

CITY AFFAIRS.

STREET RAILROADS.

Their History, and a Few Words about their Originator.

We are much pleased to welcome the return to our city of that enterprising old citizen, J. B. Slawson, to whose far-seeing sagacity New Orleans is indebted more than to any other man for the establishment of our admirable system of street railroads.

His position of Supervising Inspector of Steamboats. A new candidate for the position of United States District Attorney has appeared in the person of Col. Wm. H. Hunt, the Republican candidate for Attorney General at the last election.

Judge Leonard, late of the Supreme Court, and Judge Albert Leonard are also reported as candidates, and while the former returned from Washington only a day or two since, the latter still remains at the National Capital.

The fight for the Naval Office continues, and there is now mentioned in the array of candidates for that position, Wm. B. Burch, Kelso (who is backed by the Returning Board), T. Morris Chester, and last, but not least, OLD UNCLE JIM LEWIS.

The individual who claims to have been elected to the United States Senate for the short term by the Kellogg-Packard Legislature. Of these candidates, however, there is somewhat of a stir, as it is his own status as a representative colored Republican.

Burch gets his influence, so it is said, principally from his being a native of Massachusetts and a graduate of Oberlin College, Ohio. Kelso himself claims upon the fact, first, that he was one of two colored men who

at the Cincinnati Convention, when the balance of the Louisiana delegation held out to the last for Morton and Blaine; and secondly, because he is backed by Wells & Co., who are the largest and most influential of the banking houses in this city, and who are in favor of those who are now seeking the office in Washington, will not be considered as a compliment to the colored people who raise sugar and cotton.

THE LOG WAR. The Revenue Cutter Dix ordered to Convey the Posses to its Destination. The United States Marshal's Lake Charles log posse were awaiting orders at the Custom-House on Saturday morning, when instructions had been received from Washington directing that

A SLANDER SQUASHED.

Another ineffectual effort to Calumniate the People of Louisiana. Some evil minded genius, whose object, no doubt, was to prejudice the minds of the Republicans in the North against the Democratic-Conservative party of this State, started the rumor, and it was telegraphed to the North, that the State Board of Censurers had decided to or contemplated going over

ALL OF THE RETURNS of the late election in secret session. There was not, of course, the slightest foundation for this bare-faced lie, as the DEMOCRAT reporter, and those of other papers who desired to do so, were invited to be present, as Saturday's DEMOCRAT will show, at the meeting held by that board on Friday, which session was held with open doors.

In order to counteract the influence of any such malicious report, the following dispatch was sent last night to the address named, and copies were sent to several Western and Northern papers: NEW ORLEANS, May 19, 1877.

To the Editor of the National Republican, Washington, D. C.: As a Republican member of the State Board of Censurers organized under the new law, I declare the falsity of the report that the board is canvassing or will canvass anything other than certain returns from local offices in Orleans, St. Martin and St. Landry parishes, omitted in the hurry of the legislative session.

T. T. ALLAIN, Senator Fourteenth Senatorial District, and member of the board, and a colored man, should be a conclusive contradiction of the slander that has been circulated.

CHALMESTE CEMETERY. An Invitation to Join Hands over the Bloody Chasm. The last vestiges of the war have been swept away by the policy of non-interference by Federal power in our State affairs.

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BIRDS OF PARADISE.

Statements That Are Destined to Serve Louisiana by the Sweet of Their Breasts. There was the same amount of excitement manifested within the sombre walls of the Parish Prison last evening as is manifested on every occasion of the kind, and the occasion was the manhandling of a batch of prisoners destined for the Penitentiary.

The old prison clock had hardly told the death of the second hour after noon when the rattling of leg irons and the jingling of handcuffs could be distinctly heard in the bull-pen.

This was a warning to the prisoners that some of them were destined to be transported to Baton Rouge.

The officers of the prison never tell the prisoners of the time they are going to ship for the Penitentiary, for the reason that they would make the fact known to their friends, and the result would be that the prison front would be crowded, and so the only notice they have is when they hear the rattling of the leg irons in the bull-pen.

This being the case, as soon as they get the dumb notice the song of "Oh, there is one kind of fellow who will miss me when I am gone," is sung by every prisoner, and the old walls fairly ring with the chorus.

While this song is being sung the gruff voice of the yard captain can be heard ordering every prisoner to enter his cell, and as soon as this command is given you can hear a pin drop.

Then the clerk of the prison puts in an appearance and calls the name of each prisoner destined to Baton Rouge.

