

The anti-concubinage law passed at the last session of the Louisiana Legislature, while falling far short of what the people demanded—a law against miscegenation—is none the less capable of accomplishing much good if strictly enforced. Experience in many parishes is proving this. It shows, as we expected, that the law is insufficient to break up miscegenation, but that if the officials of the parishes will enforce the statute it is possible to break up race concubinage.

The statute requires the district judge to call the attention of the grand jury to its provisions and to urge its enforcement and the indictment of persons violating it. This has been done by a number of judges so earnestly as to command attention and bring about action by the grand juries; while other judges have apparently ignored the mandate or "roared as a sucking dove" in regard to it.

Hence the law is unequally enforced in different portions of the State. Good work seems to have been done in Madison, where at the session of the District Court Monday five persons were arraigned for violation of the law, cases of whites living in concubinage with negroes. Three of the indicted persons entered a plea of guilty and are awaiting sentence. Five persons under indictment under the law fled to Mississippi, but three of them were captured in Vicksburg and brought back to Madison, where they are in jail. The others who fled have been "located" and will be arrested and brought back for trial in the next few days. In fine Madison parish has gone about the work of enforcing this law and breaking up a great abuse, the source of much danger to the whole community, in a vigorous and practical manner likely to prove most effective. It is setting a good example to the rest of Louisiana by showing how the curse of miscegenation can and should be broken up.—Times-Democrat.

Three Plead Guilty to Violating Concubinage Law.

Tallulah, La., Oct. 19.—The cases of the alleged violators of the Hunsicker concubinage law were called in the Ninth District Court this morning, and of the five cases arraigned, three entered a plea of guilty as charged, the trio being composed of two white men and one negro woman. The cases of the two who pleaded not guilty were set for trial to-morrow. Two of the five who fled to Mississippi after the indictments were returned were captured in Vicksburg Saturday and were jailed here yesterday. It is said that the officers have a clew as to the whereabouts of the other three and their arrests will probably follow within the next few days. Sentences will be passed on the three who pleaded guilty to-day, on regular sentence day.

This is hangman's day in Louisiana. Five parties are to be executed to-day unless executive clemency interferes. Those to be hanged are two prisoners from New Orleans, Jack Pierre and Edward Honore, who will be executed between the hours of 12 o'clock and 2 p. m. The two prisoners are members of the "Council of God" organization and are to be hanged for the murder of a policeman. Robert Hall, of Plaquemine parish, will also be executed to-day, as will Edward Ayles, of Rapides parish, and Ernest Montgomery, of Vermilion parish. The execution in these three cases will take place at the parish seat of the respective parishes.

Grand Jury.

The following is the Grand Jury impaneled at this term of Court for the ensuing six months:

W. P. Roberts.....	Crimea
F. Mc C. Hopkins.....	Frogmore
W. D. Martineau.....	Canton
Thos. Daniels.....	Locustwood
Mac Tate.....	St. Joseph
John Marron.....	Waterproof
Victor Soden.....	St. Joseph
R. F. McVay.....	Backland
Percy Hambrrough.....	Joky Hit
Martin Jacoby.....	Swellon
Alex McLeod.....	Larydale
Randall Hunter.....	Waterproof

Report of the Grand Jury.

To the Hon'ble Judge of the Tenth District Court, Parish of Tensas, State of Louisiana:

The Grand Jurors empaneled for this October, 1908, Court beg leave to submit the following report:

We have examined all violation of law brought to our attention and have found indictments where the evidence justified.

We have examined the public buildings and found them in excellent condition, except the sanitary condition of the jail caused by the stoppage of the water pipes which we recommend should be corrected at once.

We especially commend the act of the Police Jury in having the concrete walk put around the foundations of the Court House and jail.

We beg leave to further report that having under consideration the special charge given us by the Court for the investigation of the crime of concubinage within the parish; and that owing to the fact that a great number of witnesses would be required, and there being other business to consume our time, we prefer with the permission of the Court to defer any action against supposed violators of this statute, Act 87 of the Acts of 1908, for thirty (30) days or until the third Monday of November, 1908, to which date we will adjourn, and when we convene will take up and make thorough investigation of all violations of this act and make due report to the Court of our action.

B. F. McVay, Foreman.

Dr. T. H. Harris, State Superintendent of Public Education, has addressed the following circular to the Parish Superintendent:

"The committee having in charge the examination of applicants for eligibility to the position of Parish Superintendent announces that the examination will be held October 30th.

