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The list of jurors drawn for the October term of the District Court will be found in another column.

Pensacola, Fla., is again afflicted with yellow fever. Several deaths occurred there this week, including Surgeon A. M. Owen, of the United States Navy.

The first bale of new cotton, from Washington parish, was shipped on Friday morning, per steamer New Camelia, to G. W. Sentell & Co., for account of J. M. Core. It was raised by Thomas Erwin, weighed 456 pounds, and sold at 10c.

Gov. McEnery has written a letter to Attorney General Egan, instructing him, at an early day, to institute proceedings for the annulment of improper land entries under the Wiltz contract, in order to bring the matter before the courts for judicial interpretation.

The *Agents' Herald*, published by L. Lum Smith, at 912 Arch street, Philadelphia, Pa., fills "a long felt want." It exposes all the fraudulent advertising concerns in the country, giving their numerous addresses and aliases. It is a useful paper for every business man and the public generally. Published monthly, 50 cents per year.

Frank Jackson and Jim Ervin, both colored, got into a quarrel last Saturday evening, which resulted in Jackson being severely cut across the lower part of the stomach. Ervin gave himself up and is now in jail. Dr. E. R. Randolph, who is attending Jackson, pronounces his wound a very dangerous one, and his recovery is doubtful. Ervin claims that he did the cutting in self-defense.

Covington High School.—The next session of this model institution of learning will open on the first Monday in September, and the attendance will doubtless be equal, if it does not exceed, that of the last term. The talented and efficient Principal, Mr. W. W. Dunbracco, and his assistants, will use every means to make this school what it professes to be—a place of learning and advancement. In this respect they have but to refer to their past success, as an earnest of what may be expected in the future. Covington has long been in need of a first-class school, and now that we have one, it should meet with liberal support and encouragement from the citizens of our town and parish. For terms, etc., see advertisement.

The "big bridge" has been thoroughly repaired, and is now as strong and substantial as ever. Mr. Wm. Badon furnishes us with the following statement of contributions and expenditures:

Contributions—Wm. Badon \$1, J. E. Smith & Sons \$2, A. F. Parker \$1 50, J. Cahier \$1, J. Pechon \$1, W. H. Davenport \$1, Zach. Strain \$1, Mme. E. Jaudroid \$2, Mrs. E. G. Wunderlich \$1, Joseph Daniels \$1, V. Planche \$1, J. C. Evans 50c, R. Badon \$1, H. Alexander \$1 50, E. L. Bossier \$1 50, J. M. Abney 50c, Wm. C. Warren \$1, J. Pelat 50c, F. M. Pippo \$2, B. Abadie \$1, W. B. Cook \$1, E. Damiens 50c. Total, \$24 50.
Expenditures—Paid to Wm. Davis, for one new cap sill, one new post under the same, lowering mud sill, and replacing and spiking down lumber, \$20.
 Paid to John Theobald, for spikes, 50 cents.
 Balance on hand for repairs to bridge, \$4.

BE JUST.

The tendency in heated political canvasses, like the one just inaugurated in this State for the nomination for Governor, is generally to loose and unjust statements. This tendency should be sedulously resisted. Outside of that sensitive regard for the truthful statement of facts which every conscientious editor should and does possess, is the other reason, that the candidate who may be maligned, or about whom mis-statements may be made, may secure the nomination sought for, and as such be entitled to and receive the support of the party paper.

