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ALEXANDRIA, LA.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 8, 1883.

FOR GOVERNOR:

The friends of the
HON. JAMES JEFFRIES,
of Rapides, announce him as a candidate for Governor of Louisiana, subject to the nomination of the next State Democratic Convention.

—There is a man in Pittsburg who is so thin that a window-glass company there has hired him to cut glass with his elbow joint.

—Why are you ill? Why do you suffer? Everybody knows all aches and pains, all languor and debility are cured by Brown's Iron Bitters.

—There are 7,000 kinds of fish known to men of science, and the biggest liar in the world can catch some of them if he is only industrious.

—Myopia is spreading to a very alarming extent in Germany. Of the 45,000 school children recently examined, over one half were near-sighted.

—VENNOR is now blamed for the telegraphers' strike, as in his predictions for the 19th ult. he announced there would be "intense electrical manifestations."

—BOSTON works up 300,000 feet of dynamite a year for plug tobacco boxes. This wood is valuable for this purpose, as it will not impart any smell or taste to the tobacco, and will not absorb moisture readily.

—A LATE British blue-book shows that 659,493 persons were employed in all the mines of the United Kingdom during the year 1882. The total number of fatal accidents was 959, resulting in the death of 1218 persons.

—AN Omaha genius has invented a fountain pen, a stamp canceller, a double postal card, a sample tube, a burr dresser, a car track cleaner, a fire escape, artificial teeth, a jar cover, a lamp wick and a device for making bands shapely. And still he is not rich.

—EVEN the "Thunderer" has to conform to the spirit of the age, and the London Times now issues a half-penny (one cent) edition of the paper, which is a condensation of its larger editions. This effort is intended to effect a revolution in the English press.

—IN the Brooklyn directory for 1883, 19 Chinese gentlemen are recorded under the letter W by the name of Wah, Ah Wah heads the list, followed by four Hop Wahs, one Nom Wah, one Quong Wah, eight Sang Wahs and two Sing Wah. Yuet Wah tails the list.

—AT Quito, the only city in the world on the line of the equator, the sun sets and rises at 6 o'clock the year round. Your clock may break down, your watch get cranky, but the sun never makes a mistake here. In one part of the city it is the summer season, and in the other part it is winter.

—THE C Florida wheat crop is moving towards Liverpool over the Southern Pacific railroad. At New Orleans it will be transferred to steamers, and will reach its destination within six weeks from the time it started on its journey. This is an improvement on the four months sea voyage from San Francisco.

POLISHING THE WRONG END.—Many men daily polish their boots who never give a thought to the condition of their hair, except to barrow it casually with brush and comb, or submit it to the paralyzing attentions of the average barber. What happens? Why, this: From neglect, mental anxiety, or any of a score of causes, the hair turns prematurely gray and begins to fall out. Parker's Hair Balm will at once stop the latter process and restore the original color. An elegant dressing, free from grease.

—THE straight out republicans of Virginia are preparing to take an active part in the fall campaign in that State. Their State committee meets at Richmond this week, and will map out the preliminary work for a persistent fight for the ascendancy of the regular party organization and the overthrow of Mahone. No State ticket is to be elected to be elected will re-apportion the State into Congressional districts. Either that Mahone should control this Legislature, the regular Republican will

OUR CHOICE FOR GOVERNOR.

As the time approaches for the assembling of the Democratic Convention, the minds of men are beginning to be directed to a proper person to carry our standard through a campaign which promises to be as exciting as the issues to be decided are important. The names of many of the most distinguished sons of Louisiana have been mentioned in connection with the gubernatorial nomination, to any one of whom we should be proud to lend our support.

We have, however, our preference, and as the oldest Democratic Journal in the State, we deem it not inappropriate to express it. Announcing ourselves, therefore, in advance as in favor of the nominee of the Convention, we are of opinion, after a careful survey of the field, that our esteemed and respected fellow-citizen, the Hon. JAMES JEFFRIES, combines as many, if not more of the qualifications, and unites in his person more of the elements of success, than any of the many gentlemen whose names have been put forward by their friends for the nomination for the Governorship by the approaching Convention.