"Applicants may be examined at the Parish Seat of any parish in the State or in the office of the State Superintendent of Public Education. Any one is eligible who did not take the last examination which was held Aug. 20th.

"The questions will be mailed to you a week or ten days before the examination."

Owing to the great demand made on our space this week by the several social events that have been of daily occurrence of late, we are compelled to defer mention of the boll'weevil meeting until next week.

That cotton is not the only source of revenue in this country is evidenced by the handsome profits shown in cattle raising. As an instance of the splendid possibilities offered in this business we refer to a sale of cattle made this week. Mr. J. A. Veasy of "Wildcat" plantation, near New Light, sold to Mr. A. Salamon of Newellton, six head of steers, averaging two years each, for the handsome sum of \$148.20. The six head weighed on the foot 4940 pounds, and sold at the market price, three cents. The only cost they were to Mr. Veasy was a little salt and the trouble of occasionally looking after.

Mr. and Mrs. John Murdoch and Miss Louise Murdoch were guests of Dr. and Mrs. Dunbar Newell for the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Willson and Dr. and Mrs. E. T. Newell and little son were guests of Mrs. N. C. Newell for the wedding.

Messrs. D. F. Ashford, R. H. Whitney, G. H. Clinton, Captain Lindsay, Ashford O'Kelley, F. H. Curry and J. S. Rodriguez went out to the Tensas on Friday to enjoy the fishing.

Messrs. Bruce Beverly Baxter, John Baxter, Lucien Mansfield, Ernest Martin, Hugh Crumbliss, R. L. Childress and Chas. P. Reid were guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Whitney for the Baxter-Davidson wedding.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

Remaining in the St. Joseph Post Office for week ending Oct. 17

Briscoe, Jno.	Lawyer, Robt.
Brown, Rebecca	Leon, Rosey
Brown, Betsy	Moore, Ephram
Johnson, Annie	Travis, James (2)
Knight, Rebecca	Williams, Emma
Kelly, William	Watkins, Rosa
Woodson, Geo.	

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L. E. HENDERSON, P. M.

THE BAXTER-DAVIDSON WEDDING.

The most interesting and notable event of the season was the marriage of Miss Alice Moore Davidson and Mr. Bruce Beverly Baxter, of Chattanooga, Thursday evening, October 22nd, at Christ Church, St. Joseph, in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives.

Miss Davidson, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Davidson, is a member of one of the most prominent and highly connected families in the State. From her childhood she has been Fortunate's most favored darling. Being largely endowed by nature with a wealth of physical and mental gifts, her devoted parents have spared no means to brighten her youth with a halo of love and happiness.

Since the announcement of her marriage to Mr. Baxter she has been the recipient of some very delightful social functions, at which her friends attested their attachment for her.

The wedding was a brilliant affair, with a large bridal party in attendance. The sacred edifice was tastefully decorated, the chancel arch outlined with long streamers of ivy, the arches on either side trellised in ivy, with gorgeous ferns and palms in the foreground. Within the chancel a profusion of the same beautiful plants formed a perfect setting for the bright picture formed by the bridal group. On either side of the altar tall candles shed a soft radiance over the scene.

Just before the coming of the bridal party, Miss Hazel Willis of Vicksburg rendered very beautifully the song, "Because," her rich soprano voice filling the sacred edifice with sweet melody.

The Mendelssohn march announced the arrival of the bridal party, which included Messrs. Lucien Mansfield, Ernest Martin, Hugh Crumbliss, R. L. Childress, John Baxter, who were groomsmen, Messrs. Emmett S. Newton, Stanley O. Castleman, J. Maury Stanton, Chas. P. Reid and Dr. E. T. Newell, ushers, and Mr. Byrd Douglass Baxter, the groom's brother, who was his best man. The maid of honor, Miss Marjorie Davidson, Mrs. Edward T. Newell, matron, Misses Amalia Steen, Eliza Whitney, Marian Curry, Inez Losey, Mildred Thompson and Gertrude Marshall, her maids, and little Marie Ashford and Master Richard Whitney, who preceded the bride, bearing the white satin pillows upon which the bridal couple were to kneel.

