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VINDICATED.

When the City Item circulated broadcast over the land the report that Isaac Broussard, sheriff of Lafayette parish, was a defaulter, the Clarion promptly pronounced the statement a lie. We felt that it was but a thinly disguised scheme of the Item to murder politically this gallant and beloved Democratic leader, schemes that that paper has been known to resort to on several occasions. Therefore, we are glad to be able to give below the result of an investigation into the matter by the Lafayette Grand Jury, which completely exonerates, if such was needed, the beloved young sheriff of our sister parish:

"We took special occasion to make a minute investigation of the sheriff's accounts both with the parish and State, and we are proud to say to the people of the parish that the scurrilous article that appeared in the Daily City Item some time since, charging the sheriff with defalcation of State funds, was and is absolutely false and libelous. Sheriff Broussard's accounts not only show that he is in good account with both State and parish, but they also show that he has settled with the auditor for amounts due on deduction tax list and holds the auditor's receipts therefor."

The New York World of the 12th instant contained the subjoined sarcastic report of a bit of "regulating" done up North, where the people take the jim-jams every time a negro-rapist is strung up:

NO SOUTHERN OUTRAGE THIS.
But if it had taken place in Louisiana, Its Perpetrators Would Have Been Horrified.

When the good people of Port Morris, N. J., read of the awful outrages which the poor negroes of the South suffer from time to time, their blood runs cold, and they wonder the vengeance of offended Justice does not fall upon their perpetrators.

It was a cold night in Port Morris on Wednesday. Some of the good people of the place—their names are being whispered about, but stealthily—knocked at the door of the Lawson family, and when that door was opened they thrust in their big feet so that the door could not be shut again, and demanded the body of Charles Moore. The features of the men were hidden behind the familiar White-Cap decorations.

The Lawson family are white; Moore is a colored man. That was the excuse—the only one—for this nocturnal visit.

The trembling negro was dragged out into the woods, stripped to the skin and tied to a tree. When the cold air struck upon his dark skin it fairly quivered, but the good men of Port Morris did not mind that.

Their errand was one of stern justice, far different from the "frends" who torture negroes in the South. Besides, they had something warm in store for him. They lashed him with a wire whip until his back was covered with great ridges. Then they let him dress and warned him not to return to the Lawson house. He disappeared. Where he has gone is not known.

"Yarram" in the Horse Review tells an amusing little anecdote about a preacher who had been presented with a copy of "Life with The Trotters." It interested the good man very much, and he devoured it from cover to cover. From time to time his wife would enter a protest. "My goodness, Hiram, you aren't reading that race-horse book yet, I hope." But Hiram was, and he staid with it until he finished the last page. One evening after he had been in bed alone an hour or so he rolled over and said to his wife, who was reading over by a lamp: "Mary, ain't you coming to bed at all to-night?" "Just a minute, dear, just a minute longer. I want to see whether they beat Kansas Chief this race or not. It looked a while back as if they had him, but it's coming his way now."

There will be no popping of bottles, no wine or other liquors provided at the presidential inaugural ball. McKinley is not a prohibitionist, but his better half stands high in the councils of the W. C. T. U.

Newsy Jottings.

Baton Rouge wants a new opera house. It sorely needs one.

Mrs. Solomon Wise died in Abbeville last week, aged 70 years.

"When is a man not a man?" asks a conundrumist. Perhaps it is when he is a dude.

The people of the United States consume more than half of the quinine produced in the world.

When railway trains are over ten minutes late in France, they are fined by the government.

It has been proved, as the result of experiments, that the circulation of the blood is affected by music.

It is estimated that 70,000,000 people, or a number about equivalent to the entire population of the United States, will be seriously effected by the famine and plague now prevailing in India.

The Department of Agriculture, in the estimate it has just published, puts the total American corn crop last year at 2,283,000,000 bushels, which is well above the immense crops of 1889, 1891 and 1895. Large quantities of this crop are still unmarketed.