We are led to this thought by the course of one or two papers in the State, who have persistently maligned and misrepresented the present Governor, the Hon. Samuel D. McEnery, who is now before the people as a candidate for the nomination for the position he now fills. These papers periodically break out into fierce denunciation of him—and what are their charges? Carefully scan and analyze them, and one is inevitably brought to this conclusion: that in all of Gov. McEnery's official career, no act of his is found a subject for criticism or denunciation, except the fact that he is a brother of John McEnery, with whom, by virtue of an act of the Legislature of this State, the late Gov. L. A. Wiltz made and entered into a certain contract for the recovery of certain lands claimed by this State from the United States. Look into the matter in whatever light you will; read carefully all that has been written upon the subject; closely examine and weigh all the charges that have been made, and it resolves itself into that. This contract has been in existence for three years. It has been subject to the scrutiny of two or three sessions of the Legislature. Operations under it have been forming a record all this time, and yet not until this late day is it ascertained that the contract is fraudulent or a nullity. Yet, admitting that it is fraudulent or a nullity, what connection has Gov. McEnery been shown to have had with it? Literally none whatever, except to demand peremptorily the resignation of a man who had abused his confidence and prostituted his office to private interest. Could he go farther, except, perhaps, to prosecute that displaced official on his bond for malfeasance in office—if malfeasance could be legally shown, of which no evidence has yet been produced? If that contract with John McEnery is fraudulent, is Governor McEnery the one to so declare and decide? Certainly not. It is a matter for judicial interpretation and judgment, not for Executive interference. Whatever is done under that contract—a contract which has been a matter of public record and of public operation for the past three years—which has been a subject of legislative inspection for several sessions, is legal until that contract has been pronounced by the proper judicial authority inoperative or illegal. The inception of this judicial investigation belongs not to Governor McEnery, and yet, because he has not taken this extra judicial step, he has been maligned and denounced. If this is all his enemies can bring against his official career, his cause will never suffer from their attacks.

Let the canvass be prosecuted upon the merits of the candidates. Be just to each and all. If anything exists which should properly smirch an official career, let the facts and the truth be produced. If any relations exist whose evil, dangerous tendency will render unwise or unsafe any one's candidacy, let the facts and the truth be known.

A true friend to the weak and convalescent is Brown's Iron Bitters.

THE ASSESSMENT.

The assessment rolls for this parish have just been completed. We append a full recapitulation, for the benefit of our readers. The total assessment is the largest made since the war, but we believe it could be increased to at least one million dollars:

Value of lands, \$344,538.
 Value in lots, squares or parcels of ground in incorporated or unincorporated cities, towns or villages, with residences, houses, buildings, or other improvements thereon, \$173,054.
 Value of horses, mares, mules, geldings, cattle, sheep, goats, hogs, and all other live animals, \$93,294.
 Value in cash, to be based on actual market value of capital stock, shares, etc., of all persons, business firms, corporations, and pools less than the real estate, \$35.
 Value of all steamboats, steamships, barges, and other water craft, \$4560.
 Value of merchandise or stock on hand, \$16,248.
 Value of household goods, silver plate, jewelry, etc., not exempt from taxation, \$875.
 All monies loaned or in possession, \$600.
 Cash value of all bonds liable to taxation, notes, judgments and other credits, \$1075.
 Cash value of all other property subject to taxation, \$78,380.
 Total assessment, \$712,559.

AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS.

Number of acres in the parish, 20,964.
 Uncultivated, 19,550.
 Cultivated, 1414.
 In cane 124 acres, cotton 198, rice 34, corn 804, oats 69, wheat 24, hay 36, potatoes 214, sorghum 3, meadow or pasture 34.

PRODUCTS RAISED LAST YEAR.

Barrels of molasses 536, hogsheads of sugar 1, barrels of sugar 26, bales of cotton 105, barrels of rice 108, bushels of corn 11,237, bushels of oats 675, bushels of wheat 8, bales of hay 66, bushels of potatoes 16,988.

STATISTICS.

Number of white children between six and eighteen years, 934; males 472, females 462.
 Colored children between six and eighteen years, 359; males 179, females 180.

The entire statement, as a whole, is a very poor showing for our parish; but this is not the fault of the Assessor, as he can only list values and statistics as they are given him, unless he has good reason to believe the information is not correct. It is the duty of the Board of Reviewers to revise the assessments, and as they did so and made no changes, they are responsible for all short-comings that may be discovered.

LETTER FROM FRANKLINTON.

FRANKLINTON, LA., Aug. 14, '83.
 EDITOR ST. TAMMANY FARMER:

In fulfillment of my promise, I now write you. As you know, the town of Franklinton is situated on the Bogue Chitto, and the fishing facilities are very fine. Our town is small, but very pleasant. Most of our citizens are enterprising, moral men, and I think what is lost in quantity is made up in quality. The bridge across the river here will be completed, I think, next week, and this will add greatly to our facilities of travel.