The ladies of the bridal party were exquisitely gowned and looked very attractive; the bride, who entered upon the arm of her father, looked especially lovely in a rich bridal gown of heavy white satin made Directoire with Duchesse lace panel and birtha, the corsage elaborately embroidered in pearl passementerie; her veil of illusion was caught to the dark, glossy hair with a diamond crescent pin; she carried an exquisite arm bouquet of bride roses, valley lilies and maiden hair ferns falling over streamers of white satin ribbon. The maids were beautifully gowned, alternately in white and pale yellow crepe de chine, made in Directoire style, trimmed with gold lace and gold fringed girdles, they carried arm bouquets of pale yellow and white chrysanthemums, tied with white and yellow satin ribbon, their coiffures were arranged in Grecian style with gold bandeaus.

Little Miss Marie Ashford wore a dainty frock of white, lace trimmed china silk. Master Richard Whitney wore a page's suit of white velvet with lace jabot. Dr. E. S. Gunn of Trinity Church, Natchez, read in a most impressive manner the beautiful ritual of the Episcopal Church.

Immediately after the ceremony there was an elegant reception given to the bridal party at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Steen, at which a large number of friends and relatives were present. The house was beautifully decorated with ferns and palms. In the drawing room, where the bridal couple stood to receive the felicitations of their friends, the color scheme was white and yellow, the hall was in white and green, in the library, where the bridal gifts were displayed, red roses and geraniums were used. In the dining room champagne punch was served by Mrs. J. T. Watson, with her usual grace of manner.

The centre of attraction was the bride's table, beautified with lace and flowers. Streamers of white tulle and asparagus fern were caught from the four corners of the table to the chandelier, which was wreathed in asparagus and maiden hair fern. From this was suspended a wending bell of white hyacinths. In the centre of the table was placed a beautiful bride's cake in horse-shoe form, which was partially banked with bride's roses. From this issued seven white satin ribbon streamers, which when pulled by the bride's attendants revealed a number of tiny white boxes, containing each a beauty pin, the groom's gifts to the bridesmaids. All about the table were scattered bride rose petals and at intervals there were placed silver dishes of dainty confections and salted nuts.

Mr. Baxter is a great favorite in the social circles of his home, is known as a business man of marked ability and success and enjoys the high regard and esteem of all those who know him. The happy pair were the recipients of many beautiful and costly gifts, therein attesting the esteem of a host of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Baxter left on the Str. Cordill for an extended trip through the West. They will be at home to their Chattanooga friends at the "Elizabeth," the latter part of November.

In Honor of the Bride-elect.

One of the most attractive of the season's functions was the beautiful bridge luncheon given by Mrs. R. H. Whitney on Wednesday afternoon complimentary to the bride-elect, Miss Alice Davidson. The rooms were tastefully decorated for the occasion, lovely ferns and palms being used with charming effect in the hall, where Miss Eliza Whitney served delicious punch, pink roses and ferns banking the cut-glass bowl. A luncheon in pink and white was served in the dining room, made beautiful with lights from crystal and silver candelabra. The centre table, at which the bride-elect and her attendants sat, was exquisitely and appropriately decorated with sprays of bride roses, and asparagus fern falling over streamers of white tulle at each corner. In the centre of the table was placed a large mirror, on which rested a bowl of lovely bridesmaid roses, around this, and covering almost the entire table, were billows of white tulle, which had originally graced the hostess' head on her wedding day. Over this were scattered pink rose petals and asparagus fern. From the chandelier, which was wreathed in asparagus fern, there was suspended a "Horn of Plenty," filled to overflowing with bride roses, these rested upon the pink roses beneath, forming a lovely effect.

The smaller tables were decorated with lace covers, over which were scattered pink rose petals and ferns. The place cards were in the form of pink rose petals.

There were four tables for the bridge players, and one for a game of six handed euchre, the prize, an elegant cut glass and silver fligree lemon dish and fork, was won by Mrs. L. F. Shoor; the guest prize, a hand-painted sofa pillow, was won by Mrs. Magruder Hays. Miss Hazel Willis was the winner of the consolation, a doll pin cushion.

At the euchre game Mrs. William Young, Mrs. A. E. Green and Miss Inez Losey were the successful contestants, Miss Losey cutting the highest card. The prize was a brilliant hat-pin.

