

TAX TITLES

An Important Decision.

The following is an interesting decision on the subject of tax titles, now of great interest on account of the large purchasers of State tax lands. This decision was rendered by the Supreme Court of this State last week, in the case of L. P. Moody vs. J. M. Hoskins, an appeal from Lincoln county circuit court. The Supreme Court reversed and remanded it. The merits of the case in substance are as follows:

Certain land involved was sold to the State for taxes in January, 1871, which belonged to infants, who, by the statute then in force, code of 1871, had the right to redeem the same within one year after attaining full age. On April 15, 1876, that part of the code of 1871 was repealed, and all lands held by the State for taxes were declared to purchase, as provided by that act by which the State proposed to convey an absolute title to the purchasers from it. The land in question was purchased from the State in December, 1878, in pursuance of this act, and is now held by appellee, who denies the right of the infants to redeem, as provided by the code of 1871.

The court says: "This presents the question, can the Legislature, after a sale for taxes under a law which secures to the owner the right to redeem the land, take away and destroy this right? We answer in the negative. To admit such a right is to concede the power to transfer valuable rights from one to another by the easy process of legislation. By its purchase of this land on the third of January, 1876, the State acquired not an absolute title, but a condition or contingent one, which was liable to be defeated and divested by the redemption of the bonds, by act of April 15, 1876. This right of redemption was destroyed by enacting that the title the State before that conditional and contingent should be absolute and unconditional, and held free from any right of redemption. This is not legislation, but confiscation, and is beyond the power of the Legislature. The right of redemption as secured by the law in force when the sale was made to the State, was altered by act of April 15, 1876, and the purchaser from the State took the land subject to this right."

No More Free Pulls.

Chicago News.

It might just as well as not be understood first as last. The railroad men of this country are not going to get any free pulls in the newspapers after the Inter-State Commerce bill goes into effect. As soon as the free pass system dies the custom of referring to Col. the general passenger agent of the railway, as "talented, genial and popular official," will fall into disrepute. There be no general, no, nor any cultured gentlemen—in the railroad business unless they pay for their gentility and their culture at regular advertising rates. Nor will there be any more colonels in the railroad profession on or after the 31st of March—at least, so far as we are concerned; every man enjoying the title of colonel by virtue of his ability to issue a free pass will be degraded to the rank of a plain waster as soon as this Inter-State Commerce bill becomes a living, breathing, sentiment, desolating thing. The grinding monopolists shall be brought down to the business level of the average week and lovely patrons who stand around our doors waiting to get into line for their turns at the advertising window. When they seek personal notices in the papers they will have to pay for them, and when we in turn find it necessary to patronize the railroad we will walk.

A YOUNG TRAVELER.—Little Miss Lillian McArthy, a little girl only two years old, and a niece of Mr. and Mrs. Trecent, of Vicksburg, arrived in this city by the Illinois Central railroad on Sunday afternoon, all the way from Washington City by herself. The little lady seemed to be perfectly self-possessed, and resumed her trip to Vicksburg yesterday morning after a night's rest at the Edwards House.—New Mississippi.

At Brooklyn, in his speech last week, Governor Hill said: "I would remove Republicans from office, in proper cases, not upon technical or trumped up charges or false grounds, but because they are Republicans and are opposed to the principles of my party and to its success, and their retention in important places is detrimental to the public interests which we seek to promote."

"My dear," said a frightened physician in the middle of the night, "where did you put that bottle of strychnine?" "On the shelf, next to the pepper-mint." "Oh, Lord, to be ground, 'I have swallowed it.'" "Well, for goodness sake," whispered his wife, "keep quiet, or you'll wake the baby."—Providence Telegram.

A Chicago man is said to be writing a book to show that widows have some mysterious power of attraction for widowers. He will give a list of all the eminent men who have married widows. He ought to call his book "The Widows' Night."

WM. V. BEROUJON UNDERTAKER

Northwest corner Conception and Court streets, MOBILE, ALA.