It is possible that after July 1st of the current year letter postage will be reduced from 2 to 1 cent. If the reduction is made, the small army of fourth-class postmasters, whose compensation depends upon the cancellation, will be forced to look to Uncle Sam for remuneration for their services.

Information from Washington is to the effect that the House committee on appropriations has failed to insert in the sundry civil bill the additional sugar bounty due the planters, and that, therefore, there is little or no hope that what is due the sugar producers will be paid, at least at this session of Congress.

We are under many obligations to some of our enterprising merchants who have been so instrumental in securing for us some outside advertisements, and it is with much pleasure that we see their influence and utmost efforts used in still further increasing the list. That's right, gentlemen, work for your home paper, and you will be amply repaid in return.—Breux Bridge Valley.

This paper regarded the action of the Oberlin preacher who refused to accept a contribution from a show company as a very "cranky" one, but in no measure justified the use of over-ripe hen fruit. But it seems that egg throwing in the town is only one of the many accomplishments of the residents, or habits of Oberlin. Stewart's show was exhibiting there this week when a stick of wood was thrown through a window. Now, as eggs and stove-wood have passed through the window, we would throw a skillet in, and do things in kitchen order. Oberlin can not long afford to let such acts go unpunished by law.—Lacompte Messenger.

The streets of the city are overrun with tramps, beggars and mendicants of all sorts and kinds. Yesterday we noticed a young, healthy looking man begging on the streets. He had his right arm in a sling, and to excite sympathy he would expose the member to be looked at; the flesh was eaten away to the bone and it presented a horrible sight. Some of the more suspicious questioned the fellow, and it developed that he had some kind of an acid on his arm to cause the flesh to be eaten away. Various subterfuges are practiced on the unwary public by beggars, but for a man to resort to such means as the above, is truly demoralizing.—Baton Rouge Truth.

LAKE CHARLES, La., Feb. 4, '97.
EDITOR OF PRESS:

I found folded in my PRESS yesterday a large spider. Is this a bad omen? SUPERSTITION.

Nothing of the kind, sir. The spider was merely looking over the columns of the paper to see what merchants were not advertising, so it could spin a web across the door and be free from disturbance.—Lake Charles Press.

District Court.

Friday, Feb. 12.

State vs. Emar Manuel, petty larceny; plead not guilty; trial by jury; bond \$100.

State vs. Jules Kaufmann, re-fixed for 25th.

State vs. Emar Vidrine, c. e. w.; plead not guilty; trial by jury; bond \$50.

TRUE BILLS.

Leon Pitre, violating Sunday law.

Onzime Carriere, violating Sunday law.

Wm. Gallien, c. e. w.

Olivelle Guillory, compounding felony.

Bob Jones, Manuel and Henry Johnson, petty larceny.

Charles St. Clair, rape.

J. T. Skipper, embezzlement.

Wm. Farbell, resisting an officer.

Heliere Gaubert, forgery.

Bud Briscoe, refusing to work the public road.

Alexis Thomas, cutting with intent to murder.

Paul Thomas, c. e. w.

Willis Brown, c. e. w.

Edward and Cleophas Moreau, assault armed with dangerous weapon.

Charley and Calvin Barfield, manslaughter.

Frank Jones, c. e. w.

Willie Washington, c. e. w.

Marshall Taylor, refusing to work public road.

Hildevert and Mark Granger, larceny.

Louis Dognet, larceny.

Sol. White, violating Act 31 of 1886.

E. W. Wells, manslaughter.

NOT TRUE BILLS.

Dennis Megneau, misprison of a felony.

Sebastian Fontenot, false imprisonment.

Albert Russell, rape.

Cleophas Moreau, slander.

Ed. Shorten, burglary.

Armand Sollean, larceny.

Marius Lavolette, abduction.

J. B. Vidrine, malicious mischief.

Allen Jean and John Grant, burglary.

Sonny Smith, larceny.

Robert Hurst, larceny.

A. Brunet, accessory before fact to shooting.

Justilien Devillier, assault with a dangerous weapon.

Pauline Tyler, Leopold Tyler and J. Fruge, assault and battery.

