

GRANT AS A SOLDIER.—A general who should use up and put hors de combat one thousand of his own regiments in the act of overcoming and destroying one regiment of the enemy would not be thought eminent in his profession. That, we trust, is a proposition which every man who will vote for Grant can unite with us in affirming. It must be deemed a safe statement. Now, between such generalship, and the generalship which conquers an equal or a superior force, there are numberless gradations of merit. That too, we hope, nobody will dispute, being also a perfectly safe statement.

Now we make no charges, we apply no epithets, but simply lay before our readers again the figures which will enable every man in the country each for himself to judge, just what rank between these maxima and minima of prowess, just what merit between these extremes of skillful and unskillful generalship, deserves to be apportioned to Gen. Grant.

Grant, on assuming command, May 4, 1864, had of effective men beside the reserve, when he crossed the Rapidan, 125,000.

Lee, at the same date, had an effective force of 52,000.

Grant's reinforcements up to the battle of Cold Harbor, June 3, were 97,000.

Lee's reinforcements up to the same date were 18,000.

Grant's total force, including reinforcements, was 222,000.

Lee's total force, including reinforcements, was 70,000.

Returns to their respective governments showed that when both armies reached the James, June 10, the number of Grant's army that had been put hors de combat was 117,000.

Up to the same date, the number of Lee's men who had been put hors de combat was 19,000.

Grant had more than three men for every one that Lee had: 222,000 to 70,000.

Grant lost more than six men for every one that Lee lost: 117,000 to 19,000.

Grant lost as many men as all Lee had and 12,000 over half as many more besides: 117,000 to 70,000.

Grant, having in the first instance more than twice as many men as Lee (125,000 to 52,000) yet had to be reinforced by more men than all Lee ever had: 97,000 to 70,000.

These figures are derived from the most authentic sources. Their accuracy is also guaranteed to us by a Republican general whose veracity or whose capacity Gen. Grant will be the last man on this planet to impeach. On his impeachment of them, indeed, we should endeavor to substantiate the truth. But it is not sufficient that they are loosely questioned by Radical journals, or more pretentiously challenged by Grant's man Stanton's man Dana. In reply to the Sun we have simply, with all possible respect, to reaffirm their authentic origin and accuracy.

A "Respiratory Advertising Apparatus for Precipitate Inhumations," or a coffin to notify the world that you are buried alive, has appeared in Paris. It is a coffin with a communicating tube and moulting-piece; and a letter writer says if this ingenious invention comes into general use, the people who select the cemeteries as a place of resort must not be surprised hereafter at hearing strange sounds from time to time proceeding from the earth around them. Imagine the surprised promenade exclaiming to a guardian: "What! you allow people to play the trombone here?" and the guardian replying: "That's no trombone. It's the old fellow of yesterday—down there—the seventh to the left—who demands a change of base."

A wealthy bachelor, having had one or two lawsuits for breach of promise, now replies to a young lady who wishes a "few minutes" private conversation: "No, you don't, madam. It cuts me to the heart to be compelled to doubt the honorableness of your intentions, but that sort of thing is played out. My rule is imperative and if you have any business with me it must be transacted in the presence of two witnesses."

An Ohio school girl went through her calisthenic exercises at home for the amusement of the children. A youthful visitor, with interest and pity on his countenance, asked her brother "if that gal had fits?" "No," replied her brother, "that's gymnastics." "Oh, 'tis hey?" said the verdant, "how long has she had 'em?"

The walls of Paris are now placarded with posters bearing in letters of enormous size the legend, "Don't go to the sea shore without Amelia." This indispensable companion is not, as might be supposed, an agreeable young woman, but a species of shoe adapted to walking on the sand.

A fellow, in an oblivious state, took up his lodgings on the sidewalk. He woke up next morning and straightened himself up, looked on the ground on which he had made his couch, and said: "Well, if I had a pickax I would make up my bed!"

Can an account of a naval engagement be called the sea-news of war?