A full supply of every article in the trade. Particular attention given to all orders received night or day. A full supply of Burial Robes kept in stock. Prices reduced in accordance to the times, and far below city prices. July 20, 1886.

H. D. McCown, DEALER IN Men's Youth's and Boys' Clothing, Hats, SHIRTS AND FURNISHING GOODS, Corner Common and St. Charles Sts., NEW ORLEANS, LA. November 12, 1886.

Mrs. E. Quinn, No. 92, Dauphin St., MOBILE. Has just received all the latest styles in Ladies' and Children's HATS, BONNETS, BIRDS' WINGS, ETC. Also Embroidery Silk at 7c per dozen, Zephyr Worsteds at 7c per doz, Fillosole Arrasene and Chenille at 35c per dozen. All orders by mail promptly attended to. November 19, 1886.

E. T. Cowart & Bro., THE LEADING Produce Comm'n Merchants OF MOBILE, ALA., 28 & 40 N. Water & 16 & 18 St. Michael Sts. Have constantly on hand all kinds of Western and Country Produce such as choice Apples, Potatoes, Onions, choice Tab' Peas, Peas, etc., etc. Orders and consignments kindly solicited and will have our personal attention. October 28, 1886.

MRS. RENA SANDERS, Millinery, Fancy Goods, Dress Making, 42 Dauphin St., MOBILE, ALA. Also Dr. Warner's Health Corset for sale. Orders promptly filled. February 25, 1887.

J. L. DeMERITT, Lumber Comm'n Merchant, 251 South Rampart, head of New Basin, New Orleans, La. Postoffice Box 3217. Drawer No. 2, M. D. and L. Exchange. Oct. 12, 1886.

W. W. WOLFFER, AUGUSTUS CHAFF, Woelper & Craft, NEW ORLEANS. Manufacturers and Importers of HAVANA & DOMESTIC CIGARS And Wholesale Dealers in Plug and Smoking Tobaccos. A few of our leading brands: Apple Jack, Clean Sweep, Angel Food tobacco, Great Mississippi, Times Democrat, Illinois Central, Planters Pride, Jewel cigars. May 14, 1886.

PH. SCHOCK, Successor to J. E. HORRES, Furniture of Every Description! Prices lower than any other house in the South. 52 Dauphin street, MOBILE, ALA. Dec. 24, 1886.

FERNAND S. FREDERIC, Parisian Dyer, 99 St. Francis St., MOBILE, ALA. Ladies', Gents' and Children's Clothes cleaned by the Chemical Dry Process with out taking to pieces, and warranted not to shrink. Feathers bleached, Dyed and Curled. Parasols Cleaned and Dyed. Silks, Velvets, Fine Laces, Lace Curtains, Cashmires, Blankets, etc. Glycer cleaned. DYES WARRANTED FAST.

Headquarters for Country Merchants! Hotel Royal, MOBILE, ALA. JOHN C. POLLOCK, Proprietor. (10 years with the Battle House). The HOTEL ROYAL (formerly the St. James) has been entirely re-fitted and newly furnished throughout, and is the most central and comfortable hotel in the city. Rates \$2 and \$2.50 per day. November 19, 1886.

McDonald, March & Co., MANUFACTURERS OF MONUMENTS, Tombs, Gravestones, Mantels, Etc., Royal St., bet. St. Louis and St. Anthony, MOBILE, ALA. January 14, 1887.

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Henry Hamersan, Successor to Ferdinand Smith, RESTAURANT And Oyster Saloon, No. 32 North Royal street, MOBILE, ALA. Ladies' private dining saloon up-stairs. First-class lodgings. July 4, 1886.

ORLEANS BARBER SHOP, GEO. HUBNER, Proprietor, 149 Common street, Opposite Ladies' entrance to St. Charles Hotel, New Orleans. Police attention to transfers exact. All work in the tonsorial art done in the most artistic manner. Oct. 10, 1886.

J. H. Carter, ZUBERBIER & BEH, Wholesale Grocers And Commission Merchants, 33, 35, 37, 39 and 41 Peters street, Corner of Gravier, NEW ORLEANS. July 4, 1886.

