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Mr. Gaston Meslier, general passenger agent of the Texas and Pacific, with headquarters at Dallas, has resigned, and Mr. E. P. Turner, ticket agent in that city of the Southern Pacific appointed in his place.

The most careful a man is in buying, the more skeptical he is in selecting his pants, the better we like it. He will then more fully appreciate the BUCKSKIN BREECHES. He'll see at a glance how carefully they are made. When he puts his hands in the pockets he'll find a printed guarantee which says: "If not as represented your money back. They couldn't be more—they'll never be less."

Cotton, wheat and grain of all kinds going up and silver going down, it being now lower than for many years. About a year ago the free silver demagogue proclaimed from every stump and through the press, that as silver went up or down so the price of all products advanced or declined, and further that everybody would be ruined and the whole country go to the "demition bow-wow" unless we adopted free coinage of silver. Every well informed man should have known there was no truth in such assertions, but all the same, these and other equally false statements were sufficient to delude the "dear people" and enable the demagogue to secure an office, so he could live at the public expense.

Mrs. J. Janin.

News was received here on Thursday by cablegram from the death of Mrs. Jean Janin in Paris, on Wednesday at the ripe old age of 88 years. Mrs. Janin was a native of Natchitoches, and was reared and educated here, but she married Dr. Janin, who was a Parisian, when she was quite young, and with the exception of a few visits to the U. S. had ever since her marriage made her home in France. Those here who were closely related to her are Mr. Adolphe Prudhomme, a brother, and Dr. Jules Janin, Mrs. P. S. Prudhomme and Mrs. W. French, grandchildren, to whom the Enterprise extends sympathy.

Arbitration Treaty Defeated.

The arbitration treaty, which was negotiated by Secretary Olney and Ambassador Paaneforte between the United States and Great Britain, has been "hanging fire" in the United States Senate for some time, but it was finally defeated last week, by a vote of 43 to 26. It had been so badly emasculated, however, with amendments in the Senate, that it would probably have been unacceptable to Great Britain and would have entirely defeated the object sought to be accomplished. Hence, its defeat will not be regretted. In scanning the list of the 26 who voted against ratification, we recognize the names of Senators who have been most pronounced in their opposition to ex-President Cleveland, as well as those who took a prominent part in the disintegration of the Democratic party by the overthrow of its time honored principles and traditions at Chicago and the incorporation in its platform of populist heresies.

Almost every man in America has some digestive trouble. When men meet, the greeting usually is "Well, how are you?" That develops health talk. The man who has no bowel or stomach trouble is almost a curiosity. The trouble is men take no care of themselves. They eat as though they had copper stomachs and bowels of brass. By and by, overworked nature rebels. Then come headaches, nervousness, bad blood, liver and kidney troubles. Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets furnish help for constipation and torpid liver, sick and bilious headache, dizziness, sour stomach, loss of appetite, indigestion, or dyspepsia, windy belchings, "heartburn," pain and distress after eating, and derangements of the liver, stomach and bowels. Accept no substitutes.

PROCEEDINGS OF DISTRICT COURT.

MONDAY, MAY 3RD.

District Court convened pursuant to adjournment, His Honor, Judge Hunter presiding. L. Openheimer vs J. B. Thigpen, dismissed at plaintiff's costs. Dennis McManus vs J. C. Moseley and Andy Harris. Exception filed by defendant. J. W. Hardy vs Otis Collins—Wheeler & Co., third opponents. Dismissed at plaintiff's costs. Mrs. Rosetta Williams vs Morgan's La., & Texas R. R. Co. Continued.

Albert B. Cantwell vs John P. Head. Continued. J. D. Murphy vs L. C. Sanford, et al. Judge Hunter having been of counsel refused himself and appointed Julius F. Atrial, special Judge to try the case. Set for May 13th. H. A. Boyce, Executor, vs J. W. Ford; Jos. Hoy, Tutor, Warrantor. Set for May 6th. Smith Bros. & Co. vs L. E. Smith. Dismissed at plaintiff's costs.

Barron, Walker & Co. vs W. H. Klein & Co. Judge Hunter being recused appointed R. J. Bowman special Judge. By consent, ordered that the evidence be taken out of court, and case submitted in Chambers. Henry Jones vs Stephen Duprey. Set for May 11th. Mrs. Mary Ann Gordon, et als, vs J. J. Winegeart, et als. Set for May 8th. J. H. Arthur vs S. S. Robinson. Continued.

