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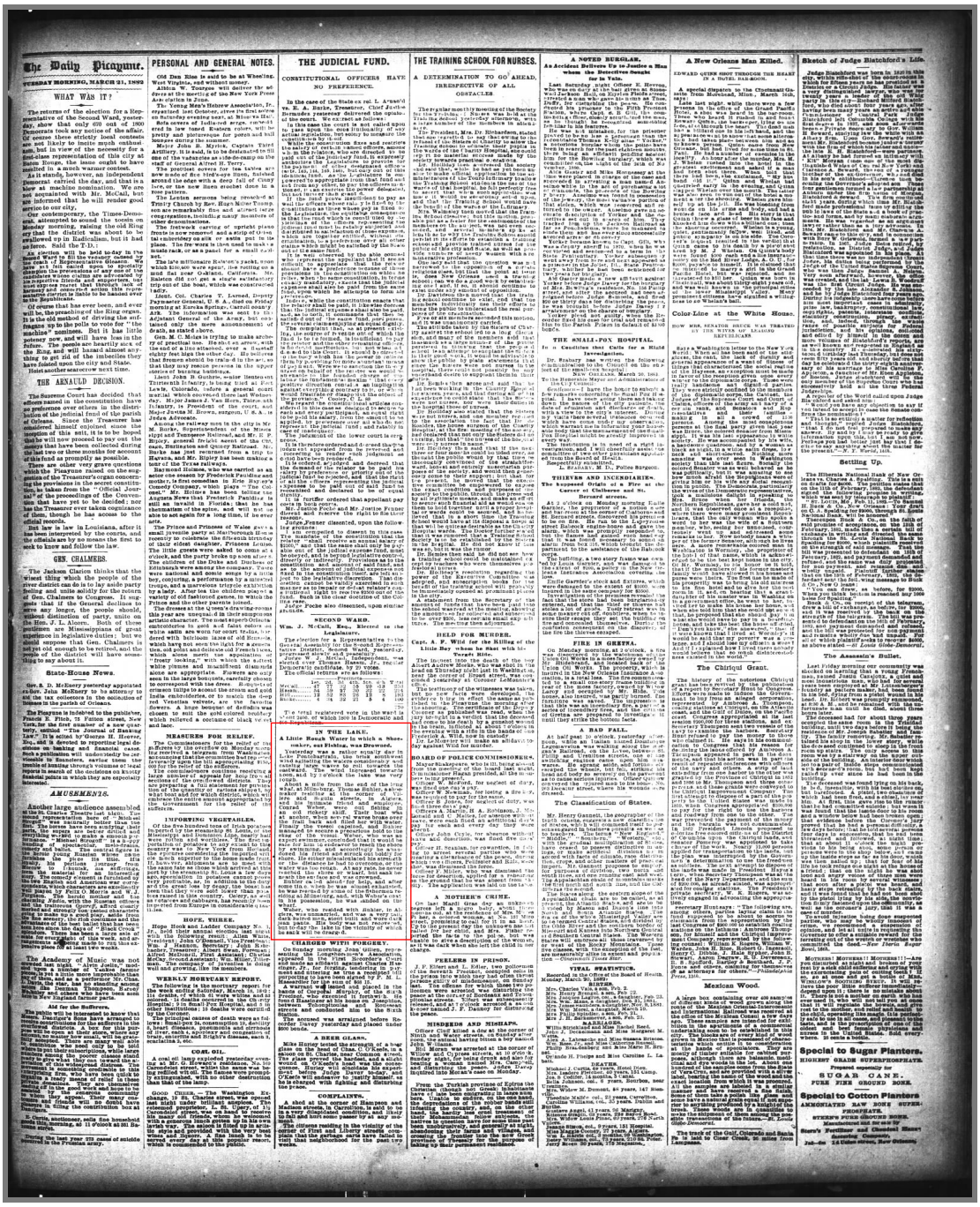

The Daily Picayune.

TUESDAY MORNING, MARCH 21, 1882

WHAT WAS IT?

The returns of the election for a Representative of the Second Ward, yesterday, show that only 600 out of 1800 Democrats took any notice of the affair. Of course these strictly local contests are not likely to incite much enthusiasm, but in view of the necessity for a first-class representation of this city at Baton Rouge, the issue ought to have resulted in a much warmer contest.

As it stands, however, an independent Democrat carried the day, and that in a blow at machine nominations. We are not acquainted with Mr. McCall, but are informed that he will render good service to our city.

