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Official Journal Town of Donaldsonville.

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EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR.

Saturday, - - - October 7, 1871.

Republican State Central Executive Committee.

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Congressional Committee, 3rd District.
John R. Gallup, Emerson Bentley,
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Clark H. Remick.

The stock of the Louisiana Levee Company is improving.

Wilkinson has all the latest periodicals at his news depot, Crescent Place.

The decrease of the public debt during the month of September was \$13,500,000.

Copies of the CHIEF may always be found at Wilkinson's news depot and at the postoffice.

The New Orleans Academy of Music has opened with Dominick Murray as the leading actor.

Hon. Milton Morris called on us yesterday. He is authorized to act as our agent at New River.

Mr. Pierre Landry is duly authorized to act as agent for the CHIEF in this parish and elsewhere.

When the Tangipahoa Advocate extracts articles from our columns we would be much obliged to have the customary credit given us.

Attention is called to the advertisement of Mr. Samuel W. Stafford, who seeks a situation as manager of a plantation, and can bring good references.

The Rapides Gazette having completed the publication of the State laws, its editor has aroused from his lethargy and written some editorial. No doubt his readers will rejoice in consequence.

Our good friend Willie Hodges, Mail Agent on the Steamer Wade Hampton, has placed us under repeated obligations for fresh city papers and we have forgotten to thank him, until now. Such is ingratitude!

When the advocates of a cause descend to downright lying to sustain their arguments, that cause is growing weak. And judging from the perfectly reckless manner in which some of the disruptionist journals utter flagrant falsehoods and refuse to correct them, we infer that the Custom-house faction are on their last legs.

Professor C. G. Forshey, whose name has appeared heretofore in our columns as the author of a letter denying the probability of the Tidal Wave hoax, has been appointed civil Engineer for the Louisiana Levee Company. Though not personally acquainted with the Professor we have ever heard of him as a gentleman of science and ability, and he will doubtless fulfil the duties of his new position with the greatest efficiency.

If there is one thing more than another which serves to make a steamboat popular, it is genial and accommodating officers. And in this respect our swift little coast packet Henry Tete cannot be excelled. She is a good boat, complete in all her appointments, a swift runner, and commanded by a perfect gentleman, who deems no sacrifice too great which will contribute to the comfort or convenience of his patrons. With all these advantages, who can wonder at her popularity?

Mr. Bovee says the Times reporter was favored with a file of the Sentinel from which to "gather items" in regard to the arrest and sentence of the Menteth murderers in St. James. He did not "gather items," but stole whole articles, and the fact of his being favored by its publisher with a file of the Sentinel in order to enable him to get up an interesting article, only makes his failure to give the proper credit a greater breach of journalistic courtesy.

RED RIVER KU-KLUX.

AN OUTRAGE IN GRANT PARISH.

Recorder Murdered and Parish Judge Shot At.

A Revival of old Scenes.

Our readers and the whole people of the State will be startled and shocked to hear of a recent outrage which has been committed in the Parish of Grant by a body of armed midnight assassins.

The fiendish deed has awakened in our breast memories of the scenes that were enacted in this State three years ago, and we lift up our voice in horror and alarm to beseech the Government to stretch forth its strong arm and prevent a return of those "times that tried men's souls."

As of old, the victims of this barbarous and startling outrage are Republicans, and the perpetrators white Ku-Klux.

We copy the following letter from Hon. W. B. Phillips, Parish Judge of Grant Parish, written to the New Orleans Republican:

COLFAX, September 27, 1871.

EDITOR REPUBLICAN:
Your imagination cannot conceive of a more heinous crime than was committed here on the twenty-fifth instant.

A crowd of white men, about fifty, came to my home about one o'clock, set fire to my dwelling house, and guarded the doors with double-barreled shot guns; and when Delos W. White, our recorder, and myself went to the door, they fired upon us, killing White in an instant. They took two more shots at me, and I fell down as if dead, and then they mounted their horses and ran.

They burned everything I had entirely up, and left a torch tied on a pole twelve feet long in the yard. It will be unsafe for Republicans in this part of the State until the general election is over.

Mr. White was burned up in the house. I could not get him out. The people are much excited. I am not in a condition to write more.

W. B. PHILLIPS.
The Republican adds: "Mr. White was a young man, and we believe came out here with the eighteenth New York cavalry regiment, in 1864."

We await further particulars of this murder and incendiarism, and anxiously expect the powers that be to take immediate measures to have the outlaws brought to justice.

CHEERING NEWS.

