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As Others See Us.

The Williamsport correspondent of the *Hughesville Enterprise* writes to that Journal as follows:

"The evil day has come. The great bubble has burst. As you are aware, Peter Herdic, who has been doing business on an extensive scale here with other people's money, has gone to the wall and carried away many of his better. The whole amount of liabilities, judgments, mortgages and sued claims against him now is put at over a million. His property, the most valuable of it, has been transferred to friends in contemplation of the collapse, so that if it comes in all its force he will be provided for at any rate. This was done some time ago, and gives rise to the suspicion that Herdic does not intend to make an effort to extricate himself from his difficulties, although it is said he has gone East to get loans of money on his Pine township coal lands. Some of the more sanguine think he will succeed; however, it looks exceedingly doubtful as there is no way to get his coal out, but by building a costly railroad. There is not much sympathy for Herdic. The feeling gives way for honest indignation when it is discovered how many unscrupulous common circumstances are the losers by his speculations or cupidity. The first and foremost of his victims is Edward Lyon, Esq., of your town, who was such a confiding friend of Herdic's, that it is said he would sign his name to Herdic's checks, and let him fill in any amount he pleased. He also endorsed heavily for him, and now the earnings and savings of a fregal lifetime are swept away. It is hard for Mr. Lyon. But though hard for him, there are many others who can still less afford to lose their little. It is currently reported that judgments to the amount of \$110,000 have already been confessed by Lyon, the principal ones being: Muncy Bank, \$50,000; James Bowman, \$20,000; Alfred Lyon, \$30,000.

Mr. Hardeburg, of this city a careful business man in everything except his confidence in Herdic, has been compelled to make an assignment, on account of the losses through him. The worst feature of the whole business will be that which many small property holders, who bought of Herdic, will have to see when they examine their titles, and find them heavily mortgaged. Many a one has bought a lot of Herdic on articles and gradually built and improved the property, while the same was mortgaged to parties who advanced Herdic money for his speculations. These and the poor widows and orphans whose money Herdic borrowed will be the saddest sufferers of all. A great hall obelisk is made by Herdic's friends about the workmen who will lose employment. This is groundless. All legitimate work which will sustain itself will be carried on, if Herdic is forced to migrate. But inflated business will stop, and imported holdings will have to go elsewhere. Most people think, as it was bound to snow loads some time, it is better that the whole shiver come now and during cold weather, for the crop will be over soonest. So far as I can learn, none of the banks are affected.

THE SOUTH ON THE FRAUD.

BEYOND JOHN SHERMAN AND THE FRAUDULENT PRESIDENT.

Hays as Privy to the Electoral Crime in Louisiana as John Sherman Himself—The Trials of the Great Felons Must Go On.

From the *Atlantic Constitution*. It may well be asked what possible interest Mr. Hays and Mr. Secretary John Sherman can have in the results of these trials? What can it be the nature of the apprehension that serves them to the disgraceful desperation of attempting to intimidate a Judge and jury engaged in administering the laws of a State? It is something more than a breach of decorum—it is the very ecstasy of madness—for one who claims to be President and another who holds a Cabinet position, to engage in such a wild endeavor. Both Mr. Hays and John Sherman base their remarkable utterance upon the absurdity that forgery is a political offence, and, as in some sort an excuse for the extraordinary proceeding, intimate that these was

a bargain or an agreement of some kind to the effect that none of the members of the Returning Board should be made the victims of a prosecution under the law. The truth seems to be that there was a bargain, and a criminal one at that, between Hays' friends and the Returning Board. Its basis was bribery and its result fraud. There has never been any doubt as to this. No sane man, knowing the history of the Presidential count, could have any other opinion. Even when defending Ma. Hays against the movement inaugurated by Bill Chandler, and persistently pressed by *THE NEW YORK SUN*, we never for a moment lost sight of the fact that he is not the rightfully elected President. We merely insisted that as the North had allowed him to be inaugurated it would be useless to attempt to unseat him, and all that we have written in that direction was intended rather to taunt the North than to defend Mr. Hays. We knew then, and we know now, that he was elevated to the Presidency through the methods of fraud. He practically acknowledged that fact by refusing to uphold the fraudulent Government of Fa-kard, although it was known of all men that if Hays was the rightful President of the United States, Packard was the rightful Governor of Louisiana. But even this knowledge is insufficient to lessen the keen humiliation all good citizens must feel when they come to recognize the fact that Mr. Hays's letter to the Attorney-General and the threats of Federal interference therein contained are nothing more or less than a confession that he was a party to the electoral frauds in Louisiana as John Sherman himself.

