

called continually on the name of Xisuthrus. Him they saw no more; but they could extinguish his voice in the air, and could hear him admonish them to pay due regard to religion; and like wise informed them that it was on account of his piety that he was translated to live with the gods, that his wife, and daughter, and pilot, had obtained the same honor. To this he added, that they should return to Babylon, and as it was ordained, search for the writings at Sippara, which they were to make known to all mankind; moreover, that the place wherein they then were, was the land of Armenia.

"The rest having heard these words offered sacrifices to the gods, and taking a circuit, journeyed towards Babylon. The vessel being thus stranded in Armenia, some part of it yet remains in the Coreyraean mountains."

In pages 33 and 34 of Cory's Fragments there is a second version as follows:—

"and then Sisithrus. To him the deity Chronos foretold that on the fifteenth day of the month Daisus there would be a deluge of rain; and he commanded to deposit all the writings whatever, which was in his possession in the city of the sun at Sippara. Sisithrus when he had complied with these commands, sailed immediately to Armenia, and was presently inspired by God. Upon the third day after the cessation of the rain, Sisithrus sent out birds, by way of experiment, that he might judge whether the flood had subsided. But the birds, passing over an unbounded sea, without finding any place of rest, returned again to Sisithrus. This he repeated with other birds. And upon the third trial he succeeded,—for the birds then returned with their feet stained with mud,—the gods translated him from among men.

With respect to the vessel, which yet remains in Armenia, it is a custom of the inhabitants to form bracelets and amulets of its wood.—N. Y. Observer

THE LOUISIANA MUDDLE.

We print in another column a warrule of Judge Durrell, of New Orleans; but while we have no reason for doubting its perfect correctness as to his personal character, we do not wish its publication to be taken as an approval on our part of his recent judicial course. The whole of it, though technically justifiable, perhaps, under the recent extraordinary legislation of Congress, seems to us an alarming stretch of power. It has put the States in the control of the federal government in a way that virtually annuls their existence as States. What is the use of a local election, if a judge of a federal court, on a mere show of irregularity, or in the event of a dispute between factions, may take the matter into his own hands, and instal whichever faction he pleases? In such a condition of things what difference would there be between a State and a territory, or between a State and an abject dependency, like an Eastern satrapy, upon the imperial centery?

We say this without pretending to understand the merits of the controversy in Louisiana, if it have any merit, which we doubt. The principal men on both sides there would appear to be desperate political rogues, the Custom House set every whit as bad as the Warmoth set. We are not clear that the difference between them in honesty and patriotism would be worth the toss of a copper.

But there is one thing about Louisiana politics and politicians of which we are very clear. The best and wisest treatment of them by the federal government is to let them alone. When the two parties actually get to blows, and the State is in insurrection, and that case of domestic violence arises contemplated in the Constitution of the United States, and it becomes absolutely necessary, that its government should interfere, then it will be time enough to do so. Meanwhile the Warmoth faction and the Pinchback faction may safely be left, so far as the general welfare and peace of the country are concerned, to fight it out among themselves. If either can make headway against the other by appealing to State law and

ranging it on their side, let that be done; or, if either side shall be able to a peaceful conclusion for the time being by knocking the partisans of the other side on the head, let that be also held as a providential mercy.

But let the federal authorities keep out of the mess—if we may use that familiar term. That is the safe thing to do—safe as a constitutional policy, safe as a policy which commends itself to common sense. We confess to a feeling in regard to States' rights and federal limits which to others may seem almost a prejudice or a superstition, and we shrink inevitably when we see one State faction which a federal court has just put upon its legs, turn round and abolish a State court whose judicial action it has reason to dread. It would not dare to venture on such a measure did it not know that behind it was a power which the State could not cope with.

But we are strongly inclined to believe that these contestants can settle their difficulties among themselves, and that they are a great deal more likely to settle them satisfactorily, speedily and definitely, if left to themselves, than if encouraged to look for aid from Washington. So much we are very clear about in regard to Louisiana politics, and to come to that conclusion it is not necessary to decide as to the merits of Pinchback or Warmoth—not requisite to care a toss up whether Mos or beats Barry or Barry beats Messop.—N. Y. Post.

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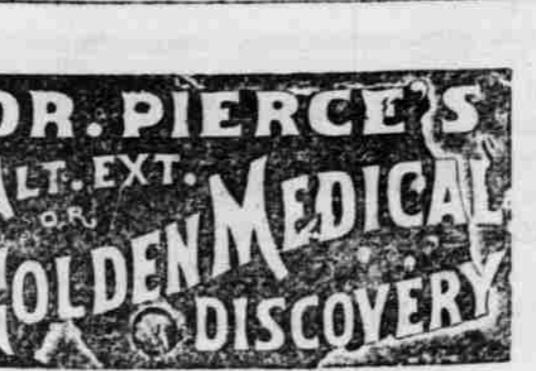
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