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UNWRITTEN LAW LOSING PRESTIGE.

The mass meeting held at Shreveport to express disapprobation of the jury that failed to convict Mr. and Mrs. Little of murder is another indication of the fact that public opinion is receding from the position that there is an unwritten law which warrants murder. Mr. and Mrs. Little had rested their plea entirely on an insulting remark, but no actual injury, rendered the latter by Van Cleave, while all the testimony showed that they had coolly planned the murder in retaliation. The jury acquitted them, but the people of Shreveport have not. Other juries, that have recently convicted women and men urging the excuses of the unwritten law, have aroused no disapprobation.

All of which goes to show that the unwritten law is losing prestige, and this fact is an indication of advance in civilization. Crimes against women should be punished, but let it be done by the hands of the law. Let no individual stain himself or herself with blood-guiltiness, when Law has provided other instruments of justice.

The unwritten law's clemency to the slayer of the despoiler of women is a survival of the time when every man was more or less a law unto himself, and when his summary vengeance fell without giving publicity to the details, which were rightly held as the worst feature of female violation. But the time is past when publicity can be avoided in any case where life has been taken, and in fact less publicity ensues through legal prosecution than when a sensational murder follows. Self-executed vengeance is a natural, brutish impulse, and is an expression of a man's pride of possession of his womankind rather than any instinct of protection. Certainly a wronged woman, who is also a good woman, does not constitute herself a Nemesis. Her sole impulse is to hide herself like a stricken deer. The woman who seeks vengeance, least deserves it. These truths are proving the undoing of the unwritten law.

MUST RAISE OUR STANDARDS.

Since Louisiana's reputation abroad, for both literacy and sanitation, is affected by the lapses of its negro population, would it not be the part of wisdom to make greater efforts to raise the standard among negroes in these respects? The injury is incalculable that is done by the statistical tables, which show the state's defects, without explaining their cause. The only recourse is therefore to raise the averages of knowledge and hygiene.

The task is a stupendous one, particularly as regards the teaching, and requiring the observance, of sanitation among negroes, but it must be done. The greatest obstacle, in the way however, is not the obduracy of the negro, but the poorly equipped dwellings, that the white landlord provides.

On the other hand, the latter can hardly provide more, in return for the low and precarious scale of rent paid. These are but a few of the many difficulties that beset every phase of the question, but the necessity, no less exists, to raise Louisiana's standard among the states, or continue to suffer the consequences.

THE STATE BANK EXAMINER.

Nothing that Gov. Hall has done officially will give such great satisfaction in, what may be called, the afflicted districts as his asking for the resignation of State Bank Examiner W. L. Young. If it had been done months ago, it would have been none too soon—and would have saved a lot of trouble. The Teutonia Bank failure first showed Mr. Young unequal to the situation. The disasters of 1913 confirmed it. His management of affairs here at St. Francisville failed to conserve the interests of the stockholders and depositors, as matters were permitted to continue, after he knew that the situation was unsafe.

It will be remembered that in the Teutonia case, he pleaded the baby act whining that a bank examiner had no means of judging without error of the true value of collateral or the real responsibility of endorsers. That was an eye-opener. They why a bank examiner? Why go through the formality of looking over a portfolio, if the bank examiner does not see that John Brown endorsing for Joe Smith, and conversely, Joe Smith endorsing for John Brown, amounts to no endorse-

ment at all? And why should not a bank examiner be able to learn that the Great Guano Co. is nobody but Tom Robinson? It is his business to know. It is the finding out of such little facts that the State pays for in its banking department, as much as for counting the cash.

But it seems that Mr. Young's Mr. Ward's talkativeness brought on the end. And Mr. Young is also said to have talked. His mistake is in not talking and acting at the same time.

DESTROY THE TICKS.

The communication of Dr. E. Pegram Flower of the State Live Stock Sanitary Board, published in another column, is in response to request for a report on the progress made in tick-eradication by Louisiana. The desire to know was aroused by the government report's naming the states that are wholly or nearly free from this animal pest.

Louisiana was not among the number! Dr. Flower's letter shows exactly what progress has been made. That it is so little is largely due to the smallness of the state appropriation for pushing and carrying on the work.

Lack of general interest is primarily the cause, of course. If the public were alive to the importance of tick-eradication, there would be more funds furnished the excellent board already had, and there would be a fuller co-operation of all persons concerned.

Perhaps when it is seen how far behind her sister, Louisiana lags reluctant, that a feeling of shame will be engendered, and a desire to go forward along this line of improvement in cattle-raising.

AH, THOSE ETHICS!

A New York doctor is about to be disciplined because he invited a reporter to a clinic. It won't do, you see for the public to know much about medical and surgical practices, according to the way the New York physicians look at it.—Baton Rouge State-Times.

