

MUNICIPAL MATTERS.

URGENT APPEAL FOR AID TO IMPROVE THE MOUTH OF RED RIVER.

The Cost of the City Government and the Conflict of Authority. Another effort has been made to show that the salaries paid by the present city administration are in excess of those paid under the former system, which is again so inaccurate that we have taken up the record once more.

The effort lies in the comparative statement that for salaries the following sums have been paid: Salaries for the year 1859 \$168,120 00 Salaries for the year 1865 187,865 74 Salaries for the year 1877 184,417 90

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NEARLY SETTLED.

Is the Calcasieu Log-Rolling Problem—The Very Latest "Order" Explained.

The United States Marshal, J. A. Wells, as Special Agent Carter, have received information from Judge Billings that the latest order, referred to in the telegram of Friday, seems that the Calcasieu log men, inter se, or owners, can bond their logs upon an inventory and appraisement made by the marshal or deputies, which with the 35 per cent added would make the required bond about \$2 70 for each log.

Judge Billings seems to have entirely ignored the labor of Commissioner at Calcasieu and the two appraisers sent to Calcasieu by himself, taking the State law of 1876 as his guide in the matter of bonding. Under that law the United States District Attorney will have twenty days after the bonds are filed with the marshal to object to them, and in case such objections are made, JUDGE BILLINGS WILL COME HERE.

As the matter stands now the log men can bond their property as soon as they choose.

A telegram from Lake Charles to the United States Marshal, from one of the deputies at Lake Charles, received last night, which states that the total number of logs seized and inventoried since the seizure began is

OVER SEVENTY-TWO THOUSAND, which estimated at \$6 per log, a fair average, would make the net sum of \$552,000 worth of property now in the hands of United States Marshal Wells.

The amount being large, it is more than likely that Mr. Wharton will insist that Judge Billings shall pass upon all of the bonds himself, and he is expected early next month.

As the case stands now, it will be a matter of considerable interest to know just where Commissioner Chamberlain and his two appraisers will come in on their bill of expenses, as their services have amounted to nothing.

The Washington Artillery Fete Chamberpette.

The Washington Artillery military fete chamberpette at the Carrollton Gardens next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, promises to be one of the most splendid entertainments of the season. The grounds will be beautifully decorated and illuminated, and all arrangements necessary to render the occasion particularly conspicuous will be made.

The Orleans Dramatic Association will appear, acting the Grand Old Duke of Silesia.

The State Board of Liquidation met yesterday. Present: Gov. Nichols, Auditor James, Secretary of State Strong, Treasurer Duboulet, and Mr. Black, of the Cotton Exchange.

The minutes were read, and on motion of Mr. Black the Auditor was authorized and instructed to draw his requisition upon the Fiscal Agent for \$673,900 in new consols to exchange for old bonds funded at the recent meetings. Adjourned.

The Knights Templar Excursion.

The Knights Templar of Louisiana have been called together by their Grand Commander for Tuesday evening next, for the purpose of completing the arrangements for the coming excursion to Cleveland, Ohio. The Grand Commandery of this State intend visiting Cleveland with an escort, and from all that can be gleaned the affair will be most enjoyable.

The Royal Guards.

The Royal Guards, Co. D, paid a visit to the Democrat yesterday evening, and went through the manual of arms in front of the office in such a way as made us believe that the almost beardless youths were veterans of old standing, so perfect was their drill.

It must be remembered that the Summer Rose Social Club gave a picnic on the 12th instant, and a challenge was heralded to all the military companies for a competitive drill for a badge. Co. D, Royal Guards, Capt. Aron, won the prize. The medal was presented last evening, at the hall of the Summer Rose Club, by Lieut. C. L. Wilcox, of the Orleans Artillery, in appropriate terms, and his address was responded to in a neat speech by Capt. Aron, after which the military band played some of the most popular music of the day, and all went merry as a marriage bell.

The attention of our taxpayers is called to the notice published in another column by Messrs. John Klein & Co. Those who have taxes to pay ought to avail themselves of the facilities offered by these gentlemen if they seek their own advantage. They will serve their clientele with faithfulness and energy.

TEMPORARY RELIEF.

and bring down to New Orleans the products of the Red river, Ouachita and Atchafalaya valleys. The Mayor expressed to these gentlemen his readiness to transfer to the State two or three of the city's dredge boats as might be necessary, on the requisition of the Governor.

THE GRAVITY OF THE SITUATION.