McKay & Roche, PROPRIETORS WAVERLY STABLES AND UNDERTAKERS, ROYAL STREET, Between Register office and Battle House, MOBILE, ALA. Their elegant line of Undertakers' Goods are selected from the best manufacturers, and no pains are spared to make this department second to none. Mr. B. F. PICKETT, at Seranton is authorized to act as our agent, and orders through him will have our prompt attention. March 7, 1887.

GOAL! GOAL! ALABAMA COAL & COKE COMPANY, Successors to ANDERSON & DARRS, 51 Carondelet St., NEW ORLEANS, ALABAMA. PITTSBURG, ANTHRACITE Coal in hogheads for shipment. Will also deliver Coal at all stations on L. & N. R. R. between Mobile and New Orleans, at the following prices, viz: Steam Coal in car load lots, per ton, \$4.00. Gate or Store Coal by railroad late per ton, \$4.75. September 10, 1886.

Peter F. Alba, Undertaker AND LIVERY & SALE STABLES, Nos. 43 and 45 South Royal St., Mobile, Ala. Keep the finest Burial Caskets and Cases, the latest styles of Metallic, Mahogany & Rosewood Coffins, also every grade of cheap coffins. Having refitted our establishment with all late improvements, and having now the largest stock on hand we are enabled to sell at reduced rates. Customers entrusting their trade to us will be guaranteed satisfaction. Orders by telegraph will receive prompt attention and satisfaction guaranteed. Special attention paid to the buying and selling of horses and vehicles. March 24, 1886.

H. P. BUCKLEY, 8 Camp Street, New Orleans, WATCHMAKER, And Dealer in FINE WATCHES, Jewelry, Silverware & Spectacles. Every sort of watches repaired. Jewelry made to order. Diamonds re-set in newest style. All at reasonable prices and fully guaranteed. April 24, 1886.

JARVIS TURNER'S SONS & CO., MANUFACTURERS OF DOOR SASH, BLIND MANUFACTORY, Doors, Sash, Blinds, Mouldings, Balusters, Door & Window Frames, Brackets, Etc. REGULAR SIZES IN STOCK. Dealers in Builders' Hardware, Glass, Putty and Pure Zinc Putty. JARVIS TURNER'S SONS & CO., Cor. St. Anthony & Water Sts., Mobile, Ala. April 30, 1886.

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Rochester Herald. A young lady and a small, bright-eyed boy entered a street car on Lake avenue the other afternoon. The lady deposited her fare and the boy's and the bell rang. "Aunt Ella," said the boy, "what makes the bell ring?" "The driver rings the bell," was the reply. "What does he do that for?" "Why, he does it to register the fare." "What does he do that for?" "Because he has to." "Oh." Then there was a silence for half a minute. Presently the boy said: "What is that round thing up there?" "That is the register." "What is that for?" "To register the fare." "You said the ring registered the fare." "No, I didn't say that." "Yes, you did, Aunt Ella." "Now, Johnny, don't you contradict me; you are a naughty boy." "Well, that's what you said." A silence of two minutes followed. "Aunt Ella, what made me think that the ring registered the fare?" "I don't know." "I didn't say so, didn't you, Aunt Ella, Johnny?" "Yes, Johnny, what made you say you didn't say so?" "I didn't say that I didn't say so. I only said that I didn't say so." "After another brief silence the boy returned to the attack. "Say, Aunt Ella, did you go to Sunday school when you were little?" "Yes, lots of them." "Did you tell wrong stories then such as you do now?" "Johnny, you are a bad boy. I tell your mother." "I wish you would tell her two lies; that's what I wish." "Why, Johnny?" "Cause you wouldn't tell the same story two times; that would let me out."

MISSISSIPPI'S JEWELS.—Bill Arp, writing to the Atlanta Constitution, has the following to say about a specimen of the Mississippi girl: "Mine host at Newton keeps a model hotel and I paid my bill with unfeigned satisfaction. I say a model country hotel—the best I have ever found, for all the work is done by his pretty daughters, and it is done merrily and neatly and the fare was just splendid. They are not ashamed to help their good parents make a living. They are smart and pretty and well behaved. How gladly would I welcome them as my daughters in law, for I would then know that my boys were safe. Safe from want and safe from social folly."

