

LOUISIANA.

ALEXANDRIA.

One of the Washington Family—The Will of George Augustine Washington—Mistrial in a Murder Case.

ALEXANDRIA, La., May 3.—[Special.] Alexandria can boast of having as a citizen one of the nearest living relatives of our first president. The gentleman referred to is Judge J. Randolph Thornton, of the law firm of White & Thornton. He is a native of Bayou Sara and was raised in Rapides. He is a son of the late Colonel C. A. Thornton, a native of Virginia. He has three sisters living, viz: Mrs. J. Compton French, paymaster of the Mississippi Valley Railway, with headquarters at Memphis, Tenn.; Mrs. Philé B. Cunningham and Mrs. E. J. Cunningham of St. Louis.

Your correspondent called this evening on Judge Thornton, and he showed a copy of the original last will of his great grandfather, George Augustine Washington, made Jan. 24, 1793, and sworn to and probated, and the said copy given on July 15, 1793. It was beautifully written on paper similar to bond paper of the present day and about the size of letter paper and tied with a piece of narrow pink ribbon. The paper was quite yellow with age, but the document was well preserved. The will was made in Fairfax county, Va., by a notary, P. Waggoner, and was witnessed by John Dandridge, Burrell Bassett, C. P. Lyons and M. W. Dandridge.

He donated several articles of wearing apparel and other articles to his wife, children, sisters and friends. The following are short extracts from said document, which will interest the general public:

"I desire my executors to present to my dear father and mother, and to my aunt, Martha Washington, each a ring of 5 guineas value to inwrought with some of my hair, in token of my affectionate remembrance of them. To my dear uncle and friend, the president of the United States, I return the golden-headed cane which I received from him, and request of him to accept of my gray riding horse and new saddle and bridle as the last testimonial of my most grateful and affectionate regard for him." "Finally I commit the execution of this my will to my said uncle, George Washington, and my most affectionate and beloved wife, Frances Washington, on whom I rely therefor with the most perfect satisfaction; and I here nominate and appoint my said uncle and wife executors of this my last will and testament, desiring that my estate may not be appraised or inventoried, and that no security be required of my said executors at their qualification."

He donated to one of his sons 1000 acres of land in the district set apart for the officers and soldiers of the Virginia line on the Ohio river, which he held by a patent from the state of Virginia, he having been a colonel in the revolutionary war. To another son he donated 1000 acres of land which he claimed as an officer in the Virginia line, it being that part of his claim which had not then been surveyed or patented.

The whole document was very interesting and closely written on five pages. The judge was very cordial and offered the document cheerfully for whatever use your correspondent might need in publication.

The second trial of John David Green, colored, for the murder of Malinda Wallace near Cheneyville last October, was concluded last night, and the jury was locked up till the court convened this morning. It resulted again in a mistrial, the jury standing seven for conviction and five for acquittal. He was allowed bond in the sum of \$250, but could not furnish the same up to this time. So this is two criminals who committed the most horrible crimes on the same day who are turned loose, there being no circumstantial evidence against them.

Sheriff Stafford will leave on Sunday next for Baton Rouge with the four convicts sentenced this week, viz: the two white men, William P. and Tom J. Bassett of Birmingham, Ala., sentenced to 6 months each in the penitentiary for the two charges of stealing a skiff, and Jake Johnson, colored, larceny, 18 months, and Charles Cook, colored, inflicting a wound less than maimed 1 year. Weather clear and cool.

NATCHITOCHES.

A Reputable Citizen Ordered Away by the "White Caps"—Swindling a Railroad.

NATCHITOCHES, La., May 2.—[Special.]—The White Caps have appeared in this parish again. Saturday night nine men visited the house of Wilson A. Jones, in ward 7, and gave him ten days to leave the parish. Last Monday one of the clan came to the field where he was at work and read a note to him ordering him to leave under penalty of death—to depart as first notified. Some of the signers of the warning are well known. Some time previous he was asked to join a clan to drive one Weidon from the parish. He was told the names of the parties in the crowd, but refused to join them. He thinks they wish him to leave because he knows their secret. They charged him with being a radical, but he voted the Democratic ticket at the last election.

Mr. Jones is a white man, owns 100 acres of land, is a taxpayer and farmer, and is a brother of Dr. Jones of Baton Rouge, and about 45 years old. He settled here some ten years ago.

The facts have been reported to the district attorney and prompt measures will be taken to uphold the law and punish the offenders and self-constituted regulators. They are known as the Santa Claus King.

At an early hour this morning F. G. Tiquor, special detective of the Texas and Pacific Railway, came in on a hand-car from Prudhomme and made an affidavit, charging N. M. Rhodes, J. D. W. Sers and A. G. Franklin with willfully and feloniously obtaining money under false pretenses from the Texas and Pacific Railway during the month of February. N. M. Rhodes, who was a section boss on the Texas and Pacific, was promptly arrested and is now in jail in default of giving bonds. The parties reside in this parish and are within the jurisdiction of the court here. Mr. Sers is well known and widely connected, and has always borne a high character and reputation in this parish.

HOUMA.

Celebration of the Firemen.

HOUMA, La., May 1.—[Special.]—The fire department last Sunday celebrated the anniversary day of their organization by a grand parade.

The occasion was one long to be remembered for the display made by the gallant firemen was really fine.

