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A SHREVEPORT MOTHER.

Writes to the Ouachita Telegraph on
The Subject of Miscegenation—
A Fervent Appeal.

Telegraph of Thursday.

For the first time in our management of a newspaper we print a communication without the real name of the writer accompanying it. Why we make this solitary departure from a rule hitherto inflexible, the heartoutbursts of our correspondent sufficiently account for:

Shreveport, La., June 16, 1896.

Col. G. W. McCranie, Editor Ouachita Telegraph—Dear Sir: In yesterday's issue of our daily Times there is an extract from your pen upon the subject of miscegenation, for which I, as a mother, feel irresistibly impelled to thank you. Yours is the first, so far as I have been able to see, raised in condemnation of this black crime; this fearful evil, this hydra-headed monster that is polluting our fair land from border to border, from center to circumference. Oh, sir, I have waited and listened for so long, for some one brave enough to speak out in denunciation of this growing evil, which if not abolished, or arrested, will in the not far distant future, make of this proud southland a mongrel nation. I have two fair sons, honorable, upright and virtuous; and of whom any mother might well be proud and I desire to keep them so; but, in the face of such fearful temptations, such wantonness and lewdness, as is exhibited by the colored females so boldly and audaciously upon our streets, in out houses and everywhere, how is it possible for one poor weak woman, although fired with love and devotion for her children, to stem the tide of evil? to help them resist successfully the temptations to which they are exposed? I cannot do it (for I have no doubt there are many other mothers as deeply interested as myself,) without the strong arm of the law to aid us. Therefore, I beg that as you have begun, you will continue to agitate this matter, until the press of the whole State, nay the whole South, will join in bitter denunciation of this widespread evil—an evil which is robbing the mother, wives and daughters of honor and respect, and which will engulf the whole country in ruin, unless something can be done to stop it.

Again I thank you. I honor the lofty courage and virtue which have inspired you to attack this blight upon the fair escutcheon of our southland, and I fervently pray that success may attend your efforts to suppress it.

A MOTHER AND A PATRIOT,

Mmanuel Olivier, colored, was shot and killed at Franklin, La., Saturday last, by Joe Toussaint and his brother, in a house occupied by Olivier's wife. The same night, an old gentleman was shot in the hip, by unknown parties.

A Few Chips.

John Kelly's estate is valued at \$400,000.

Miss Cleveland has been paid \$12,000 by her publishers.

The capital of the Third National Bank of Cincinnati, \$1,000,000, is mostly owned by women.

Col. Bob Ingersoll has become a railroad president. No half fair for ministers on his line.

A Louisville woman tried vainly to buy a bonnet for less than the \$25 asked. She described the bonnet to her servant who went to the shop and bought it for \$12.

As "the first lady of the land," Mrs. Cleveland has a right to set the fashions. According to the Louisville Courier-Journal she never wears a high hat at an opera.

President Cleveland is not dead-heading during the honey-moon. He pays for his special train to Deer Park, pays for his cottage, pays for his board, and pays for his horses. That is the kind of President he is.—*Elmira Gazette.*

Those lawyers out in Missouri who obtained a new trial after their clients were convicted of murder in the second degree did an unintentional public service. They were convicted of murder in the first degree next time and the Supreme Court has decided that the second conviction is right.

A Young Hero.

A Sixteen Year-Old Telegrapher Captures a Murderer.

Last week a seedy-looking tramp entered the National Transit Company's pump station at Startwout, N.Y. His nervous actions attracted the attention of the men employed in the station. Operator G. J. Farrell looked him over several times and concluded he answered the description of James Shoemaker, the man who murdered Dell Van Demark, at Nichols, Tioga county, June 3d, for whose arrest a reward of \$500 has been offered. Mr. Farrell immediately telegraphed to the chief of police at Port Jervis who answered him to hold Shoemaker. The chief of police will probably reach here at 12:30 when he will take Shoemaker to Port Jervis and lock him up. Mr. Farrell is but a boy of 16 years, but managed to hold his man and will probably receive the reward.

A decanter filled with whiskey was hotly pursued by a ward politician and a commercial ambassador, but made its escape and took refuge in the pocket of a Prohibitionist, thinking that in such an asylum it would be safe from harm. But after a short nap the decanter woke up as empty as a gas pipe and went away in a starving condition. Moral: This fable teaches that a fortress is not necessarily impregnable just because the supervising engineer pronounces it so.—*Life.*

An Elkton young fellow who has been wanting for a long time to get married but was prevented by the lack of cash to procure a marriage license, it is said now that the fees have been lowered to one dollar, proposes to wed provided some one will lend him the dollar.—*Elkton (Md.) Whig.*

J. B. PENE,

Horloger Bijoutier.

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