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SATURDAY NOV. 26, 1898.

Mother of Mercy Dead.

The sad news of the death of the Venerable Mother of Mercy, who was at the head of the Convent of Mercy at this place for several years, was received by the Sisters of Mercy Wednesday.

Last year the health of the Rev. Mother being such, that she could no longer perform the arduous duties imposed upon her as superior, and she was transferred to New Orleans, where she has been sick ever since, and her death was not altogether unexpected.

She was a good charitable woman and her kind acts in St. Martinville will never be forgotten by the people who knew how to appreciate her devotion and charity towards our poor people and the children.

She was a noble woman and her reward in the Kingdom of God will be as great and beatiful as her work in this world was charitable and christian-like.

Contributed.

Died at St. Alphonsus' Convent of Mercy New Orleans on Wednesday November 23, 1898 at 8 a. m., Mother Mary of Mercy Wiendal.

Mother Mary of Mercy entered the Order of Mercy Dec. 27th 1871 and was professed May 25th 1874, shortly after her profession she was appointed Superior of the Convent of Mercy in Biloxi, Miss., where she was stationed until March 7, 1881, at which time she was sent as Superior of the Convent in St. Martinville where she labored indefatigably in the discharge of her duty until June 1897 when she was made the Mother assistant at St. Alphonsus Convent of Mercy New Orleans. During the twenty seven years of her Religious life she was devoted to God and the poor, a true religious, she loved her vocation and there was scarcely a day when she was not heard to thank God for having called her to the Religious state. Mother Mary of Mercy was born in the Parish of St. John the Baptist, Louisiana, and educated at Emmitsburg, Maryland, her life in this world was one of love and devotion to her family, as a Religious she was a model of regularity and charity, she seemed to have a heart for each member of her community. We are sure that the people of St. Martinville where she labored for so many years will not forget to offer a little prayer for her soul.

R. I. P.

Friday morning as we get ready to close our forms the weather is cold with a light rain falling, with all the prospects for bad, disagreeable weather.

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The Pension Problem in the South.

Times-Democrat.

As we have already noted, the pension question is rapidly becoming almost as troublesome in the South as it has been, for some time past, in the North and West.

In Mississippi the Auditor apportions the pension appropriation among the Confederate veterans of that State. Last year the pro rata coming to each veteran was only \$17, so absurdly small a sum as to prove of little, if any, practical value to the needy. An earnest effort has been made this year to correct the matter and increase the pro rata by cutting down the pensioners. Some improvement has been made, but it amounts to very little after all, for each veteran will get only \$20 for the year, and there are few of them who can keep themselves and their families on this sum.

In nearly all the other Southern States it is the same story. These States can give only a small amount for pensions, and some way will have to be found of cutting down the number of claimants if the pensions are to do good. In the Georgia Legislature it is proposed to meet this condition by a law preventing any Confederate veteran or his widow from drawing a pension unless he can show by affidavit, that he is unable on account of poverty to support himself. The money is to be given only to relieve dire need.

It is hoped in this way to raise the pension roll, to strike off the names of those who are able to support themselves without assistance, and thus to leave enough money for the other and poorer veterans who actually require it. This or some other plan must be found to solve the pension problem. The present system is thoroughly unsatisfactory and is growing worse instead of better.

—We made a visit to the Ruth refinery Thursday and we found everything to be working in first class order, the house is well put up and the machinery well distributed. This refinery is well located and in the course of a short time it will probably get all the cane it can grind in the immediate neighborhood, which is a splendid cane country.

CONSTABLE SALE.

PIERRE GEORGE
vs
SAMUEL MITCHEL.
No 266.

Third Justice Court.

Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana.

By virtue of a writ of fieri facias issued on the 18th day of November 1898, in the above entitled and numbered suit; I have seized and will proceed to sell by public auction to the highest and last bidder, at the office of the Justice of the Peace, at Catahoula Cove, in the Third Ward of the Parish of St. Martin, at eleven o'clock a. m., on the

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Nov-12-97-4.

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Congress And The Peace Treaty.

Daily Item.

In reviewing the chances for a ratification by the Senate of the treaty ceding the Philippine islands to the United States, an Eastern contemporary says:

"The House of Representatives will not be consulted, even should the provisions of the treaty necessitate the passage of revenue bills, which can originate only in that body. The House cannot refuse to vote the appropriation required by a treaty with a foreign power with any more property than it can withhold the supplies necessary to meet the current expenses of the General Government, for every such treaty is made by the Constitution itself a part of the supreme law of the land."

This is rather too sanguine a view of the situation at Washington for an enlightened journal to take. If the conclusions of our contemporary are well-founded the President and Senate can, if they desire it, involve the country in war without action on the part of the House. If the House cannot refuse to vote the appropriations made by treaty, it could be made a party to a war to which it is strongly opposed.

It is held to be the duty of the House to pass appropriation bills to meet any demand of the Government, but this obligation is not carried to an extent which would require the Representatives to continue to support a measure that did not rest upon popular approval. It is not at all likely that such an issue will be raised when Congress meets, but any view of the conditions at Washington that excludes the House from the final discussion of territorial questions is fallacious in the extreme. The House in its way is as important a factor as the Senate. The last-named body alone can ratify the treaty, but the administration must depend upon the House alone to carry out the provisions of that international agreement.

Taking this unassailable view of the matter it is a great comfort to know that both the House and the Senate are solidly Republican.

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Lucas County, } ss.

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