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Race in Court.

The race Saturday last between the Lafayette horse, belonging to Mr. D. A. Cochrane, and that of Mr. Anatole Cormier, of this town, was won by Mr. Cormier's horse, but the supporters of the Lafayette horse objected to the money being turned over to the supporters of Mr. Cormier's horse, on the ground that their horse did not start when the word "go" was given. Although the judges have given their decision in favor of Mr. Cormier's horse.

We would suggest to the amateurs of races to provide themselves next time with a Justice of the Peace, and a set of Lawyers, and have such matters settled on the spot, as many of the outside parties do not like the idea of having their money laid by, waiting the decision of the court.

Immigration.

If the owners of large tracts of land of this parish would organize, and form an advertising association, and properly advertise such lands which are not cultivated, and induce immigration to settle in this parish, where they could buy the best lands of the State, at a very small cost, the owners would dispose of the large amount of lands which are not of the least use to them, and realize a handsome return. Real estate would increase in value, and our commerce immensely benefited. It is absolutely useless to expect immigration here unless we take the necessary steps, and give them all possible inducements.

Rowing Club.

We believe if the gentlemen of this town would organize a rowing club, it would be a good and healthy exercise to them, and at the same time would afford a pleasing and agreeable pastime, to the people of our town. We have all the stuff necessary to make it a success, the only thing to be done is to organize at once and go to work, and in a very short time we would have a first class sport in the very heart of our town.

An Arch of Roses.

We were struck with admiration in passing by Mrs. Rosa O'Rourke's residence, one day this week, to see over the gate fronting Main Street, an arch of beautiful roses interlaced with gay colored, and sweet scented flowers, which presents a most beautiful and charming sight. We had also occasion to visit Mrs. O'Rourke's flower garden, where an unlimited variety of flowers are in full bloom. It is certainly one of the finest gardens in town.

A DECEIVED WOMAN.

Is the lady who uses cosmetics, face lotions, white lead, bismuth powders, arsenic, etc., in the belief of enriching and beautifying the complexion. It is but temporary, and ultimately destroys the skin beyond the power of nature to restore. Stop it! Stop it now, and use only Dr. Harter's Iron Tonic, which imparts the vigor and loveliness of youth.

A crevasse 25 feet wide occurred in bayou Lafourche Friday morning which it is claimed, will ruin hundreds of people.

A Railway For Abbeville.

A railway is projected from Abbeville, in the eastern edge of Vermillion parish, to Jeannerette, in Iberia. Jeannerette is situated on the Southern Pacific Railway, as well as on the navigable waters of Bayou Teche, while Abbeville does not enjoy such transportation facilities. The proposed road would give Abbeville connection with both river and rail. It would assist to open up a rich country, and can be built at no large expense, as it would pass over a section which presents no difficulties of any kind. The means for constructing this branch should be readily raised, even if the Southern Pacific Company should not assume the burden which it might well do.—N. O. Picayune.

DIED.

At Broussardville, Sunday 20th. inst., at 12:30 a. m., J. Baptiste Malagarie, aged 54 years. His mortal remains were brought here for interment, and were buried in the catholic cemetery. We extend our sympathies to the family.

ANOTHER ART CRAZE.

The latest art work among ladies is known as the 'French Craze,' for decorating china, glassware, etc. It is something entirely new, and is both profitable and fascinating. It is very popular in New York, Boston and other Eastern cities. To ladies desiring to learn the art, we will send an elegant china plaque (size 18 inches,) handsomely decorated, for a model, together with box of material, 100 colored designs assorted in flowers, animals, soldiers, land-scapes, etc., complete, with full instructions, upon receipt of \$1.00. The plaque alone is worth more than the amount charged. To every lady ordering this outfit who encloses the address of five other ladies interested in Art matters, to whom we can mail our new catalogue of Art Goods, we will enclose extra and without charge, a beautiful 30 inch, gold-tinted plaque.

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Local Lights.

We had a good rain Sunday, which was followed by extremely cool weather.

A \$15,000 jack pot was won at a poker game at Eastman, Ga., last Saturday.

Gov. McEnery has appointed Frank Mendoza Constable for the second ward of this parish, vice John Anderson resigned.

A negro at New Iberia, who was tired of his wife, sent her to a better world by cutting her throat from ear to ear, last Sunday.

Mrs. M. Bienvenu announces to the public in general, that she has just received a fine and complete stock of the latest novelties in millinery goods.

A substantial ten foot plank fence, surmounted by four barbed wires, is now building around the jail. A much needed improvement.

Hon. Alfred Voorhies, Representative of this parish, met with an accident a few days ago. While out riding his horse fell, and he received a painful contusion on the left arm. Mr. Voorhies will be well in a very short time.

His Grace, the Most Reverend Archbishop Leray, celebrated the thirty-fifth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood, on Saturday the 19th inst.

We had this week a most pleasant and agreeable call from our good and true friend C. A. Thomas, now connected with the Acadia Sentinel, published at Rayne, La. Charley spent three or four days with his family, and returned to Rayne Tuesday.

We are informed by Mr. R. S. Carter that a cabin occupied by a colored family, was destroyed by fire this week on the Catahoula plantation, together with all its contents. The cause is supposed to be accidental.

A great deal of whiskey was imbibed at the races last Saturday, and a large number of "drunks" was the result. If the young men see any great pride in that, we don't, as it is a shameful and disgraceful habit.