A MODEL YOUTH.—There is a seventeen year old boy living in a county below us who has twenty-one acres planted in cotton. He hired one man early in the spring, prepared the land, and bought about one hundred dollars worth of guano and put upon it. After getting it planted he started to school, which he has regularly attended during the summer, with the exception of about two weeks which his crop required. He works an hour or two every morning, in the afternoon and every Saturday. His cotton is looking very fine, and he expects to get fifteen bales off the twenty-one acres. Estimating each bale at five hundred pounds, and that he will get twenty-five cents per pound, the gross receipts will be one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six dollars. His entire expense, including the guano, will not be over five hundred dollars, which will leave one thousand three hundred and seventy-five dollars as the net earnings of this school boy. Give him the benefit of every doubt, and he will surely make one thousand dollars clear.—*Macon, Ga., Journal.*

Oh, for a million of just such youths! How quick would the narrow features of our dear mother land become ruddy with life, and its desolations blossom with a verdure hitherto unknown.—*Alexandria Gazette.*

A CURIOUS LECTURE.—Says the Chicago Journal:

Prof. Hawkins, of London, England, delivered a lecture last evening, in Liberty Hall, upon the subject, "The Natural History of the Antediluvian World," directing the attention of his audience to the habits of the funny fishes, selecting for example the salmon. With illustrations, he showed how that animal overcomes all obstacles when on its way to deposit its ova, explained how this deposit was made, and then selecting one of the ova, illustrated the formation from it of the mature fish. Drawing an immensely large fish upon the board, he explained the functions of each bone as, with the chalk, he indicated its position; spoke of the action of the vital organs, and illustrated in full the use of each part of the body. Then obliterated all but the frame work of the drawing, he, with a few dexterous manipulations of the chalk, transformed the trunk of the salmon into that of a hog. He explained that the trunk of each creature, whether aquatic, terrestrial, or both, was the same in form, the only difference being that the body of each was formed with especial reference to the position in life each was intended to occupy.

A NEW INSECT AND ITS DEPREDAATIONS.—We read in the Troy, N. Y., Press, of the 17th:

A new species of insect has appeared in some parts of the State, which is hard on the horse chestnut trees. The trees are being rapidly stripped of their leaves and will soon be as bare of foliage as the mast of a vessel. It will be a wonder if the trees are not killed. A large white caterpillar first makes its appearance.—This cuts its way into the bark of the tree in various places along the trunk. In a few days the caterpillar builds itself a little tenement resembling a little tunnel-shaped piece of pasteboard, about an inch long by a quarter of an inch wide. In a few days, from this structure emerges an insect a quarter of an inch long, resembling at first sight a piece of wool. On examination the insect is found to resemble a fat, woolly pig, four legs, a tail and two distinct eyes. This insect, or animal, disappears in a day or two, and where he was last seen appear myriads of the most singular looking insects ever seen, about the size of house flies, covering the limbs of trees nearly over. They set at work immediately on the leaves, and in a short time strip the branches clean. The trunks of the trees, after the caterpillar has done his work, look exactly as trees that have been cut lengthwise through the bark with sharp knives.

Butler avowedly goes heavily armed. One of his friends writes that he is "afraid of his life." 'Tis a life that any one might well be afraid of, but we guess that Butler himself is more afraid of his death.

Weschester has a faithless pond that reaches way to China. At least they found a drowned Chinaman there one morning—with a box of Jersey cigars under his arm.

Prince Camille de Polignac, who was in the Western Confederate army, and who rose to be a major general, has been reading a scientific paper on Algebra to the Mathematical Society in London.

A physician stopped at the shop of a country apothecary, and inquired for a pharmacopoea. "Sir," replied the apothecary, "I know of no such farmer living about these parts."

Jenkins says that instead of marrying a woman of forty, he should prefer to take two twenties. The remark has a fiscal and also a funny squint.

Our 'Change and Financial editor has gone to the fishing banks for two days.—*Times.*

Then the fish might catch a gudgeon

THE KINDS.—A young lady, a sensible girl, gives the following catalogue of different kinds of love: "The sweetest, a mother's love; the longest, a brother's love; the dearest a man's love; the strongest, a woman's love; and the sweetest, longest, strongest, dearest love, a clove of a bonnet."

An abandoned wretch, who was warned by a temperance friend to "look not upon wine when it is red within the cup," replied: "I never touch red wine; whisky agrees better with my constitution.—This reminds us of the chaplain in Jonathan Wild, who held that "punch was a good liquor nowhere spoken against in Scripture."

