

Lake Charles Commercial. PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY. C. M. McCORMICK, Manager. PRICE OF SUBSCRIPTION, ONE DOLLAR A YEAR, IN ADVANCE. Official Journal of the Parish. Entered at the Post Office, Lake Charles, La., as second class matter. SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1895. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

For Clerk of Court. We are authorized to announce that J. W. BARRON is a candidate for the office of Clerk of Court, Ex-Officio Register of Deeds, etc., for Calcasieu parish, at the ensuing election.

Call and see the latest novelties at Anderson & Swindell's.

Items of Public Interest Taken from the "Southern States News" in the T.-D.

Monroe, Dec. 2.—The police jury of Ouachita parish to-day refused to order an election to determine whether whisky shall be sold in the third ward of the parish during the year 1896. The third ward includes the business portion of Monroe. The question will probably not arise again until April, when the people will elect the successors of the present police jury. About three hundred voters, principally in the third ward, signed the petition for an election. A counter-petition was presented to the police jury, signed by a majority of the white voters of the parish, who desire that prohibition remain the law. A similar petition, signed by thousands of good women, was presented; also one signed by colored voters in large numbers, to the same effect.

Alexandria, Dec. 3.—This has been an important day in the history of the Roman Catholic Church of Alexandria, as it commemorates the laying of the corner stone of the new St. Francis Xavier's Church, now in process of construction on the Eason property, in this city. Rev. A. Darier, bishop of the diocese of Natchitoches, was present and acted as master of ceremonies. Rev. E. C. de la Motte, S. J., delivered a masterly discourse on the loyalty of Jesus Christ. After the ceremony of laying the corner stone the invited guests repaired to the pastoral residence, where a sumptuous dinner was served and partaken of by the newspaper fraternity, prominent politicians and members of the church. An interesting feature of the occasion was the fact that the guests were served by some of the most beautiful young ladies of the city. Toasts were given and responded to by the guests in commemoration of the occasion.

Crowley, Dec. 2.—Octave Thibodeaux, who was convicted at this place last June of train wrecking and murder in the first degree, and who was under sentence of death pending the action of the Supreme Court, broke jail last night and escaped. It is supposed that when the jailer closed the steel cage last night that Thibodeaux slipped out behind him and secreted himself in the corridor. Some time during the night he dug his way through the brick walls, and let himself to the ground by means of a rope made of his blanket. The tardiness of meting out justice to this man has already caused the parish a large amount of expense and the officers of the district much trouble. Now that he is at large again it has caused a very uneasy feeling among citizens. Sheriff E. W. Lyons, with his deputies, is hot on the trail, and feels confident that he will be captured speedily.

Winter Attractions. The attractions booked by Manager Sullivan, of the Williams' Opera House, for the present month are as follows: The Emma Warren Company, on the 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th. Conroy & Fox in "O'Fisherty's Vacation," on the 15th. Otto Krause Comedy Company, five nights, beginning on the 22nd.

Among the business houses in Lake Charles that have received, and now have on exhibition, their latest stock of holiday goods, Mrs. E. J. Gunn's place, on Ryan street, stands second to none. Read her advertisement and a visit to her store will convince you.

These Democrats who are still waiting for what they call to be the death of their party, should get down. If they will not mend their ways, they will see some very heavy snowing.

Congress in Session.

The Republicans are again on top. The burly man from Maine, Reed, is again in the chair. The arduous task of counting quorums will not devolve upon at this session for the Republican majority is not only ponderous but preposterous. The Republican party with its vaunted superiority in the matter of finance will now have a chance to show its hand.

The Democratic Congress elected in '92 which succeeded Reed's billion dollar congress never had a fair show. The house is elected thirteen months in advance of the first regular session and during that interval the wily Republicans not only squandered the magnificent surplus which was amassed under Mr. Cleveland's first administration but mortgaged the revenues of the country for years to come.

To this cause may be attributed the financial disasters of the past three years and as a matter of retributive justice, it now devolves upon the incoming congress to repair the ruin wrought. What schemes may be devised by the party that claims to be the only one competent to control the finances of this great nation, remains to be seen. Some measures for relief must be taken and that speedily.

