, evenly distributed, 55 to 60 inches annually.

3d. The evening, the best climate in the United States.

4th. Prairie and timber in best proportion. Good clay with hard pan sub soil. Good water to 10 to 20 feet through clay. No stones, stumps, roots, or other obstructions. Well covered with an excellent soil of wild grasses of medium quality which can be replaced with Bermuda or Leopolda (Japan clover), best grasses known.

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6th. The nearer the Gulf the healthier the climate and earlier the season.

7th. All hardy vegetables, such as radishes, turnips, lettuce and cabbage, grow all winter.

8th. Figs and oranges are at their best here. Japan kid glove oranges commence bearing at one or two years from landing; will do well anywhere in Southwest Louisiana bring the highest price in market and are the best flavored.

9th. A pair of a few varieties do well. Blackberries and dewberries (wild or tame) and strawberries best grasses known.

10th. Nut bearing trees are at home here and are very profitable.

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Notice. The commissioners of the Parish of Lafayette and St. Martin, will sell to the lowest bidder the construction of the Bayou Tortue Bridge, at 12 o'clock, on Saturday the 30th day of March, 1895. Sale will take place on the bridge.

Judgment.

HELOISE V. BASCLE, WIFE & C. VS. JOHN M. JONES HUSBAND & C.

17th Judicial District Court Parish of Lafayette, La., No. 3914.

This case coming on regularly for trial, and the plaintiff having by competent proof established all the allegations in her petition, and the law and the evidence being in her favor and against the defendant, it is for those reasons now ordered, adjudged and decreed that said Plaintiff, Heloise V. Bascle, have judgment against her husband, John M. Jones, the defendant therein, dissolving forever the community of acquets and gains now and heretofore existing between them, and conferring upon her full power and authority to administer and control her property, rights and credits free from the interference of her husband. It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that said Plaintiff Heloise V. Bascle, do have judgment against said defendant, John M. Jones, for the sum of Fifteen hundred and fifteen dollars with legal interest from judicial demands till paid, and that her legal mortgage be recognized to take effect from the date of its registry, to-wit: January 31, 1894; that this judgment be credited with the sum of four hundred and twenty-eight dollars, amount of dation en paiement made by said defendant to said plaintiff on January 6, 1895, by act before D. A. Cochran, notary public, for Lafayette parish; and that the property therein described be recognized as the separate property of plaintiff; and the defendant pay all costs of suit.

Thus done, read and signed in open court of Lafayette, La., on this eighth day of March, A. D. 1895.

(Signed) A. C. ALLEN, Judge 17th Judicial District of Louisiana. Filed March 8, 1895.

(Signed) H. C. WALLIS, Dy. Clerk of Court.

A true and correct copy of the original judgment on file and record in my office. Witness my official seal and signature at Lafayette, La., this 8th day of March, A. D. 1895.

W. B. BAILEY, Clerk of Court.

Notice. At a meeting of the board of directors of the Carencro Union Ginney, limited, held at their hall on the 20th inst., it was agreed to declare an annual dividend of 10 per cent on stock. The property of shares are requested to call and collect same of the manager and treasurer.

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Tableau.

STATE OF LOUISIANA PARISH OF LAFAYETTE. SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT. SUCCESSION NO. 2019.

Whereas, William B. Bailey, clerk of court and ex-officio administrator of the succession of Onezime Senegal, has filed in said court a final account and Tableau of said succession with a petition praying that the same be advertised according to law and then duly homologated.

And whereas the prayer of said petition has been granted by an order of said court dated Feb. 18, 1895.

Now, therefore, notice is hereby given to all parties interested to file their opposition, and show cause, if any they have, in said court within ten days from the publication of this notice, why the aforesaid final tableau should not be homologated.

Given under my official signature in the town of Lafayette, this 18th day of February, A. D. 1895.

W. B. BAILEY, Clerk of Court.

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