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Why This Collapse.

When men sacrifice all ideas of fair play to descend to a degrading level, apparently only to further the prosecution of an individual, does it not produce the impression among fair-minded men that some ignoble end is, or was, sought? And when those who are supposed to uphold the scales of justice and represent the people, undertake to mete out strict and impartial justice in a matter of such serious import as the late impeachment case can, they, (wishing to do right) throw it aside as fancy dictates?

If Fontelleu is a disturbing element to the welfare of civil society? Society demands he be suppressed. If his conduct as a Judge, or citizen, was or is reprehensible to a degree exacting punishment he should be punished. He should have been tried: all the charges against him should have been thoroughly sifted. If he was guilty, his misdoings should have been made to rebound upon him. But, if he is innocent, he should be allowed to walk abroad, head erect, an upright but injured man. He demanded a trial; his accusers and prosecutors "funkt." It was, indeed, an inglorious, if not disgraceful, ending.

The St. Martinsville Benevolent Association.

The sterling organization which forms the headline of this article was organized a little over a year ago, and has advanced to a plane that is satisfactory to its friends. Organized with a view to benefit its members it has adhered to that object, and is to-day, a strong and prosperous organization. To better facilitate them in their good work it has become necessary to have a building for their own use. Consequently arrangements have been made with the Morgan R. R. to run an excursion train, on the 13th inst., from Washington to New Orleans, stopping at all stations, the net proceeds of which will be devoted to the object just mentioned. Excursionists will spend two days and three nights in the city, ample time to transact business, and, as an attraction on the 14th will be held at Spanish Fort, the French Festival, which we are told will be celebrated on a scale heretofore unthought of. If assurances go for anything we predict a large number on the train on the 13th.

The Situation.

For a year past Republican papers have endeavored to encourage the rank and file of their party by assuring them that the result of the national election of 1884 was accidental and that the government would again fall into Republican hands in 1888. The Republican press has persistently asserted, and perhaps tried to believe, that the people were dissatisfied with the present administration and would take the first opportunity to express their disapproval. Some Democrats even have feared that the policy of the administration would weaken the party which placed it in power. Events which have transpired during the past year have proved that the fears of a few timid Democrats and the assertions of Republicans were groundless, and that the predictions of the latter are based on nothing more substantial than Republican desires.

The few state elections held last year showed that the Democratic party had nowhere lost ground. In no instance did the Republicans capture a state which had cast its electoral vote for Cleveland and Hendricks. The Democrats at the end of 1885 were in possession of every state carried by them the previous year and there was no evidence anywhere of a loss of Democratic strength. On the contrary, the loss was on the Republican side. The only important change was in Michigan, whose judicial election resulted in a Democratic-Greenback fusion majority of 29,000 the same combination having been beaten the previous year by about 3,000.

Local Lights.

Keep cool, Audibert's Ice cold beer will do it.

The "Acadian Club," is the latest wrinkle.

Due to the incessant rains, the Teche is bankfull.

The Abbeville Meridional commenced its 29th volume last Saturday. Success to the Meridional.

The members of Volunteer 1, gave their engine a trial, last Thursday evening. "She worked."

Our thanks to Mr. R. S. Carter, for the basket or Irish potatoes presented to the Messenger.

We believe the date fixed for the dramatic entertainment, in Breaux Bridge is the 12th inst.

Hon. Alf. Voorhies, spent a few days in town, last week. He left, by rail last Sunday, for Baton Rouge.

Our friend C. Harrison Esq. is having the building recently purchased by him extensively repaired.

The Messenger tenders its thanks to the Mikado Social Club, for the nice cake sent to this office last Sunday.

At the succession sale of the Estate of Mrs. Jos. Wiltz, the property near the bridge was bought by Mr. Pierre Fauries.

The Messenger acknowledges receipt of an invitation to attend a grand ball at Broussardville, on Sunday July 4th. Our thanks to the managers.

There is some talk of organizing a reading room and literary club, by our young men. We hope the talk will grow into something substantial.

A John Chinaman was seen in town this week, a very unusual sight. Some say, he is a doctor, others say that the object of his visit is to start a laundry.

The most truthful and inobtrusive man in the community, will, in one week after he becomes the owner of a setter dog, develop into a talented and ostentatious liar. Nothing personal in this.

The ball, last Saturday, given by the Mikado Social Club, was a decided success. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather a large number of young people were on hand, and that they amused themselves hugely goes without saying. They were some thirty odd couples on the floor at one time. "When shall we have another," is the general query.

The little negro boy who is charged with entering and stealing, on the Bancaker plantation, at the alleged instigation of a negro man, was surrendered by his bondsman, and last Monday was incarcerated in the parish prison.

The Police Jury meets next Monday, and will probably resolve into a Board of Reviewers to pass upon the assessment lists. We again desire to call the particular attention of property-owners to this matter.

