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THE ADVERTISER'S CARTOON.

Some time ago the Advertiser likened the editor of The Gazette to an insect. We remonstrated with our esteemed contemporary for being so unkind. We said many things that were calculated to soothe and not to hurt his feelings. Not to be offensive we referred to him, not as an insect, but as a rare bird; one of those sea-tossed messengers from a foreign shore. He didn't object to being classed with the feathery tribe and we naturally came to the conclusion that we had correctly classified him. But we have to take his word in the absence of better proof that we were mistaken. In the last issue of his great pictorial weekly he printed a picture. It is one of those exquisite productions of his esthetic mind and skilled hand. He was generous enough to draw the picture of a poor, little dog which he labeled "Gazette." But genius is erratic, and the ordinary mind can not grasp its eccentricities. In drawing our picture, in a moment of thoughtlessness not uncommon in men of superior intellectual faculties, the artistic editor perhaps by mechanical operation, but we rather believe to be true to nature, drew the likeness of an animal famous in historic record, and which inspired the inimitable pens of AEsop and LaFontaine, to illustrate in their fables the folly and stupidity of some of our own kind. There is no question that the picture of the ass which graced the editorial page of the Advertiser is a splendid specimen of the genus Equus. When our worthy confrere was drawing with rapturous pleasure what purported to be a likeness of The Gazette, his hand, accustomed to the mysteries of his art, made a perfect counterpart of the Advertiser. The cut representing Mr. Randolph's mule has all the master touches of the artist and would adorn the pages of Puck or Judge. The animal as appears from the length of his hind legs and the height to which they are pitched, is a brisk and high kicker. The morbid and inveterate habit of our contemporary to kick in the air at every election is well taken off in the cut. The only question which we found difficult to solve was whether the animal was indigenous to our soil or of imported stock. However the x-ray appearing at the bottom of the cut, furnished sufficient light on the subject and dispelled any doubt that may have existed in our mind concerning the nationality of the animal, and we have reached the conclusion that under the present system of public education no American mule of ordinary intelligence would have been guilty of spelling the name of the illustrious Virginian with an "f," and we are now of the opinion that the cut represents a genuine imported ass.

Truck farming is increasing in Louisiana, and there is no reason why this State should not become the winter and spring market garden of the Mississippi Valley. When it comes to Irish potatoes, cucumbers, onions, cabbage, etc., we must have just the varieties in popular demand, packed just as buyers want them and ready for market when competing countries are not ready to offer these products.—Southern Farmer.

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The announcement made by Sheriff Broussard that he would execute the Blanc brothers without the aid or services of a hangman, should meet with the approbation of all right-thinking people. While on this subject the following from the Baton Rouge Truth is apropos: "The Secretary of State, Hon. Jno. T. Michel, a short time since received a letter from Taylor, the hangman, requesting that when the Governor signs warrants for the execution of criminals in various parishes that he would fix a different date for each, in order to enable the writer to do a wholesale business. He says he is an adept and never bungled a job, although he has sent many a poor wretch into the presence of his God. He also suggests that at the next session of the Legislature a law be enacted providing for an official State executioner, and that he receive the appointment. This is a strange ambition, and shows plainly to what depth of brutality human nature can sink. He is a man of excellent traits, so we are told, otherwise than his desire to make a small amount of money out of the death of a human being. We do not think the law should permit such creatures to be employed, but should require the sheriff and his regular deputies to perform this disagreeable duty. There is something so repulsive in having to do with a hireling hangman that every decent man shrinks from the contact, while no odium attaches to the performance of one's lawful duties. A sheriff may execute a criminal without compunction or remorse, and public sentiment would approve, as it does in the case of a military officer who commands a firing detail at the execution of a soldier. It is the paid ruffian who is held in abhorrence, and not the public official."

A Sad Case.

St. Landry Clarion.
On last Saturday a little waif, left by the fallen women in their hasty flight from here, was rescued from the hands of two negro women in whose charge the child had been left until its unfortunate parents could find a place of abode. Not one seemed to know of the child's presence in our community until a colored girl reported the matter to Mrs. Raymond Breaux last Saturday, adding that the child was being whipped and cruelly treated by the brutal wenches. That evening Mr. Charles Thibodeaux and Mr. Raymond Breaux rode to where the child was reported to be, but found the house vacated. A search of the neighborhood discovered the child at the house of Napoleon McBride, a neighbor, and it was learned that the women who had the child in charge were absent from home that evening. The waif, who said he was five years old, was interrogated, and the clear statement he made convinced us that the story of his ill-treatment was only too true. He said that not only did the brutes unmercifully whip him, but that often when he was hungry he had to appeal to the charity of McBride, the neighbor, for something to eat, appeals which, we are glad to be able to state, were never made in vain. No amount of persuasion could induce the little fellow to come without Kitty's consent, crying and saying that Kitty would "beat" if he came away. It was evident that he was in great fear of Kitty (Kitty is the woman who had him in charge) and as that plug-ugly chunk of midnight was not at home, the child had to be left there until her return. That night Dr. I. E. Shute, James J. Lewis and Raymond Breaux returned to the house and got the child, who was taken in charge by Mrs. Breaux.

Upon undressing the little fellow to wash him a sight to make a stout heart bleed met the eyes. There, upon the back of the poor innocent orphan, were great red stripes, swollen and hard, and in some places the skin had been lacerated and a scab had formed! The child explained that Kitty, the negress, took his clothes off to whip him; and would stick pins in his hands! Can there be anything more revolting? Can a punishment too severe be inflicted on such human brutes? On Monday an affidavit was made before Judge Simon against the woman Kitty, and she was placed under \$100 bond to appear before the district court. But this is not the punishment she deserves, and there are but few communities in which she would have gotten off that light.

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