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A railroad excursion party will leave Vermilionville, on June 6th, for Galveston. The low price of $5.25 has been fixed for round trip tickets. Who in the face of such facts can contend that railroads are not a great convenience to the public.

In the competitive drills lately held in New Orleans, the Chickasaw Guards of Memphis, won the first prize of $1,000 by two points, over the Crescent Rifles, who were the winners of the second, of $500.

In the artillery contest Battery C. Louisiana Field Artillery, defeated the Alabama State Artillery, and the crack St. Louis Light Artillery by sixteen points.

The many friends, throughout this section, of Dr. F. M. Mumford, will heartily coincide with all the Feliciana Sentinel has to say, regarding the elevation of that gentleman to the high office of Grand Chancellor of the popular order of the Knights of Pythias. Our confrere says:

It is with feelings of pride for the section from which he was chosen and the worthiness of the gentleman, that we announce the election of our fellow-townsman, Dr. F. M. Mumford, to the highest office—that of Grand Chancellor—in the gift of the order of the Knights of Pythias, in this State. This honor was conferred upon our friend last week in a council where many men of popularity and influence were candidates for the position. The Southern Knight says of the selection: Past Chancellor F. M, Mumford of Bayou Sara Lodge, No. 15, the new Grand Chancellor of the State, is a gentleman admired and honored by all who know him. His executive abilities have been tested and by his well chosen remarks, pointed decisions and courteous demeanor, he has won the golden opinions of his associates at the convention.

BULLDOZERS BULLDOZED

The usual quiet and law-abiding community of St. Gabrielwas visited by five men, armed *cap-a-pie* and mounted on good steeds, who hailed from crawfish branch, in our sister parish, East Baton Rouge. They seemed bent on mischief and inquired particularly for the whereabouts of a young planter who had been visited by horse-thieves on Good Friday, and whose mules had been driven into the woods of East Baton Rouge.

These valiant *knights of the woods*, who we are informed were recognized as the identical individuals, did not have long to wait for their would be victim.

Friends informed him that Bulldozers were looking for him and he prepared to meet them, armed with a double-barreled shot-gun. He soon met his foes face to face and leveled his gun at them, but sooner than it takes us to write it they threw up their hands and implored his forgiveness. This exhibition of pusilanimity disarmed our young friend entirely. He dropped his gun and took hold of them and rubbed their heads together and cuffed them pretty severely and invited them to any kind of a combat that would be congenial to them. But they begged piteously and swore that their errand was one of peace and they bore him no malice.

They were permitted to go unmolested. The people, however, who had been attracted hither were so incensed that had it not been for the appeals made by the brave young man in their behalf, the cowards would have been hung to the first tree.

We are opposed to Lynch law upon principle, but when a set of men attempt to take the law into their hands to regulate a peaceful and law-abiding community, then we advocate that law as the only one that can reach such despicable wretches. This remedy has been applied to horse-thieves, cut-throats and desperadoes in other States, with salutary effect and we sincerely believe that the peace and tranquility of our State demand, that the evil of Bulldozing be extirpated at once, *peacably if possible*, by *violence if necessary*.—Iberville South.

Monroe Bulletin: Now after the Mississippi has broken loose and goes whirling over part of Carroll, Madison, Richland, Tensas, Concordia and Catahoula, every body can see that there was danger and much need of greater precaution. The Alsatia levee was a new construction, a last day barrier, and the wonder is how it was possible for it to stand the pressure as long as it did. Levees to be of service must have time to become solid or settle to the firmness of the bed from which the earth is taken. It is then waterproof and capable of resistance.

The break is over six hundred feet wide and constantly increasing. Its depth is between eight and ten feet. It occurred on the 10th inst., and by the 13th the cars were compelled to stop. It is very late for an overflow and the sufferers will be at a double disadvantage, as they will have no seed to replant and no season to mature a crop.

THE SUNDAY LAW ANNULLED.

On last Saturday the Supreme Court rendered unconstitutional and void Act No. 87 of 1878, which authorizes Police Juries to prevent the sale of intoxicating liquors on Sundays, and delegates to them the power to prosecute for any infraction thereof.

The decision was rendered on an appeal from the District Court of this parish.

By its decision, the Supreme Court sustains the broad principle of local self-government and that of religious and individual freedom.

No matter what may be said to the contrary, the religious desire to compel the observance of the Sabbath has been the main prop of the Sunday Law.

In sustaining the Supreme Court in the decision it has rendered, we do not wish to be understood as favoring disorder and indecent scenes among the good people who desire to follow the dictates of their faith. We believe that in view of the fact that on the Sabbath a great majority of the people of this country go to and from their places of worship, the local police authorities should punish, severely, the individuals guilty of improper conduct, and, if need be, withdraw the license which some keepers of establishments abuse, by permitting their customers to misbehave and shock public decency.

Every right thinking man will sustain the demand upon the local authorities for a very strict enforcement, on Sunday, of the police regulations; but when the demand goes so far as to bring about the interference of an outside power, such as that of Police Juries, over constituted authorities of chartered towns and cities, then such a demand and such interference must be considered as oppressive and violative of the principles of local self-government and individual, if not religious freedom.

