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## Humbug.

(St. Bernard Eagle.)

"Can storied urn, or animated bust,  
Back to its mansion call the fleeting breath!  
Can Honor's voice provoke the silent dust,  
Or flattery soothe the dull, cold ear of death?"

If there is any thing calculated to aggravate the bile of the reflective citizen beyond its normal irritability at the follies of mankind, it is to contemplate the ingrained asininity of the American people in celebrating their grief or joy on all public occasions by pageant and parade. More especially does this idiosyncrasy, as it trends Southward, inflate its bombastic display, culminating in ridiculous excess where it is finally checked by the sparse limits of population, at the Crescent City of the United States.

We have been moved to these remarks by the absurdity of the mock funeral procession which marched around the principal thoroughfares of New Orleans last Monday, to the considerable hindrance of traffic and the great advantage of liquor dealers along the route. This concourse of persons, comprising militia, firemen, and benevolent societies, headed by a long file of carriages, and accompanied by brass bands and banners, escorted a float, on which was placed a floral design bearing some remote resemblance to a coffin, the whole mimicry being supposed to typify the solemn interment of the late President, James A. Garfield, then taking place at Cleveland, Ohio. This senseless sham, this masquerade number of woe, carries the imagination back to the days of that other Great Republic, whose citizens, while free institutions were tottering towards their fall, demanded only—"panem et circenses." Can it be possible that such a medley procession, of the same components as, but inferior in magnitude and general participation to, those of Mardi Gras, the Fourth of March, etc., etc., can be accepted as expressive of a nation's mourning, unless, indeed, its evanescence may be thereby symbolized.

They speak of this empty pageant, soon to be eclipsed and forgotten in the tinsel splendor of the next visiting circus, as the effect of a spontaneity of generous feeling; it will show the North that sectional bitterness is extinct, say many. Could not that have been managed in a score of ways more noble and lasting. Had their regret taken the shape of a grand donation in aid of medical science, or to some hospital or charitable institution which thenceforward should have commemorated the name and virtues of the murdered President, would the world have deemed our people's grief the less poignant? Would they not rather have applauded the triumph of reason over unreason, and hailed our example as worthy of all emulation? Our city papers decry the vulgar ostentation of a Northern insurance company which has widely advertised its payment of a policy in connection with the President's death, but ignore the discrepancies surrounding them at home. Here, with winter already nigh at hand, thousands of yards of calico were used to decorate pillars and galleries, while the city paupers, children, widows, and insane, are destitute of change of clothing. Costly processions enliven streets which will later become impassable for lack of funds to repair them, and a time of mourning is transformed into a ludicrous Saturnalia.

## Lieutenant Governorship.

(N. O. Daily States.)

The communication in yesterday's States, relative to the Lieutenant Governorship, and which seeks to establish the existence of a law which gives the Senate the power of filling that office now vacated by the succession of its constitutionally elected incumbent to the office of Governor, has its full refutation and answer in the constitutional provision, Art. 59, that both the Governor and Lieutenant Governor shall be elected by the duly qualified voters at the time and place of voting for the representatives.

Any law which provides for the election of these officials by any other mode than that prescribed in the Constitution is null and void.

We do not think the law referred to was intended to embody any such absurdity. The President of the Senate ex-officio succeeds to certain duties and powers of the Lieutenant-Governor. Whether he succeeds to any of the functions of that official which are of an executive character, is a very grave question. As President of the Senate he remains a Senator, a member of the legislative department of the State Government. It would be an obvious inconsistency and unconstitutional that he should unite the two distinctive functions of a legislator and executive officer.

The confusion in which we have been thrown by the innumerable bad, absurd and unconstitutional laws, enacted by the horde of incompetent persons who have assumed to control the legislation of this State for years past, can only be corrected by a constant recurrence to the fundamental principles of our republican system, of which these constitution and law makers of our State appear to be profoundly ignorant or criminally neglectful.

An official census of the Chiricahua Apaches shows 586 bucks and 1,341 squaws and children, a total of 1,927. The six hostile bands are supposed to contain 148 bucks, included in the count. The tribe has 1,228 horses, 580 cattle, 1,144 sheep and 663 dogs.