Thus is medical ethics upsides down as usual. But they evidently consider it "least said the better."

SCHOOL ALL THE YEAR ROUND.

It has come! The blow is falling! The sword of Damocles is about to descend! Even as was hinted in last issue that "school all the year round is not without appeal to the average parent," Supt. Thos. H. Harris had already in course of preparation a circular letter making that suggestion. It is printed in another column to-day, and is cordially commended to parents and school boards.

Mr. Harris thinks that the town or city child does not need the long vacation. Most parents know that it is an actual drawback to the average child, as he forgets much that has been painfully acquired, and what is worse, loses the habits of study and attention which are even more important than mere book-knowledge.

The arguments advanced by Mr. Harris are all good, and if he succeeds in securing this change of system in both town and country, as outlined, he will do much more for the cause of education in Louisiana, than by elaboration of courses of study, which too often is the sole ambition of educators.

Adapting the schools to the needs of the child and his locality is the very heart of the subject. We now have hope that when the year is more wisely apportioned to study, that the question of shorter hours each day will next engage attention. Both are important to the child's mental and physical well-being.

"PROVIDENCE" CATTLE.

Lake Charles American-Press:

Twenty years ago we had a great deal of "providence" rice in Calcasieu; in fact it was the rule that rice be grown in a low spot on a farm, where a small levee would cause the natural rainfall to collect. This provided, it was distinctly up to Providence to determine whether the farmer should have a rice crop or not. We passed that stage years ago. We found that the growing of rice was a business, to be carried on in a business-like way. Providence rice never did amount to much, and we seldom hear of it at all now.

Up to this time, the cattle owners of Calcasieu and Cameron have been raising Providence cattle on exactly the same plan. The animals have even perished of cold, lack of nutrition and insect pests; the more hardy have been sold at low prices to men who have fed them and taken care of them, and brought them up to the standard size for marketing.

Elsewhere besides Calcasieu, people are raising "Providence" cattle. It seems that always in those sections of country, which God has done the most for, the natural industry and thrift of the native deteriorates, the latter being willing apparently to let God do it all. But this is a mistake. Even in Eden before the fall, man was given his task: the keeping of the garden. Fallen man may expect nothing better. Even in this, God's own country, cattle need some care and attention to be at their best.

POLICE JURY PROCEEDINGS.

The Police Jury met in regular monthly session with Dr. C. F. Howell, president, and the following members present: Chas. Weyder, A. S. Brasseaux, T. D. Bickham, W. H. Richardson, Lovett Wright, N. H. Barrow, Ike Cutrer, S. L. Lavergne. Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The following bills were read and approved:

Roads and Bridges Account.	
Valley Oil Company.....	31.99
F. F. Converse, others and teams	51.70
Riley Norffles.....	.25
Sam Cotten.....	5.00
B. W. Wright.....	7.50
Sam Greenup.....	3.50
T. J. Ard.....	4.34
H. H. Hutches.....	12.41
H. H. Hutches.....	.80
Wilford Hutches.....	3.92
Nelson Stephens.....	2.18
Geo. Hall.....	.25
J. Roth.....	1.50
Geo. D. Barnhard & Co., tags.....	9.55
A. C. Pearce.....	6.00
Greenup Barrow.....	1.50

Sundry Accounts.	
J. H. Clack, maintaining prisoners	109.60
J. H. Clack, turnkey fees.....	9.00
J. H. Clack, criminal expense.....	64.29
E. C. Hanson, same.....	.34
T. J. Simmons, same.....	1.40
Dick Veal, care of court house.....	10.00
P. B. McWaters, inquest and jury	20.00
St. Francisville E. L. & W. W.....	5.37
True Democrat.....	7.50
Maverick-Clark Litho Co.....	31.35
M. & E. Wolf, certificates and interest, court house, Nos. 16, 17, 18, 19.....	1,050.00
R. M. Leake, messages.....	1.05
Bayou Sara Coal Co.....	4.50
La. State Normal, beneficiary.....	55.00
T. W. Raynham, soap.....	.25
Abe Mann, blankets.....	6.00

Attendance Police Jury	
Chas. Weyder.....	3.00
A. S. Brasseaux.....	3.00
T. D. Bickham.....	3.60
W. H. Richardson.....	3.60
C. F. Howell.....	4.80
Lovett Wright.....	5.00
N. H. Barrow.....	4.50
Ike Cutrer.....	4.10
S. L. Lavergne.....	3.60

Offered by Mr. Cutrer, and duly seconded. To refund per capita tax to all parties having paid same.

Amendment was offered by Mr. Richardson, also seconded. To confer with District Attorney before taking action thereon.

