

OUR ST. LOUIS LETTER.

THE QUARREL BETWEEN MAYOR OVERSTOLZ AND THE ST. LOUIS CITY COUNCIL.

A Contest Between a King of Republicans and a Clique of Political Nondescripts—A New Paper—A Packet Line to New Orleans Promised—The Police on a Militia Footing—The Police and the Gamblers.

(Special Correspondence N. O. Democrat.) St. Louis, Aug. 24, 1877.

The Mayor and Council are AT ODDS, and the taxpayers of St. Louis, in addition to their other municipal burdens, are paying the expense of a first class war between his honor and the upper house of the municipal assembly.

THE MAYOR AND HIS COUNCIL. were elected as Independent, high-pressure reformers, too pure and honest to look with a longing eye upon the spoils of office or indulge in the luxury of fat porquettists. Yet, lo! Before half a year of the super honest administration was passed an open fight is progressing over the division of the paying offices. The impression prevailed that the Mayor and Council were working in harmony and spending sleepless nights and weary days in so shaping the municipal government as to confer upon the poor people the innumerable blessings promised by the new charter. But the war broke upon us with suddenness and fury; there was no speak not "bigger than a man's hand" to give warning of the coming contest. The Mayor sent in his NOMINATIONS FOR THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS,

as required by law for confirmation by the Council, and nobody dreamed but that the whole slate had been agreed upon by these champion reformers whose patriotism lifted them far above political influences. The nominations were, in the proper order of business, referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, and at the next meeting of the Council the committee surprised everybody by reporting them back with the recommendation that the entire slate be rejected, and the recommendation was promptly carried out by the Council, only two Democrats voting to give the Mayor a show. The amusing feature of the whole proceeding was the promptness displayed by the Mayor. Immediately after

THE VOTE OF REJECTION had been announced, and before any other business intervened, the secretary read a message from his honor submitting another slate, and it was afterwards developed that the message was placed in the secretary's hands

BEFORE THE COMMITTEE HAD REPORTED upon the nominations. The reporters, who so often spoil well-laid plans, ascertained that two of the Mayor's confidential advisers had pumped the committee, and learning what course they intended to pursue, drove rapidly to the Mayor's residence and informed him of what was coming. The Mayor is severely censured for his indecent haste and the Council is condemned for using its power of confirmation in the interest of a political clique. The Republicans claim that the Mayor failed to keep faith with their party; that he promised them the street commissioner and violated the pledge by sending in the name of a Democrat.

THE BREACH IS STILL UNHEALED, and, in fact, seems to grow wider; the people's interests are being frittered away in efforts to serve a ring of Republicans on the side of the Council, and a CLIQUE OF POLITICAL NONDESCRIBTS, led by the Mayor on the other side. The unhappy results, of which true and tried Democratic leaders warned the public in case they permitted the Overstolz dynasty to again come into power are realized, and the entire population is suffering in consequence. The situation is particularly unfortunate at this time, when every interest is prostrated from the effects of years of fraud, corruption and misrule in the national government. Now, if ever, the municipal government should be administered in the interest of the citizens at large, and so as to relieve the city and its commerce as far as possible of the blighting influences the whole nation is feeling.

A GENERAL FEELING OF UNEASINESS pervades the community, and meetings of citizens are being held, in hopes that expressions of the popular will may turn the local rulers from their selfish purposes and avert at least a portion of the evil that must follow. While the fight between the Mayor and Council progresses, the city is deprived of the practical benefits of its local government. The Board of Public Improvements remains unorganized, and not a dollar can be expended on public works. The hundreds of laboring men who derive their support from this source are idle and there is no department authorized to employ them.

Such are the blessings flowing from a local administration composed of a mongrel as Mayor and Republican reformers as a council.

METHODIST MATTERS. Bishop E. M. Marvin, of the Southern Methodist Church, has just returned from a tour around the world much improved in health. He will preside over the annual session of the St. Louis Conference, which assemblies in this city on the 5th of September. Camp meeting season is almost here, and the unusually large watermelon crop will no doubt insure a large attendance. The Marvin camp ground, about eight miles from the city, is being put in order for the meeting which begins September 13. The Southern Methodists of St. Louis comprise many of our wealthiest and most liberal-minded citizens, and their camp meeting is marked by a genial hospitality that renders it a popular resort.