J. B. Richard and Tot Lubin, petty larceny.

Eurilien Adam et al, assault with a dangerous weapon.

GRAND JURY REPORT.

To the Honorable G. L. Dupre, Judge of the 11th Judicial District of Louisiana.

Your Grand Jurors beg leave to submit this their final report:

We have had presented to us a vast number of affidavits, and we have diligently inquired into all wherein it was possible to procure the attendance of witnesses. The inclement weather just preceding the sitting of our body, made it impossible to have the attendance of witnesses for the first few days of our session, hence we have been in session longer than at first anticipated. We have attempted to disregard as much as possible matters of a frivolous character, desiring to return bills in such cases only where a conviction is more than probable. Some few cases we have been unable to investigate because of sickness of principal witness. In such cases we have instructed the District Attorney, where felonies are alleged to have been committed, to investigate the said charges, and where the presumption is evident, to file bills of information. We find that there is a great tendency on the part of a large number of our people to resort to arms in the settlement of personal disputes. Numerous homicides have been presented to us for investigation which could and would have been prevented by a moment of reflection, but a deadly weapon was used in a moment of passion, resulting in the death of one of the parties, which would have been obviated were not the parties at the time armed.

We have presented true bills in all cases for carrying concealed weapons, where the evidence warranted such bills, in the hope of preventing the violation of this law, to which can be attributed the great number of homicide cases.

We find that in one section of our parish, crime of a peculiarly diabolical character exists to an alarming degree. We refer to that section where a certain class of men, with a view of harming their fellow men, apply a match to avenge some wrong, or imaginary wrong. Your Grand Jury can conceive of no crime more detestible, or no criminal more dangerous to society than he who, veiled by the darkness of night, will apply the match to the residence of his fellow man. We desire to call this character of crime to the special attention of our law officers, and ask that no stone be left unturned in bringing such culprits to the bar of justice.

No country can prosper where the lurid lights of burning dwelling-houses dissipate the darkness of night, and the incendiary walks about unwhipped of justice and commingling with honest men.

We have examined the public buildings. The Court-house, with the exception of the new additions, we find in good condition and well kept. The addition, however, comprising the Clerk's office and the Police Jury rooms, is becoming detached from the main building, and unless something is done, and that at once, we are of the opinion that the same will be dangerous

and liable to cause the loss of human life.

The jail we find in a good condition and well kept. We interrogated the prisoners therein confined and ascertained from their answers that they are well provided for and as contented with their treatment as men can possibly be under such circumstances.

We desire to thank the officers for the assistance they have rendered us during our session, and for the courteous treatment we have received at their hands.

Having completed our investigations, we now beg to be discharged.

Respectfully submitted,

DIOMELE DURIQ,

Foreman of the Grand Jury.

Filed Feb. 12, '97.

H. E. ESTOBE, D'y Clerk.

Saturday, Feb. 13.

State vs. James Bihm, continued.

State vs. Joseph Esprit, continued.

Monday, Feb. 15.

State vs. Willie Jackson, on motion, the prisoner was discharged.

State vs. V. C. Reynolds et al, mistrial entered as to C. A. Foote.

Information filed against Sandy Robertson, Sandy Pierre and Phillip Doon for petty larceny.

State vs. Lucy Valsin, information filed for petty larceny; arraigned, plead not guilty, trial by jury; bond fixed at \$150.

The following parties were arraigned:

E. W. Wells, manslaughter, plead not guilty, trial by jury; bond fixed at \$2,500; fixed for 23d.

Charley Barfield et al, manslaughter, plead not guilty; trial by jury, fixed for 23d.

Bob Jones et al, petty larceny, plead not guilty; trial by jury; bond fixed at \$100, case fixed for 24th.

Willis Brown, c. e. w., plead not guilty; trial by jury; bond fixed at \$50.

Charles St. Clair, rape, plead not guilty; case fixed for 24th.

Henry Jones, c. e. w., plead guilty; fined \$25 or 30 days.

Bud Briscoe, refusing to work on public road, plead not guilty; fined \$10 or 10 days in jail.