Report of treasurer reads as follows:
St. Francisville, La., March 4, 1914.
To the Honorable the Police Jury, Parish of West Feliciana.
Gentlemen:—I beg to give you here account of the affairs of my office since my last report, February 4, 1914.
Balance on hand Feb. 4, 1914.....\$2,407.36
Received since from Sheriff.....2,114.89

Total.....	\$4,522.25
Disbursements since.....	2,322.78
Balance on hand this day.....	\$2,199.47

Of which in Feliciana Bank & Trust Co., in Liquidation.....2,046.71

In Louisiana National Bank, Baton Rouge, La.....\$ 152.76
Respectfully submitted,
J. R. MATTHEWS,
Treasurer Parish of West Feliciana.
There was no further business and the meeting then adjourned.
C. F. HOWELL, President.
R. M. LEAKE, Clerk.

SCANTY CLOTHING.

Wigs are now worn to match the gown. Many women have already been dressing to match their brains.

ALSO, REMEMBER MARY NEVER GOT MARRIED.

Dr. Mary Walker urges girls to put on trousers, but before doing it we advise the girls to see how Mary looks in them.—N. O. States.

Many of the forest fires attributed to railroads are caused not by sparks from locomotives, but by cigar and cigarette butts thrown from smoking-car windows.

That's our general superintendent—son of the president—he began at the bottom and worked up—started in as older right after he left college!
"When was that?"
"Oh, he graduated last June!"—Puck.

BY THE WAY—

Bilbo is quoting Scripture. Isn't there an old saying that the devil does the same thing?

Is not President Wilson's a case where patience ceases to be a virtue? At the same time, one can't get up very jingo-y feelings for the sake of a man who went into a hostile country merely "to get drunk."

A man who really wants to work will not insist that his wages are all-important.

Most men hate jury duty, but they don't want to be relieved in the same way that the twelve men in Shreveport were.

Government bulletins say that forest fires are frequently caused by the butts of cigars and cigarettes thrown from train windows. This fact, however, will not reduce smoking.

The lower house of congress failed to have Washington's farewell address read before that body on the first president's birthday, for the first time in the history of the nation, not however because every congressman was familiar with its periods.

Cleaning and fumigation of the schoolhouse are good as far as they go, but the prevalence of measles requires that something more far-reaching should be done. Pupils from infected homes should not be permitted to attend school. This may, in the present crisis, mean the closing of the school, but it were better that the entire school body lose a few days' instruction than that one child should die.

TRESPASS NOTICES.

All hunting with dog or gun, or driving through or off of any cattle, on the "Rosale" plantation without special permission, is positively prohibited. All such acts will be regarded as trespassing and prosecuted as such.

MRS. C. R. BARROW.

From and after this date all hunting of any kind on Ambrosia and Independence plantation is positively prohibited under penalty of trespassing. Any one found on these places without permission will be considered trespassing, and prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

MRS. S. H. BARROW.

From and after this date all hunting of any kind on the Greenwood plantation is positively prohibited under penalty of trespassing. Any one found on this place without permission will be considered trespassing and prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

MRS. J. A. VENTRESS.

We regret we have to forbid all trespassing of every kind including passing through Woodlawn Farm.

J. S. McGEHEE.

All parties are hereby notified not to trespass on the following places: the Green Oak, and the Tanglewild places, with dog, rod or gun. All permissions heretofore granted are hereby revoked.

MRS. C. B. HAMILTON.

Hunting of any kind, cattle driving or fishing on Mt. Vernon plantation is positively prohibited under penalty of the law of trespass. No exceptions.

C. W. BALL.

MISS ELLA BALL.

MRS. E. HAMILTON.

From and after this date all hunting of any kind on Rosedown, Haslewood and Inheritance plantations is positively prohibited under penalty of trespassing.

The public is warned against buying fire wood, post or timber from tenants on Rosedown, Texas, Haslewood and Inheritance plantations.

JAS. P. BOWMAN.

No trespassing with gun or dog or passing through my place located between Layson and Flower Hill plantations is hereby prohibited under penalty of the law against trespass.

D. B. FAITHORN.

From and after this date all hunting and fishing on the Cottage plantation are positively prohibited under penalty of trespassing. Any one found on this place without permission will be considered trespassing and prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

EDWARD BUTLER.

All hunting and fishing and other forms of trespass are hereby prohibited under penalty of the law, on the Micajah Row place on Mississippi River at Wilhelm, La. W. W. BURCKHALTER, M. D.

Crossing the rear of property below True Democrat office in St. Francisville is hereby prohibited under penalty of trespass. Persons found crossing these premises or damaging the fences will be prosecuted. All permissions heretofore given are hereby revoked.

MRS. M. E. ROBINSON.

Hunting and fishing are strictly prohibited, under penalty of trespass, on the following named places: Afton Villa, Oak Grove, Layson, Maxwell, Flower Hill and Shirley.

