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NOTICE.

All political matter of a personal nature, will be charged 10 cents a line for one insertion in this paper; resolutions of respect, etc., 5 cents a line; announcements of paid entertainments, balls, etc., 5 cents a line; obituaries of ten lines or less, free, and of more than ten lines, 5 cents a line.

A gentleman of this town, who looks upon politics as one of the fine arts, remarked the other day that he is willing to bet 10 to 1 Mayor Fitzpatrick will veto the bill of the City Council appropriating $5000 to pay the expenses incurred in the recent impeachment suit. In that case John Fitzpatrick will pose as the greatest patriot of these degenerate days, affording to the American people a practical illustration of the most genuine patriotism since the time when George Washington refused a third term.

We verily believe that nine-tenths of our white people favor the free and independent coinage of silver. For this reason one rarerly hears a discussion of the monetary question. Where there is such an unanimity of sentiment there does not appear to be any cause for agitation. And we will state, for the benefit of doubting Thomases, that this sentiment is not likely to die out, certainly not before the next congressional and presidential election, and not then unless the movement in favor of the white metal shall be successful.—Mansfield Democrat-Journal.

We retract what we said about our rural contemporaries not quoting Sam Jones as liberally as formerly. Sam is a gold bug and says some hard things of the silver men. These puerile efforts at wit are published by some of our "sound money" contemporaries with a great deal of gusto, under the impression that they are injuring the cause of the white metal. But not so. Their reproduction in print only enables the silver men to size up the mental caliber of the aforesaid editors to its true value and neither makes friends for the cause of gold, nor injures that of silver. The true advocate of silver would rather have as his motto, "neutral in all things; independent in nothing," than to draw inspiration from such a source as the Reverand Jones.—Mansfied Democrat-Journal.

Correct brother. The goldbugs can have all the converts they can make by the publication of the coarse attempts at wit of such a person as Sam Jones.

Some of our rural contemporaries urge the importance of good roads in their sections. These editors had as well sing psalms to a dead mule as to endeavor to secure good roads by the means employed. So long as the roads are not absolutely impassable your true Louisianian don't care. He can make the trip, and he doesn't care a red whether other people can or not.—Mansfield Democrat-Journal.

The Gazette came to the above conclusion some time ago. As long as the people don't take up this question of good roads there will be nothing done. No amount of newspaper talk will accomplish anything. It's all right if an editor cannot think of anything else to write about, then he may talk of the roads, but he must not believe that his opinion in the matter will have more weight than a feather in a Kansas cyclone. In other words if he does not want to "talk through his hat" he must let the road question severely alone.

A Sunday law decision ftom Kentucky is to the effect that a special provision in the law forbidding the opening of bar-rooms and the sale of intoxicating liquors on that day is unconstitutional. A section of the statutes of Kentucky provides that any person who shall sell liquors on Sunday or keep a barroom open on that day, shall be fined not less than $10 or more than $50 for each offense. A barkeeper was convicted and fined under the law and appealed to the Court of Appeals, which has decided that his conviction was unconstitutional because it was under a law that discriminated against his business, and not under a general law fixing the same penalties upon every one who carried on his business on Sunday. Under this decision it is impossible to close barroons in Kentucky on Sunday, for the court held that the possession of a license to sell liquors is a sufficient defense against prosecution under the law forbidding the sale of liquors on that day.

NOT TRUE.

We have neither the space nor the inclination to reply to all the long-winded and belabored article, signed "Tompkins," an anonymous writer in The Creole-American. In our last issue we asked "Tompkins" to show wherein the Police Jurors of this parish had been "jumping jacks." We said nothing of a personal nature against anyone, but simply challenged "Tompkins" to prove what he had said. This he has not done, but instead of doing what he should have done, he makes additional charges that are absolutely false. He charges The Gazette with being "the self-admitted organ of the Police Jury in Lafayette," and also of being "the special organ" of that body, and he goes on—

"And "Tompkins" cannot entirely relieve his mind from the impression that the "hand" that is suspected of fawning with the dangling piece of twine, is the same one that has bravely dashed forward to defend its own."

As the meaning of the above is rather obscure and somewhat vague, perhaps "Tompkins" is (as in his charges against the Police Jury) trying to make us mad. In that case he deserves to be treated with contempt; but if he means that The Gazette is run by the Police Jury or any other set of men, or by any individual, other than its editor, he is guilty of a deliberate and infamous lie.

This paper has never been, it is not, and will never be the organ or mouth-piece of any body of men or of any individual, as long as it is under the management of the present editor. We write our own editorials and do not go to "Tompkins" or to anybody else to write them for us, and whatever appears in our columns are the views and honest convictions of the editor.

The immaculate "Tompkins," says in his last grievance: "'Tompkins" wants it clearly understood that, by nature, it is impossible for him to lower himself to that plane in life where reason and principle become subservient to hatred and prejudice, and does not intend that any strictures he may inflict on any servant of the public, as such, shall be construed into anything of a personal nature."