The Ladies of St. Joseph, a colored Benevolent Association, attended mass in a body at the Catholic Church, last Saturday, in honor of St. Joseph's day their patron.

The Scientific American published by Munn & Co., New York, presents weekly to its readers the best and most reliable record of various improvements in machinery while the scientific progress of the country can in no way be gleaned so well as by the regular perusal of its pages.

BARGAIN IN MUSIC.

This Favorite Album of Songs and Ballads, containing thirty-two pieces of choice, and popular music, full sheet music size, with complete words and music and piano accompaniment is finely printed upon heavy paper with a very attractive cover. The following are the titles of the songs and ballads contained in the Favorite Album:—As I'd Nothing Else to Do; The Dear Old Songs of Home; Mother, Watch the Little Feet; Oh, You Pretty Blue-eyed Witch; Blue Eyes; Katy's Letter; The Passing Bell; I saw Esau Kissing Kate; Won't You Tell Me Why, Robin; The Old Garden Gate; Down Below the Waving Lindens; Faded Leaves; All Among the Summer Roses; Touch the Harp Gently, My pretty Louise; I really don't think I shall Marry; Dreaming of Home; The old Cottage Clock; Across the Sea; A Year Ago; Bachelor's Hall; Ruth and I; Good Night; One Happy Year Ago; Jennie in the Orchard; The Old Barn Gate; Jack's Farewell; Polly; Whisper in the Twilight. This is a very fine collection of real vocal gems, and gotten up in very handsome style. Published in the usual way and bought at a music store, these 32 pieces would cost you \$11.20. We bought a job lot of this music at a great sacrifice and as the holidays are past, we desire to close out our stock at once. Will send you the entire collection well wrapped and post-paid for only 40 cts. Send immediately.

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Dr. Thomas G. Ford was Thursday morning released from the Parish Prison having been pardoned by Gov. McEnery on the recommendation of the Board of Pardons. Dr. Ford pleaded guilty to manslaughter in killing James Kirkpatrick, in New Orleans, on November 2, and was sentenced by Judge Roman to 15 years at hard labor.

Gov. McEnery has written letters to the presidents of police Juries in the parishes of Iberville, Pointe Coupee, West Baton Rouge, St. Martin and St. Mary requesting said parochial bodies to each appropriate the sum of \$250 to pay the guards on Morganza levee. The police juries of Terrebonne and Iberia have already made such appropriations.

Mrs. Krettscher, a German lady of Bridgeport, Conn., gave birth recently to a male infant which has an elephant's head, and in place of a nose a short trunk. The mouth and lips protrude like those of an elephant. The child weighs nine pounds and can only be fed with a spoon. The mother visited a circus last winter and was terribly frightened by an elephant.

The Richmond Hotel, at Buffalo, N. Y., was destroyed by fire on the night of Friday the 18th inst. Thirty lives were lost, and sixteen persons were seriously injured in endeavoring to escape from the flames. Several other buildings were also consumed by the raging fire. The loss is estimated at \$400,000.

In the case of the Plaquemine Protector against the Police Jury of Plaquemine parish, for the privilege and title of Official Journal, the District Court decided in favor of the Protector.

During Edwin Booth's engagement in this city he told the following story, which has never appeared in print: When a young man he was filling an engagement in Richmond, Va., and one day accepted an invitation to make a balloon ascension with Prof. Wise, the famous aeronaut. A pleasant ride of about twenty miles was made, and the balloon safely landed in a field near a village inhabited by colored people, who, one and all, took to the woods when they noticed the descent of the balloon. The professor started off in search of a team to take them back to Richmond, leaving Mr. Booth to look after the balloon until his return. After a time an old colored man ventured from his place of concealment, and when about fifty feet of Mr. Booth, with hat in hand, he made a low bow and said: "Good morning Mr. Jesus. How did you leave your pa?—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Notice of Election.

By virtue of a proclamation issued by his Honor Chas. Guerinere, Mayor of the town of St. Martinsville, and bearing date February 25th. 1887, and in accordance with law, all qualified voters in the limits or the corporation of St. Martinsville, Parish of St. Martin State of Louisiana, are hereby notified that an election will be held on Monday, the 4th. day of April A. D. 1887, it being the first Monday of said month; for the purpose of electing Five Trustees for the term of one year.

The Poll will be open on that day at the Court House, in the town of St. Martinsville, from 7 o'clock A. M. until 6 o'clock P. M. under the supervision of the following commissioners of election; W. B. Eastin, Felix Baker and Charles Guirard.

The election to be conducted and returns made according to law.

St. Martinsville this 26th. day of March, A. D. 1887.

A. V. FLEMING.

Returning Officer, Parish of St. Martin.

PUBLIC SALE.

In conformity with resolution of the Police Jury of the Parish of St. Martin passed at Regular Meeting held on the 7th. inst. the contract for building bridge on Coulee Pointe Claire will be sold on Monday 4th. of April next at 1 o'clock p. m. at the Court House door of St. Martinsville on terms and conditions made known at time of said sale. Said work to be executed according to plan and specifications in our possession for reference.

For informations and particulars previous to sale apply to F. Berard, Pres. P. J. Parish of St. Martin or C. T. Cade, Police Juror Iberia Parish.