The Bellevue Farms Co., Ltd.,

A. S. BOWMAN, President.

On and after this date, hunting of all kinds on my part of Starhill plantation is prohibited under penalty of trespass.

J. M. DANIEL, M. D.

Aug. 16, 1913—1 yr.

All trespassing is prohibited on Hill and Slaughter, Lake-Breeze, Grayfield, and Glass-place plantations; such as hunting, peccan gathering, etc., will be prosecuted to full extent of the law.

RACCOURCI COMPANY,

Per S. L. Doherty, Agent;

Smithland Ldg. and P. O., La.

No passing through my Linwood tract, Belmont and Rudmond plantations is allowed. Trespassers—regardless of color—will be prosecuted as the law directs.

C. M. BARROW.

My place is hereby posted against all forms of trespassing; hunting, fishing, agents of all descriptions, and all cattle driving.

L. F. MERWIN.

All trespassing of any description is hereby prohibited, under penalty of the law, on Alandale plantation (formerly Phillips place).

ROBERT BUTLER, Agent.

The public is hereby warned that the Island and Forest plantations are posted against hunting, fishing, wood-cutting and all other forms of trespass, agents of every description included.

M. R. JACKSON.

All cattle driving and other trespassing of any kind are forbidden on Forest plantation, under penalty of the law.

J. W. McQUEEN.

The public is hereby warned against buying wood, posts and timber of any description from tenants on the Oakley, Ogden and Downs plantations. All hunting, cattle-driving and fence-cutting is positively prohibited, and these places are closed against agents of all kinds.

LUCY L. MATTHEWS.

Hunting, fishing, timber-cutting and all other forms of trespass are strictly prohibited, under penalty of the law, on the Bockel place, (known as Cobb's Tract.)

E. M. LEVETT, M. D.

(4-11-14.)

The Flower and Magnolia places are hereby posted against all hunting, under penalty of trespass. No exceptions.

W. J. FORT.

The public is hereby notified that hunting on, crossing over, or any other form of trespass is prohibited on a piece of ground west of the Y. & M. V. Railroad beginning at the north boundary of R. H. Stirling and extending to Whitman platform, on the property of Mrs. S. T. Al-lain. Also on all property of Mrs. C. H. Lewis, Mrs. J. A. Moon, and R. H. Stirling.

R. H. STIRLING, Agent.

Hunting, fishing and any form of trespassing on Solitude, Frogmoor or Beauvals tracts prohibited. No exceptions.

W. B. SMITH.

NOTICE.

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LUCY L. MATTHEWS.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

State of Louisiana, Parish of West Feliciana, 24th Judicial District Court—No. 978, Charles S. Mathews vs. Frank P. Row.

By virtue of a writ of Fieri Facias directed to the Sheriff of the Parish of West Feliciana, in the above entitled and numbered cause, by the Hon., the 24th Judicial District Court, I have seized and will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder at the front door of the Court House, in the town of St. Francisville, La., at the hour of 11 o'clock a.m. on Saturday, April 11, 1914,

the following immovable property of defendant, to-wit:

A certain piece or parcel of land, with all buildings and improvements thereon, situated in the Parish of West Feliciana, State of Louisiana, known as the McKicken Place, containing Five Hundred and Forty-five acres, more or less, bounded on the north by lands now or formerly belonging to the heirs of Jenkins, east by lands now or formerly belonging to Ben Row, south by lands now or formerly belonging to Row and lands now or formerly belonging to Jenkins and Trager, being Section Forty-two, Township One South Range Five West and Section Sixty-four Township One South Range Four West, and being the same property acquired by Frank P. Row from J. Freyhan and Morris Wolf, January 17, 1900; and on

Saturday, March 21, 1914,

the following movable property of defendant, to-wit:

5 cows and calves branded F. P. R., 1 bay mare mule, 1 dun horse, 1 roan mare, 1 brown mare, and 50 bushels of cow peas, more or less.

Terms of sale—Cash, with benefit of appraisement.

J. H. CLACK, Sheriff.

FOREVER BARRED FROM JURY DUTY.

Responding to the demand made at a mass meeting, Criminal Judge Land issued an order forever barring from jury service the 12 men composing the jury which acquitted Hervey S. Little and his wife, charged with the murder of J. J. Van Cleave.

The order recites that the jury returned a verdict of "not guilty" when the evidence showed the two guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

Mr. and Mrs. Little were ordered, by the mass meeting, to leave Shreveport at once, as being undesirable citizens.

The Botanical Society of Edinburgh has investigated into the general belief that neither the beech nor the birch is ever struck by lightning. Information collected, regarding lightning-struck trees throughout Great Britain showed no single instance of either of these species being struck. Investigation in North America gave similar results. In forest regions a beech tree is regarded as the safest place in a thunder-storm.