Houma Steam Fire Company No. 1 had their splendid steam engine Mamie Oudon elegantly decorated with flowers. The cream colored horse of the company marched within the ropes. The officers of No. 1 are: President, O. B. Daspit; vice president, B. F. Bazet; treasurer, A. Zerlinger; secretaries, A. Kelly, John K. Aitkens; foreman, F. X. Zerlinger; first assistant, Henry Louvierre; second assistant, A. Adam; engineer, M. Dalgo; assistant engineer,

L. A. Fraisse; second assistant, Felix Berthacourt; marshal, E. W. Condon; aids, Oscar Daspit, A. W. Connelly.

Houma Hook and Ladder Company No. 1 paraded with their handsome truck decorated with flowers and flags and ribbons, and seated on the truck was the son of Mr. J. H. Heilner attired in a Continental uniform. The horse "Maud S.," decorated with ribbons, pranced between the ropes. The truck was decorated by Miss Kate Minor and Miss Rebecca Minor. The officers of the company are: President, E. A. Hopler; vice president and treasurer, J. B. Bland; secretaries, Lawrence Gautreaux and G. W. Graham; foreman, C. P. Smith; first assistant, Clay Richards; second assistant, J. M. Duncan; marshal, H. C. Minor; aids, L. F. Sathon, John D. Shaffer.

The procession marched through the principal streets of the town and afterwards serenaded Father Poyet and the two newspaper offices.

The music was furnished by the Houma Brass Band and Bayou Dularge Brass Band.

The procession then proceeded to the city park, which is situated three blocks from the depot on the banks of bayou Terrebonne and is reached by a fine bridge. The grounds are spacious and contain a building 110 feet by 70 feet in which there is an admirable floor for dancing purposes.

On reaching the park several speeches were made in honor of the occasion. Races were given on the racetrack, which is fitted up with grand stand, judges and timers' stands, etc. On the grounds were refreshment stands, tom-bolas, etc.

A gold-headed cane was presented by Mr. C. H. Miller of New Orleans, and this was voted for. It was won by Mr. Louis Menville, who thus proved to be the most popular young man in Houma. A large cake was rolled and was won by Captain Boutelou. He donated it to the fair ladies.

On the grounds is also the baseball ground and a game was played during the afternoon.

More than a thousand people were on the grounds and the receipts exceeded \$300, while the utmost good order prevailed. Among the visitors present from New Orleans was Mr. W. H. Moon, who delivered an eloquent address.

JEANERETTE.

Arrested for Illegally Registering.

JEANERETTE, La., May 2.—[Special.]—D. W. Lanier was arrested to-day by Deputy Sheriff Stansbury on a charge of violating the election laws. Lanier, who is a dentist, came to this place from Vermillion parish some time in the month of September last, and files of the Teche Pilot during the month of October show his advertisement.

Until about two months ago his family resided in Vermillion parish, but he himself has resided here continuously since September. To-day he registered in this ward so as to participate in the next municipal election, which takes place on Monday next. A few minutes after his registering he was placed under arrest and was taken to New Iberia to be incarcerated in the parish prison.

There has undoubtedly been a mistake made, and what results may arise therefrom is hard to determine.

SHREVEPORT.

Plan for a Board of Trade.

SHREVEPORT, La., May 2.—[Special.] A meeting of merchants and business men was held this evening at the Cotton Exchange for the purpose of organizing a Board of Trade. Captain J. F. Utz was president, and C. G. Rives acted as secretary.

Representatives of every interest in the city were in attendance, and after a liberal discussion of the advantages of such a body a committee, consisting of Richard Furman, W. B. Ogilvie, S. B. Hicks, Jules Dreyfuss, Henry Florsheim, E. J. Lemay, L. M. Carter, W. A. Pleasants, Henry Bour and W. S. Haven was appointed to formulate a plan for permanent organization. The meeting adjourned subject to the call of the chairman.

NEW IBERIA.

The Firemen's Ball—The Episcopal Church to Have a New Organ.

NEW IBERIA, La., May 2.—[Special.] The firemen's ball of last Tuesday night was a brilliant success in every particular. The proceeds will aggregate about \$400. This with other funds will be devoted toward the purchase of a second hook and ladder apparatus for this city.

The ladies of the Episcopal church are making an effort to secure a new organ for their church, and in this direction will give a grand tournament and ball on the 11th inst. A programme with many varied and novel features has been adopted.

FRANKLIN.

Adjournment of the District Court—A Newspaper Enterprise.

FRANKLIN, La., May 3.—[Special.]—The district court adjourned to-day sine die after a session of thirty days, during which the civil docket was very greatly reduced.

Hon. D. Caffrey returned this morning from Natchitoches, where he had been attending the commencement ceremonies of the State Normal School.

The St. Mary Herald is about to change hands and will probably take the name of Planters' Banner, under the conduct of D. Caffrey, Jr., as editor and be published by the Banner Publishing Company.

The weather is cool and clear and the crops are springing.

FLOYD.

Two Negroes Fatally Shot Each Other.

FLOYD, La., May 1.—[Special.]—On yesterday, at Captain A. J. Tryly's store, two negroes got into a difficulty and Ike Boss shot Caleb Johns down with a pistol, and then shot twice afterwards.

W. E. Harrell, brother-in-law of Tryly, caught Boss to prevent his shooting again, and the wounded man crawled to his shotgun that had fallen out of his hand when shot by Boss. He told Mr. Harrell to turn Boss loose and he did not, so he shot Boss and Harrell with both barrels of his gun. Harrell is only slightly wounded in the hand and wrist. Both negroes will die.