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EVENTS OF THE WEEK.

The events of the past week have been more fruitful in interest than usual. One of the most exciting questions of the day was decided just at the close of the week. We allude to the contest for the Shrievalty between Messrs. Hurtt and Bell. After a hard trial before a remarkably intelligent jury, and after the ablest and most earnest efforts of the counsel on either side, a verdict was rendered in favor of Mr. Hurtt. We believe this settles the controversy. By a recent act of the Legislature a contested election of any parish office is to be disposed of by a jury trial before the District Court—the only difference between this and other cases being that the jury is a majority of the jurymen with the privilege in a verdict. On the occasion referred to we are informed that seven of the jurymen were in favor of Major Hurtt, and five against him. An appeal to the Supreme Court is taken on the verdict, but the grounds of law. Whether an attempt will be made to bring back the subject to the jury or there we can say. We presume, however, that the case will be soon determined, and that Major Hurtt will enter upon the duties of his office as provided by law.

Having followed this interesting trial with attention, we can only guess at the causes which must have influenced the minds of the jury. The two parties relied upon by the counsel were the destruction of the ballot-box in the Fifth and 9th precincts, and the illegal votes for the Democratic candidate for Sheriff in the box appropriated to the reception of votes for Justices of the Peace and Constables. Touching the former the testimony proves that votes were broken before the Board of Election could possibly have access to the Sheriff, and that the majorities in the Fifth and Ninth Wards were not in fact given votes. Moreover, the illegal votes in the case of Ovide Duplantier, in Ward 1, which the counsel for the contestee was paying too dear for, if it had the votes of all the illegal votes returned, they would not have given a majority sufficient to overcome the majority received by his opponent. Under these circumstances, we think the jury have done a sound and wholesome work in the place, taking the ground that the ballot-box was broken, and no return of votes obtained therein are necessary to be made to be arrived at. If it will hold that been opened in Wards 1 and 2 and the testimony of the evidence was conclusive. The Commissioners contended that votes other than Justices and Constables, could have been received by the boxes designated for the purpose, unless through fraud or mistake. We presume to have been the case in Ward 1, which led to the result we have stated. But however this may be, we presume that the question of interest has been the election of a paid Fire Department. The contract was originally purchased by Messrs. Hurtt and Bell. After a long and tedious