We are anxious to see Mr. Hays and John Sherman carry out their threats. If we understand the temper of the people of Louisiana, the trials of the Returning Board felons will go on, regardless of whatever incidental facts may be brought to light. It is not within the range of probability that those who have the prosecution of these felons in hand will allow themselves to be intimidated by the fulminations of the Administration, and it will thus fall out that John Sherman and his master will have wide scope for putting their threats in execution.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 20.—Gov. Hendricks, in his speech to-day before the Democratic State convention, said:

"One of the Louisiana criminals has been tried and convicted. The President and John Sherman say he should not have been tried. Why not? His guilt and that of others is shown by the verdict. It is a high crime against the nation, and threatening the stability of free institutions. What are the relations between the President and Mr. Sherman and the accused that authorize or permit an effort on their part to influence judicial proceedings in a State court? After a long and terrible contest it is settled that State elections and State legislatures must be free from military influence and control. So also it must be understood that the President and his Cabinet cannot, directly or indirectly interfere with judicial proceedings under State authority. State courts must be wholly free and independent of Federal control, except when the Constitution and laws give to the Federal Judiciary an appellate supervision. It is to be regretted that the acts developed upon the trial are of such a character as to create anxiety on the part of the President and any of his Cabinet; but they cannot avoid the effect upon the public mind of an exhibition of that anxiety, and of unseemly denunciations of the State authorities. While it is true that the title of Mr. Hays to the office of President, and of Mr. Wheeler to the office of Vice President has been settled under the solemn forms of law, and while it is our duty, in my judgment, to recognize the title because it is in the interest of the public stability and tranquility to do so, it is still none the less true that an imperative duty demands that fitting punishment should be visited upon the public criminals through whose flagrant crime that judgment was obtained. Because a judgment is final and conclusive it forms no reason why immunity should be secured to the criminal through whose perjury it was obtained. If this is true of a simple property judgment rendered in a court of law, much more is it true of a monstrous crime against the elective sovereignty of a nation. The very fact that it was successful furnishes the strongest reason why the conlig punishment of its perpetrators should cover it with perpetual infamy, and manifest to all future conspirators against the liberties of the nation the danger of attempting its repetition."

CONVICING A REGIMENT OF HORSE-THIEVES.—The Anti-Horse-Thief Association numbers 231 lodges and 8,000 members in Missouri, Iowa and Illinois. It secured the conviction of 1,000 horse-thieves last year. Number disposed of without conviction not stated. It does not recommend lynching except where there is good reason to believe justice will not be done in the courts. Several cases have occurred where horse-thieves have fallen into the hands of the Association and were never seen or heard of afterward. No questions asked.

MRS. GAINES' ALLIGATOR STORY.

Exciting Adventures of a Man Who Had Read About Washington and the Hatchet.

Washington Letter to Chicago Times. Mrs. Gaines, surrounded by a group of interested listeners in the parlor of the hotel, was laughing and carrying on as merry as a girl of sixteen, telling strange anecdotes of her most strange and romantic career.

"Is that so?" said a person in the circle repeatedly.

"I never heard any one say 'Is that so,' without thinking of an alligator story," said the little woman. "Have any of you ever heard it? Well—a credulous stranger was going down the Red river in the small packet that navigates that stream. The man ensconced himself in the pilot-house and kept up a continual volley of interrogatives.

"Are there many alligators in this stream, stranger?"

"Hundreds of them; indeed, I may say millions of them!"

"Is that—so—stranger?"