[Communicated.]  
CHENYVILLE, RAPIDES PARISH, LA.,  
October 24th, 1881.

Editor ST. LANDRY DEMOCRAT.—I will write up for the DEMOCRAT the dots, notes, locals and siftings from this place and the surrounding neighborhood. Chenyville is, taken "all in all" rather an old looking town. You can see anything else but improvement, and the railroad boom it seems has not brought out much of the vital spark that we so often see in places where the railroads touch. This place can boast of three churches, Episcopal, Baptist and Methodist. We learn from good authority that none of them are well attended, for what reason we don't know. The paint brush could find good and constant employment on the outside of these three places of worship, that is it looks so to us, while apart it is none of our particular business. The Chenyville merchants are laying in large and handsome stocks of goods for the fall and winter trade. Almost every one up this way has "soured" on the Morgan railroad ring and are shipping goods by the Red River boats, others are waiting for a rise in Bayou Beauf.

## COUNTRY NOTES SIFTED.

The planters are all engaged putting down seed cane and fitting up sugar mills preparatory to grinding. The cane crop is light in acreage up this way, while the cane is reasonably fair. I have been informed by several planters that they will make (provided the weather does not interfere) from one to two hogheads of sugar per acre. The cotton crops are exceeding all expectations, the yield being fair and the staple good.

## LABOR.

There is some apprehensions about the question of labor for the coming year. The present plan of working the freedmen does not meet with his opinion of freedom, and the result is that many of them are going to work on their own "hook." Whether it pays them or not, they (the negro) wants to do their own "bossing."

## WHAT MUST BE DONE.

Turn the open tilable lands out to grow up in forest, or shall our planters adopt new plans and modes of farming, planting, etc.?

For my part I would advise the planters to build some neat cottages at and on convenient points of their plantations, then go west or north and bring down good working men and their families; put them in these cottages; give them a living chance, that is paying part of the crops, with other inducements to make them feel at home. This done I feel satisfied in affirming that in a few years you will see a change come over the country for the better. I will close by giving your readers a scrap from my "note" book of "scraps."

## LIVE FOR SOMETHING.

"Thousands of men breathe, move and live, pass off the stage of life and are heard of no more. Why? they do not a particle of good in the world; and none ever blest them; none could point to them as the instrument of their redemption; not a line they wrote, not a word they spoke could be recalled, and so they perished—their light went out in darkness—and they were not remembered more than the insects of yesterday. Will you thus live and die?"

"Live for something, do good, and leave behind you a monument of virtue that the storms of time can never destroy. Write your name by kindness, love and mercy, on the hearts of the thousands you come in contact with year by year, and you will never be forgotten; your name, your deeds, will be as legible on the hearts you leave behind as the stars on the brow of evening, good deeds will shine as bright on the earth as the stars of heaven."

Yours,  
JOHN O'SHANE.

The Baton Rouge Advocate has an able editorial on the practice of carrying concealed weapons which concludes by calling upon the press to organize public opinion on this question.

The Guardian has waged war against the pistol and knife from its birth up to date. Feeling that common decency, religion, morality and love of peace and harmony should cause every good man to take a decided stand on this matter we have never failed to cry aloud and spare not. We have demanded in the interest of law and order that there should be a prohibition of the sale of pistols, for the reason that they are good for nothing but to kill human beings. Others agreed with us and the better element of the community endorsed all we said on the question, but the juries are slow to convict and fines are light, so the practice continues. The people are careless and indifferent about this question. While cognizant of the necessity of stringent measures they are too apathetic.

If every man who knows that another has carried concealed weapons; would report it; if Grand Jurors would not carry to an extreme the idea that no notice should be taken of petty offenses, classing concealed weapons as a petty offense; if petit jurors would construe strictly their oath, and Judges would impose severe fines, we venture that pistols and knives would soon be eaten up by rust.—[Claiborne Guardian.]

Damascus is the oldest city in the world, and the street called Strait, in which it is said Saul prayed, still runs through the city, and the yearly caravans come and go through the place just as they did one thousand years ago.

## L. S. L.

This is the only Lottery ever voted on and indorsed by the People of any State.