The prisoner, as soon as he hears his name called, steps out and stands in line.

Yesterday there were forty-one men that answered to their names. They were shackled and handcuffed by twos.

Some of those that were shipped yesterday were as hard cases as one would wish to meet in a year's travel, and this being the case, a Scotch proverb is not without its application.

The two most notorious men in the gang were Thos. Brady and Wm. McGraw, alias Orandel. These two men are chums, and they each go up for fourteen years for burglary, they being, some years ago, convicted of burglary in a house at the corner of Johnson street and Bayou road, for which offense they were convicted in the Superior Criminal Court and sentenced to the above term by Judge Whitaker.

Brady is a Mobile thief, and McGraw is a Mississippi man who came to this city with the St. Louis gang of thieves.

EDWARD POLLET is one of the most daring negro burglars that ever struck New Orleans. He was arrested for breaking and entering a house at the corner of Ursulines and Claiborne streets, in the night, and was sentenced to the penitentiary for one year.

CHARLES THORNTON is another desperate negro burglar whom the community will be glad to get rid of. He goes up for fourteen years for breaking and entering in the night time.

SPENCER FUSHEMPTOP, for pinching a ham, will spend nine months in the Penitentiary.

JOHN McELOY, sentenced to ten years, is a negro burglar who has led the detective force of this city.

EDWARD McVOY and Paul Taylor are two high-waymen who have furnished the papers with many a sensation in the way of a highway robbery. McVoy goes up for ten years, and Taylor for five.

The following list concludes the batch of 47 prisoners: W. W. Walker, colored, grand larceny, seven years; George Emerson, colored, robbery, seven years; Pauline Grass, colored, breaking and entering, five years; George Schlossenger, grand larceny, five years; Levy Willis, petty larceny, six months; Johnson Goss, colored, petty larceny, six months; George Ambrose, colored, petty larceny, eight months; Chas. Ollis, petty larceny, eight months; Alexander Williams, petty larceny, one year; Frank Roman, colored, petty larceny, one year; Bobb Fraser, alias Bill Johnson, colored, petty larceny, eighteen months; H. Hart, colored, petty larceny, eighteen months; George Washington, colored, assault with intent to rob, two years; Henderson Smith, colored, petty larceny, one year; Chas. Prosper, petty larceny, one year; Clem. Washington, colored, petty larceny, one year; Louis Alexis, colored, petty larceny, one year; John Williams, colored, petty larceny, one year; Antonio Thomas, colored, assault by willfully shooting at, one year; Wilson Parker, assault by willfully shooting at, one year; Thos. Young, white, petty larceny, one year; Louis Robinson, colored, entering in day time, etc., two years and six months; John Carr, white, petty larceny, one year; Chas. Brown, white, petty larceny, one year; Edward Wilkinson, colored, petty larceny, one year; John Thompson, white, larceny, two years; Edward Henderson, colored, embezzlement, one year; James O'Brien, white, petty larceny, eighteen months; Andy Saunders, colored, eight months; Westley Green, colored, assault by willfully shooting at, one year; Albert Carroll, colored, petty larceny, seven months; John Johnson, assault and willfully shooting at, one year; O. C. Nicholas, colored, petty larceny, six months; D. Darcy, colored, petty larceny, two years; Henry Jones, alias Stewart, colored, petty larceny, one year.

THE CANVASSING BOARD.

The State Board of Censurers met at the State House yesterday. Present—Senators Zacharie and Allain, and Speaker Bush.

The secretary reported that the completion of the St. Martin returns had not been completed, whereupon the board adjourned until Monday at 1 p. m.

The clerks, in examining the tally sheets and commissioners' returns, FOUND CROSS ERRORS in the casting up of the votes, and invariably against the Conservative candidates.

Unmistakable evidences of fraud were discovered in nearly every tally sheet examined, and, as the DEMOCRAT stated on Saturday morning, if the entire returns of the State were gone over the actual returns canvassed by the Returning Board would show an honest majority, and a large one, of the votes to have been cast for the Tilden electors.

A Happy Presentation. On Friday evening the merry notes of a band sounded on Rampart street, and soon the boys of Brooklyn No. 2, of Algiers, appeared, and in column marched to the residence of Mr. B. D. Woods, where a number of invited guests awaited them.

After the presentation, an adjournment was had to the tastefully decorated table, where fragrant lilies and choicest flowers gave one an appetite for the splendid repast. Toasts of foaming champagne were quaffed to the daughter of the company, and it was quite late before the company adjourned.