A special to the Louisville Democrat the 23d ult, says:

The barpet-baggers are determined on an extra session of Congress in September, and the more extreme Radicals also favor it. The Conservatives, however, are generally opposed to the meeting, on the ground that the result would be apt to damaging to their already badly damaged party. Nevertheless the probabilities are that the session will be held.

G. A. T., writing from the Sulphur Springs, says complaint was made this year that somebody in Gov. Letcher's room did not sufficiently cover his nakedness, but it turned out that the governor was only leaning his bald head out of the window.

A Blessing.—Red Jacket, when he gave his blessing to a friend, hoped he might live where whisky was less than two shillings a quart.

A young friend of Judy's, who always plays whist late at his club, calls it "going in for midnight boyle."

California produces purple figs, a quarter of a pound each in weight, and as big as a man's fist.

Many young men are so improvident they can't keep anything but late hours.

It is singular that the faster men become, the more likely they are to be beaten.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, PARISH OF West Baton Rouge, Fifth Judicial District. Marie Desiree Landry, wife vs. Amedee Landry, husband. No 1965.

By virtue of a writ of fi. fa. to me directed in the above entitled and numbered cause of date the 12th day of February 1868, from the Hon. the Fifth District Court in and for said parish and State, I have seized and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder in front of the Court House of this parish, on

SATURDAY, the 31 day of October next, 1868, at 11 o'clock a. m., all the right, title and interest of Amedee Landry, husband and defendant in the above suit, in and to the following described property, to-wit—

Four certain lots of ground situated in this parish in Molaisonville at Bruly Landing, being lots No's. 1, 2, 5 and 6 in square No. 12 and two others, lots No's. 1 and 2 in square No. 14, all of said lots measuring 60 feet front by 120 feet in depth each.

Seized to pay and satisfy the assessed costs due by said plaintiff, Marie Desiree Landry, wife, to H. J. Hyams, printer, and costs of suit.

Terms of Sale—Cash. WM. WHITE, Sheriff. West Baton Rouge, August 29th, 1868.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, PARISH OF Iberville, Fifth Judicial District. Bridget Grady, administratrix, vs. Louis Desobry, et als. No. 1393.

By virtue of a writ of fi. fa. to me directed in the above entitled and numbered cause, of date July 17, 1868, from the 5th District Court in and for the parish of Iberville, State aforesaid, I have seized and will offer at public auction to the last and highest bidder, in front of the Court House of West Baton Rouge, on

SATURDAY, the 3d day of October next, 1868, at 11 o'clock a. m., all the right, title and interest of the defendants, J. T. Landry, Amedee Landry, Alfred Babin and Alfred Hebert, composing the firm of J. T. Landry & Co., in the above suit in and to the following described property, to-wit:

A certain tract of land situated in this parish of West Baton Rouge, measuring one arpent front to the river Mississippi, more or less, with a depth of forty arpents, more or less, opening of the side thereto belonging, bounded above by a road belonging to the estate of Valmont Ferbos and lands of Isidore Daigle, below by lands also belonging to said Isidore Daigle, and in the rear by those of said firm of J. T. Landry & Co.

Seized to pay and satisfy amount of judgement, interest and costs in above suit.

Terms of Sale—Cash. WM. WHITE, Sheriff. West Baton Rouge, August 29, 1868.

ETAT DE LA LOUISIANE, PAROISSE d'Iberville, Cour du Cinquieme District. Bridget Grady, administratrice, vs. Louis Desobry, et als. No. 1393.

En vertu d'un writ de fi. fa. a moi ad-

resse dans l'affaire cidessus en date du 17 Juillet 1868, par l'honorable cour du cinquieme district judiciaire dans et pour la dite paroisse et Etat susdite, j'ai saisi et j'exposerai en vente publique au plus offrant et dernier encherrisseur a la maison de cour de cette paroisse d'Ouest Baton Rouge,

SAMEDI, le 3me jour d'Octobre prochain, 1868, a 11 heures a. m., tous les droits, titres et interets des defendants, J. T. Landry, Amedee Landry, Alfred Babin et Alfred Hebert, formant la societe sous le titre de J. T. Landry & Co., dans le proces cidessus, a la propriete ci-apres decrite et situe en cette paroisse d'Ouest Baton Rouge, savoir:

Un certain morceau de terre situe en cette paroisse d'Ouest Baton Rouge, mesurant un arpent de facade au fleuve Mississippi, plus ou moins, avec un profondeur de quarante arpents, plus ou moins, et appartenant, borne en haut par un chemin appartenant a la succession de Valmont Ferboe et terre d'Isidore Daigle, en bas par terre aussi appartenant a Isidore Daigle et en arriere par celle de la dite societe de J. T. Landry & Co.