If "Tompkins" wishes the people to know whether he has a low or high nature let him show his hand. Let him sign his name and not attempt to injure this paper by making baseless charges under cover of a fictitious name. If he is the broad-minded, high-toned, chivalrous gentleman whose sole aim is the "public good," why does he seek to shirk the responsibility of his actions. Let him give his name to the public and thereby unfold to the gaze of the multitude his manifold virtues, his disinterested patriotism, his unblemished record, and sterling integrity. The people should know this great friend of their's. Patriots are scarce these days, and if we have one in our community, he should be known. This man with such a pure nature, this relentless foe to corruption and enemy to derelict officials should uncover his head that Lafayette citizens may know him.

This new apostle of Parkhurstianism should disclose his illustrious cognomen so that it may be handed down to posterity as the embodiment of all that is pure and magnanimous. But, alas! it might tell another tale.

It is rich; it is really refreshing to hear some men who have been repeatedly elected to office, and are now holding office, abusing ballot box stuffers as the most unmitigated lot of villains outside the walls of the penitentiary. Some of these men who have been the sole beneficiaries of these very wicked and corrupt men, are posing as purists and are loudly clamoring for ballot-reform—a pure ballot and fair count. Notwithstanding this pretended change of heart we have not yet heard of one of these receivers of stolen goods tending his resignation and returning his ill gotten gains to the State and people from where they were, according to his logic, wrongfully taken. Many of these same fellows are again candidates for office and would be glad to get in by any means—fair or foul.

Ingratitude is the basest offense of which anyone can be guilty, and it is only the ingrate who roundly denounces his benefactor or curses the bridge which has safely carried him over the stream.

In the next election it may be that these very wicked and corrupt ballot-box stuffers will remember these pre-eminently good men and reformers, to their sorrow and sad disappointment.—Shreveport Judge.

One night when Mr. Isaac Reese was stopping with me, says M. F. Hatch, a prominent merchant of Quartermaster, Washington, I heard him groaning. On going to his room I found him suffering from cramp colic. He was in such an agony I feared he would die. I hastily gave him a dose of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. He was soon relieved and the first words he uttered were, "what was that stuff you gave me?" I informed him. A few days ago we were talking about his attack and he said he was never without that remedy now. I have used it in my family for several years. I know its worth and do not hesitate to recommend it to my friends and customers. For sale by all druggists.

THE A. P. A.

Iowa State Register.

The A. P. A. is an order of violence and against good government and will sooner or later go to pieces and the men who were in it will spend the rest of their lives trying to deny their connections with such an order. If there are any good men who have got into this order they ought to get out of it at once. The developments in Omaha have proved the last straw. There can henceforth be neither influence nor respect for such an organization. The pendulum is swinging back. Religion must be kept out of politics; this is the dictum of common sense. It is the constitution and the genius of our government. Neither popes nor anti-popes can withstand the principle of the American republic. "Hands off," is the command of the American people to the religionists who would dare to lay a hand on the free, non-partisan, non-sectarian public schools; and "hands off" is the command of the American people to the bigots who would exclude men from political participation because they believe in one version of the Christian religion, while others believe in another version or in no version. There is no appeal possible from these decisions. No church and no secret society can set them aside. They may make a fuss for the time being, but in the end the common sense of the American people will ride them down and kick them aside as bigots who have harassed liberty and retarded progress.

The Chicago Inter-Ocean continues to fulminate its gory rant about lawlessness in the South, and its columns are daily filled with pious admonitions to the people of the South about their wickedness, while in the city of Chicago right under the very nose of the Inter-Ocean, comes the shocking account of a brutal murder by his keepers of a lunatic confined in the asylum for the insane. We admit that occasionally some of our people do violate the laws of God and man, but thank God the people of the South have never yet become so depraved as to wantonly murder helpless lunatics confided to their care for treatment, nor do they decoy innocent girls to ruin in order that they might murder them and collect the insurance on their lives, both of which shocking atrocities have transpired very recently in Chicago. Our country has a great many institutions that it could be rid of to advantage, but to its credit be it said that it has so far escaped the infiction of wife murderers of the Holmes variety, butchers of poor harmless lunatics and—the Inter-Ocean.—Baton Rouge Advocate.

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Notice of Election.

LAFAYETTE, LA., AUG. 13, 1895.