The list of guests included the honoree, Miss Alice Davidson, Misses Marjorie Davidson, Hazel Willis, Gertrude Marshall, Eliza Whitney, Amalia Steen, Marian Curry, Inez Losey, Clara Whitney, Mesdames B. F. Young, G. H. Clinton, Randall Hunter, E. T. Newell, J. M. Stanton, L. F. Slicer, Joseph Curry, Wm. Young, Clarence Willson, S. P. Hornsby and A. E. Green.

Among the out-of-town guests at the wedding were Mesdames G. C. Goldman, Magruder Hayes, Clarkson, Dalton, Watson, A. E. Bass, Matilda Chamberlain, D. L. Rodgers of Vicksburg, Howell of Chattanooga, Misses Julia Clarkson, Lucile Gibson, Emma Briscoe of Port Gibson, Hallie McAllister, Louise Murdoch, Howell of Chattanooga, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Baxter, Dr. and Mrs. E. T. Newell, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. Randall Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. John Murdoch, and Messrs. Dwight Stone, R. D. Shelley, Guy Hunter and Hughes Arrighi.

JUDICIAL ADVERTISEMENT.

W. J. STEEN, Sheriff.

State of Louisiana, Parish of Tensas, 10th District Court.

I, S. BING, STAUFFER EISENMAN & CO., AND ROBT. JOHNSON & RAND SHOE CO. VS. V. L. SEDDEN. Nos. 5189 and 5211 and 5229.

PUBLIC NOTICE is HEREBY given that by virtue of a writ of Fieri Facias to me directed by the above named Honorable Court in the above styled suit, I have seized and will on

Saturday the 7th of NOVEMBER, A. D. 1908,

offer for sale at the Court House door in the town of St. Joseph, in this parish, within the hours prescribed by law, that is to-wit: the hours of 11 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m., to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described property, situated in this parish, to-wit:

The stock of merchandise, show cases, fixtures and all of the contents of the store occupied by V. L. Sedden, in the Kershaw building in St. Joseph, La., as per inventory on file in my office.

Terms of sale—Cash. JOHN HUGHES, Sheriff. St. Joseph, La., October 23, 1908.

W. J. STEEN, Sheriff.

State of Louisiana, Parish of Tensas, Third Ward Justice Court.

W. J. STEEN VS. THOS. CALVIN. No. 295.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, that by virtue of a writ of Fieri Facias to me directed by the above named Honorable Court, in the above styled matter, I will, on

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, A. D. 1908,

offer for sale at the Court House door in the town of St. Joseph, in this parish, between the hours of 11 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m., to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described property situated in this parish, to-wit:

Three to four bales cotton more or less on stalks in field and hanging by the roots; 1000 pounds cotton more or less picked in sacks.

Terms of Sale: Cash. JOHN R. SMITH, Constable 3rd Ward.

Estray Sale.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that by virtue of the authority conferred on me by law, I will, on—

SATURDAY, OCTOBER the 31st, 1908,

offer for sale at the Court House door in the town of St. Joseph, La., at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described property, taken up as estray by Alex McLeod, in this parish, as per his affidavit on file in my office:

One COW, deep red in color with white spot in face, with crop and saw-set mark of left ear, crop and under-bit and bullet-hole in right ear, branded with either "O" or "P," with the tail of letter obscure; also has grown heifer with her, deep red in color, unmarked or unbranded.

JOHN HUGHES, Sheriff. St. Joseph, La., Sept. 23, 1908.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT.

State of Louisiana, Parish of Tensas, 10th District Court.

Succession of H. S. Nichols, dec'd.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that Marion F. Nichols, Administrator of the succession of H. S. Nichols, deceased, has filed his Final Account in said Succession.

Now, therefore, unless written opposition be made thereto within ten days, in the office of the Clerk of above Court, the same will be homologated, as prayed for.

Witness my hand and seal this, 9th day of October, A. D. 1908. [SEAL] JOSEPH CURRY, Clerk 10th District Court. oct9-31

SUCCESSION NOTICE.

State of Louisiana, Parish of Tensas, 10th District Court.

Succession of Rafael Jacarino, dec'd.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that Nicholas Catalano has applied to be appointed Administrator of the succession of Rafael Jacarino, deceased.

Now, therefore, unless written opposition thereto be filed in my office within ten days from publication hereof of the said appointment will be made as prayed for.

[L. S.] Witness, my hand and the seal of said Court this 21st day of October, 1908. JOSEPH CURRY, Clerk of 10th District Court. oct23-31

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