Saisie pour payer et satisfaire le montant en jugement, interet et frais dans le proces cidessus

Conditions de la vente—Comptant. WM. WHITE, Sheriff. Ouest Baton Rouge, Aout 29, 1868.

ETAT DE LA LOUISIANE, PAROISSE d'Ouest Baton Rouge, Cinquieme District Judiciaire. Marie Desiree Landry, epouse vs. Amedee Landry, epoux. No. 1965.

En vertu d'un writ de fi. fa. a moi adresse dans l'affaire cidessus en date du 12 Fevrier 1868, par l'hon. la cour du cinquieme district judiciaire dans et pour la dite paroisse et Etat susdite, j'ai saisi et j'exposerai en vente publique au plus offrant et dernier encherrisseur a la maison de cour de cette paroisse—

SAMEDI, le 3me jour d'Octobre prochain, 1868, a 11 heures a. m., tous les droits, titres et interets de Amedee Landry, epoux, a la propriete ci-apres decrite, savoir—

Quatre certain terrains situe en cette paroisse dans Molaisonville a Bruly Landing, etant les lots No's. 1, 2, 5 et 6 dans l'islet No. 14, et deux autres terrains, les lots No's. 1 et 2 dans l'islet No. 14, le tout des dits terrains mesurant 60 pieds de face sur 120 pieds de profondeur.

Saisie pour payer et satisfaire le montant assessor et les frais dans l'affair cidessus.

Conditions de la vente—Comptant. WM. WHITE, Sheriff. Ouest Baton Rouge, Aout 29, 1868.

POLICE JURY PROCEEDINGS. At a regular session of the police jury held at the Court House on Monday, the 1st day of June, 1868, the following members were present: Messrs. Pope, Chinn, Vaughn, Doiron, R. Hebert and Trudeau.

Mr. Robert Glennon was appointed Inspector of roads and levees for 11th ward. On motion of Dr. Vaughn, resolved, That the resignation of J. M. Brooks as Inspector of roads and levees for the 5th ward be accepted, and Wm. Gassie was appointed in his stead. Philip Bauer was appointed Inspector of the 6th ward.

On motion the parish surveyor was directed to make a survey and examination of the levees on the plantation of Isidore Daigle, J. A. Leveque, J. Trasmoud Landry and Dan Hickey, and make an estimate and report of such new levees as may be required to be made during the ensuing year.

The petition of F. E. Trudeau was read and on motion of Mr. Chinn it was Resolved, That F. E. Trudeau & Co. be permitted to construct a railroad from the dyke on the lower mouth of Falee River to the Hermitage landing, said railroad to run on top of the levee. The said F. E. Trudeau & Co., or their assigns, are to keep the whole of the levee and the public road running at the base of the levee, always in good condition in accordance with their petition. Further resolved, that the above privilege is to last during the term of ten years.

The account of Sugar Planter office for parish printing for \$113 50, A. D. Barrow, as clerk, for \$75, O. M. LeBlanc for \$25 and J. F. Jarreud for making rolls, \$10, were allowed and ordered to be paid.

On motion it was Resolved, That the accounts of Messrs O. M. Leblanc, A. V. Dubroca and U. Lejeune be returned to them with the request that they make them in detail and refer to the law in cases when a fixed compensation is allowed.

On motion the jury adjourned to Monday June 8th, 1868.