## THE LOUISIANA State Lottery COMPANY

Incorporated in 1868 for 25 years by the Legislature for Educational and Charitable purposes—with a Capital of \$1,000,000—to which a reserved fund of over \$420,000 has since been added.

By an overwhelming popular vote its franchise was made a part of the present State Constitution adopted December 2d, A. D., 1879.

Its Grand Single Number Drawings will take place monthly.

It Never Scales or Postpones

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## Grand Monthly Distribution,

Class L.

At New Orleans

TUESDAY, NOV. 8th, 1881.

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\$30,000!

100,000 TICKETS at \$2 Each.

Half Tickets \$1.

LIST OF PRIZES:

1 CAPITAL PRIZE.....	\$30,000
1 do do .....	10,000
1 do do .....	5,000
2 PRIZES OF \$2,500 .....	5,000
5 do 1,000 .....	5,000
20 do 500 .....	10,000
100 do 100 .....	10,000
200 do 50 .....	10,000
500 do 20 .....	10,000
1000 do 10 .....	10,000

APPROXIMATION PRIZES

9 Approximation Prizes of \$300..	2,700
9 do do 200..	1,800
9 do do 100..	900

1,857 Prizes, amounting to...\$110,400

Application for rates to clubs

should be made only to the office of the Company in New Orleans.

Write for circulars or send orders to

M. A. DAUPHIN,

New Orleans, La.

Or to

C. M. THOMPSON,

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Or to

JNO. O. TRAINOR,

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All our Grand Extraordinary Drawings are under the supervision and management of

GEN. G. T. BEAUGARD and  
GEN. JUBAL A. EARLY,  
CAPITAL PRIZE,

100,000.

WHOLE TICKETS, \$10.

## NEW ORLEANS ADVERTISEMENTS.

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## Sportsmen's Emporium.

HALL & COOK,

NO. 24 ST. CHARLES ST. NEW ORLEANS.

Dealers in—

GUNS, RIFLES, PISTOLS, SPORTING

AND FISHING TACKLE OF

EVERY DESCRIPTION,

POWDER, SHOT, SHELLS AND

FIXED AMMUNITION OF ALL KINDS,

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GUNS RE-BORED TO SHOOT CLOSE.

P. O. Box 937.

Manufacturers of Hard Rubber Duck Calls—Superior to anything ever used. N. Author's Fishing Lines, a Specialty. Wholesale Agents for McDaniel's Rust Preventer.

Oct 24-ly

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J. K. RENAUD & CO.,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

GROCERS,

185, 187, 189 and 191 Camp Street,

Corner of Julia Street, New Orleans.

Have constantly on hand Choice Family Flour, the best Goshen Butter, Lard and Sugar-Cured Hams, Canned Goods, Preserves, Fruits, and all articles required for table use.

Country orders solicited.

Goods delivered free of drayage.

Sept 4-ly

## BOARDING HOUSE,

RESTAURANT,

107--Customhouse Street,--107

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Board and room \$1.50 per day.

Meals at any hour, with one-half bottle wine, 50 cents.

Room with one bed for one night, 50 cents.

Accommodations for families.

April 9-ly P. FORGET, Proprietor.

## JUDICIAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

PUBLIC SALE.

PROBATE COURT, PARISH OF ST. LANDRY,

No. 4271.

ESTATE OF WILLIAM H. CUNNINGHAM,

DECEASED.

By virtue of an order of the honorable Probate Court of the parish of St. Landry, there will be sold at public auction, to the highest bidder, by the undersigned sheriff and ex-officio auctioneer, at the last residence of the deceased, at Rayne Station (Pompeville) on the Louisiana and Western Railroad, St. Landry parish, on

TUESDAY, November 8th, 1881, the following described property belonging to the estate of William H. Cunningham, deceased, to-wit:

1st. Lot Four and a half arpents of land which were bought by M. Arenas, bounded north by J. D. Bernard, south by widow Gaspard, east by Mrs. Trask and south-west by McBride.

2d. Balance of north half of section twenty-eight, after deducting lands belonging to Mrs. W. H. Cunningham and amount of land for the town of Rayne—eighty-five acres.