Red Rice.

The New Orleans papers, notably the Picayune, are devoting considerable attention and giving the Calcasieu section lots of fatherly advice regarding its red rice. Instead of commendation or rather presentation of its merits there is wholesale condemnation and it is declared almost unmarketable, thus helping to further undermine values which are now at ruinous prices so far as the product of this section is concerned. The offense would be venial if committed by others elsewhere, not of the South, but here we have exemplified that old saying: "Wounded in the house of its friends." With its widespread circulation and long list of exchanges it is doing a damage to this section which can scarcely be estimated. Utterances of this character are taken by journals North, West, East and throughout the South and red rice is getting to be regarded as it were—an unclean food, to be avoided.

They go so far as to dub it "pest rice" which suggests something noxious, mischievous or destructive. On the other hand Messrs. Dan Talmage's Sons, New York, are seeking to establish a counter-current, and thereby to further its sale. They say in a recent letter to one of our planters: "We cannot see why the New Orleans people are so down upon and decry red rice. As a result of the light esteem in which such is held by New Orleans, it fails to realize any decent figure. We can hardly suppose our milling facilities in New York are superior to theirs and yet, we find our output of this character sells just as easily as the white and at fairly relative figures, considering the bad name which the New Orleans people have given it. We claim that the Creole rice, i. e. red rice, is the best rice in the world, not simply just as good as the whiter sort; nor again, that its relative cheapness should impel customers from economic motives to give it their preference, but taking a broad and correct ground, that it is intrinsically the best rice and its unpopularity a confession of ignorance. The intrinsic value of any bread-stuff should be estimated by its nutritious properties and an analysis some years ago by the Government chemist at Washington demonstrated that Creole or red rice of Louisiana was far and away ahead of white rice, Domestic or Foreign."

Go to, thou Picayune, or lend a hand in building up patronage for the best kind of a best food ever grown on the face of the earth, of which Calcasieu this year has enough and to spare.

England, Germany, Italy, France and Russia with all the pomp and circumstance of war have entered a solemn protest against the atrocities that have been and are still being committed within the Tachik domain with about the same effect as the Pope's bull against the comet. In the meantime the old man (the Sultan) is enjoying himself hugely.

Always the same. The mean city politician & Co. had to change the name to Democrat when the head-wind blew.

ILLEGAL BALLOTS.

A Protest Filed With the Clerks of Election. Last Monday evening Messrs. W. J. Martin, J. A. Landry and E. H. Nason, through their attorney, A. P. Pajo, Esq., filed their protest against counting the votes against the railroad tax, for the reason that the tickets were not printed on paper of uniform size and quality, nor furnished by the Secretary of State, as the State election laws requires.

The protest reads: To the Honorable Commissioners of Election, Ward 3, Precinct 1, and the Board of Supervisors and the President of the Police Jury, in and for Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana: Now come William J. Martin, E. H. Nason and J. A. Landry, all residents of the parish of Calcasieu, and registered property tax payers in and for said ward and precinct, who with respect show: That all ballots cast in said precinct and ward against the special tax of 3 1/2 mills in aid of the Kansas City, Shreveport & Gulf Railway Company, were not printed on tickets or ballots of white paper of uniform size and quality furnished by the Secretary of State, in accordance with Section 25, Act 181 of 1884, as will appear by reference to one of said tickets hereto attached and made part hereof.

Your relators further protest generally against all such illegal ballots cast in the parish of Calcasieu, in contravention to the laws of the State of Louisiana, as here in above quoted. Your relators further aver that said ballots being contrary to law, should be rejected and considered as not cast. Wherefore your relators pray, that all ballots in the said precinct and ward and in the parish of Calcasieu, not printed on white paper of uniform size and quality and furnished by the Secretary of State, be considered as not cast; the same be not counted as a portion of the legal ballot. Wherefore your relators pray for full and general relief.