A NEW PAPER PROMISED AND ANOTHER NEEDED. A new German daily will make its appearance in St. Louis some time next month, as the organ of the workmen. There are already three German dailies in the city, all doing well, but there is a good living for a fourth if the proper men get hold of it. In the journalistic line, St. Louis needs an evening paper worse than anything else. In this great city, of over half million population, in the very centre of American civilization and progress, there is but one journal published in the afternoon, and there is immense room for improvement in that one. Because, perhaps, there is no competition this one evening paper sadly neglects the wide field open here for its work. St. Louis offers the best opening in the Union for a first-class evening paper, and such an enterprise would pay as soon as its character as a newspaper was established.

PASSENGER PACKETS. The project of establishing a line of passenger steamers between St. Louis and New Orleans meets with favor from many of the most substantial men of this city, and is, no doubt, equally favored in your city. The plan suggested is to construct vessels with a view to speed and light draft, to run through, touching only at important points; the line to carry no freight, except packages such as are usually shipped by express. Competent steamboatmen say boats can be built to make the trip between St. Louis and New Orleans in three days. The trip has been made in three days and a half by boats constructed more for carrying capacity than speed, and it is contended that a steamer made for speed can certainly get half a day below that time. Such a line would undoubtedly command a large share of patronage, as a large majority of people would prefer to travel by steamer if it were not too slow a process.

A MILITIA POLICE FORCE. Our military heroes who are being consumed by a desire to distinguish themselves as soldiers while there is no fighting to be done, but who are afraid to enter the State's service because they might be sent to some dangerous place, have decided to enroll themselves as special police, under the Metropolitan police bill, and be subject only to the command of the city authorities. They have succeeded in finding a method, under the laws, whereby they can organize companies and earn for themselves the captain or lieutenant, and that is all they are after. They are not especially bloodthirsty, and there is no need for any alarm. These militia chaps are not the kind who stir up wars.