Last Saturday, the Louisiana Farmer commenced a new volume. The Farmer is a good paper, and judging by its advertising columns is doing well. A fact we are pleased to note, and may it enjoy many more anniversaries, is our sincere wish.

Friends in Thibodeaux wrote to the managers of the M. B. A.'s excursion, this week stating that they will want, at least two coaches to accommodate the number of the people that will take in the Big Ex. Ample room will be provided for all.

The crops, as a general thing are not in as promising a condition as could be wished. The cotton crop will not be as large as was anticipated some weeks ago. Corn, in some places, promises well, in others, it is a decided failure. Cane, however holds its own, though somewhat backward.

The regular election of officers of the Mikado Social Club, was held last Sunday, and resulted as follows: T. J. Labbe, President, re-elected; R. Delahoussaye, Vice-President; J. G. Broussard, Recording Secretary; Eugene Olivier, Financial Secretary; B. L. Fournet, Treasurer, re-elected.

That the Hon. E. J. Gay will be his own successor, appears, now, to be almost certain. The Democratic party recognizes the fact he has proved an efficient representative. Besides this District being Republican, he has already shown his ability to carry it. Hence, these facts being considered goes a long way to assure him the nomination.

The Pointe Claire Bridge.—Our wide awake contemporary, the Messenger, has taken up the question of a bridge across coulee Pointe Claire and directed the attention of the Police Jury of St. Martin to the necessity of united action with Iberia in order to accomplish the much needed work. Our Police Jury is now in session as a Board of Reviewers, and could well consider the subject and find out the disposition of our neighbors in regard to the matter.—*New Iberia Enterprise, June 30th.*

"As matters now stand" an election will be ordered by the Governor to take place within the sixty or ninety days, and as Judge Gates commission as provisional Judge expired with Fontelleu's discharge, Gov. McEnery will have to appoint another provisional Judge to fill the vacancy now existing up to the time of election." The fur will soon fly, says the *New Iberia Enterprise* in an article on the late impeachment case.

The City Item, that staunch straight forward, strictly independent evening daily, has just entered the ninth year of its successful career. May its success never grow less.

Mr. Montegut has appointed our friend and fellow-parishioner, Audubon Hilliard Esq., to the position of assistant cashier in the U. S. Mint: Mr. Hilliard will assume the functions of the office in a few days. This appointment meets the full approbation of the Democracy of St. Martin. The gentleman is well equipped for the position and we dare say, will give full satisfaction. For this act, Mr. Montegut, has earned the respect of the staunch old Democracy of the parish, and they will not soon forget this recognition of one of their strongest adherents.

There are matters, which we believe very important, demanding the attention of the Police Jury, and which we hope, at the regular meeting, next Monday, will be taken into serious consideration. First, the urgent necessity of having the bridge at Breaux Bridge, put in safe traveling condition. Then the building of a bridge at Pointe Claire. We have the belief of the *New Iberia Enterprise*, that Iberia will contribute for this purpose. And, we suggest, that that Body appoint a conference committee to wait upon the town council, of this town and ascertain the advisability of the two Bodies contributing with a view of having a bridge over Spanish Lake.

The people of the town of Breaux Bridge were considerably pained and shocked last Saturday, when the news of the death of Dr. Noe Betournay was announced. It seems that he had gone to the shelving, in his drugstore, on which was kept the vials of quinine and morphine, and, presumably, took the morphine bottle for the quinine, of which he took an overdose, with fatal consequences. The doctor was, at the time of his death, about 65 years of age. He was a native of Montreal and received his diploma in the medical college of that city. He had been practicing his profession in Breaux Bridge for over thirty years. He leaves a wife and two children, a boy and girl, to mourn his loss. We extend to the family our heartfelt sympathy in their great bereavement.

Unclaimed Letters.

List of unclaimed letters at the Post Office at St. Martinsville La., for the month ended June 30th, 1886.

Broussard, Joseph	Judice, Mrs. Drozin
Brown, Miss B. M.	Kurlulibes, J. A.
Bouligny, Chs. M.	Lendon, Mrs. C.
Bochet,	Lewis, Mrs. Rosa
Canbarus, Andre	Madison, Mrs. Clara
Crawson, J.	Mitchell, Mrs. Lewis
Capdeville, P. (2)	Maxil, Joseph
Colin, Louis	Marand, Mrs. S.
Champagne, J. W.	Morris, John
Cruyssen, H. V.	Newman, Henry
Detiege, Mamie	Oliviar, Mrs. Anna
Davis, Mary Ann,	Perionx, Eugene
Dile, Roy	Sias, Mrs. Mary
Durand, J. L.	Simon, Mrs. Flora
Doree, Philomaine	Thibodeaux, A. D.
Edward, Mrs. F.	Thibodeaux, T.
Hymes, Henry	Weber, R.
Hamilton, Daniel	Watkins, Wesley
Harris, Lula	Waterbone, Peter
James Mrs. Louisa	Wiltz, Baptiste

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

Charles Broussard, P. M.