"Never told a lie in my life, sir. One time we were running a race, and everything was excitement. To our surprise the other boat passed.

"Throw over the lines," said the captain. The lines were thrown overboard and the alligators took the lines and they just made tracks and they shot ahead of the other boat and run our boat down the stream so fast that in five minutes we were out of sight."

"Is that—so—stranger?"

"Never told a lie in my life. Another time, the boat struck on a bar. We worked and worked, but she didn't move a peg. 'Throw over the lines,' said the captain. The lines were tossed into the water, and the alligators seized them, and drew us off as slick as the skin on a boiled potato."

"Is that—so—stranger?"

"Never told a lie in my life. One time all the alligators got sick and were about to die. 'Throw over the medicine,' said the captain. The medicine chest was emptied into the river, and the alligators all got well."

"Is that—so—stranger?"

"Never told a lie in my life. After a while the captain got sick and died, and the alligators held a meeting, and adopted resolutions, and resolved to wear mourning for thirty days. Each alligator clapped a chunk of mud over his right eye, and the meeting adjourned."

"Is that—so—stranger?"

"Never told a lie in my life. Read about George Washington and the hatchet early in my infantile career."

The story told in Mrs. Gaines' rapid and dramatic manner brought down the house.

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ATTRACTIVE HOMES.—There is use in beauty. It makes home attractive, its exterior more respectable, our lives happier, our dispositions sweeter and our social and domestic intercourse more refined. By all means plant some little thing of grace to temper the rugged surroundings of the front yard. Its silent though eloquent language will speak to the visitor or the passer-by a word of apology for you. The least flower or shrub will be some attraction; a curved path winding between trees to the house, a mound of stones and shells, with the ivy trailing over them, the flowering shrub or the turf fern, all such things are attractive and form a pleasing object for the eye of even the most indifferent beholder.

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TEACH YOUR BOYS.

Teach them to respect their elders and themselves.

Teach them that God helps those who help themselves.

Teach them that a true lady may be found as often in calico as in velvet.

Teach them that one good, honest trade well mastered, is worth a dozen professions.

Teach them that to wear patched clothes is no disgrace, but to wear a "black eye" is.

Teach them that as they expect to be men some day, they can not too soon learn to protect the weak and helpless.

Teach them that common school education, with common sense, is better than a college education without it.

Teach them that "honesty is the best policy"—that it is better to be poor than rich on the profit of "crooked whisky."

Teach them that it is better to be an honest man seven days in a week than to be a Christian one day only and a villain six days.

Teach them that God is no respecter of sex, and that when he gave the seventh commandment he meant it for them as well as their sisters.

Teach them that indulging depraved appetites in the worst forms of dissipation, they are not fitting themselves to become the husbands of pure girls.

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Here in our little town we have a sad and truthful illustration of a woman's injustice to her sex. A man who held a deputy county office, married a woman of had repute and brought her here. The wife during the four years she remained here lived a pure, good life, striving amid difficulties to show to the world that she wanted to lead a different life than the one she had left. She was never known to thirst herself in any one's path, never even speaking to any person; always kind, gentle and modest. And not one woman in the town ever went near her; not one of the many Christians said to her or I will help you, but left her alone to her sorrow and temptations, and I trust Christ may have found her wherever she may be.—*Indianapolis Herald-Covington (Ky.) Letter.*

A CITY FULL OF BEGGARS.—The city of Washington is full of half-starved idlers. The men are driven into crime, and the courts are crowded with criminal business; what is worse, so that the city this winter is a vast colony of indigent people, and in a population of 100,000, nearly ten per cent. are without employment and without means. One cannot walk three blocks here at night without meeting at least one, and often several respectable-looking white people, who ask for a penny, as they say, to buy bread. They are generally women, well-dressed and good looking, who have been driven to this pitiable condition by loss of employment. You seldom see a white person on the street begging in the daytime, but colored beggars are numerous, and Washington is fast approaching Rome in the numbers of its lazzaroni. The beggars that go from house to house are even more numerous than the street beggars and are a better class of people.—*Buffalo Paper.*

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