To the qualified electors residing within the corporate limits of the town of Lafayette, and to all whom it may concern:

Notice is hereby given that an election under the general election laws of this State will be held at the court-house of the parish, in the town of Lafayette on Tuesday Sept. 2nd, 1895, to be voted at, only by those qualified to vote under the general election laws of the, State, and who reside in the territorial limits of the town of Lafayette as established at present by act No. 111 of 1869. The following proposition to be voted on at said election, to-wit: Whether they concur in, consent and accede to the annexation to the territorial coporate limits of the town of Lafayette, to be subject to the jurisdiction, control and authority of the municipal authorities of said town as fully and to all intents and purposes as if the same had been originally included therein by act approved March 11th 1836 incorporating said town, certain lots or lands contiguous and adjacent to the corporate limits of said town as follows, to-wit: Starting at the bridge on the coulee west of said town, between the properties of Henry Hohorst and Dame Anita Hohorst, wife of Doctor Franklin J. Mouton, and running from thence along said coulee, North 86 ½ West, a small ash, 33 feet; North 67 East, a small ash, 36 feet; thence N. ½ E., 300 feet in Hohorst's pasture; thence N. 27 ½ E., 300 feet; thence N. 12 ½ East, 170 feet, in cemetery 200 feet; thence N. 15 E., 389 feet; thence N. 18 ½ E., 110 feet; going from cemetery to Mrs. Judice's place, 470 feet; thence N. 7 ½ W. 800 feet; thence N. 20 E. 300 feet to south east corner of Arthur Greig's property; thence N. ½ E., 623 feet to the big ditch, 1600 feet to public road leading to Scott, 2553 feet to the Louisiana Western railroad, 2653 feet to the north side of said railroad; thence, E. 1024 thence South 77 E. 660 feet to the Morgan railroad (L. W. Division) 1250 to center of Morgan road, 1760 feet to the public road leading to Breaux Bridge, 1810 feet into Dr. F. S. Mudd's field, 3820 feet to the south west corner of his garden, 3900 S. about 75 feet beyond Dr. Mudd's residence, 4300 feet in Dr. Mudd's back lot. Thence south 43 ½ E. from Dr. Mudd's to public road leading to Breaux Bridge, 940 feet to Mentor Richard's lot, 1050 feet into Crow Girard's property, 1790 feet to stake.

Thence south 55 degrees west, 70 feet between Nicholson and Cochran, 840 feet to Dowdell, 864 feet to stake. Thence S. 27 W., 890 feet to Charles, 950 feet to red oak (8 feet in diameter); thence 46 W., 1050 feet to N. E. corner of Roundhouse yard 1500 feet to main line Morgan R. Ry. 1620 to Mouton addition; thence S. 29 W. 1414 feet to oak lane, 2650 feet to public road leading to Pinhook; Thence N. 49 W. following the public road 1900 feet to a coulee in front of the residence of M. E. Girard's. Thence S. 54 W. to S. E. corner of Mr. Girard's yard. Thence S 76 W. in Mr. Girard's pasture, 1000 feet in Dr. F. Mouton's field. Thence N. 85 W. 462 feet an oak (8 feet in diameter) south of Dr. Mouton's barn, 500 feet to a coulee. Thence following the coulee to the bridge starting Point N. ½ E. 586 feet.

Every property owner voting at said election is hereby requested to write or cause to be written his name on the back of his ballot, so that the result may be readily ascertained, whether a majority in value, as well as in number, of the qualified electors voting at said election, have voted in favor of annexing and including the lots or land afore said to the territorial corporate limits of said town.

The electors shall vote by ballot and the ballots used at said election shall be of white paper upon which shall be written these word:—"For the proposed annexation" "Against the proposed annexation." The votes shall be counted for or against the proposed annexation as cast; but in every case when the name of the voter shall appear on his ballot, the commissioners shall keep a record of how he voted opposite his name on the list of names, so as to ascertain the result as to value.

The poll shall be opened from the hour of six in the forenoon until seven in the afternoon; it shall be duty of said commissioners to keep a list of the persons voting at such polling place, which list shall be numbered from one end to the other, and shall be signed and sworn to as correct by the commissioners after the poll is closed and the votes are counted; that before entering on their duties the commissioners shall be sworn according to law, and if no officer authorized to administer oaths be present to administer the oath to the commissioners, it may be administered by any voter, or if no voter be present, by the commissioners to each other; the commissioners shall proceed to count the votes without moving the box from the room or place where the votes were received, and in presence of any voter or voters who may desire to be present; two tally sheets shall be kept of the count, which shall be marked with tallies in lines from the beginning to the end of the page, and the total amount of the tallies shall be written in figures immediately after the end of the tallies, and in letters, so as to prevent any alteration thereof; and after the count is completed, the ballots counted shall be put back in the ballot box, which shall be immediately sealed, with the ballots therein. As soon as the votes are counted and the ballot box sealed, as above stated, the commissioners shall make two compiled statements of the votes cast, how many for and how many against the proposed annexation, also the number of ballots contained in the box, the number of ballots rejected if any, and the reasons therefor. The compiled statements shall be sworn to by the commissioners, the oath to be administered as before provided, and the compiled statements, list of the persons voting and tally sheets, shall be delivered to the Mayor of said town within forty-eight hours after the closing of the poll at said election, together with the ballot box and the votes therein contained.

R. C. Greig, J. Ewd. Martin and Ernest Constantin, have been appointed commissioners of said election, and in case one or more of said commissioners fail to act, then commissioners to be appointed in accordance with the general election laws of the State.

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