Our contemporary, the Times-Democrat, attempted to sound the tocsin on Monday morning, raising the old Ring cry that the district was about to be swallowed up in Radicalism, but it had no force. Said the T.-D.:

An election will be held to-day in the Second Ward to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Representative Lewis. We hope the Democrats will be on the spot to oppose the promotion of any one of the candidates whose claims are advocated by his respective friends and supporters, but we fear that unless the Democrats of the Second and contiguous wards of this representative district is liable to be handed over to the Republicans.

Of course that has ever been, and ever will be, the preachers of the Ring organs. It is the old method of driving the unfortunate up to the polls to vote for "the machine" nominees. But it has little potency now, and will have less in the future. The people are heartily sick of the Ring, and will hazard almost anything to get rid of the imbeciles they have foisted upon the city and State.

Hoist another scarecrow next time.

THE ARNAULD DECISION.

The Supreme Court has decided that affidavits issued in the constitution have no preference over others in the distribution of the judicial fund of the parish of Orleans. Since the Treasurer has considered himself enjoined since the inception of this suit, it is to be hoped that he will now proceed to pay out the moneys that have been collected during the last two or three months for account of this fund as promptly as possible.

There are other very grave questions which the Picayune raised on the suggestion of the Treasurer's organ concerning the provisions in the secret condition, as taken from the "Official Journal" of the proceedings of the Convention that have yet to be decided; nor has the Treasurer ever taken cognizance of them, though he has access to the official records.

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PERSONAL AND GENERAL NOTES.

Old Dan Rice is said to be in Wheeling, West Virginia, and without money.

Albion W. Tourgee will deliver the address at the meeting of the New York Press Association, in June.

Bernard Shaw, the Science Association, Dr. organized last October, gave its first series on Saturday evening last, at Mission Hall.

Sofa covers of India-red serge, embroidered in low toned Eastern colors, will be pretty and picturesque for parlors and half lounges during the summer.

Major John B. Myrick, Captain Third Artillery, it is said, is to be detached to fill one of the vacancies as aide-de-camp on the staff of General Sherman.

The premium covers for tea tables are now made of fine Chinese linen, finished around the edge with a deep fall of Cluny lace, or the same been crochet done in rose silk.

The election sermons being preached in Trinity Church by Rev. Elias Nelson Stimson are remarkably fine and attract large congregations, including many members of other denominations.

The fretwork carving of upright piano fronts is now removed and a strip of Oriental silk substituted in its place, put in its place. The fronts are then used to make a small rack, or as a panel for a small cabinet.

The late millionaire Ralston's yacht, upon which his sons were spent the nothing a mad fast year Oakland, Cal., where Mr. Ralston did not get a state satisfactory report of the boat, which was consequently laid up.

Lieut. Col. Charles T. Larned, Deputy Paymaster General, U. S. A., died on Friday morning at Eureka Springs, Carroll county, Ark. The information was sent to the Adjutant General of the Army, but contained only the mere announcement of the death, as stated above.

Gen. M. C. Meigs is trying to make archery of practical use. He shot an arrow, with the end of a fine stiletto, 1,000 feet and eighty feet high the other day. He believes that firearms should be made to do the work, that they may rescue persons in the upper stories of burning buildings.

Lieut. John B. Guthrie, senior lieutenant Thirteenth Infantry, is being tried at Fort Lewis, Colorado, before a general court martial which convened there last Wednesday. Major Jonathan A. Wilcox, Fifteenth Infantry, is President of the court, and Major Justin M. Brown, Adjutant, U. S. A., is Judge Advocate.

Among the railway men in the city is Mr. M. Burke, Superintendent of the Mississippi and Tennessee Railroad, and Mr. E. P. Bigley, general freight agent of the Chicago, Dubuque and Quincy Railroad. Mr. Burke has just returned from a trip to Havana, and Mr. Bigley has been making a tour of the Texas Pacific.

Mr. and Mrs. Holmes, who was carried as an actor on account by Frederick Paulding, and mother, is first comedian in Eric Hay-ey's Comedy Company, which plays "The Lucent." Mr. Holmes has been telling the Augusta News that Frederick Paulding is still an invalid in Florida; that he has the Treasurer ever taken cognizance of them, though he has access to the official records.

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CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS HAVE NO PREFERENCE.

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The Treasurer has been enjoined upon to pay upon the state indebtedness of any action legislation, but seeks to measure the moneys in his hands.

While the relators contend that the constitutional provisions, in case of conflict, should be in the relators, who are desirous to be paid out of the judiciary fund, it expressly provides that the judiciary shall be paid out of the state treasury, and that the state shall be not less than $100,000 annually, and that the legislature shall be not less than $100,000 annually, and that the legislature shall be not less than $100,000 annually, and that the legislature