A. D. BARROW, N. W. POPE, Clerk. President.

An adjourned meeting of the police jury was held at the Court House on Wednesday the 8th June 1868, when the following members were present: Messrs. Pope, Chinn, Vaughn, Trudeau, R. Hebert and H. Hebert. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and approved, the committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's books made the following report:

We, the undersigned committee, appointed by your honorable body to examine the books of the Treasurer of this

parish, beg leave to report that we have carefully examined the accounts of the present Treasurer as well as those of F. R. Allain, ex-Treasurer, deceased, both of the general fund, school and Poydras funds, and find them correct. We find a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of the Poydras fund of \$968 33. Also a balance in his hands in favor of the school fund of \$214 63. And a balance due said Treasurer from the general fund of \$251 49. We would suggest that a resolution pass your honorable body authorizing the cancelling of the bond given by F. R. Allain, ex-Treasurer, deceased.

Respectfully submitted, T. P. VAUGHN, RAPH'L HEBERT, JUDEON DOIRON.

On motion the report was adopted. On motion of Dr. Vaughn it was Resolved, That N. W. Pope, B. R. Chinn and Raphael Hebert be appointed a committee to memorialize the Board of Levee Commissioners of this State for the purpose of obtaining their assistance to build the levees on the Allen plantation, as also those on the plantations of Dan Hickey, J. Trasmoud Landry, J. A. Leveque & Co., Isidore Daigle, and widow Rosemond Hebert, all situated in this parish. Further resolved, that the parish surveyor be instructed to make full estimate and report of said levees for the use of said committee and to aid them in their object.

The report of the parish surveyor was read and on motion it was resolved That the report of the parish surveyor acting as inspector of 2d ward be approved and he be instructed to proceed to notify the front proprietors to build the new levees required by said report in the manner required by law.

O. M. LeBlanc, clerk of the Court, made a report of funds expended for books which was approved and he was directed to pay the balance into the hands of the parish treasurer.

On motion of Mr. Chinn it was Resolved, That the sum of three hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of financing the levee on the plantations of Dan Hickey and Desotry

Further resolved, that a warrant to the amount of three hundred dollars be placed in the hands of A. V. Dubroca, parish surveyor, to be by him used in said work. Proper vouchers to be returned to the police jury, in accordance with these resolutions, at their next session.

The committee appointed to estimate parish taxes made the following report: We, the undersigned committee, appointed to estimate the amount of taxes for the parish necessary for the year 1869, make the following report, to-wit:

Parish Attorney.....\$150 00
Inspectors Roads & Levees..... 250 00
Printer & Clerk Police Jury..... 600 00
Police Jury..... 200 00
District Court..... 1500 00
Clerk, Sheriff & Recorder..... 400 00
Assessor..... 200 00
Coroners & Justices of the Peace 600 00
Contingent Expenses..... 1000 00
Commissions on Collections..... 300 00

Total.....\$5000 00

Respectfully submitted, T. P. VAUGHN, RAPH'L HEBERT, B. R. CHINN.

On motion the report was adopted and ordered to be published for thirty days according to law.

The Finance Committee made the following report: We, the undersigned, members of the finance committee, have examined the following accounts and find them correct:

T. W. Bird, attendance on levee sales..... 0 00
Valliere Landry, attendance on levee sales..... 0 00
Raphael Hebert, attendance on levee sales..... 0 00
Hubert Hebert, serving notices..... 2 00
O. Bernard, Recorder, for fuel..... 20 00
O. Bernard, for stationary..... 10 00
A. V. Dubroca, Parish Surveyor, laying out levees &c..... 316 00

Total.....\$371 00

[signed] H. HEBERT, JUDEON DOIRON.

The report was adopted. On motion it was Resolved, That the compensation of the parish surveyor should be fixed at fifteen dollars per day when in service of the parish.

On motion of Mr. Chinn it was Resolved, That the ordinance of this jury allowing fuel to the Clerk's and Recorder's offices be repealed.

On motion of Dr. Vaughn it was Resolved, That the inspectors of roads and levees for the 3d and 5th wards, accompanied by two freeholders and the parish surveyor, be directed to make an inspection of the levees in said wards and report at the next regular session of the police jury the condition of the same.

On motion of Mr. Chinn it was Resolved, That the President of the police jury be and he is hereby authorized to ratify all contracts for the building of levees in this parish and to make any changes in any such contracts as may be necessary for the better protection of the parish from inundation, and this ordinance go into effect from and after its passage.

The minutes being read and approved the jury adjourned sine die.

A. D. BARROW, N. W. POPE, Clerk. President.