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IMPROVED FIG LEAVES. A Tone in Coloring—Cheap Prices—Moss—Embroidery, Etc. As we have noticed in other "chats," the most that is to be seen just now is summer goods and costumes at immense reductions. New costumes are but sparingly made, for everybody is inclined to wait and see what the autumn brings us in the way of novelties. By-the-way, you'll quickly find this time of change is speeding on! It seems but yesterday that we were surfeited with new fabrics, new styles and trimmings; and it was really labor to select from the many beautiful things something to meet the wants of every class of readers. Now and then, change is on the tapis. Already there are whisperings of new and brilliant changes, which "twere rank treason" to make us wait no more. We will tell you, however, that faded flowers have had their day. A decided tone of coloring is largely in demand; and even those of dead cloth are giving way to higher colors of bronzes, claret, green and other conspicuous shades. To say that we look lovingly upon these shades, in preference to those of more quiet tone, we cannot. Still, if they are fashionable, they will soon be recognized as elaborately embroidered in white by machine. The bottom of the front is entirely covered, and the design, being in pyramidal shape, reaches nearly half way to the waist, and extends around the entire skirt. The jacket is long, half tight, and square all around. This, and the cuffs, collar and pocket, are all elaborately embroidered in pyramids, making a most desirable costume for country or excursion wear. Although so elaborately embroidered in white, the pattern is so exceedingly fine that it has a look of being over-trimmed or fussy. These costumes, early in the summer, readily commanded \$12. Then there are quantities of over-skirts and basques at still lower figures, and some plainly made full suits as low as \$2 75. Bright colors have been worn all summer with white. For instance, a white organdie was made of tucks edged with valenciennes. The lower part of skirt was trimmed with three side plaits, with both edges of lace. Between these was a spiral jabot of the organdie and lace, plentifully ornamented with loops and ends of deep red ribbon. The tablier was of alternate rows of the organdie tucking and valenciennes inserting, and edged with a pleated ruffle with lace edges. The basque was made of alternate rows of pleating and inserting, made bias, so that each row met in the centre of back and front. The over-skirt was looped on the left side, to form a square pocket of the front side edge, and where the two joined were triangular loops and ends in profusion. On the right side was a spiral cascade of lace and ribbon the whole length. Bows of ribbon finished the front of basque and back of sleeves, making in all one of the jauntiest white costumes of the season. Fine, thin lady's cloth, of which we have heretofore made mention, bids fair to reign for late summer and early autumn costumes. These are made in the vest costume (described last week), or the Breton. The white wool moss embroidery is used for trimming, making a decidedly jaunty dress for mountain wear and early fall city costumes. We have been shown them in prune, green and blue, and can not but pronounce them lovely. Some are made with skirt of same color in silk, with over costumes of the lady's cloth. This is a splendid idea for ladies who have all skirts that can be so modeled nicely, if the greater part is covered by something handsome. The Bonny embroidery machine has created both a taste and means of gratifying that taste, for embroidery, and without doubt that species of trimmings will be largely used. Very many summer silks (now they can be purchased so low) are being made for fall. The princess is the favorite, and finished with loops and ends of the frayed silk. The front is gathered about a half yard from the bottom, and this is covered with a broad, loose knot, ending in large loops. The edge in front has a bias flounce, plaited three plaits, then an equal space. This flounce is about one-quarter in depth, after finishing. Above this is a scarf of the silk, finished with a similar, but narrower flounce; and at the right it forms the pocket, under frayed loops of the silk; and at the left is carried a little higher, and finished with loops and ends of the frayed silk. The front is closed with smoke-pearl buttons. Belts bid fair to rage this fall; some are already worn that are very fanciful. Frayed ribbons and silk will be fashionable. Frayed ribbons for both costumes and hats this fall. Double pippings, of two contrasting colors to the dress itself, are used abroad for finishing all seams. An attempt will be made to establish this as "the latest" fash, but we think it too tawdry a fashion to succeed with ladies of taste. It is said we are to have the long, loose paletot for a full wrap, and that rough goods, like coachman's cloth, will be more worn than the smooth, dressed cloth. Chemisettes are gaining ground, and we predict their reign for out-of-door fall costumes, and through the winter for house. They are pretty and stylish, and a help to enliven the gravest costumes. Over-cuffs are gaining ground, and doubtless, with winter, we shall have but few open sleeves. So note it be! But they are too warm for summer, and we have greeted with joy the short, loose sleeves that have been so largely worn all the season. Au revoir! BLANCHE.

The Toronto Mail, describing the American rifle team, says: "Isaac L. Allen is a member of the firm of D. Allen & Sons, manufacturers of cordage, in Pine street, this city. He is 35 feet 10 inches in height, and has been engaged in rifle-shooting since the fall of 1876. "Thirty-five feet 10 inches," indeed! There are giants in these days.

Italy will hold a national dairy fair at Portici, in October.

Succession of Jacob Ulmer. SECOND DISTRICT COURT FOR THE PARISH of Orleans, No. 30,801.—Notice is hereby given to the creditors of this estate and to all other persons herein interested to show cause within ten days from the present notification, if any they have, why the account of the deceased should not be approved and homologated, and the funds distributed in accordance with the will.

Succession of Louise Catherine Bonjean. SECOND DISTRICT COURT FOR THE PARISH of Orleans, No. 30,792.—Whereas, Mrs. Harriet A. Dacolins has petitioned the court for letters of administration on the estate of the late Louise Catherine Bonjean, deceased, intestate. Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern to show cause within ten days from the present notification, if any they have, why the account presented by the administrator of this estate should not be approved and homologated, and the funds distributed in accordance therewith.

Succession of Andrew Kissinger. THE CREDITORS OF THIS ESTATE ARE hereby notified to make themselves known and to present an account of their respective claims and the titles by which they are established, to the undersigned, on or before the 10th day of September, 1877, at which time and place the said estate is notified to settle immediately with the undersigned.