A Neat Operation. Saturday morning there was a very interesting operation at the Charity Hospital, performed by Dr. LeMonnier with great dexterity and skill.

The subject was a negro, and the case was one of tumor on the tongue. The attendance in the amphitheatre was quite large, and the doctor lectured on the electrical apparatus to be used.

The man was placed on the table and the tongue exposed, and the doctor then placed around the tumor the loop of platinum wire, and when the battery was applied it came to a white heat and burned the tumor off in the twinkling of an eye, and no hemorrhage followed.

The operation was somewhat delicate, and the manner in which the doctor performed it showed how well he knew his profession.

Land Office Committee. The committee to examine into the affairs of the State Land Office met yesterday in the office named, a quorum present.

Mr. Richardson, a former employe in the office, was questioned as to the location of the office, and stated that all were on hand except, perhaps, a few packages which had been lost or taken from the armory which had been kept in the office.

Two records of old patents had been missing, but were found, it seems, in the possession of Sergeant-at-Arms Flood, of the House, who had found them in an upper room of the building and took charge of them.

After arranging some routine work, the committee adjourned until 1 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

St. John's Sunday School Picnic. The picnic given yesterday at the New City Park by the St. John's Sunday School was one of the most successful entertainments of the season.

The young ladies and gentlemen amused themselves dancing on the platform, while the little ones rambled about at the park.

One of the most interesting features of the day was the crowning of the May Queen. At 1 o'clock, Miss Amy Gruesbeck, the queen, surrounded by her maids of honor, Miss Annie Fitch, Miss Carrie Taylor, Miss Fannie Morgan, Miss Olive Whitlock, and Miss Carrie Gruesbeck, and assisted by her Majesty's pages, Master Whitlock and Underwood, appeared before her loyal subjects on her throne. Miss Fitch, the first maid of honor, in her sweet voice (holding the crown in her hand) said:

Most Gracious Queen—We greet thee as our hearts and souls, and pledge to thee our homage, our affection and our service. It is my happy duty to place upon thy fair brow the symbol of thy rule and power, and to crown thee as the Queen of May. (Placing the crown upon the queen's head.) May thy reign, though but of a day, be marked by joy and gladness, by all those joyous emotions so becoming the hearts of the young and merry ones of thy most blessed realm. And when this hour shall have passed, and this scene shall have faded away, each one before thy throne will ever look back with memory dear to this joyful period of their lives, and fondly treasure it up in our hearts' recollection, and as our past our minds shall stray, they will in sweet remembrance linger over The bright and happy day When thou wert our sweet Queen of May. As soon as her Majesty received her crown she replied:

FIREMEN'S CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION.

At a meeting of the Board of Delegates of the Firemen's Charitable Association, held last evening, a resolution was adopted authorizing the president to receive from the city clerk's office of indebtedness for the amount due by the corporation to the association, only three companies voting against the resolution. The amount due is about \$190,000.

A resolution was also offered requesting Chief Engineer O'Connor to resign either as Chief Engineer or as Superintendent of the Fire Alarm Telegraph.

A motion to lay the resolution on the table was lost by 35 yeas to 30 nays. The meeting then adjourned.

The Plymouth Off. Saturday morning, under a salute from shore and the blowing of whistles from the steamboat, the United States steamship Plymouth headed down the river and proceeded to sea. She passed the city about half-past 11 o'clock, and thousands of eyes followed her as she disappeared around the turn.

Night Hawks on the Make. About 12 o'clock Friday morning burglars effected an entrance into the residence of Mr. E. Isaac, and succeeded in stealing and carrying away \$25 and one bunch of keys. The bunch of keys was found on the stairs. The entrance was effected by climbing the gallery post.

Burglary No. 2. At an early hour Saturday morning burglars made their way into the residence of Mr. P. Sevaris, No. 422 Burrounne street, and stole the following articles: One gold watch, a pocket-book, two breastpins, a small amount of currency, a lot of wearing apparel and one set of studs. The entrance was effected by climbing the gallery post.

A Sad Accident. About 4 o'clock last evening, at a house on Dorgenois street, between Owenborough and Bienville, while Joseph Maroni was cleaning his revolver, one of the chambers exploded and took effect in the breast of a boy named Kelly, who was standing near him. The wounded boy was conveyed to the Charity Hospital, where his wound was examined and pronounced dangerous. Maroni surrendered himself to Capt. Bachemin at the Fourth Precinct Station.