Capt. Aiken said, was increased by the break of the dam at Tons Bayou, which could be repaired by the use of the obstructions in the mouth of the river, and that the same, if it were not for the obstructions, would be a serious loss to our commerce.

It is a pity this dam caved in when it did, said the Captain, "for the company had completed the arrangements for carrying the heavy cotton crop from Texas and places this side, and now this closes the trade for some time. It will be a serious blow to our merchants as well as to us."

When questioned as to the effects of the break, he said it had the same effect on Red river below as the stoppage of a shower in the street gutter. The water is running out without being replenished, and as river men say, the bottom is coming up.

Boats coming down report a rapid falling in the water at the mouth, and telegraph's state that there will soon be barely two feet left at the mouth if the water continues to fall as rapidly as it has been falling.

Mr. Joseph K. Jear, the great street railroad man of New Orleans, is an applicant for the right of way for a railroad extending from the river to the Canal, and even farther, possibly, for the proposed road through the city.

Plans do not seem to be fully matured. As it is, however, the proposed road would connect the track from Kennerly to Carrollton, thence through that suburb and the rear of the forest, into Ouachita to Melpomene; up Melpomene to Dryades street, through Dryades M. to Canal and up that street to the river. It would be authorized to carry freight and passengers. The proposition has not received, at the City Hall,

ALL THE ENTHUSIASM WHICH IT DESERVES.

THE RETURNING BOARD RAID.

The RETURNING BOARD RAID and the confusion to show the President how he might stop the rumpus by nominating as collector a prominent Conservative, and in that connection the name of a well known conservative politician is mentioned, who claims that the appointment has been sent from the city during the past twenty-four hours indorsing the gentleman referred to, and that conservatives who stand high in the estimation of the President will intercede personally for the new candidate.

ONCE IN POSITION OF COURSE THE "TINS" WOULD ALL GO OVERBOARD.

and the building would see for its permanent habitation as handsome a set of Democratic and Conservative clerks and employes as ever graced the inside of a federal building and this is just what the present "tins" fear, but they insist on the "tins" claim that the return of the rumpus even though it condemns them to eternal disappointment.

It is currently reported about the building that John Burke, who has gone to Washington, has an eye on the Custom-House. It is said, too, that some time he would much prefer being postmaster, and that he will endeavor to wedge himself into that position. J. M. P. is now in Lowell, Mass., on a visit, and will of course be apprised of the situation. He is said to be on his way to Washington and see whether or not

KELOGG AND HIS CROWD

are not trying to work Burke in as a reward for "many favors" shown while clerk of the Superior District Court under Hawkins and Lynch.

It is known that the great unrivaled truth-stretcher is after the assistant appraiser for one of his pets, and while professing the greatest friendship for an "in" who has rendered him service, he is "back-capping" so to speak, his friend and urging his pet for the position with the Washington authorities, and this, it is claimed, is the way he is serving alphabetical Parker, the present F. M.

THE HISTORY OF OUR COURT BUILDINGS.

A Chapter of Reminiscences from One Who Lived Here in 1866.

It is pleasant now and then, in these days when a Pacific railway from our city is building, and the jetties are gnawing at the river's bottom, to look back a bit, or to use the sporting phrase of the jolly huntmen, to "hark back" and take a look at the things that were here in the quiet purlieus of our city, when those things that were, in another form, still remain with us. As a rule, our good Orleans is not given to searching for and making known the many old landmarks and the traditions connected with them about our city. The power era of trade, business and general progress has driven much of the old poetical spirit out of us; but as the memory of the small of our own orange-blossoms needs but the veriest touch to call up a host of pleasant recollections, so underneath that barter there is still left a tender chord that breathes a harmony when some of the old stories of the city's past are told. For instance, how many are there who daily pass along Royal street, between St. Louis and Conti, on the river side, who, if they knew they were passing the identical building

FROM WHENCE GEN. JACKSON

issued his orders to go down to Chalmette, there to do battle with our then foes, the British, but that would feel something more than the ordinary emotions caused by anxiety about investments or his clothes? Who, in strolling through Jackson Square, would not feel a keener interest in the place if they knew that, after the great victory, the man of the Hermitage dismounted at the levee gate and reverentially

walked through the beautiful quadrangle to render thanks at what is not the St. Louis Cathedral? It needs only the awakening of these old and sleeping facts to give a poetic touch to what is now in our eyes most commonplace.