John D. Murphy vs Robert Lawson. Continued. E. W. Wiley vs T. & P. Ry. Set for May 10th. Thomas Crenshaw vs Samuel Warshauer, et als. Set for May 8th.

John Smith, Sr., vs Smith Heirs. Answer filed by Curator ad hoc. Shaw & Melder vs C. R. Frazier and wife. Answer filed. James C. Wilson vs J. L. Hooper. Continued. Sylvester T. Smith vs Morgan's La. & T. R. Co. Continued. Nellie Ginsberg, wife, vs B. Ginsberg, husband. Answer filed and case set for May 10th. E. B. Pendleton, Jr., vs Thomas and Silas Hurd. Set for May 8th.

Coleman Calvit vs Thos Hayes. Set for May 9th. Mrs. Ida Moore, wife vs Thomas J. Moore, husband. Set for May 10th. John A. Williams and John C. Rogers, vs Wm. Hathorn, et als. Minutes corrected, as case was dismissed as in case of non suit.

Rapides Lumber Co. vs C. M. Flower. Judgment in favor of plaintiff for \$295.22 with interest and costs. Succession of C. H. Vanfossen. Opposition dismissed at opponent's costs.

State vs Wm. McCandless, murder. Appearance bond of accused ordered cancelled. State vs Wm. Mason, larceny. Plead guilty and sentenced to the penitentiary for 12 months.

State vs John McDade, playing dice. Plead guilty and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$10 and costs, and in default of payment, 30 days in jail, subject to labor on public works.

Court then adjourned until Tuesday at 9:30 a. m.

TUESDAY, MAY 4TH.

District Court convened pursuant to adjournment, His Honor, Judge Hunter, presiding. L. M. Mercer vs Nannie Mercer. Answer filed. Set for May 4th. Succession of C. H. Vanfossen. Mrs. Mary Francis appointed administratrix.

D. McManus vs M. C. Moseley and Andy Harris. Set for May 11th. Mrs. Sallie E. Blackman, wife, vs L. A. Stafford et al. Motion to dismiss filed. L. M. Mercer, husband, vs Nannie Mercer, wife. Judgment of absolute divorce.

John Smith, Sr. vs Heirs of John Smith. Case tried and judgment rendered in favor of plaintiff. Shaw & Melder vs C. R. Frazier and wife. Case tried and judgment rendered in favor of plaintiff for \$117.27, with interest and costs, including Curator's fee and amendment of deed as prayed for.

Court then adjourned until Wednesday at 10 a. m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5TH.

District Court convened pursuant to adjournment, His Honor, Judge Hunter, presiding. Mrs. M. L. Manning vs Jos. Sterkx. Set for May 13th. E. B. Pendleton, Jr., vs Thomas and Silas Hurd. Reassigned for May 11th.

Mr. J. C. Ryan was sworn in as District Attorney pro tem and filed three Bills of Information. State vs Allen Crown, larceny. Plead guilty and was sentenced to 12 months in the penitentiary.

State vs E. S. Johnson, burglary. Two charges. Plead guilty to both and was sentenced to 10 years in the penitentiary in each case, one to take effect after the expiration of the other.

Court then adjourned until Thursday at 10 a. m.

THURSDAY, MAY 6TH.

District Court convened pursuant to adjournment, His Honor, Judge Hunter, presiding. John B. Gibson vs His Creditors. Judgment for plaintiff, dis-

missing proceedings, authorizing Syndic to give over to plaintiff the property surrendered, and that the Syndic be discharged and his bond cancelled.

Minors Hickman, for Tutorship and Inventory. On application for homologation of final and provisional account.

District Attorney pro tem. J. C. Ryan filed three bills of information.

State vs Henry J. Bode, burglary and larceny. Two charges, same offense. Accused plead guilty in each case and was sentenced to the penitentiary for 10 years in each case, making 20 years in all.

H. A. Boyce, Executor, vs J. W. Ford—Joseph Hoy, Tutor, Warrantor. This case was tried, submitted and taken under advisement.

Spencer R. Thorpe vs McManus & Goodwin. Trial commenced and proceeded with until the hour of adjournment.

Court then adjourned until Friday at 10 a. m.

FRIDAY, MAY 7TH.

District Court convened pursuant to adjournment, His Honor, Judge Hunter, presiding. I. U. Miller vs Waters & Bringhurst. Judgment in favor of plaintiff for \$22.12, with interest and costs.

