

YELLOW FEVER.

In the dark days when Beas Butler ruled with an iron rod over the imperial city of the South, and the tramp of a ruthless foe was heard upon her pavements, our people were wont to contemplate with a complacency well nigh amounting to enjoyment, the possible advent of Bronze John on his saffron steed among our enemies, and the havoc and destruction he would dispense in their ranks. If the "Wish was father to the thought" then was the thought the offspring of the most cruel of monsters. A more diabolical idea could not possibly, under any circumstances, enter the human brain than that which would contemplate with satisfaction, the introduction of this hideous monster among a people.

The sad record of his doings of today is spread before us. Not content with the invasion of our more populous centres he has advanced his pickets far into the interior, and at this moment threatens to occupy the entire country, leaving naught but tombstones to mark the track over which he has passed.

A wail of anguish comes up from New Orleans, Memphis, Vicksburg, Grenada and other points, well calculated to lacerate the stoutest hearts. With all the innumerable trials and sufferings however, which this great epidemic, one that shall mark an important though sombre page in the history of our country, there are incidents which have served to bring out and disclose the highest and noblest traits of our 'tainted nature.' They have developed grand heroes—brave men and noble women who have exemplified, even in the very 'shadow of death,' the exercise of that grandest of virtues, CHARITY, in its fullest sense—self abnegation for the sake of fellow men. Those who have fallen have fought the good fight, and have passed to their reward; those who return unscathed come as heroes from a battle field more glorious than any upon which human mortal has ever risen to fame. Their deeds and sacrifices will live as bright examples through all time to come.

It is impossible for us to give any considerable amount of the record of the disease at the various points where it is now raging. It is sufficient to say that there is no real decrease reported from any point save perhaps, at New Orleans, where the death rate has lowered and the new cases somewhat decreased.

As to our two villages, God has been very merciful so far. Never, at this season of the year, have they been as free of disease. We have every reason to believe that the quarantine, and measures of disinfection have been the immediate agents of our delivery. We appeal to the authorities and our citizen who have exhibited such praiseworthy zeal heretofore, to see to it that no effort is relaxed. This is the critical moment; let us calmly contemplate it and earnestly labor, with redoubled energy, to avert the dire calamity.

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NOT OUR FAULT.—Many complaints have reached us from subscribers, exchanges and advertisers of the late or non-reception of our paper. To all of these we would say, that we mail the SENTINEL regularly, and if they do not receive it, it is not attributable to any lack of duty on our part. A great deal of allowance should be made by our friends, on account of the quarantine regulations at various points. A strict sense of justice will bring this to their minds. We guarantee to mail our paper regularly,—we cannot, under existing circumstances, guarantee its prompt delivery at the various points to which it is mailed. These are "strange times" indeed, and the irregularity with which we receive our numerous exchanges has not induced us, so far to overlook the peculiarities of the situation as to enter a complaint. Let our friends exercise a little just consideration on this point.

(Communicated.)
WEST FELICIANA, LA.,
September 18th, 1878.

Mr. Editor.—It is stated upon high written authority that, "men do not make the whole of history; it has laws of higher origin; but, in history, men are unrestricted agents who produce for it results and exercise over it an influence for which they are responsible." The truth of this axiom is sustained and illustrated in the history of all ages and peoples; both as relates to their civil and religious exercises, as well as to their social and political actions. The manners and customs of men differing with the periods of time, and the countries in which they live. Upon a close examination of these different periods in the history of the world, and the affairs of men; we find in a moral sense, but little advancement, and if we are permitted to except the ancient practices of barbarous cruelties, the world has made little progress as regards its moral condition; while to speak in a political sense, the politics of to-day, are but the reproduction of an hundred years ago; only changing name to suit the time and place, and the political exponents of that time, and place, must accept the responsibility which attaches itself to their agencies as a part of history. Through all time, the same expediencies have been resorted to; the wisdom of this or that policy, having for each side the warmest zealots; whom from one motive or another have ever directed their attention to the masses of the people; appealing to their passions without argument or reason, ready at any moment to plunge them into the greatest excitement or revolution. The adroit chicanery which characterized the efforts of Talleyrand in overcoming the combined action of the Allies of Europe against Napoleon, the true representative of the masses of France; furnish us fit examples of the intrigues of our own time, in the establishment of the universal debauchery and corruption which exists throughout this broad dominion. There is little difference between the shameless treachery which dethroned the Emperor of France at the hands of his political confederates, linked with perfidy of the English nation in consigning him to ignoble confinement; than the exercise of the machinations of skillful politicians who defrauded the American people out of their chosen leader and representative, at the time of our last election. We can recognize the necessity of different political organisms at present, as in times past; each contending for the balance of power, and differing upon minor points, but agreeing upon the general principles of government, relying upon the masses for support, and claiming the "greatest good for the greatest number;" these checks are necessarily good where parties are about equally proportioned, but in the existence of too great majorities, much evil must ensue, and no people can testify to these evils, than those among us who have their lots cast in the southern states. The great captain and statesman mentioned above, enunciated the maxim that, "the people, were the sovereigns and not the kings." To a close observer of the course of events, one might easily observe the ruffling waves that already begin to agitate the sea of politics that lavishly wash the shores of American Institutions. There is dissatisfaction among the people, and in consequence new ideas are being indoctrinated by disappointed politicians from both of our recognized political associations. Some claiming an inflation of the national currency as a basis upon which to organize a new party; some claiming the right of labor over capital, the reduction of taxation, and accumulated fortunes, the eight hour law etc., while others cry out for a general reform, hard money, equal distribution of public offices, and a universal overthrow of both the old parties, Democratic and Republican.

