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**Town and Parish News.**

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—Mr. Joseph Weil arrived in Alexandria fresh from Texas on Wednesday.

—OUR old friend and former townsman Harry Haas, of the Cane river section, was in Alexandria this week.

—MILLER, Brady & Co., have just received a few dog muzzles. Parties desirous of obtaining muzzles for their "purps" will do well to call at once.

—NATHAN Gaines only charges 75 cents for half-soleing shoes, and guarantees his work. His shop is situated in the First Ward. If you want good work at low prices give him a call.

NOTICE.—Sealed proposals will be received from parties having for sale suitable sites for a Hospital, up to July 3d, 1885, 10 o'clock.

MRS. ROSENTHAL, Secy. and Treas. Alexandria Charity Hospital.

—QUITE a crowd of ladies and gentlemen were present at the closing exercises of the Rapides Academy, given at the Exchange Hall last night. In our next we shall enter into a full detail of the proceedings.

—Mr. W. H. Merritt has opened a snop in the First Ward, and is now prepared to repair and varnish all kinds of furniture, in a workmanlike manner, and at cheap rates—for cash only. A specialty made of rebotting chairs.

—PRESIDENT of the Board, Mr. Rosenthal, informed us yesterday that he would have attended the school examinations of Mrs. Canfield and Mrs. Grayson, but he was compelled to be in Court. He was present at Prof. Pardee's yesterday.

—THE salaries of the Post Masters at Shreveport, New Iberia, Thibodaux and Plaquemine have been cut off \$100 each by the new apportionment made on the basis of the receipts for the four quarters ending March 31st, whilst that of the Alexandria Post Master has been placed at the small sum of \$1100, which is less than \$100 per month.

—PROF. Pardee's school examination took place yesterday morning at the City Hall, and on the occasion there were only a few present. The pupils were thoroughly examined in the different branches, and did remarkably well. All are well acquainted with Prof. Pardee's qualities as a teacher. We regret that want of space forbids a more extended notice.

LOST.—On Tuesday night, June 23d, either at the Exchange Hall, or on the street, a large gold medal, enameled in blue on the face with the inscription "Literature," and the initials U. N. D. On the reverse side Ambrose J. Hertzog. Any person finding the same or giving information which will lead to its recovery, will be liberally rewarded and no questions asked. Apply at the DEMOCRAT office.

—THE *Texarkana States* says that the citizen firemen of our town have adopted the plan of flushing the gutters here by pumping water with our steam fire engine from the river into the town gutters as a sanitary measure. This is certainly a piece of news to us, as we did not know of the above ever having been done. No doubt the measure would be a good one, if our gutters needed cleaning, but luckily they do not. Bro. Gilliland, you have made a mistake; our town has a natural drain and no artificial means of cleansing the gutters is required. Please make the correction.

—THE Pineville entertainment, given in Turner's Hall on Thursday evening, was a success. The ladies and gentlemen of that lively little city seem to have a first-class idea as to just how such affairs should be arranged, and complete their programme accordingly—so as to prove interesting to all who attend. Of those who deserve especial mention we note Mrs. Adams, Miss Ball, Miss Walkling, Mr. Barrows and Mr. Emmet Walker. The latter, in his impersonation of Cousin Joe, in the "Rough Diamond," was away above the ordinary and elicited rounds of applause from the audience. The other parts were played "too stiff"—not enough feeling shown, and very little nature or expression was shown by any of them. Their perplexity may be accounted for by the reason, perhaps, that it was their first appearance. After the performance a dance was given, in which all present took part, and which lasted until near daybreak. Quite a number of Alexandrians were present.

COURT DOTS.—All the whiskey cases have been continued until next term of Court.

On Thursday, in the case of the State vs. Jacob Irving Sr., and Jr., Judge Blackman overuled the motion to quash the indictment.

In the case of the State vs. Allen A. Goodwin, charged with sending a threatening letter, trial was gone into and a verdict of guilty was brought in by the Jury.

The Jury was composed of R. H. Smith, foreman, C. C. Marler, S. Bassano, Gideon Johnson and George Allen.

The accused was sentenced to six months imprisonment in the Parish Jail, and ordered to pay a fine of \$50 and costs of Court.

Counsel for Goodwin, Hon. R. P. Hunter moved for a new trial, and the prisoner was released on bond.

The following cases have been set for trial to-day: State vs. Wm. Hunter, Stephen Barrett, Bill Hill, Albert Kennedy, John Brown, carrying concealed weapons; State vs. Montfort Wells, assault with dangerous weapon; State vs. Jerry McGuire, larceny; State vs. Calvin Armstead, assault with a dangerous weapon with intent to kill.

The Court will finish its present session to-day.

**The Catholic Entertainment.**

It was the good luck of ye scribe to be present at the entertainment given for the benefit of St. Francis Catholic Church, at the Exchange Hall, on Tuesday evening last, and of course the treat was hugely enjoyed.

A good crowd, not enough however, to pack the seats, was present, and they seemed, judging from their pleasant countenances and their occasional mirthful laughter, to have all had a nice time, indeed.

With one or two exceptions the programme was carried out to the letter, each one appearing in his or her part, and all trying hard to outvie each other in acting, general appearance, etc.

The opening chorus, "Climbing Up the Golden Stair" was rendered well, the whole company appearing.

Next came the tableau of "Gulnare in the Pirate's Cell"—

"With eye so dark and cheek so fair—and auburn waves of gemmed and braided hair."

Gulnare was personated by Miss Mercer Canfield, who is peculiarly adapted for just such characters, and she showed to great advantage.

After the tableau came the quartette of "Moonlight on the Lake," which was very well sung, not as good however as on a former occasion; there was something wanting in the whole which was plainly discernible to any one well versed in music.

"The Death of Seyd" another tableau, was next produced with grand effect, the calcium lights showing their best colors.

Mrs. Gordon now came forward and sang "On the Heights," a very pretty song. Her sweet rich voice, sounded like far away music, and charmed the listeners present. Her want of animation is her greatest drawback.

After the intermission the second part of the programme was commenced with Jarley's Wax Works. Mrs. Smith in introducing the various characters around likened a little in self possession, and at times seemed to be perplexed, but nevertheless did exceedingly well.

The solo and chorus "When the Roses Bloom Again," was creditably rendered by Miss Kate Williams and company. Miss Kate was twice heartily encored, and repeated the last verse. She has a strong sweet voice, and it cultivated would do her much good.

After this we had the tableau of the "Dying Brigand," followed by the duet of "The Mermaid," then the vocal solo "I'll Awit My Love."

And now the charade, Military—taken part in by several ladies and gentlemen—most of whom did credit to themselves. Miss Mercer Canfield had the leading part, and in its portrayal she was *au fait*. She seems at home before the footlights and does not evince that timidity so common to amateurs. "Kit" surprised us—he talks dry—but then he was the old man.

The closing quartette, "Good-night," by Messrs. Marye and Moore and Mrs. Gordon and Miss Hoy, was very good.

After the performance "we" had a dance, and such a one as you might boast of. Our pretty Town and Parish belles danced like tops, while our boys stayed close to them all the while.

Of those who helped the entertainment—outside of the performers—and to whom great credit is due, may be mentioned Mrs. A. Canfield, Mrs. Charles Moore and Mrs. V. Biossat. OLD STAGER.

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