Spencer R. Thorpe vs John W. Hayes et al. Trial resumed and judgment rendered in favor of defendants, dissolving injunction at plaintiff's costs. Appeal taken to Circuit Court on first Tuesday in July.

C. M. Calvit vs Thomas Hayes. Motion to dismiss appeal filed by plaintiff, appellee, tried and overruled. Case tried and judgment rendered in favor of plaintiff for \$5.50, being 50 cents per tree for eleven trees in controversy. Defendant to pay costs of Magistrate's Court and plaintiff costs of District Court.

Court then adjourned until Saturday at 10 a. m.

SATURDAY, MAY 8TH.

District Court convened pursuant to adjournment, His Honor, Judge Hunter, presiding. Robert S. Day, syndic, vs Henry A. Boyce. Continued. Robert S. Day, syndic, vs Frederick Seip. Continued.

H. A. Boyce, Executor, vs J. W. Ford—Jos. Hoy, Tutor, Warrantor. Judgment in favor of Warrantor, rejecting claim of defendant, Ford, against Warrantor, at his costs.

Tom Crenshaw vs Sam Warshauer. Case reassigned for 13th May, and plaintiff authorized to take testimony in and out of Court.

Court then adjourned until Monday at 10 a. m.

Taken to the "Pen."

Sheriff D. T. Stafford and Deputy M. V. Lazaze went to Baton Rouge last Friday, having in custody the following prisoners, sentenced to the penitentiary: Henry J. Bode and E. S. Johnson, (alias Edward Brooks), sentenced to twenty years each for burglarizing the stores of Messrs. Gus Gehl and Sam Warshauer last week, Wm. Mason, larceny, one year, and Allen Crown, larceny, one year, and the latter colored. It will be remembered that Bode is an escaped convict, who had been sent up from New Orleans on a conviction of burglary for six years.

On arraignment, he and Johnson both plead guilty and were given the above sentences. After being sentenced he remarked *sotto voce*, "why not give me a little more for lagnappe, Judge, as I do not expect to remain in the penitentiary any length of time." He is correct, he has been there and knows how easy it is to "run the gauntlet" of the guards, when sent into the country to labor on the levees, cotton plantations and public works.

The only way to obviate it, is to abrogate the infamous penitentiary lease and require the convicts to labor within the walls of the penitentiary for the benefit of the State. If the Lessee can pay \$50,000 a year and make money, it is safe to assume that the State can utilize their labor to advantage and make them self sustaining. At any rate, the temptations to regain liberty which are now thrown in their way, would be of less frequent occurrence, they would be treated more humanely, as if they had some rights to life and not be shot down by brutal and inhuman guards, who have no more regard for the life of a convict attempting to escape, than they would have for that of a rabid cur, seeking to devour all persons and animals coming in contact with him.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

ALEXANDRIA, La., May 3, 1897.

The City Council met in regular session this day at 3 o'clock p. m. Present:—

Thos. Crawley, Mayor, Sam Warshauer, Sam Weil, Joseph Sterkx, L. A. Stafford, R. W. Bringhurst.

The reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

Treasurer's report read and approved and showed a balance on hand of \$307.18 to credit of K. C. W. & G. Railway Co., and \$844.67 E. L. and W. W. fund, with balance due the Treasurer of \$229.29.

The Collector's settlement showed the following collections for April:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Taxes collected \$182 75, Fines 110 50, Rents 30 50, Licenses 227 00, Dog tags sold 141 00, Sidewalk repairs 10 00, E. L. and W. W. account 973 31, Store room account 440 90, Delinquent taxes H. C. Robinson 31 60. Total \$2157 06.

The following bills were read and approved and scrip issued in payment thereof:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Thomas Treadway \$50 00, H. R. Roberts 50 00, W. C. Johnson 25 00, Siess Bros 18 12, Eliza Murray 4 65, Henry Eckley 39 00, Wm. Carr 31 25, Ed. Hines 8 50. Total \$236 52.

Warrants were issued in payment of the following bills:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. W. H. Hastings, wood \$17 85, C. Joseph, wood 16 45, W. S. Weaver, wood 98 35, W. C. Johnson, vouchers 391 75, R. F. Thompson, salary 125 00, J. W. Chamberlain 75 00, J. F. Biostat 50 00, Jacob Rexer 35 45, Joseph Baillio 35 00, Coleman Rush 35 00, L. A. Stafford, cement 2 75, Ralph Walter, repairs 1 80, Alex. Iron Works, repairs 39 29, I. C. Miller, hardware 12 25, Davis & Ridge, repairs 75 00, G. W. Glynn 2 35, Alex. Lumber Co. Lumber 8 90, Siess Bros 38 75, Thos. Crawley, incidentals 14 50, B. C. Duke, hardware 2 65. Total \$1003 84.