Emar Manuel, petty larceny, plead not guilty; trial by jury; bond fixed at \$100; case fixed for 20th.

Cornelius Allison, c. e. w., plead not guilty; trial by jury.

Amedee David, c. e. w., plead not guilty; trial by jury; bond, \$50.

State vs. Phillips et al, petty larceny, motion for a severance as to Oscar Jenkins allowed; all the accused tried by jury and found guilty as charged.

State vs. Leon Pitre, violating Sunday law, plead not guilty; trial by jury; bond, \$50.

State vs. Jos. Eagland, murder; tried Wednesday; verdict not guilty.

State vs. Minome Bourque et al, murder; tried Thursday; mistrial entered except as to Cyrille Richard, who was acquitted.

"TWIXT LOVE AND MONEY,"

FOR THE DROUTH SUFFERERS;

MONDAY, FEBRUARY TWENTY-SECOND.

TO THE PUBLIC.

We desire to announce to our friends, our patrons and the public in general that we have formed a co-partnership and will henceforth do business under the firm name of

CHACHERE & EVANS,

and respectfully solicit a share of the public patronage.

We will endeavor to always keep a well assorted stock of dry goods, groceries, hats, shoes, hardware, tinware, etc., etc., and sell at the lowest living cash prices.

A cordial invitation is extended to all to call and see us.

Very truly

ROBERT CHACHERE,

W. EVANS.

Chachere Building, Corner of Landry & Court Sts.

Died.

WARTEILLE.—At his residence in Opelousas, La., on Saturday, Feb. 13, 1897, at 11 o'clock a. m., Gabriel Wartelle, aged 46 years.

DEVILLIERS.—At his residence in Natchez, on Monday, Feb. 15, 1897, at 8:30 o'clock, p. m., Stanley C. Devilliers, aged 58 years and 1 day.

Tribute of Respect.

HUMBLE COTTAGE LODGE NO. 19, F. A. M., Opelousas, La., Feb. 17, 1897.

At a regular meeting of the Lodge this day the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, the Grand Master of the Universe has seen fit to remove from our midst one dear to our hearts, Brother Charles N. Baker, who died on the 27th of January, 1897,

Resolved, That in the death of Brother Baker the Lodge has lost one of its most useful members—one who for forty years was always present at the meetings of the Lodge; one who by precept and example had proved himself worthy of the trust and discreet society has lost one who was always ready to do duty at all times.

Resolved, That we extend to his family the assurance of our deepest sympathy in their great bereavement.

Resolved, That the Lodge and its implements be draped in mourning, and that the brethren wear the usual badge of mourning, that a copy of these resolutions be furnished to the family of our deceased brother, and the newspapers for publication.

GEO. O. ELMS, Geo. FLEURY, } Committee.

I. E. SUTLE, } Committee.

A true copy.

JOSAS JACOBS, Sec'y.

SUCCESSION SALE.

ESTATE OF LEON LAFLAUR.

No. 5122, 11th Judicial District Court, Parish of St. Landry, Louisiana.

By virtue of an order of the Hon. Gilbert L. Dupre, Judge of the 11th Judicial District Court, in and for the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, there will be sold at public auction to the last and highest bidder, at the last residence of the deceased, at Palmetto, by the undersigned administrator, or any duly qualified auctioneer, on

Wednesday, March 24, 1897

at 11 o'clock a. m., the following described property, to-wit:

A tract of land at Palmetto, La., containing one hundred and sixty acres, and bounded on the north by unknown, south by land of Dr. Vincent Bourque, east by land of Tom Clouton, and west by land of Westley Budden.

One pair of black mules; one two-horse wagon; one cow; one calf of fence wire.

Terms—Cash.

WESTLEY BUDDEN, Administrator.

CONSTABLE'S SALE.

SUTTER & WALKER VS. LAURA J. WILLIAMS, FORMERLY LAURA BOREMUS, AND HUSBAND, J. W. WILLIAMS.

7th Justice's Court, Parish of St. Landry.