THE HABIT OF COMPLAINING.—The willingness, cheerfulness and determination to do our duty, with which we accept all the conditions of life, is the powerful lever with which to lift the weight, no matter how heavy. There is a great deal in habit, and some women are in the habit of constantly complaining, until they really believe their lot in life is harder to bear than anybody else, and they get to look upon things as "just their luck." I heard of a conversation once that illustrates this idea. An old lady who was telling her troubles to a friend and saying she was so tired, there was so much to do it seemed to her she would never have any rest, when her friend to comfort her, said: "Never mind, my sister, this wearisome life will not last always, there will be rest in the grave," to which the other replied: "I don't know, it would not surprise me if the day after I was buried, it would be the resurrection and I would have to get right up; it would just be my luck," said she really believed the resurrection would be called for her annoyance. Don't fret and worry, mothers, over the cares of life, make all the sunshine in your homes you can, take time each day or evening and gather your children around you and make the hour an enjoyment for them and yourself.—Atlanta Constitution.

The United States Supreme Court holds that when an insane person kills himself it is not suicide in law. "It is not his act—not the act of himself. It cannot be held to be otherwise than accidental." Hence it is death for which an accident insurance company which has insured the deceased is bound to pay.

Noticing the attacks upon him of sundry Georgia editors, Henry Watterson remarks: "Truly, we never know our own devilish wickedness until some voter, crying aloud from out the depths of a jug of Georgia moonshine, cometh in the darkness of the night to tell us."

The present Sultan of Morocco is as strong an anti-tobaccoist as King James the First of England. All the tobacco shops have been closed by royal order, and sundry Moors who had the audacity to handle the forbidden article were flogged naked through the streets of Tangiers.

"What made Sniec go off on her ear yesterday, Mibirell?" asked Amy. "Amy," replied the high school girl, "please do not say 'go off on her ear,' but 'retire on her auricular appendage.'"

E. A. TYLER'S SON Takes pleasure in informing the public of his establishment at No. 3 Camp Street, and invites attention to his entirely new stock of DIAMONDS, GOLD and SILVER WATCHES, and FINE GOLD JEWELRY, all of the latest designs and patterns. My stock consists of choice articles, which have been selected with care, and will be offered at as low prices as first-class goods can possibly be sold. All new goods; no old stock. Inspection of same earnestly solicited! MR. B. F. WICPIN will pay special attention to the repairing of Fine Watches and Chronometers. Jewelry repaired by first-class workmen at lowest rates. AMERICAN WATCHES AND LOW PRICES A SPECIALTY! 3 CAMP ST., NEW ORLEANS. NEXT DOOR TO CANAL. December 18, 1886.

CAVANAGH, BARNEY & CO., WHOLESALE DEALERS IN Machinery & Mill Supplies OF ALL KINDS. Also Agents for Boston Felted Co., Belting & Hose, Henry Dixon & Sons' Saws, MOBILE, ALA. November 6, 1886.

Fred's House and Restaurant, REMEMBER THE NUMBER 106 - St. Charles - 106 WM. TROGEL, Proprietor. The Restaurant at No. 106 St. Charles street, known as FRED'S HOUSE, having been thoroughly refitted and renovated and supplied with the latest improvements for the comfort of my patrons. The old style counters have been removed and replaced by tables and comfortable chairs. The services of an excellent Cook have been secured for the season. No increase in prices. Lodging up stairs. Meals at all hours day or night. This house has no connection with any other of the same name. November 25, 1886.

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A. KLING, HOME INDUSTRY FOUNDRY, S. E. Corner Water and State Streets, MOBILE, ALA. Manufacturer of Steam Mills and all other Machinery, Brass and Iron Castings of all Kinds, Iron Bailing, Cemetery Fences, Verandas, Office Bailing, Etc. DOORS, SHUTTERS, ETC. Prompt Attention Given to Repairing. All Country Orders Promptly Attended to. September 3, 1886.