3d. Twenty town lots belonging to the Mouton tract in section twenty-eight, lying south of the railroad.

4th. Three blocks lying north of the railroad, being No. sixteen, seventeen and eighteen.

5th. Twenty-three lots unsold, in blocks Nos. 14 and 15, lying north of railroad.

6th. Six blocks, being Nos. 19, 21, 22, 23 and 24, lying north of the railroad.

7th. Seventeen lots in block Nos. 3 and 4.

8th. Seven lots in block No. 5, unsold.

9th. The whole of blocks 6, 7, 8, 10, 11 and 12.

10th. Lots Nos. one and four in section nine, containing two hundred and sixty-nine and 78 1/2 acres.

11th. Lot No. one of section twenty-one, and lot No. two of section twenty-two, containing two hundred and fifty-three and 33 1/2 acres.

12th. Lot No. two in section twenty-one containing seventy-seven and 33 1/2 acres.

13th. Lot No. three in section twenty-two containing eighty and 78 1/2 acres.

14th. Lot No. four, or the east half of the south-west quarter of section twenty-two, containing eighty and 78 1/2 acres.

15th. Balance of south-east quarter of section twenty-eight, after deducting lots paid off for town of Rayne, containing one hundred and thirty-six acres, more or less.

16th. One acre of woodland situated on Bayou Queue Tortue, bounded north by Droizin Norvure, south and east by lands of Dupre Guidry, and west by the Bayou Queue Tortue.

17th. One cow and calf, one creole horse, one lot of medical books, medicine and instruments, one buggy, one shot gun, another shot gun.

Terms and Conditions.—All the movable property to be sold for cash; all the lots of ground lying in and about the town of Rayne, and designated on a plat of said town, to be also sold for cash; and all the balance of the property to be sold thus: one-half cash, and the balance in one and two years from day of sale, purchasers thereof to furnish notes with securities bound in solid, and the vendor's privilege and special mortgage reserved to secure the payment of the notes, and attorney's fees at ten per cent in case of suit, the notes after maturity to bear eight per cent yearly interest.

C. C. DUSON,  
Sheriff and Ex-Officio Auctioneer.

Oct. 8-81

## FOR SALE.

A certain tract of land situated in Pointe Coupee Parish, opposite Morgan's ferry, containing three hundred and thirty-two acres and some fraction; about forty arpents cleared, all of which can be bought very cheap. For further information apply at this office or to

JOSEPH LACHAPPELLE.

July 23-1f

## For Rent or Lease.

A COMFORTABLE DWELLING HOUSE on Court street. For terms apply at this office.

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## JUDICIAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

United States Marshal's Sale.

IN THE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT AND EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA,

No. 895.

UNITED STATES VS. OSCAR A. RICE ET ALS.

By virtue of a writ of fieri facias to me directed in the above entitled suit, I will proceed to sell to the highest bidder on SATURDAY, the 5th day of November, 1881, at 11 o'clock A. M., at the main entrance to the Courthouse, in the town of Opelousas parish, St. Landry, the following described property, viz:

1. Fifteen lots of unimproved ground situated in the town of Opelousas, parish of St. Landry, Louisiana, bounded north by lots of C. and A. J. Thompson, south by colored church property, east by Mrs. Davy, J. Watters and others, and west by Mrs. E. A. Hudspeth and others.

2. A certain tract of land together with all the improvements thereon, situated on Bayou Marie Croquant of Teche, containing 37 and 49 1/2 acres, bounded north by lands now belonging to T. C. Anderson, south by the Gillet new property of T. C. Anderson, east by M. L. Melancon, west by the Bayou, being the same property purchased by the defendant, Thomas C. Anderson from Wm. Boudiek, October, 1874.

3. One lot of ground situated in the town of Washington, being lot No. 5 as per town plat, with improvements thereon, bounded north by Water street, south by 5th 1/2 street, east by Main street, and west by 1st street.

4. One-half lot of ground situated in the town of Washington, parish of St. Landry, La., being lot No. 7 as per town plat, with improvements thereon, bounded north by Water street, east by Bridge street, south by Washington street and south by E. W. Moore.