We were led up as it were to these thoughts by an entertaining and most delightful talk with the venerable and distinguished gentleman, Gen. John L. Lewis, yesterday morning, in the Supreme Court room, situated in the old building just above the Cathedral, the same room where

OUR GALLANT BOYS

stood guard duty for so long a time during our late State troubles. The rain was pouring down on the outside and the lowering sky gave portent of a continuance. So settling down in one of the easy chairs we gave ourselves to the pleasant pictures, as Gen. Lewis limned them to us, of New Orleans sixty or more years ago, and more particularly of the court building and surroundings.

The upper building, in which now the Supreme Court meets, and the lower story of which is occupied by the Third Precinct Station and Second Municipal Court, was built under the auspices of the old Calcasieu. The building at that time, or rather those attached to it, occupied all the space between Charities, Royal, Cathedral Alley and St. Peter street. The present edifice was built on the site of the old Calcasieu, and presented a very different appearance from what it now does. It was used as

THE SPANISH CARIBDO,

where the alcalde or mayor sat, and where all the government affairs of the city were transacted. Just in front of the present building, and from where the arsenal, which is modern, now stands, the Bayou straddled the old Calcasieu. It was two stories in height, with enormous walls and a ponderous single iron gate. It covered all the ground now occupied by the private residences of the court building and surrounding the rear of the court building, and its dungeons were reached only by crooked and narrow passages. In the lower story of the court-house, where now the police hold forth, in those days of 1839 the gentlemen of the court met to confer before the trial of the accused on duty. In the guard-room, a long row of *escopetas*, whilst the men themselves carried at their sides a short artillery sword or briquet.

Gen. Lewis half closing his eyes said, "I can never forget the tramp, clump, clump of those fellows who always went out in squads during the night. They went sometimes to keep me awake for an hour." Beneath the old hanging lanterns, suspended across the intersection of the court building and the peace marched, little *draming* of police telegraph and Galling guns.

The time came to remove the old calabose after the session of the court to the Old States, and in its removal the most

HORRIBLE CRIMES WERE UNVEILED.

"It was current at the time when I was a boy," said the General, "that when they tore down the walls and razed the building, the workmen came across secret cells walled up, where dry and brittle skeletons were found, some of them in chains, and some of them in the arms of the wall. I had seen certain skeletons passed were found leading to certain cells where other skeletons were discovered chained to the wall."

All these stories were current in those days, and never were doubted by those who lived at the time.

Coming back to the Supreme Court room, it was first occupied by the Superior Court of the Territory of Louisiana just after thecession in 1803, and remained so until the territorial government was abolished, when the first Mayor of New Orleans, Nicholas Girod, occupied it as his office. He was followed by Augustin McCarthy and he by Joseph Rodriguez and next Denis Friour. All of these and their offices there, until the present clerk's office was the City Treasurer's.

Not only is this room interesting for its associations with our local history and men, but it also figures conspicuously with the visit here by GEN. LAFAYETTE.

In the year 1825, when that brave man and true patriot visited New Orleans, this room was his headquarters and he dined and slept in it.

When it became known that Gen. Lafayette was to visit the Crescent City there was immediately a stir amongst our then city fathers. Orders were issued to the city to have the room then the prince of upholsterers and furniture men in the city, to spare no money or pains in fitting up this room for the General's reception. Windows were fitted with the richest curtains, a magnificent set of bedroom furniture, just from France, was put up, and everything done to make the place live with

IMPERIAL CHAMBERS.

The furniture cost an enormous sum, and the bedstead is doubtless still in the city.

When Gen. Lafayette arrived the freedom of the city was voted to him, and himself and suite established themselves in the new Court Building. Their meals were sent there, and during the stay this was the centre of attraction. According to the vouchers filed with the old Council the cost of the room was \$30,000.

The lower court building, now occupied by our District courts, in 1810 was still unfinished. It had one story completed just as it now is, but for some reason the Spaniards did not go on with the work and it remained for some time a roofed over to protect it from the weather. It was some years before the second story was put up and the edifice finished.

When MADAME FONTAINE

erected the two rows of buildings on Jackson Square she desired to have the surroundings in keeping with the architectural regularities of her new work, and accordingly gave orders to her architect to have a change made in the Cathedral and the court building. Accordingly, a new spire was put up on the church and the Mansard roofs on the courts and the old Spanish tiles removed.

Mr. Simpson's Funeral.