On motion of Sam Warshauer, Be it ordained by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Alexandria, La., That ordinance No. — be so amended that section 2 after the words prominent places, there be inserted, "before the hour of 10 p. m."

On petition of citizens of Alexandria, La., the ordinance known as the "Bicycle Ordinance" adopted April 5th, 1897, was amended to read as follows:

That the riding of bicycles on any of the sidewalks or pavements within the corporate limits and on the plank walks situated within said limits, is prohibited, and parties riding bicycles on any of the streets of the city must, in all cases, have their machines under control and give right of way to pedestrians.

Any party or parties violating this ordinance shall, on conviction before the Mayor, be fined not less than one dollar and costs nor more than five (\$5.00) dollars and costs, and in default of payment, shall be confined in the city lockup not less than 12 hours nor more than 48 hours.

The following bid of Mr. W. G. Mobley, of the LA. DEMOCRAT, to do the public printing of the city for a period of twelve months, being read to the Board, was, on motion of Councilman Bringhurst, accepted and the contract accordingly awarded him:

To the Hon. Mayor and Members of the City Council of Alexandria, La.: The undersigned, representing the LA. DEMOCRAT, proposes to publish the proceedings of your Honorable Body for one hundred and fifty dollars, from May 3d, 1897, to May 3d, 1898, payable quarterly. W. G. MOBLEY.

This contract embraces, in addition to above, all job work (except books and pamphlets,) all notices, proclamations, etc. This does not include bills, bill heads or letter heads for the City E. L. and W. Works nor delinquent tax list.

W. G. MOBLEY.

On motion of L. A. Stafford, Resolved, That the Mayor be authorized to contract for painting the stand pipe.

Mr. A. B. Raebel was appointed to make assessment for City of Alexandria, La., for 1897, at a salary of \$25 in scrip.

There being no other business submitted, on motion the Board adjourned.

THOS. CRAWLEY, Mayor. W. C. JOHNSON, Secretary.

PARTITION SALE.—Sheriff Stafford sold at public auction, at the Court house, last Saturday, 722 acres of land, pursuant to order of Court, to effect a partition in the suit styled Ella Hayes, Lutrix vs. Bettie M. Butler, et al. No. 3747. The property was adjudicated to Houston and Cook, a firm of railroad contractors, they being the highest bidders, for the sum of \$1200.

MUSTER ROLL OF THE STAFFORD GUARDS.

OFFICERS: L. A. Stafford, Captain.

Dr. S. Gordon, 1st Lieutenant. C. D. Waters, 2d Lieutenant. W. T. Cummings, 3d Lieutenant. J. D. Workman, 1st Sergeant. A. C. Bringhurst, 2d Sergeant. N. C. Weems, Jr., 3d Sergeant. Archie Gordon, 4th Sergeant. Wm. Swilley, 1st Corporal. C. R. Hayworth, 2d Corporal. G. Blair, 3d Corporal. R. Cruikshank, 4th Corporal. Henry Erwin, Ensign.

PRIVATE: J. L. Adams, Wm Buckley, J. M. Cruikshank, W. A. Crittenden, P. Carnoy, D. W. Covillion, — Crane, J. J. Doral, J. Downey, Wm Elbere, S. R. Gray, J. S. V. Greer, J. Hutchins, T. J. Hudson, A. G. Hodnett, P. Hinesey, H. E. Henderson, R. Johnson, C. Kirby, H. Lein, F. M. Lynch, W. McNealy, A. S. Marquette, J. Meyers, J. B. Martin, T. J. Noakes, L. Oeks, J. M. Pitcher, F. M. Paroy, A. S. Ratcliff, H. Robertson, J. Smith, C. Springer, J. W. Taylor, — Thornton, Wm Whitby, A. B. Wise, J. Wells, L. Wagner.