These clamors from the people as regards our national affairs must meet, and arrest the attention of every citizen of our country who entertains a feeling of interest for its general welfare, and safe conduct. The agrarian spirit which appears to be gaining strength at the North and East must in the lapse of time, find encouragement in the West and South. To doubt this, will be, but to doubt the truth of history. The pioneer in one of these great schemes is haranguing the amiable souls of the puritan church goers, using the most inexpressible language, amid the plaudits of thousands wherein he dwells frantically upon the Democratic hell hound thieves, and Republican robbers. These ideas and feelings grow upon a people as an epidemic, they come upon them unawares, they inhale them in the very air without their consent or knowledge. The fated causes which produce these imitations, these manifestations of uneasiness and distrust

upon the part of the "sovereigns," must direct to some responsible agency. Upon whom does the responsibility rest? Does it rest upon the people? Or does it more properly belong to the men in whom the people have reposed such implicit faith and confidence? The organizers! The leaders of the people!

In looking around and about our own affairs Mr. Editor, we are not permitted to compare them favorably with our sister Parish, nor to bring them into proximity with the great lights of the world, as one would imagine that some among our brilliant leaders might wish to be classed. The classification must indeed be a very low one; for a candid review of their real merit, and pretended reform, would reveal a pusillanimity seldom witnessed in the history of small politics, we have been informed that a set of resolutions were offered by a certain "set of persons," the text of which compelled the candidates for office to "swear and foreswear," in favor of certain measures of reform, the reduction of salaries, the abolition of offices etc. etc. There must also be a spirit of great latent talent smoldering in the deep caverns of the mighty brain, from which these resolutions emanated; he must indeed be equal to Bismarck's greatest effort, to have accomplished so much economy, mingled with so much diplomatic skill! why not with equal justice and propriety, demand that the candidate for Judge, be made to pledge himself to decide every case brought before him for plaintiff or defendant as the case may be? Out upon such species of reform, they are beneath the notice of clever institutions, and an honest people; the fragrant essence is fresh from the hands of petty bacchanalities; why not call things by their proper names! why not in the hardihood of true manliness, come out and say: "We wish to adopt a system which will force good men out of office by reduced salaries; we want men that we can control." The minds of the American people are too broad for such "clap trap," cheap tinsel. Honesty is the best policy.

LOUISIANA.
DISTRESSING FATALITY.—It is with very deep regret, and a feeling of profound sympathy for the afflicted parents, that we are called upon to chronicle the terrible affliction that has fallen upon the family of Mr. Phil. Swire, residing in Pointe Coupee, directly opposite Bayou Sara.

Some ten or twelve days since the eldest child, a son, was taken sick and died. He was attended by Dr. Claiborne of Pointe Coupee and Dr. Ball of this place. On Monday night last, death deprived Mr. Swire of two other of his little ones, and at the same time an infant of Mr. James of New Orleans, residing in the same house, was called away. At the present writing we learn that another child of Mr. Swire is very dangerously ill. In view of the malignant disease that is striking death and desolation to so many homes throughout the land, these cases very naturally excited much comment, and such measures as were consistent with public safety without depriving the suffering family of the means of obtaining ice, medicines and other necessities from this side, were promptly and very properly taken by the sanitary committee of Bayou Sara.

In connection with the subject, it is proper to state that the able physicians in attendance pronounce the disease not yellow fever, but *pernicious fever*. With all deference to the opinion of these able gentlemen however, such fatal diseases, at a time like this, are to be looked upon with that suspicion which will insure the best precautionary measures.

A CARD OF THANKS.
EXTRACT PROCEEDINGS CITY COUNCIL AND SANITARY COMMITTEE OF BAYOU SARA.

September 18th 1878.
Resolved, That as the representatives of the people of the town of Bayou Sara, our sincere and heartfelt thanks are due, and are now hereby returned to Col. J. B. Williams president of the Grand Lake Coal Company Pittsburg Pa., for the generous and liberal donation of two hundred boxes of stone coal to be used in fumigating the town.

That Col. J. B. Williams President, be notified of this resolution and that he be assured, that the donation comes in good time and is most highly appreciated.

That, owing to quarantine, and the burning of fires of tar, coal and wood and through the intervention of the good and merciful Providence our town and parish have thus far escaped the yellow fever, which is so sorely afflicting so many of our fellow citizens.

J. F. IRVINE,
President.
SIMON WELLS,
Chairman Sanitary Committee.
A clergyman was annoyed by people 'talking and giggling.' He paused, looked at the disturbers, and said: 'I am always afraid to reprove those who misbehave, for this reason: Some years since as I was preaching, a young man who sat before me was constantly laughing, talking and making uncouth grimaces. I paused and administered a severe rebuke. After the close of the service a gentleman said to me, 'Sir, you have made a great mistake; that young man is an idiot.' Since then I have always been afraid to reprove those who misbehave in church, lest I should repeat that mistake and reprove another idiot.' During the rest of the service there was good order.

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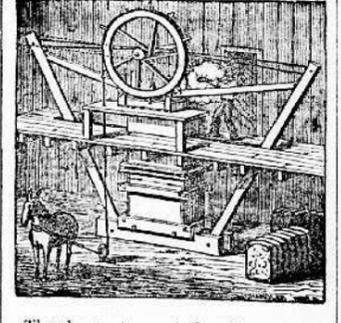
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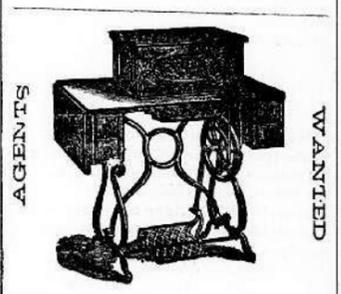
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