By the special direction of the late M. M. Simpson and the earnest desire of his estimable widow, the remains of the lamented gentleman have been brought from New York to this city, and will be this morning, at 9 a. m., borne to the cemetery from the residence of his son, 217 Julia street.

The numerous friends of Mr. Simpson will experience sorrowful gratification in rendering the last rites to one who had endeared himself to them by so many attractive virtues and generous deeds. He was in every relation a gentleman in the highest sense, a patriot, a zealous devotee to his religion and race, and a philanthropist whose generosity and charity were restricted by no distinction of religion or color. His character was as comprehensive as his intellect, which was as broad as the most vigorous cast of character. His nature was warm, earnest and sincere; his friendships and affections were firm and unchangeable, and his manner and bearing among his fellow men was always that of the refined, polished and amiable gentleman.

Personal.

Mr. Albert Baldwin, of the great hardware house of A. Baldwin & Co., Canal street, left the city last evening on a visit to the North. Mr. Baldwin is one of our most enterprising and sagacious merchants, and has always wielded a large influence in commercial and political circles. His liberal contributions and efficient services in the contest last summer in the cause of Democracy and Reform, and his vigorous resistance to the Kellogg and Packard usurpations will be remembered by all who were present at his argument and extend the repute which he had achieved through the Southwest as a popular and liberal merchant, and an earnest defender of Southern interests and rights.

The Joubert and D'Aquin Concert.

The complimentary benefit of Messrs. Joubert and D'Aquin will be under the patronage of his Excellency Gov. Nichols, and the entertainment has been fixed for Saturday, September 8, at the Opera House. The programme will comprise four comedies to be played by the "Club Dramatique Louisianais," and an interlude, during which Mr. D'Aquin's "Overture Symphonique" and "Grande Symphonie" will be performed by a select orchestra. D'Aquin will, besides, play "La Parle du Bresil," of Altes, "for the flute," and Mr. Joubert, "Souvenir de Haydn," of H. Leonard, for the violin.

We will have more to say at another time about the performance of the new artists who will purchase their tickets in order to secure the best seats.

There will be "bunting on the old camp ground" in the Greys at the lake, on the 23rd instant.

Run Over.

At 1 o'clock yesterday a float, driven by one Jake Lemmons, ran over and slightly wounded a little boy named Thos. Hickey, at the corner of St. Charles and Gravier streets. The driver was arrested and locked up in the Central Station.

Down at the Lake.

On the coming Saturday, West End, the terminus of the Canal Street and Lake railroad, will present a gay scene, the occasion being the grand entertainment of the Crescent Greys of "Louisiana's Own." A rich and varied programme of sports and amusements is offered, which will be sure to please. There will be a

Attention Tradesmen and Amateurs of GOOD WINES and LIQUORS.—Mr. Laurent LASSAGNE is anxious to invite for the arrival of the ship Alphonse Marie No. 2, from Bordeaux. He expects from that ship the best vintage of Leopold M. Anvers, St. Laurent, Graves, Freysan, Frons, Liscras, St. Estephe, as also cognacs from the houses of Gabriel Godard & Co., with assortments of every description, and of the best quality.

A silver water set, a silver cup, and spoons prizes will be contended for at the Crescent Greys' entertainment, on Saturday, at the lake.

King Lester Arrested.

King Lester, who kicked the woman Mary Hammond, on the 23d of July, which resulted in the death of her child, was arrested at 9 o'clock Saturday morning by Sergeant Ryan and Special Tracy.

Fire.

At a quarter to 11 o'clock last night a fire, caused by the explosion of a coal oil lamp, broke out in the two-story frame house No. 362 St. Charles street.

This property was owned by Mr. Beverel and occupied by T. H. Crombar as a dwelling. The furniture was damaged to the extent of \$1,000, and the dwelling to the extent of \$25. Whether the property was insured or not could not be ascertained.

Railroad Personals.

By THE JACKSON ROUTE.

The departures by the Jackson Railroad last evening were: A. B. Gernon, J. A. Turrell, Mrs. E. M. Slaughter, D. Cobb, Chas. V. Carson, J. W. A. Watkins and daughter, New York; J. W. S. Sirefont, Europe, via New York; W. H. Rose and wife, St. Louis; W. H. Munn, R. Little Rock; J. W. Chaffee, O. Chaffee & Sons, Thos. E. Tricot, Niagara Falls; Capt. Sam Basile, Cincinnati; J. Richards, Chicago; W. B. Bear, Hot Springs, Ark.

By THE MOBILE ROUTE.

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