Of his capacity to conduct the affairs of the Government, no one can entertain a doubt. His mind naturally of solid structure, has been carefully trained by education, matured by thought, and stored with such information as is needed by the chief magistrate of a great State. His integrity is of the highest stamp. Mr. JEFFRIES' political opinions have been known to the people of this State for many years.

No man need fear to lend him his support. No man need fear that the equal rights of all, no matter what may have been his previous condition or past party affiliations, would be safe under his administration.

The people in the country Parishes believe that as New Orleans has both the Senators, it is but fair that the country should be conceded the Governor.

For these reasons we present the name of JAMES JEFFRIES to day to the people for the nomination for the Governorship of our State.

It is highly gratifying for us to know that his name is daily mentioned with great favor in every Parish from which we have received information. Hence we have every reason to believe that the candidate of our choice will receive the nomination when the Convention meets.

THE BASIS OF APPORTIONMENT.

The *Picayune* gives a Mr. Ford, who it seems is a Recorder or Criminal Magistrate in New Orleans, as authority for the statement that the basis of apportionment for the next Democratic Convention had already been selected, and that it was done at the Convention of 1880. Why the *Picayune* should parade Mr. Ford's opinion of so important a matter instead of looking in its own files and finding there what was done, and giving the public correct information about it, is perhaps explainable on the "hot weather" theory. We wish very much that some New Orleans newspaper, whose files contain the resolutions fixing the basis would publish the text so that all may know what it is.

The rate of representation has not been changed at any time. It has always been one delegate to every 200 Democratic votes, and an additional delegate for every fraction over one-half that number. This has been the uniform rate of representation, which no one has endeavored to alter. But the basis of representation has been tampered with, and on occasion has been selected to suit the needs of a faction. It was so done at the last gubernatorial Convention by taking as the basis the vote of 1876 instead of the vote of 1878, and it was done for a sinister purpose.

It is not too early to inquire if the basis of representation for our next Convention has been authoritatively selected. The *Picayune's* informant says that the vote of 1880 for Presidential electors has been selected as the basis. Which elector? There were eight Presidential electors, and the vote was not the same for each one. Will you take the vote for the first one on the list? The lists were different, and were not all headed by the same name.

Democrats who do not want the Executive Committee to repeat the fraud of the last Convention will be glad to learn that the basis of representation has been fixed by competent authority, and if the vote of 1880 for Presidential electors has been selected, there can be no serious objection except the uncertainty arising from the fact that the eight candidates for that office did not get the same vote.

—MAYOR McGIMSEY paid a visit last week to his mother in Baton Rouge, taking with him his little son Jimmie, who spent a few days with the boys here.

—MR. Frank Flower left here last week for California on a prospecting

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL.

ALEXANDRIA, LA., Aug. 6, '83.

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session this day at 4 o'clock p. m. Present:

H. S. Gossens,
J. J. Peterman,
N. L. McGinnis,
Jonas Rosenthal.

Mr. Wm. Leckie, appointed by the Governor to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Jacob Irving, member from the Fourth Ward, was also present.

In the absence of the Mayor, Councilman McGinnis was called to the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report, showing a balance on hand of \$442.67, was also read and approved.

The following bills were read, approved and made receivable for all dues to the Corporation:

W. C. McGimsey, Mayor, salary for July	\$50 00
M. W. Calvit, constable, salary for July	40 00
Laundry Bailillo, deputy constable, salary for July	50 00
Pacific Fire Co., Engineer's salary for July	35 00
John C. Ryan, Corporation Attorney, salary May, June and July	25 00
Julius Levin, lumber	36 14
Democrat, publishing proceedings, etc., to date	8 75
Walter Williams, hauling sand	7 50
John Kramer, hauling sand	16 25
G. A. Staples, street contractor, on account	99 90
Wm. St. John, ditching and bridging Casson street	18 90
Amos Green, hauling sand	9 50
	\$306 94

The two bills of Mr. W. W. Whittington, Jr., amounting to \$20.15, were referred to the Corporation Attorney, Mr. J. C. Ryan, for his approval, to be referred by him back to Council for final approval.

