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Judicial Advertisement.

All those who may have, or are interested in the publication of judicial advertisements are hereby informed that by act 49 of 1877 they are at liberty to have the publication of such to appear in the newspaper of their choice. The two sections covering this assertion are :

SEC. 16. That where advertisements are required to be made in judicial proceedings, or in the sale of property under judicial process, or in any other legal proceeding of whatsoever kind, they shall be published in any English newspaper printed in the parish where the proceedings are carried on.

SEC. 17. That where there are two or more newspapers published in the parish the defendant or party invested by law with the direction of the proceedings shall have the right of selecting the newspaper in which the advertisement is to be made, if applied for within three days after notice of such proceedings, or the seizure made under the process, should the defendant neglect to select, the plaintiff shall have the right to do so ; and should neither plaintiff nor defendant select, now the party invested by law with the direction of the proceedings the sheriff, constable, clerk, or other officer charged by law with the carrying out of the Proceeding, shall select.

This law is clear and explicit. Therefore our friends can materially help us by ordering the publication of such notices in the Messenger. And we shall be thankful for all favors.

THE STRIKE.

The great strike has ended. Apparently it has resulted in a victory for the Knights of Labor. It was a contest between labor and a gigantic corporation, and labor maintained its own. The strike has been a costly one to the railroad company. And it has demonstrated a fact, which the people were not slow to see, and that is, the great power of the railroads, and the immense mischief, it may inflict upon the public when the time and occasion may make it an object to do so. The people have learned that the managers, whose honor is limited only by their rapacity, could form a combination that would paralyze the industries of the country. Hence is it no high time that these corporations be surrounded by the most stringent laws that their power, for evil, be held within proper bound? Such legislation is urgently demanded. And the enactment of such laws as will be force the acceptance of arbitration between capital and the representative of labor is, a so of urgent necessity. Labor must have the same rights, as capital if we want stability in transportation. Capital organizes for profit, labor should be permitted to form association for self-protection. The laborer is worthy of his time and this fact must be recognized by capital, even if such recognition must be enforced by the most stringent legislation.

IN MEMORIAM.

Leander Berry, Aged 30 Years,

The news of the death of Leander Berry was a painful surprise to his relations and many friends in this town. Midnight, hale and hearty, a half our later, dead. Truly, life is but a gust.

The writer knew Leander intimately. Knew his sterling qualities of hand and heart. Kind and generous; and self-sacrificing when others could be made happy thereby. Genial and affable, he had drawn around him a host of friends. In him, it can be truly said, the elements were so combined as to make an upright man, a true friend.

And so young to die. In the prime of manhood when life held so many attractions. The laws of Death are indeed vigorous.

A wife and four children in sore affliction; an aged father and mother to deplore a great loss; friends filled with regret and sorrow.

Such is the will of God.

May He assuage their grief.

A FRIEND.

Local Lights.

Keep out of the "slings."

A heavy frost and ice Wednesday morning.

Jane Pinekney, an old colored woman died Tuesday morning.

A civil term of the District Court will open next Monday.

The two lumber yards, judging by the activity among the workmen, must be doing a land office business.

The steamer New Iberia, last Sunday, laid over a couple of hours at this port, repairing a hole in her hull.

Last Tuesday was a gloomy, disagreeable day, the thermometer marking 51; a big contrast to the sultriness of the day before.

Someone said, in the presence of the Messenger, that there was enough seed on hand to keep the cotton seed oil mill in operation all summer.

The St. Martin Reveille, for and in consideration of the sum of \$15.00 paid to the Police Jury, becomes, for the current year, the official organ of that body.

Mr. Joani Questy, an artist at crayon works, will enlarge to any desired size, any small picture or photograph. Mr. Questy is an artist, and guarantees all his works.

Mr. Louis J. Voorhies having been appointed teacher of the public school of this town will open same on Monday next, in the building where he lately kept his store.

A notice is posted in several places in town signed by E. Woodyly, chairman and A. D. Williams secretary, calling on the people to meet at St. Louis Hall this P. M., to select a ticket to be voted for at next Monday's Municipal election.

We witnessed a trial of a washing machine the other day, of which our young friends Felix and Eugene Olivier are the agents, and pronounce it, without hesitation, a good thing.