We will not say, either, that the operations of the Sunday Law are not in some respects advantageous to the general welfare. It does throw impediments in the way of drunkards and carousers, who find it more or less inconvenient to get in at the back door. But it has the disadvantage, too, of preventing peaceable and well-behaved citizens from enjoying Sunday in what they consider an innocent manner, for the reason that they do not annoy in any way those who prefer to keep it strictly holy. In a word it punishes the law-abiding and well-behaved many to check the boisterous few.

That is not free government.

We doubt not that if the penalty of death was dealt out to the man who gets drunk, or gambles, or to the woman who loses her virtue, vice would hide its head so that it would scarcely ever be seen at the surface of society.

Some will argue that the end to be achieved justifies the means, and that dragon-headed vice should be fought with every weapon, no matter how deadly.

The practice of this idea in the extreme, is what is considered tyranny.

Therefore, the governments of today, have endeavored to regulate and control vice by punishing, reasonably, those only, who are guilty of committing excesses injurious to the public welfare.

Baton Rouge is a city with a cosmopolitan population of nearly eight thousand. It is the Capital of the State, and soon persons accustomed to the freedom of the Crescent City and the creole parishes, will visit us on Sunday along with the more observant people of Northern and Central Louisiana.

Of necessity, we must make ours a cosmopolitan city.

While doing so, however, our City Council must see to it that good order is maintained. Hence it behooves them to exercise their power in this direction, by enacting such regulations as will permit the Executive officers to protect all classes of people in their worship, as well as in their quiet amusements.

STATE NEWS.

St Martinsville Observer: The health of Governor Wiltz has greatly improved since his arrival at St. Martinsville. The moderate exercise which he now takes, the quiet and rest which he enjoys and above all, the pure and wholesome climate of the Teche region, will we are satisfied, completely restore his shattered health.

Clinton Watch man: The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Knapp, of this place, was missed from the house on Saturday last, and upon a search being instituted as to her whereabouts, the child was found lying in the back yard, apparently dead. She had fallen in a spasm, and life was nearly extinct, but by restoratives and the early attendance of a physician she was revived to consciousness, but had several spasms during the day. She is now convalescent.

Morgan City Review: On Thursday, May 12th, that esteemed and honored citizen of Terrebonne, Mr. A. W. Shaffer celebrated his eighty-sixth birthday. He was one of the first white settlers in Terrebonne, coming here in 1830, and since then has been identified with the advancement and growth of that successful parish. To his honesty and business tact, his fortune is due, and to his correct mode of life in that wholesome parish of Terrebonne, does he now owe the reward of present hale and hearty old age. Mr. Schaffer has three sons and two daughters living, who in turn have added intellectual and refined members to Southern society.

St. Landry Democrat: Our readers will remember Thomas W. Stephens, who was in jail here from the parish of Calcasieu, and made his escape. Two or three weeks ago, a constable's posse in attempting to arrest his two sons Doc. and Robert Stephens, killed the latter. Now comes the news that the old man T. W. Stephens was killed a few days ago by the sheriff who discovered his camp in the woods and surrounded it at night. Stephens would not surrender, and was killed in attempting to force his way through the guards. His wife also was unfortunately shot through the shoulder.

Thibodeaux Sentinel: On last Saturday a negro man by the name of Frederick Cook, entered a store kept by Ulysse Hymel, some five miles above Thibodaux. He had made threats that he was going to kill Helluin Hymel who had charge of the store, which was made known to Hymel, who consequently prepared for any emergency that might arise.

The negro on entering the store brandished a huge knife, and cut one or two colored men who were in the store and then made for his intended victim who shot him dead. His death was so sudden that his knife did not fall from his hand.

Justice Caillouet in the absence of the Coroner went up and held an inquest. The jury found that the killing was justifiable under the circumstances, and the gentleman who was so unnecessarily forced to commit such a fearful act was not arrested.

Feliciana Sentinel: In the town of Jackson a short while since a young and highly respected lady, who has been reduced to the necessity of sewing to earn her daily bread, had a bill against a negress for work done and went to her house to collect the same. On the lady entering the house, the negress closed the door and proceeded to treat her creditor in a most shameful manner, beating and bruising her considerably. The young lady was then permitted to go, after which the negress began heralding her accomplishment through the streets. She was taken up and tried, and put under bond. A white man, her employer, came forward and released her. A short while after this a young man rode into town, stopped at a store bought a good cow-hide whip, went to the negress' house and gave her the most genteel thrashing that could be administered. These are facts plainly stated as they happened. There is no one but will agree with us that the young lady's champion deserves the respect of all people for his summary vengeance visited upon the black tigress.

St. Bernard Eagle: An old Frenchman who rents a piece of property belonging to Mr. Jos. Albrecht, in Lachinche, discovered a party of five colored men engaged in picking moss on his lands. In addition to the trespass serious loss was entailed upon him by this depredation, as moss represents a rather important pecuniary value in that section. He therefore ordered them to desist, and upon their insolent refusal to comply with his commands, he went back to his house, whence he procured a double-barreled shot gun. Armed with this weapon he again attempted to enforce them to leave, and threats failing to produce the desired effect, he snapped his gun at them—both barrels missing fire. The five negroes then rushed on him in a body, threw him to the ground and beat him fearfully over the head and body. Not content with this revenge, they preferred a charge of attempted murder against him before a Justice of the Peace; but the injured man, upon his recovery, took the same steps to prosecute his assailants. We suppose the matter will be finally settled by the District Court.

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