On motion of Councilman Gossens Mr. M. W. Calvit, Collector, was instructed to proceed at once legally against all delinquent taxpayers, and seize and sell sufficient property to satisfy the amount of taxes due. In re: notice to advertisement that bids would be received at this meeting to dig a canal or ditch as per specifications to be seen in Mayor's office, Messrs. A. A. Goodwin and A. Pettengill handed in the following bids:

ALEXANDRIA, LA., Aug. 6, 1883.

To the City Council of Alexandria:—Gentlemen—I will excavate or dig the drainage ditch, according to specifications, for eighteen and one-half cents per cubic yard, and will give satisfactory security for performance of same. Respectfully yours,

A. A. GOODWIN.

PROPOSAL FOR CLEANING OUT DITCHES FOR THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA:

For the two 12 feet ditches from the Morgan Railroad to Sandy and Betty Bayou, 20 cents per cubic yard. For cleaning out and opening the Young ditch, 22 cents per cubic yard. For clearing brush and briars and grubbing out trees to be paid by the day by the price of day's labor, in addition 20 cent per cent for use of tools and foreman. Estimate to be made up at the end of each month, and payments to be made by the 10th for the work completed, less 10 per cent. on payments until the whole work is completed.

A. PETTINGILL.

The bids being far above the estimate made by the drainage committee, Councilman McGinnis called Mr. Rosenthal to the chair, and moved that the two bids be rejected, which motion was unanimously carried. Having resumed the chair he suggested that the work be done under the superintendence of the City Council, and the suggestion receiving approval was voted on, (the year and days being called,) with the following result:

Yeas—Gossens, Peterman and Leckie.

Nays—Rosenthal.

On motion of Councilman Leckie, Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed, a majority of said committee to be composed of members of the Council, to take charge of and superintend the digging of the canal or ditch in question.

The following gentlemen were appointed on said committee: Councilmen Leckie, Gossens and Rosenthal and Messrs. Jacob Irving and G. O. Watts.

The question of accepting the \$1000 offered by Mr. H. M. Hoxie and building a plank road from the T. & P. Depot to Town being brought up and discussed at some length, it was agreed that any action be deferred until a special meeting to be called for Monday, Aug. 20th, and the Secretary was instructed to write to Mr. R. S. Day and others, owners of the property through which the said road would be built, and ask that the right of way be granted the City Council to construct the road. Councilman Leckie having called the attention of the Board to the fact that a great quantity of lumber was daily wasted by being ordered of a greater length than was necessary, and through carelessness of those by whom it was brought to the different points needed, it was on motion made the duty of the Councilman from each Ward to order all lumber needed in his Ward, keep an account of all so ordered and received, account to be presented to Council at following meeting, and also to see that all lumber received is properly used, and not left lying on side of ditches, eventually to be utilized for fire wood.

The Constable was instructed to notify all parties in possession of spades, shovels, barrows, and other tools belonging to Corporation to return the same at once, and in default of complying with the demand, he was authorized to enter suit for the recovery of the same.

The Collector was ordered to demand the rent for market due by Mr. Grisson, and if not paid to enter suit against him at once.

At the request of Councilman Leckie and on motion of Councilman Rosenthal, the Secretary was instructed to make out for Mr. Leckie a statement of the assets and liabilities of the Corporation, Mr. Leckie giving as his reason for wanting the statement that in voting on all questions of finance he was desirous of doing so intelligently.

The following petition was received and read:

ALEXANDRIA, LA., Aug. 3, 1883.