Clet Trouard a young man, was accidentally killed in New Iberia, Wednesday evening, by his young friend Theodore Boudreau. Clet was formerly from this town, and resided in New Iberia for the last few years.

A ragged and not over clean specimen of humanity walked in at Mrs. Castillo's Hotel and demanded, in the voice of a stentor, the best room in the house. And without waiting for an answer he started to take in the town, so he said. The last heard of him he had been accommodated with the best room in the town lock-up.

Rev. Father Jan, in his sermon, last Sunday, paid his respects, in very expressive language, to that crowd who are in the habit of congregating before the Church doors during service, to discuss passing events, thereby causing great annoyance to the faithful in their devotions. It is sincerely to be hoped that the Rev. Father will continue his efforts until this custom is broken up.

The fact of the sinking of the Steamer Mary Lewis, by striking an obstruction, opposite the plantation of Steele & Clark near Pattersonville, La, by this time pretty generally known, as, also, the explosion on the Steamer Barmore, near the same place. Two lives were lost by the first accident, and four persons were severely scalded by the explosion. One of the two by the Lewis sinking was Leander Berry, second engineer, who, it is believed, was either taken with cramps in the water, or, was struck senseless, thus drowning. Young Berry was raised in this town, was well liked by everyone, and had a large circle of friends who will sincerely deplore his death. He was married to Miss Fleming, and had four small children. He has been living in New Iberia for the past seven or eight years. The Messenger extends its heartfelt sympathy to the family in their great bereavement.

A Few Chips.

Time and tide, and it may be added, at this time, the tax collector waits for no man.

Next Monday the Municipal election comes off, and the Messenger is still in the dark as to "who are going to be."

Those who take no interest in the betterment of things ought to be the last to find fault. Fact is, as you sow, so must you reap.

Jay Gould the would-be autocrat has gone down before the Knights of Labor. This exemplifies the eternal fittings of things.

And now they want to send E. A. Burke to Congress to fill the late Judge Hahn's unexpired term. If the Messenger had the power, he'd go there in double quick time.

When, on an investment of \$500 the capitalist demands as big interest on five times that amount, then just so long will there be strikes.

The School Board should, at once, appoint a parish superintendent, one with tact, judgment and back-bone sufficiently strong to make things hum.

Bickerings, jealousies, want of civic pride, are some of the reasons why this town progress craw-fish like. This statement appears harsh, but it is the solid truth.

The election for Judge of the Nineteenth District, held Thursday in St. Mary and Terrebonne, resulted in the return of Hon. A. C. Allen by 68 majority. The vote in detail is :

St. Mary - Allen 2282, Winchester 1061, Gibson 50.

Terrebonne - Allen 503, Winchester 1656, Gibson 689.

It appears there is some little talk to set up Judge "Billy" Houston, to fill the vacancy in the second congressional district. Being Jimmy's (of unsavory reputation) brother is sufficient to cause decent men to fight shy of him. For that misfortune, should he have the courage and gall to stand, he will be overwhelmingly elected to stay at home.

By dint of perseverance Diogenes Parker (editor Pleayune) has discovered "the" man for next Governor of Louisiana. Cunningham is his name—and by the grace of McEnery's friends at present Attorney-General of the State. Well to use the expressive language of another : They'll have a hell of a time in getting there." And so mote it be.

Over in Mississippi they have abolished the lien law, and an able contemporary hopes that our next legislature will do likewise. We hope not ; for, if it is done there will be a famine in this parish. Fully three-fourths of our small planters depend upon the local merchant for the necessities of life, hence, imagine their plight if the merchant should refuse them advances.

Breaux Bridge Items.

DIED. - After a prostrate illness of one year, Miss Louisa Patin, daughter of Arcade Patin and Eliza Guidry, at the age of 23 years.

Our streets are being worked over under the superintendence of our efficient townsman N. Blaise.

The bad weather we have been experiencing for the last few days, is the cause of business being very dull

The planters in our surroundings seem to be rather late in their works, we were surprised to see some fields without any plow work at all.

Dr. H. P. Guilbeau is the only man in this parish, so far as we know, who thinks it pays to raise "blooded stock." That his efforts in this direction will be amply remunerated is our fervent wish.