Succession of Caroline Aron Jacobs. SECOND DISTRICT COURT FOR THE PARISH of Orleans, No. 29,888.—Whereas, Moses Aron Jacobs, administrator of the estate of the late Caroline Aron Jacobs, deceased, intestate. Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern to show cause within ten days from the present notification, if any they have, why the account presented by the administrator of this estate should not be approved and homologated, and the funds distributed in accordance therewith.

Succession of Eliza Pote Maclac. SECOND DISTRICT COURT FOR THE PARISH of Orleans, No. 29,889.—Whereas, Dr. O. Anouf has petitioned the court for letters of administration on the estate of the late Eliza Pote Maclac, deceased, intestate. Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern to show cause within ten days from the present notification, if any they have, why the account presented by the administrator of this estate should not be approved and homologated, and the funds distributed in accordance therewith.

Successions of Peter and Catherine McDonald. SECOND DISTRICT COURT FOR THE PARISH of Orleans, No. 29,890.—Whereas, E. T. Parker, public administrator, has petitioned the court for letters of administration on the estate of the late Peter and Catherine McDonald, deceased, intestate. Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern to show cause within ten days from the present notification, if any they have, why the account presented by the administrator of this estate should not be approved and homologated, and the funds distributed in accordance therewith.

CONSTABLE SALES. Henry R. Gougeon vs. Geo. Landwehr. EIGHTH JUSTICE COURT FOR THE PARISH of Orleans, No. 27.—By virtue of a writ of fieri facias, to be directed to the Hon. A. J. Roman, Eighth Justice of the Peace for the parish of Orleans, I will proceed to sell at public auction, on TUESDAY, September 3, 1877, at 11 o'clock a. m., in front of my office, on Canal Avenue, between Hampson and Second streets, in the Seventh District of this city, the following described property, to-wit: ONE HORSE, WAGON AND HARNESS. Seized in the above entitled and numbered Terms—Cash on the spot. P. MITCHELL, Constable.

MUNICIPAL ADVERTISEMENTS. DEPARTMENT OF POLICE, Administrator's Office, New Orleans, August 22, 1877. WAS BROUGHT TO THE FIRST DISTRICT COURT, corner Levee and Lafayette streets, on Monday, August 20, 1877, a ONE-BAY MARE, about 14 hands high, two white hind legs and barefaced. Which, if not claimed within five days and expenses thereon paid, will be sold at public auction at said point on WEDNESDAY, August 29, 1877, at 12 o'clock m. By order of ROBT. E. DIAMOND, Administrator.

SEALED PROPOSALS. MAYORALTY OF NEW ORLEANS. New Orleans, August 29, 1877. Sealed proposals will be received at this office until TUESDAY, 29th inst., at 12 m., for repairs to the Madison School-house, corner of Piquet and Palmyra streets, in accordance with specifications on file. The right to reject any and all bids is reserved. ED. PILSBURY, Mayor.

SEALED PROPOSALS. DEPARTMENT OF IMPROVEMENTS, Room No. 46, City Hall, New Orleans, August 29, 1877. Sealed proposals will be received at this office until TUESDAY, the 29th inst., at 11 o'clock a. m., for repairing the plank roads of the First and Second Districts of this city, in accordance with specifications on file in the office of the City Surveyor. The particular streets or roads to be repaired will be designated in the applications. The City Council reserves the right to reject any or all the bids. JOHN McCAFFREY, Administrator.

SEALED PROPOSALS. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, CITY HALL, New Orleans, August 18, 1877. Sealed proposals will be received at this Department until TUESDAY, August 28, 1877, at 11 o'clock a. m., for the sale to the city of Ten Wheel Improvement Bonds.

PROPOSALS FOR CITY BONDS. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, City Hall, New Orleans, August 15, 1877. Sealed proposals will be received until WEDNESDAY, August 29, 1877, at 12 o'clock m., for the sale to the city of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) of Bonds of the City of New Orleans and of the late Cities of Jefferson and Carrollton and PLEMIKI BONDS.