Brevities. Everything that is likely in the way of tobacco and refreshments will be offered to the public on the 24th and 25th instants, at St. Patrick's Hall, for the benefit of St. Patrick's parochial residence.

While the Plymouth was passing down in front of the city yesterday, quite a number of persons congregated upon the top of the State House cupola to see her pass. Some wag, who had observed the scene, practiced something of a joke upon the sight-seers by taking away the ladder upon which the ascent was made, and the lookers-on were compelled to remain in their dry position for an hour or so until the ladder was replaced.

The Independent Base Ball Club will play a game with the French Base Ball Club this evening at 8 o'clock on the Delcasse Gardens.

The Germania Turn-Verein give a picnic on Sunday, May 27, at Magnolia Garden.

The Southern Dramatic Club will give their first entertainment of the season at 7 o'clock on Tuesday evening, the 22d inst.

We hear from Capt. Guin, of the second company, Orleans Artillery, that the names of Sergeant A. Kern, and Privates James P. Lathigue and Stephen Dominguez were unwittingly omitted from the roll of honor.

Rev. Edward Coleman will lecture this evening at 7 o'clock, in St. Patrick's Hall, on "Ireland as it has been, and as it is, and as it must be, religiously and politically."

Short Items. Henry Johnson and Frank Terrence were incarcerated in the Fourth Station, charged with malicious mischief, to wit, breaking a show case.

Ruben Baker retired into the Fourth Station, charged by C. Dubois with having played the strip game on him to the tune of \$2.

Kate Murphy is in the Third Station, charged with the larceny of \$500.

Michael Kane was immured in the Central Station, charged with having a cash count placed in his possession, supposed to be stolen; also charged with being a dangerous and suspicious character.

THE COURTS.

Fifth District Court. M. A. Southworth has entered suit against the city of New Orleans, claiming \$2000 for rent of building used as office of the Recorder of Mortgages.

United States Circuit Court. In the case of Johnson vs. Jamel, in the United States Circuit Court, on both the law and equity sides there were filed, yesterday, a demurrer and exception to the bill and petition of plaintiff. The grounds stated are: That the jurisdiction of the court and the right of a Federal court to pass upon a contest for State offices. A number of grounds of exception are also made, denying the legality of the action filed and application of the statute to a contest in a State for State offices.

The place to buy the cheapest hats: Jno. U. Adams, 26 St. Charles street.

The Singer inaugurated the reduction in prices and should receive the patronage. Office, 91 Canal street.

Dry Goods.—By reference to the advertisement of B. W. Croner it will be seen that on account of the advanced rate of rent these merchants are compelled to sell their entire stock of Jegan's goods at ruinous prices, affording to the public a rare chance to purchase goods at a bargain. Their place of business is 117 Canal street.

Jno. U. Adams, 26 St. Charles street, has a large and varied assortment of hats.

To Taxpayers.—We call the attention of the public to the advertisement of Messrs. John Klein & Co., 33 Carondelet street. They are prepared to pay the taxes of 1875 and previous years on the most favorable terms, and also to remit the interest on those of 1873 and prior years. They are enabled to do this by an act of the Legislature, authorizing the city to receive special large portion of the taxes of these years.

The Singer is the only sewing machine manufacturer who have ever attempted to imitate. What better proof is wanted of its superiority? Office, 91 Canal street.

STRAWBERRIES AND CREAM.—A novel and pleasant entertainment, consisting of music, under the leadership of Prof. Grauling, tableaux and refreshments, will be given on Thursday and Friday evenings next at St. Patrick's Hall. The committee of arrangements, consisting of many well known ladies and gentlemen, have made preparations for the entertainment in regal style; consequently a delightful time may be safely anticipated. The entertainment is given for the benefit of the parochial residence of St. Patrick's parish.

Mens' and boys' hats, in straw and felt, at 26 St. Charles street.

Cheap sewing machines are guaranteed for a few years; the Singer is guaranteed forever, if properly cared for. Office, 91 Canal street.

Now that the warm weather is upon us in earnest, we naturally look round for suitable clothing to meet the change. One of the most fashionable and comfortable styles of the city is fashionable clothing, as worn by Mr. H. B. Stevens, situated at the corner of Canal and Exchange Place. Here a person can get anything they wish, from a very cheap article of dress to the most fashionable and expensive clothing. All of which are sold at greatly reduced prices.