

BEER ON ICE AT B. AUDIBERT'S.

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Removing the Seat of Government.

It appears that a strong desire is felt by many members of the Legislature to have the seat of government of Louisiana removed again to New Orleans. Even if no such feeling had been expressed, its existence might easily have been taken for granted from the regular weekly exodus of legislators and State functionaries from Baton Rouge to New Orleans.

The seat of government was moved from New Orleans to Baton Rouge under the influence of a popular outcry for the purification of the State Administration. The change was made at a large expense to a debt burdened people; but, behold the hoped for reformation was not forthcoming. Affairs have gone no better at Baton Rouge than in the metropolis. The pure atmosphere of the rural districts seemed powerless to neutralize the material influences that had pervaded the precincts of the old Statehouse in New Orleans and the zephyrs from the cane fields and the perfume of the magnolias were lost amid the funk of the official paraphernalia that had been carried to Baton Rouge with the balance of the government belongings.

Those who had sought to purify public affairs made a great mistake. They had hoped to accomplish their object by removing public affairs from an infected capital, but their well-meant efforts was a wretched failure. What should have been done would have been to get away from the government itself. It was not the capacity nor the capitol building that was at fault but the government that occupied them. There is where the reformation is needed. And whatever may be the projects hereafter for changing the seat of government, whenever any political improvement of disinfection is required it must be put in force upon the government itself and not upon the place where officials may be quartered.

A Dangerous Cow.

New York Sun.

"What a lovely cow, Uncle James," exclaimed a Boston girl the morning after her arrival, "and how comically she shakes her head."

"Yes, but don't ye get too near that cow," cautioned her uncle. "He's an ugly critter."

A cargo of ice from Norway arrived in New York the other day and, notwithstanding its fridity, was warmly received by those who were groaning under the extortion of native dealers. It doesn't speak well for the enterprise of American blizzards to allow any other country to produce cheaper ice.

Gov. Hill has signed the bill permitting women to practice law in New York State.

Unclaimed Letters.

List of unclaimed letters at the Post office at St. Martinsville, for the month ended May 31st. 1886.

Aysen, Mrs. Jules	Lendan, Mrs. Casner
Adam, John	Larkins, John
Bernard, Emilie	Mobman, Richard
Baker, W. J.	Malloney, Mrs. Evan
Brean, Miss Mary	Marshall, Rev. J. F.
Cherry, Philippe	Narcis, Prosper
Colin, Louis	Pittery, Narcis
Drake, George	Provoux, Adam
Dede, Miss Ester	Richson, Miss Ardell
Dural, Alphonse	Ramore, Miss Arldar
Dautieux, F.	Randolph, Davis
Evins, P. A.	Sias, Mrs. Mary
Ebar, Focsant	Simon, Thomas
Fairans, Louis	Tusan, Charles
Louis, Marsalean	Valain, Joseph
Ward, Rev. Alfred	

Parties calling for any of above letters will please say "advertised."

Charles Broussard, P. M.

A Horrible Discovery.

[*Nachitoches Review*]

Mr. J. C. Johnson, from near Prudhomme's station, in this parish, kindly furnishes the Review the following details of a discovery that is suggestive of a mysterious and horrible crime:

Last Saturday morning one of the railroad hands and a boy were fishing in Old River near the station, when they discovered a man's foot stick up from under the water. Procuring the assistance of several parties they succeeded in dragging to shore the feet and leg bone of a white man. The legs were tied together by a rope and a thirty-pound chain. They could find nothing else of the body except an arm, but recovered a part of all the clothing, which was as follows: Coat, pants and vest, all alike, of heavy material black and brown mixed, white top shirt and knit undershirt, and white cotton drawers. A pair of congress gaiters which were nearly new. No. 5 or 6, a small black cuff button a small wooden pipe, and a red cotton handkerchief completed the list of articles found with the body. There were no papers or other thing by which the identity of the body could be established.

Mr. Johnson thinks that the body had lain where it was found for six or seven months, and states that the chain found with it was taken from his store near the place about six months ago. About the time that the chain was stolen, an old man by the name of Denis Oats was robbed by a gang of negroes, who knocked him senseless and left him for dead on the railroad track. Five negroes were arrested charged with the crime, two of whom were convicted at the December term of our court and each sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary, where they are now serving their term.

Their names are Thomas Samuels and Ben Pierson, and Mr. Johnson thinks it very likely that they also murdered this man, about the same time and threw the body in the river. It is impossible to conjecture who the man was or where he came from, as no one in that neighborhood is missing. We hope and believe that the mystery will be solved, and the guilty parties punished for their horrible crime.

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