Public schools are at their zenith all over the parish, and the most of them, I believe, are very well taught and very well attended.

The corn crop is very good, but I fear cotton and cane are badly injured by the dry weather.

We are at this time having a great deal of sickness, caused, perhaps, by the dry weather.
 Mr. Morris Tally, from Pearl River, was here to-day. He says crops have been injured greatly out there by the drouth.
 Yours, etc., LAMDA.

A permanent restoration of exhausted and worn-out functions follow the use of Brown's Iron Bitters.

THE GOVERNOR.

Alexandria State Central Express.]

The *Picayune* is the only newspaper in New Orleans that favors the nomination of Gen. F. N. Ogden for Governor, and the malicious spirit manifested by that paper toward the Director General of the Centennial Cotton Exposition and the vast interests involved in its success, renders its support of any candidate less desirable than its opposition. The ring that has taken up Gen. Ogden, and upon whose combinations he must rely, has alienated many of those who were his admirers in the canvass three years ago.

Without detracting from the high worth of any of the candidates named, we do not hesitate to prefer and espouse the cause of the present incumbent, Gov. S. D. McEnery, whose ability and character make him the peer of any man in the State, and who is a true and exalted representative of the highest type of Louisiana's chivalry, and we feel confident that if the people of Louisiana entrust their interests to Gov. McEnery for the next four years they will never have cause to regret it.

We had intended to postpone till the very last moment the expression of our preferences. But, now that the two great morning dailies of New Orleans, and other influential contemporaries, have announced their candidates, we cannot with propriety maintain toward our readers what might be construed as a peevish Micawber-like neutrality. Hence we this day place at the head of our columns the name of our gallant Governor, Samuel D. McEnery, the peer of the noblest and worthiest in Louisiana.

A true son of Ouachita, Samuel D. McEnery has never failed to respond to the call of his State, in the tented field as well as in the political arena, in which, with Spartan courage, he directed the movements in the campaign of 1876, which made his section one of the stoutest pillars upon which was erected the Nicholls government.

In 1880, elected as the lieutenant of the lamented Louis A. Wiltz, at whose side he promptly came whenever called, and whose death agonies he soothed by his generous and unselfish service, Samuel D. McEnery received from the hands of the dying Creole Governor the reins of a government still staggering under the load of difficulties with which it had been encumbered under the rule of Radicalism. And in the short space of two years he presents Louisiana to the world, a proud State, once more on the high road to wealth, power and renown!

It has been our good fortune to be near Governor McEnery since the day he re-established the seat of government at Baton Rouge, and we must say that we have seen him constantly absorbed in the prompt, efficient and conscientious exercise of his onerous duties. Unmindful of criticism, he has gone on laboring incessantly for the welfare of the people of the State, and he has achieved results that will place his name among those of the most honored Governors of Louisiana. Plain, unassuming in his manners, approachable to all; a Democrat in every sense of the term, he is truly the People's Governor.

Quickly identifying himself with the people of Baton Rouge, he has become their friend; and, in return, he can feel assured that among them he is as much at home as in his native parish of Ouachita.

Unjustly assailed, it remains for the good people of Louisiana to vindicate his name, and to manifest their appreciation of his great public services by electing him to the position he has so worthily filled by the unexpected death of the noble Wiltz.

To serve Louisiana, he has made sacrifices that a generous people, we are sure, will not forget, when his name is brought before them in the nominating convention that will ere long be assembled.

ANOTHER VICTORY FOR McENERY.
 Plaquemine Observer.]

In these days of summer suns and blazing heat, when rest and quiet should be the greatest end of the country editor's existence, we hoped to have been spared from entering into the hot contests of political controversy. But the conflict has been precipitated by our metropolitan newspapers, and we, with the patriotic duty which should always animate the editor of a country newspaper, while we mop our brows, now write our views and express our preferences concerning the eminent citizens who

are likely to be the chief contestants for gubernatorial honors.