NOTICE TO BAKERS. MAYORALTY OF NEW ORLEANS. City Hall, August 25, 1877. The average price of fresh flour being this day seven dollars and fifty cents, in accordance with said valuation the price of bread for the week commencing on MONDAY, August 27, 1877, will be: Sixty ounces for twenty cents. Thirty ounces for ten cents. Fifteen ounces for five cents. Bakers of bread are required to use only the best flour of the above value per barrel, and the use of damaged or inferior flour in bread offered for sale in this city is prohibited. Complaints of bread are requested to report to the nearest police station any violation of the above ordinance, either in violation of weight or quality of material. ED. PILSBURY, Mayor.

JUDICIAL ADVERTISEMENTS. SUCCESSION NOTICES. Succession of Jacob Ulmer. SECOND DISTRICT COURT FOR THE PARISH of Orleans, No. 30,801.—Notice is hereby given to the creditors of this estate and to all other persons herein interested to show cause within ten days from the present notification, if any they have, why the account of the deceased should not be approved and homologated, and the funds distributed in accordance with the will.

Succession of Louise Catherine Bonjean. SECOND DISTRICT COURT FOR THE PARISH of Orleans, No. 30,792.—Whereas, Mrs. Harriet A. Dacolins has petitioned the court for letters of administration on the estate of the late Louise Catherine Bonjean, deceased, intestate. Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern to show cause within ten days from the present notification, if any they have, why the account presented by the administrator of this estate should not be approved and homologated, and the funds distributed in accordance therewith.

Succession of Andrew Kissinger. THE CREDITORS OF THIS ESTATE ARE hereby notified to make themselves known and to present an account of their respective claims and the titles by which they are established, to the undersigned, on or before the 10th day of September, 1877, at which time and place the said estate is notified to settle immediately with the undersigned.

Succession of Caroline Aron Jacobs. SECOND DISTRICT COURT FOR THE PARISH of Orleans, No. 29,888.—Whereas, Moses Aron Jacobs, administrator of the estate of the late Caroline Aron Jacobs, deceased, intestate. Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern to show cause within ten days from the present notification, if any they have, why the account presented by the administrator of this estate should not be approved and homologated, and the funds distributed in accordance therewith.

Succession of Eliza Pote Maclac. SECOND DISTRICT COURT FOR THE PARISH of Orleans, No. 29,889.—Whereas, Dr. O. Anouf has petitioned the court for letters of administration on the estate of the late Eliza Pote Maclac, deceased, intestate. Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern to show cause within ten days from the present notification, if any they have, why the account presented by the administrator of this estate should not be approved and homologated, and the funds distributed in accordance therewith.

Successions of Peter and Catherine McDonald. SECOND DISTRICT COURT FOR THE PARISH of Orleans, No. 29,890.—Whereas, E. T. Parker, public administrator, has petitioned the court for letters of administration on the estate of the late Peter and Catherine McDonald, deceased, intestate. Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern to show cause within ten days from the present notification, if any they have, why the account presented by the administrator of this estate should not be approved and homologated, and the funds distributed in accordance therewith.

CONSTABLE SALES. Henry R. Gougeon vs. Geo. Landwehr. EIGHTH JUSTICE COURT FOR THE PARISH of Orleans, No. 27.—By virtue of a writ of fieri facias, to be directed to the Hon. A. J. Roman, Eighth Justice of the Peace for the parish of Orleans, I will proceed to sell at public auction, on TUESDAY, September 3, 1877, at 11 o'clock a. m., in front of my office, on Canal Avenue, between Hampson and Second streets, in the Seventh District of this city, the following described property, to-wit: ONE HORSE, WAGON AND HARNESS. Seized in the above entitled and numbered Terms—Cash on the spot. P. MITCHELL, Constable.

MUNICIPAL ADVERTISEMENTS. DEPARTMENT OF POLICE, Administrator's Office, New Orleans, August 22, 1877. WAS BROUGHT TO THE FIRST DISTRICT COURT, corner Levee and Lafayette streets, on Monday, August 20, 1877, a ONE-BAY MARE, about 14 hands high, two white hind legs and barefaced. Which, if not claimed within five days and expenses thereon paid, will be sold at public auction at said point on WEDNESDAY, August 29, 1877, at 12 o'clock m. By order of ROBT. E. DIAMOND, Administrator.

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