The Stafford Guards left Alexandria on June 4th, 1861 and were attached to the Ninth Louisiana regiment. Participated in all the bloody battles of Virginia during the war. The Captain, Leroy A. Stafford, was successively promoted to be Colonel of the regiment and subsequently Brigadier General. He was mortally wounded at the battle of the Wilderness on May 5th and died on May 8th, 1864. Dr. Smith Gordon, First Lieutenant of the Company, is the only surviving commissioned officer. He resides in Alexandria, is an esteemed citizen, prominent, reputable and successful physician, 64 years of age and never used spectacles in his life. In addition to Dr. Gordon, the following non-commissioned officers and members still survive: C. R. Haworth, 2d Corporal; R. Cruikshank, 4th Corporal; and D. F. Boyd, H. T. Tanner, D. W. Covillion, H. Lein, F. M. Perry and A. B. Wise, privates.

MUSTER ROLL OF THE WESTBROOK GUARDS.

OFFICERS: U. Westbrook, Captain.

A. Cazabrt, 1st Lieutenant. B. Turner, 2d Lieutenant. Robert R. Dennison, 3d Lieutenant. John C. Irving, 1st Sergeant. H. McKnight, 2d Sergeant. E. Simmons, 3d Sergeant. Simpson Travis, 4th Sergeant. John Wilson, 1st Corporal. C. W. Hamilton, 2d Corporal. L. B. Yelott, 3d Corporal. Frank Bailey, 4th Corporal. James Bogin, Ensign.

PRIVATE: Willis Atwell, Joseph Bettuy, Jacob Drake, D. Caldwell, James Costrey, Wm Curry, T. E. Cusins, Andrew David, F. M. Ewing, M. Folick, Joseph French, John Hamrick, R. Hamilton, G. M. Honeycutt, E. Hooper, J. M. Jones, John Lawrence, Edgar Morean, C. Moulis, E. Powell, L. Rhines, E. Ritchie, J. W. Robertson, M. Sheffield, Thomas Stille, Wm Strond, W. J. Thompson, John T. Taylor, John Vandergratt, J. M. Williams, R. J. Williams, J. M. Walker, Wm H. Woodruff, C. F. Wright, L. J. Whitstine.

In the latter part of July, 1861, the Westbrook Guards left Alexandria for New Orleans, and from there repaired to Camp Moore, a camp of instruction of the State, located near Tangipahoa station, and within a short distance of the clear waters of the Tangipahoa river, where they were mustered into the State service. After undergoing a few weeks instruction in the duties of camp life, they participated in the organization of the Eleventh La. Regiment, Col. Sam F. Marks, and soon after were mustered into the Confederate service. During the latter part of August the Regiment was ordered to Union City, Tenn. They remained there but a few days, when Gen. Polk, commanding the army, finding that the Federals had already violated the neutrality of Kentucky, which Gov. Magoffin had been endeavoring to maintain, ordered the troops at Union City to occupy Columbus, Ky., a strategical point of importance on account of its high banks. The Eleventh La. Regiment were sent forward in advance, and were the first Confederate troops to enter upon Kentucky soil.

The first battle which this regiment was engaged in was the battle of Belmont, Mo., opposite Columbus, Ky., on the 7th of Nov. 1861. A small Confederate force was camp-

ed near there when Gen. Grant came down with his gunboats and transports from Cairo and surprised the Confederates. The Eleventh La. Regiment was hurried across the river on board a transport, and while the battle was raging and our troops falling back to the Mississippi river, said regiment by a flank movement turned the tide of battle and drove Grant's troops back to their transports, and under the protection of their gunboats they hastened back to Cairo. It was then the regiment earned for itself the name of the "Bloody Eleventh."

Lieut. Cazabrt became Quarter Master of the regiment, which position he held for a short while and was succeeded as 1st Lieutenant by Ben Turner. At Madrid Bend, Tenn., opposite Island 10, Capt. Westbrook resigned, and Ben Turner was promoted Captain and Howard McKnight 1st Lieutenant. While at Fort Pillow the regiment was ordered to Corinth, Miss., where the Southern troops were being concentrated preparatory to the great battle which soon afterwards came off at Shiloh.

In the battle of Shiloh, the Westbrook Guards, (Co. E.) lost about one-half of the company that were engaged in the fight, in killed and wounded. It was in the engagement at Farmington and in the evacuation of Corinth. It was in Bragg's army at Tupelo during the summer of 1862, where it underwent a rigid course of drill and discipline. At Chattanooga, came

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NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION.

THE COMMERCIAL FIRM OF LEVY Brothers, Alexandria, La., is this day dissolved by mutual consent. The undersigned will continue the business in his own name and account, assuming all liabilities and will collect all outstanding accounts. JOSEPH LEVY.

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