To the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Alexandria:

Gentlemen—The undersigned respectfully solicit your honorable body to appoint Mr. J. M. Armstrong as Public Weigher of this City, as he has a suitable scale for the occasion.

Respectfully yours,
J. N. BALL,
R. A. BEAVER,
JOS. WHITE,
W. HUSTMYRE.

Councilman McGinnis stated that he was authorized to withhold the name of Mr. Armstrong. Messrs. M. W. Calvit and J. Holt were placed in nomination, and a vote was taken with the following result: Calvit, 3; Holt, 1.

Mr. M. W. Calvit having received a majority of votes was declared elected.

There being no other business the Board adjourned.

N. L. MCGINNIS,
A. B. RACHAL, Acting Mayor.
Secretary.

—THE Hon. Newton C. Blanchard, our representative in Congress, has written and had published in the Democratic Review, of Natchitoches, the card which appears below. It is in regard to the letters of one James A. George, referring to the Back Bone Land Grant claimed by the New Orleans Pacific Railroad, criticizing the actions of the Louisiana Congressional delegation, of which Mr. Blanchard has the honor of being a member. The card reads as follows:

Having been apprised by friends that a rumor was current in the Parish of Natchitoches to the effect that the gentlemen connected with the "Vindicator" held certain documents which went to show that improper motives had actuated me in my action regarding the land grant claimed by the New Orleans P. R. Co., and being informed that the name of the author of such document was one James A. George (whom I never heard of before,) in refutation of such rumor I take occasion hereby to state my entire willingness that all letters, papers or documents whatsoever pertaining to said matter be published, and, further, if said George has, in any manner, shape or form, dared to intimate, insinuate, or charge that my conduct in reference to said land grant was otherwise than entirely open, honorable, and conscientious, I denounce him as the perpetrator of a deliberate, willful, and infamous lie.

N. C. BLANCHARD.

Extract from a letter from Mr. Jones to Mr. Blanchard, of July 19th, published at the request of Mr. Blanchard.

"I am obliged to you for taking steps to investigate the malicious scandal which you say is being circulated in Natchitoches parish. It is a lie out of whole cloth, which no honest man would believe, and no one but a scoundrel and thief would originate."

Editor Democrat— I was much gratified at seeing the name of our distinguished fellow-citizen at the head of the Express for Governor. It is high time that we move in the matter. The enemy (friends) are marshalling their forces for their individual preferences, and delay would be dangerous. I hope, Mr. Editor, to see the name of Jeffries at the head of your paper on Wednesday, and urged with all the vim and enthusiasm that your widely read and influential journal can bring to bear. It is time to be up and doing. The people are determined to beat the Ring, and James Jeffries is the man with whom to do it. It is most devoutly to be hoped that the Ring receive a most crushing rebuke. I will look forward with much interest to the next issue of the DEMOCRAT. Let the banner of Jeffries float from its masthead.

VOX POPULI.

Resolutions Adopted by Evergreen Lodge No. 38, Knights of Pythias.

EVERGREEN, LA., July 30, 1883.

By Bro. T. P. Frith— Be It Resolved, That this Lodge tender its thanks to the Deputy District G. C. R. P. Hunter, for the able and efficient information given us, and that he be requested to visit us in a friendly way as well as an official way.

Resolved, That the above resolution be published in the LOUISIANA DEMOCRAT.

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1 CAPITAL PRIZE,.....	\$75,000
1 " " " " " " " "	25,000
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2 PRIZES OF \$6,000.....	12,000
5 " " " " " " " "	2,000
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J. A. EARLY.

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NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS OF THE TOWN OF ALEXANDRIA

ALEXANDRIA, LA., Aug. 1, 1883.

You are hereby notified that I have finished the listing and valuation of the property of the tax payers in the Town of Alexandria for the year 1883, and that the said list will be exposed in my office for inspection and correction for twenty days, to begin after the ten days required notice has expired.

A. B. RACHAL, Assessor.

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