We advocate the nomination of Mr. S. D. McEnery, because we believe that his administration has been as well conducted as any in our past history.

During his administration the credit of our State has materially advanced, taxes have been more promptly collected, and his appointments in this parish have given universal satisfaction.

He assisted as last year with our crevasses to the fullest extent to which he was legally able, while he has advocated with all his ability and influence the protection of our lowlands from overflow. His strenuous efforts in behalf of the public health and the Charity Hospital entitle him to the commendation of all good men.

Concerning this high position, too, we feel that it is proper for us, in the extreme southern part of the State, to advocate this time the claims of a citizen of North Louisiana. We do not think our section wanting in gubernatorial timber, but we had the last two nominees—Nicholls, of Assumption, and Wiltz, of Orleans—and this time we think it only fair to support a candidate from that section, especially when one is presented whose qualifications of education, ability, integrity, past experience and splendid service so eminently fit him for the post as Samuel Douglass McEnery.

New Advertisements.

A. C. GRIBBLE, DENTIST.
 No. 261 CAMP STREET,
 New Orleans.

Is now in Covington, and will remain for the next two weeks, during which time he offers his services to the public. First-class work guaranteed. Charges moderate. He can be found at Reseda Cottage.
 Covington, La., Aug. 24, 1883.

Notice.

On and after September 1st, the steamer New Camelia will leave Old Landing, on excursion days, at 8 p. m., instead of 3 p. m.
 E. LANGHOFF, Clerk.
 Frank Hatch vs. Philip Haezel.

State of Louisiana, Parish of St. Tammany—Third Ward Justice's Court.

By virtue of several writs of fieri facias from the honorable the aforesaid court, bearing date August 29, 1883, and numbered on the docket of said court respectively from 25 to 48, inclusive, and to me directed, I will proceed to sell at public auction, at the door of the Courthouse, in the town of Covington, Parish and State aforesaid, on SATURDAY, the 22d day of September, 1883, between legal sale hours, the following described property, to-wit:

1. A certain plantation, together with the buildings and improvements thereon, rights, ways, privileges and advantages thereunto belonging or in any way appertaining, situated in the parish of St. Tammany, in this State, on the left bank of the river Techefunct, and composed of the following tracts, to-wit:

1st. A tract of land commencing at a small pine tree marked XIII, standing on the north bank of a lagoon making out of said river, and known by the name of Coh; thence running north eight degrees west three hundred and fifty perches; thence south thirty degrees east three hundred and fifty perches to the river Techefunct, and supposed to contain three hundred and fifty acres, more or less.

2d. Another tract of land, situated in the same parish and State, west of and adjoining the one above described, being fractional section number nineteen (19), township seven (7), south range eleven (11) east, containing three hundred and ninety-six and 40-100 acres.

3d. Another tract of land, adjoining the property above described on the south side, containing six hundred and forty (64) acres, more or less, bounded north by the lands of Justin Young, east by the Techefunct river, and west by public lands, less about seventy acres sold to Freeman Burns, and the same upon which he now resides.

Said property was acquired by purchase by the present vendor from Daniel D. Rogers, by act passed before Pierre Charles Cuvellier, a notary public in and for the city of New Orleans, State of Louisiana, on the thirty-first day of January, eighteen hundred and seventy-four (1874).

Seized to satisfy the above-named writs, say two hundred and forty dollars (\$240.)

Terms of sale—Cash, with the benefit of appraisement.
 S. B. STAPLES, Constable.

Frank Hatch vs. Philip Haezel.

Parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana—Third Ward Justice's Court.

By virtue of a writ of fieri facias from the honorable the aforesaid court, and to me directed, bearing date August 17, 1883, I will proceed to sell at public auction, at the door of the Courthouse, in the town of Covington, Parish and State aforesaid, on SATURDAY, the 8th day of September, 1883, between legal sale hours, the following described property, to-wit:

A certain chestnut sorrel mare. Seized in the above entitled suit.
 Terms of sale—cash.
 S. B. STAPLES, Constable.