Beautiful Settlements. Nashville American. One sometimes finds a gem among the castaways of forgotten years. The following congratulatory letter to a young lady on the eve of marriage is venerable, but good: "I am holding some party board in my hands—three state pluckings from the bush of ceremony. I am gazing upon a card and upon a name—a name with which your gentle life began, a name with which your throbbing heart about the card. The maiden sign still looks up from it calm and customary, as it looks on many a friendly visitor as it lies in many a formal basket. "I am gazing, too, upon a card where the nearer parent tells the world she will be 'at home one day,' and that is nothing new. But there is another card, whose mingling there put a tongue of fire into that speechless postboard. It tells us that these cards are but the heralds of a coming crisis when a hand that has pressed friendly hands and plucked flowers shall close down on one to whom she will be a friend and flower forever after. "I send you a few flowers to adorn the dying moments of your single life. They are the gentles of a delicate, durable friend ship. They sprung up by one's side when others had deserted; and will be found watching over our graves when those who should have been there have forgotten us. "It seems to me, has a just to calm and pure as a star should expire with a kindred sweetness about it, that flowers and music, kind friends and earnest words should consecrate the hour when a sentiment is passing into a sacrament. "The three great stages of our being are birth, the bridal and burial. To the first we bring only weakness; for the last we have nothing but dust. But here at the altar, where life joins life, the pair come throbbing up to the holy man, whispering the deep promises that arm each with the other heart to help on in the life struggle of care and duty. "The beautiful will be there, borrowing new beauty from the scene—the gay and the frivolous will look solemn for once, and youth will come to gaze on all that its sacred thoughts pants for—and age will totter up to hear the old words repeated over again, that to their own lives have given the charm. Some will weep over it as if it were a tomb; some will laugh as if it were a joke; but two must stand by for its fate, not for this everlasting locking of their lives. "And now, can you, who have greened it over so many headed forms, come down at last to the frugal diet of a single heart! Hitherto you have been a clock, giving your time to all the world. Now you are watch buried by one particular bosom, marking only hours and ticking only to the beat of his heart, where time and feeling shall be in unison until these lover ties are lost in that higher world where all hearts are united around the great central heart of all."

The Alabama black cat scheme, as published in the States, has gone abroad, and a company in California that knows something of the value of furs, proposes to form a "Consolidated Skunk company." The plan is—and it is a boom plan—to purchase some desert land full of sick holes and place upon it, safely enclosed, 500 American pole cats commonly called skunks. The skunk fur is, as every person should know, very soft and fine, and commands (provided the fur is free of the peculiarity of the cat), a good price in the market. It is estimated that at the end of the second year the company will have 80,000, the third 320,000, and the fifth 1,280,000 cats. The skins, it is claimed, will bring \$2 each, and therefore the profit will be immense in view of the fact that the oil of the cat is to be placed on the market as a sovereign remedy for rheumatism. This is a California cat boom, and it would be well for Alabama to look to her laurels.—New Orleans States.

Among other good things said by Dr. Phares, in his address before the Fruit Growers' Convention, we copy the following: "For growing cattle, sheep, swine, horses and mules, for rapid growth, soundness and good condition the year round, we can do excellently well restricted to Bermuda grass and Japan clover alone; indeed I would not exchange them for any other twenty forage plants. For live stock no other one plant has the principles of nutrition so accurately proportioned and adjusted—none is so near a complete and perfect food as Japan clover. Professor—"Next time, ladies, I will bring to your acquaintance one of the great men of the past." Delightful young lady to her neighbor—"I should prefer to make the acquaintance of one of the young men who hasn't passed yet."

The home of Mrs. L. Q. C. Lamar at Macon, Ga., valued at \$25,000, was destroyed by fire a few days since.

When a man begins to peep at his own dirt, it was time to put him up for candidate for constable and let him see how few admirers he has.