By virtue of a writ of fieri facias issued by Hon. Sam H. Butler, Justice of the Peace in and for the 7th Ward, Parish of St. Landry, in the above entitled suit, and to me directed, I have seized and will proceed to sell at the office of S. H. Butler, in Melville, La., on

Wednesday, March 24, 1897

at 11 o'clock a. m., the following described property, to-wit:

One lot of land containing one-half an acre, situated in the town of Melville, known as the property of Laura Boremus, in block No. 16 of said town.

W. C. GORDON, JR., Constable 7th Ward.

Notice to License Payers.

I have received from the Auditor the Licenses for 1897, and am now prepared to issue same. The Licenses levied by the State and Parish upon all business, professions or callings, now due, and will become delinquent on and after March 1st, 1897, and will bear two per cent. per month interest from that date, and will be turned over to an attorney for collection with costs at that time. Every one is earnestly requested to come forward and pay the same by all State and Parish Licenses they may owe, and thereby avoid interest and costs as the law may be enforced.

H. H. DESHOTELS, Sheriff and Ex-Officio Tax Collector.

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FOURTH GRAND Exhibition: Concert

—of the—

St. Landry Academy of Music,

will positively take place on

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH, 1897,

at Sandoz's Opera House.

BALL AFTER CONCERT.

ADMISSION:

Ladies and Children Free; Gentleman 50 cents.

SUCCESSION SALE.

ESTATE OF THEOPHILE B. FONTENOT.

No. —, PROBATE DOCKET, DISTRICT COURT, PARISH OF ST. LANDRY.

By virtue of an order of the Hon. Gilbert L. Dupre, Judge of the 11th Judicial District Court, in and for the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, there will be sold at public auction to the last and highest bidder, at the last residence of the deceased, in Upper St. Landry, parish of St. Landry, by the undersigned administrator, or any duly qualified auctioneer, on

Wednesday, Feb. 17, 1897

at 11 a. m., the following described property, to-wit:

A tract of land containing 153 1/100 acres, with all the buildings and improvements thereon, situated in this parish, in Upper St. Landry, being the homestead tract of Theophile B. Fontenot as per final receipt of the receiver of the United States Land Office No. 6198, and bounded on the north by railroad land, south by land of Pierre Young, on the east by land of P. Fontenot, and on the west by Bayou Nez Pique.

Terms—Cash.

AZELIEN L. FRUGE, Administrator.

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FOR RENT.

The Richard Store is for rent. It is situated between Morrow and Rosa streets, and is a good opening for a business man.

The Richard dwelling house is also for rent. It is situated about four hundred yards from the store. A physician would find this a splendid location.

Apply to MRS. F. J. RICHARD, del92m Melville, La.

J. RAOULE PAVY,

Notary Public, Abstractor and Auctioneer,

OPELOUSAS, ———— LA.

OFFICE IN CLERK'S OFFICE.

Special Attention Given to Auction Sales. #15

For Sale.

I offer my place, situated between Opelousas and Washington, for sale. It contains 200 acres of land, more or less, and is improved. For particulars apply to me. 1614 R. PERCY COLLINS.

A. J. BERCIER,

DENTAL SURGEON.

Office: Cor. Landry and Union Streets, OPELOUSAS, LA.

Wanted—An Idea

Who can think of some simple thing to patent? Write JOHN WELLS BARNES & CO., Patent Attorneys, 12 C. St., New York, for a free offer and list of two hundred inventions wanted.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that I have applied to the Board of Parishes for a parish.

JOS. MOORE (cop).

MASON'S DRUGSTORE!

Prescriptions!

Mason's Drugstore!

I have added to my business a first-class Prescription Department, and engaged the services of

MR. C. T. BIENVENU,

a thoroughly competent REGISTERED PHARMACIST. My stock of prescription medicines is naturally FRESH, as I have just started in that line, and for that reason by patronizing me you will secure the

Freshest, Purest & Best Drugs.

Soliciting your patronage, and guaranteeing you PERFECT satisfaction,

I AM YOURS FOR BUSINESS,

Mason McBride,