

PUBLIC OPINION

Reflected in the Papers of this Great State.

Sugar is one of the necessities of life, but if it was put on the free list without an adequate bounty being given the producer, no greater howl would go up from any source than from those Democratic journals in South Louisiana, which are trying to destroy the influence of Senator McEnery and read him out of the party.—Cataboula News, Dem.

How can the good white citizens organize independent of party lines, for the purpose of giving to Louisiana white supremacy? It would be a good plan to organize in all parishes, as they did in New Orleans. If the good citizens do not get together in opposition to this constitutional convention we may as well not vote on election day for the bosses say "we must have the convention if the ballot-box has to be stuffed." We can organize and rid ourselves now, but after that convention we may not have the opportunity. A good body of representative citizens could form a new constitution far superior to our present one in many respects, but no such men could be elected by bosses.—Grand Cane Beacon, Pop.

The Louisville Times, in noting the fact that when the negro who assaulted a negro at Texarkana, Texas, a few years ago, was burned at the stake, the victim lighted the fire, and that the Ohio woman who suffered the same outrage, praises the mob who avenged her, suggests that the women of the North do not differ from those of the South any more than do the mobs.—Daily States, Dem.

The governor of Alabama should be held morally and legally responsible for any life that may be sacrificed in defending the two negro brutes now in the Huntsville jail. There is an unwritten law before which legislative enactments should be silent. It is that the ravisher shall be hanged to the nearest tree, if incontestible evidence of guilt be at hand, rather than that his life shall be indefinitely prolonged through the miserable quirks and quibbles of the law, and if in controversy of this unwritten statute one life be taken the official, whether governor or sheriff, responsible therefor, should be convicted of and hanged for murder.—Daily States, Dem.

A surveyor of the Southern Pacific Railroad was here this week and made a trip up to Arnaville, going over the surveys that were made some time ago on both sides of the bayou. This visit is made for the road to decide on which side they want the right of way which the several committees will have to obtain to secure the extension of this branch road to Arnaville. We believe that the road will be built shortly if the people of the upper part of the parish want it; but if they create some ridiculous opposition because the road passes on one side or the other or the stations are not placed where certain individuals want them for their personal benefit, they will not get the railroad. The matter of greatest importance for them is to get the railroad, whether on the east or west side, and regardless of where the stations are located. The railroad people will select the side and locations that will be most advantageous to them; and the people along the line should offer no objection to the right of way if they want this road.—St. Martinville Messenger.

The trial and conviction of Gardes and Girault will have a salutary effect in the State. It is about time to enforce the laws, regardless of the social or financial standing of the accused.

The Times-Democrat suggests the formation of a medal association whose mission will be to take cognizance of all cases of life-saving and award medals to the deserving ones. Guiding itself by the light of recent experience, the medal association should establish headquarters at Algiers.

Calvin Schwing, of the Iberville South, is a hot member. Some one cast certain reflections on the South's printing contract, and the following pointed rejoinder appeared in the columns of that paper last Saturday under the signature of Mr. Schwing:

"As to the intimation that The South has been a party to a scheme of robbery, I denounce the statement as an unmitigated, malicious lie, and the author of the article, whoever he may be, as an unmitigated, malicious and contemptible liar."

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It is further ordered that due publication thereof be made according to law.
Ordered in open court, Lafayette parish, said State, this June 5, A. D. 1897.
(Signed) S. D. REAY, Judge ad hoc.
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