

A VOICE FROM THE COUNTRY.

From the N. O. City Item.

That earnest and energetic paper, the Baton Rouge CAPITOLIAN, protests against the decision rendered by a majority of the Supreme Court in the tax limitation case, as a "flagrant violation of the Constitution."

The justices, whose mission it is to guard the rights of the people against the encroachments of the legislative power upon the fundamental law which expresses their sovereign will—a barrier which no power can overstep—have dared to decree the violation of one of its most sacred clauses.

What the General Assembly did not dream of doing, three judges have arrogated to themselves the right to ordain.

The letter of the Constitution which says that municipal corporations shall not levy, for all purposes, a tax greater than ten mills, is set aside by the Supreme Court, and the precedent is laid down that will expose the people to unlimited taxation.

Surely, if laws can be enacted defining the rights of individuals and the powers of legislative assemblies, there ought to exist some power to arrest that of the judiciary when it tramples under foot the rights of the sovereign power which is vested alone in the people.

We don't believe in the idea of playing hide and seek with the Supreme Court, by having the Legislature to abrogate the charters of cities in order that those corporate bodies may escape by dodging the unlawful decrees of judges who disregard the mandates of the very instrument to whom they owe their existence.

This language is certainly strong, but only those who bend the pregnant hinges of the knees before authority will say that it is undeserved. As far as it was possible for legislative power to go—as far as it is possible to give expression to the sovereign voice of the State—the right of taxation beyond ten mills for all municipal purposes whatsoever was withdrawn from the city of New Orleans and a special limitation was imposed on the corporation to that effect.

In the reasons assigned for judgment, an implied contract with bondholders was held to override the most solemn provisions of our organic law, and even the more liberal and reasonable decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States were utterly disregarded.

In view of such facts the CAPITOLIAN suggests that for the grave offense committed, the offenders should be held amenable, not only to public censure, but, through legislative action, to the punishment due to unfaithful servants.

WELCOME HOME.

Don't fail to visit our new, citified-looking, shoe store, on Main street; and welcome back two of our returned Baton Rougeans.

What if Mrs. Grundy does say, "it is a dull old town; looks like a sleepy old opium-eater," "that it has no news of any kind, gossip, slander or flirtations," "that the ladies are devoted to rug-making; and care no more about Sarah Bernhardt's social position, than the phases of Jupiter's moons."

We love this old town—never mean to leave it; hope no one will snub our attachment by hinting that, we haven't money to travel on!

edge too great fear of accidents, and sudden death; have no fancy for being blown up on a steamboat; or burned; or drowned—don't even risk Sunday School!

Apropos of Sunday schools—not long since, one of our S. S. Superintendents illustrated faith, by a description of his ascending the ladders to the top of the State House. He made the ascent slowly, timidly, steadily; but, step by step he finally succeeded; and his toilsome steps were more than repaid by the beautiful view he gained of the surrounding country.

What old Robert Raikes would think of the success of his pet institution, if he could resurrect and see a boy now a days getting ready for S. School? They used to say, "Johnny, are you ready to go; is your face clean; your shoes tied; your nose blown; got your book; and ginger cake, in your pockets?"

Thus, equipped and instructed Johnny goes forth. Now, we don't propose to attend any such risky assemblages. We prefer to "die in our beds." We regard life a precious boon; think this is a beautiful world, where the view of one gorgeous sun set fully compensates for a day of toil and care.

PROGRESS IN THE SOUTH.

The South is steadily growing upon the confidence of mankind, and she will attract universal admiration if she will await the hour of her destiny. She has passed through the severest ordeal that ever tested the endurance and patriotism of a brave people! Let her examine her present position and see if there is anything in her laws or customs that in the slightest degree militates against the spirit of liberty, and if there is let it be removed as a leprous spot that contaminates her whole body.

The New Orleans Times is urging the rural press to advise the country people to form immigration societies. Just the very movement that the CAPITOLIAN advocated, alas in vain, some time since.

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