5. Six hundred and forty acres of land situated on Bayou Courtableau, being section thirty-nine in township six.

Seized in the above suit as the property of Thos. C. Anderson.

Terms—Cash on the spot.

United States Marshal's office, New Orleans, 30th day of September, 1881.

JACK WHARTON,  
United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Louisiana. Oct. 1-81

## SHERIFF'S SALE.

DISTRICT COURT, PARISH OF ST. LANDRY,

No. 12493.

EDWARD M. MILLARD VS. ISAAC F. LITTELL.

By virtue of a writ of fieri facias issued out of the honorable District Court, in and for the parish of St. Landry, in the above entitled suit, and to me directed, I will proceed to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the Courthouse of said parish, in the town of Opelousas, on SATURDAY, the 5th day of November 1881, at 11 o'clock A. M., the following described property, to-wit:

One certain tract or parcel of land with all the buildings and improvements thereon, situated on Bayou Beuf in the parish of St. Landry, containing about nine hundred acres, bounded north by lands belonging to the estate of Stephen W. Quirk, south by lands belonging to Cook & Small, east by land of Mrs. Eugene Richard, estate of Mrs. Naylor and the public domain, and west by the Bayou Beuf, being a part of the same property that the said Isaac F. Littell acquired of Mrs. Constance Littell and comprising his present residence.

Terms—Cash.

C. C. DUSON,  
Sheriff of the Parish of St. Landry.

Sept. 24

## SHERIFF'S SALE.

DISTRICT COURT, PARISH ST. LANDRY,

No. 13130.

J. M. LALANNE VS. PATRICK PRESCOTT.

By virtue of a writ of fieri facias issued out of the honorable District Court in and for the Parish of St. Landry, in the above entitled suit, and to me directed, I will proceed to sell at public sale to the highest bidder, at the Courthouse of said parish, in the town of Opelousas, on SATURDAY, the 5th day of November, 1881, at 11 o'clock A. M., the following described property, to-wit:

One gray horse, one black mule, one brown mule, about one bale of cotton at Birds gin, about four bales of cotton in the field ungathered, more or less, about three bales of cotton picked and in the cotton house, a lot of corn in the field ungathered.

Terms—Cash.

C. C. DUSON,  
Sheriff of the Parish of St. Landry.

Oct. 15

## SHERIFF'S SALE.

14th JUSTICE'S COURT, PARISH OF ST. LANDRY,

No. 70.

CHARLES FRANCOIS VS. SYLVAIN SONNIER.

By virtue of a writ of fieri facias issued out of the honorable 14th Justice's Court, in and for the Parish of St. Landry, in the above entitled suit, and to me directed, I will proceed to sell at public sale, to the highest bidder, at the Courthouse in the town of Opelousas, parish of St. Landry, on SATURDAY, the 5th day of November, 1881, at 11 o'clock A. M., the following described property, to-wit:

Twenty-six cows, branded JB, two (3) year old heifers branded JB, four calves, one yoke of oxen branded Zq, one creole horse branded AS.

Terms—Cash.

C. C. DUSON,  
Sheriff of the Parish of St. Landry.

Oct 15

## NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION.

PROBATE COURT, PARISH OF ST. LANDRY,

No. 12916.

VACANT ESTATE OF THOMAS COOPWOOD,

DECEASED.

Whereas, Winston Jones, of Mobile, Alabama, has applied by his petition to be appointed curator of the vacant estate of Thomas Coopwood, deceased, late of the parish of St. Landry.

Therefore, any person intending to make opposition to said appointment, will file the same in writing in my office, in the town of Opelousas, within ten days from the present notice.

JAMES O. CHACHERE, Clerk.

Oct 15

## MISCELLANEOUS.

NOTICE.

LAND OFFICE AT NEW ORLEANS, LA.,

September 24th, 1881.

NOTICE is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Judge or Clerk of Court at Opelousas, La., on the 29th of October, 1881, viz: Hypolite Johnson, Jr., homestead No. 4149 for the north west fractional quarter section 14 township 2 south 1 east, Louisiana Meridian. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: James R. Elkins, Louis Deville, William Walden and William Carpenter, of St. Landry Parish, La.

GEO. BALDREY,  
Register.

Oct. 1-81