(Signed) W. J. MARTIN, E. H. NASON, J. A. LANDRY.

Filed December 2, 1895, 7 p. m., D. A. Leveque and L. C. Touchy, clerks, ward 3-1.

PROBABLE COURSE OF CONGRESS.

Opinions to Which Members Have Given Expression. Special to The Times-Democrat. New York, Dec. 2.—Senators and Representatives of the Fifty-fourth Congress were invited to give to the public through the Herald their views on questions which they will be called upon to deal with during the session which began to-day. They were told the "business public were never more vitally interested in the probable course of any Congress than they are in the action of the one of which you are a member."

Opinions to which members have given expression are, in the most part, frank and decided. In all likelihood they represent the consensus of opinion of their respective parties. If they do, then the Fifty-fourth Congress will recognize the belligerency of the struggling Cubans; amend the Wilson law so that it will create more revenue, and in this such Democratic Senators as Calvin S. Brice and Samuel Pasco, as well as Republican Senators and Populists, Marion Butler and William A. Peffer, are agreed. No partisan tariff will be introduced by Republicans, and the money question will not be met by them.

As to the Hawaiian matter, it is doubtful whether the Senate will concur in the bill which the House will pass to annex the islands. By joint action the Monroe doctrine will be interpreted for enlightenment of the other nations, but it will be a partisan difference of views as to the wording and intent of the resolution.

THE CASE.

The reason why people are impelled to take the law in their own hands in case of certain criminals of the deepest dye, is the frequent failure of the law to punish adequately and the miscarriage of justice. If it was reasonably certain that the murderer and rapist would surely and within a reasonable time pay the penalty of his crime, the law would be allowed to take its course. The people however, have grown sick and tired of the tricky practices, the long delays and the frequent failure of justice in the present cases. Let the jail for capital crimes be expanded and let the punishment that is now meted out be made more certain and more prompt.

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Postal Recommendations.

The report of the Postmaster General shows that there is still a deficit in the revenues of the Postoffice Department, rendering it impossible to make either of the two improvements proposed, a reduction in the rate of postage or better and more frequent mails. The department is suffering, we are told, from the depression which has gradually extended itself into nearly every business. Hard times are indeed with us when it is shown that the people are actually writing fewer letters than two years ago. Who would imagine that the cost of a two-cent stamp or a one-cent postal card would stop the sending of millions of letters?

Another cause assigned by the Post-office Department for the decrease in its revenues is the starting increase in the amount of second-rate matter. The postage on this matter was made low because, it was argued, it was to the interest of the people that the newspapers should circulate freely among them. The postal rate is only one cent a pound, whereas the Postoffice Department estimates that the average cost of hauling it is eight cents. The amount of second-rate matter has been greatly increased of late years through a straining of the law, in selling novels, and indeed books of all kinds, as periodicals, under the name of libraries. This action has swelled the second class matter out of all proportion, until it now constitutes two-thirds in weight of all of the matter carried through the mails.

A third cause for the deficit, not noted by the Postmaster General, is the immense quantity of government matter now sent free through the mails. The United States is distributing books, pamphlets, etc., in this way, and each of the departments uses the post-office largely for its special business. The deficit that exists in our postal revenues is due entirely to this cause; and if each department was charged for its own mail service, as it ought to be, there would be no deficit, and it would be possible to make those postal improvements that are desired and needed.

The Postmaster General declares that the extension of the civil service system in his department has operated most favorably, and if there is any branch of the service where it ought to be successful it is to the postoffice; and he recommends that it be still further extended to include all employees.

Another proposition is an amendment of the law in regard to second class matter, as both Wanamaker and Bissell have already recommended. It is not probable that any attempt will be made to change the law as far as it relates to the press, but only to amend it where it is abused, and where other matter is sent which it was never intended should be included as second class.—T.-D.

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Senator White, of California, is one Democrat who sees a ray of light piercing the gloom. He says that the prospects of Democratic success next year is bright and encouraging. Shake, Senator, shake, but please excuse us while we brush aside an unbitten tear.—States.

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