Glorious is the news which has lately sped over the long line of telegraphic wires stretching between the cities of Boston and New Orleans. Several leading members of the committee of Louisiana Republicans who were sent to Washington to represent to President Grant the outrageous actions of his subordinates here on the 9th of August last, proceeded to Boston after the interview with the President was over, and held a consultation with Governor Claflin, chairman of the National Republican Executive Committee, with reference to the probable action of that Committee in regard to Louisiana affairs. Gov. Claflin assured his visitors that all the sympathies of the Republicans of the North were with Governor Warmoth, and there was scarcely any doubt but that the National Executive Committee would recognize the actions of the Turners' Hall Convention and the State Central Executive Committee chosen by that assembly.

This is indeed cheering intelligence, for the main hope of the disruptionists was that the National Executive Committee would regard their packed Custom-house Convention as the proper State Convention of the Louisiana Republican party. Some of the principal actors in that Convention have even declared that if it was not recognized by the National Executive Committee they would repudiate it and lend their countenance to the works of the Convention which met at Turners' Hall. The present indications are that a chance to prove their sincerity will soon present itself.

We stand with our hat in hand, only waiting for the news of the removal of the Federal officials who so grossly prostituted their positions, to throw it high in the air, and give vent to a first-class war whoop in our enthusiasm. When this removal is made, some one please toll a bell for the decease of the opposition to the State Administration. It is in its last agonies now, and only needs this one more straw to break its back entirely.

Charley Halstead, one of the proprietors of the Iberville News, and Tax Collector of the adjoining parish of Iberville, has just returned home from an extended Northern tour. We hope his genial face will illuminate our sanctum at no distant day.

THE LEVEES.

Anything that relates to the subject of levees must prove interesting to the entire community, and any assurance that the dangerous gaps in those necessary embankments will be closed before the rising of the river will be regarded by all as good news.

Therefore, it is with a great degree of pleasure that we publish the following letter from Gen. Jeff Thompson, State Engineer, to Judge Mason of this parish:

OFFICE BOARD OF STATE ENGINEERS,
New Orleans, Sept. 30, 1871.

Hon. E. W. Mason:
DEAR JUDGE—Yours of the 26th is before me, I have this instant returned from a call upon Mr. Wilman, the president of the Louisiana Levee Company, and he has informed me that Professor Forshey has been appointed the engineer of the company, and that many of the works will be advertised early next week. In the list are the Lacroix and New River levees in your parish, and I hope to see you in a few days when we go up to locate them. The less dangerous points will be advertised afterwards.

Yours most respectfully,
M. JEFF THOMPSON,
Chief State Engineer.

So it appears that the Louisiana Levee Company has at last been put in running order and will set at once to work to save the country from the inundation which threatens it. We wish them the best success in their grand undertaking.

The people will breathe freer now.

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY OF US.

We continue this week to reproduce the notices which our new enterprise has received from the public press.

The Daily Mississippi Pilot, of Jackson, Miss., says: "A new Republican paper has been established at Donaldsonville, La., by Linden E. Bentley, Esq., and is called the Chief." An extract from our salutatory follows.

Our brother, of the Attakapas Register, Franklin, La., next speaks:

We have received the first number of the Donaldsonville Chief, Linden E. Bentley, editor, a new Republican paper established in Ascension parish. It is neat in typography, and spirited in editorials. Success to the Chief, and its cause in Ascension!

Friend Smith, of the Republican Pioneer, St. John the Baptist, La., gives us a notice tinged with a qualification which can be excused when it is remembered that Mortimer champions the Custom-house ring:

We have received the first number of the Donaldsonville Chief, a paper published in Donaldsonville by Linden E. Bentley, former editor of the St. James Sentinel. Its typographical appearance is neat and does credit to the good taste of the editor, and but for the rotten cause of Warmoth's which, judging from its editorial contents, it is devoted to advocate, would be a literary as well as a business success.

The Citizens' Guard, pet organ of the disruptionists, gives us a kindlier greeting than we expected from such a source:

We have received the first number of the Donaldsonville Chief, published weekly in Donaldsonville, by Linden E. Bentley, lately of the St. James Sentinel. It is one of the most neatly printed country papers we have ever seen, and is intensely Warmothian in its character. In this respect the Chief, strongly resembles Warmoth, its chief, while fine looking to the outward eye is like the "whited sepulchre, filled with rottenness and dead men's bones." We unfeignedly hope the Chief's success, the more especially as we do not suppose it will do any harm.

We shall never try to do any harm; our aim is to do good.

John E. Leet, of the Abbeville Flag, says:

Bentley has started a neat paper at Donaldsonville called the Chief—of turncoats—we will add. He may be, doubtless, honest in his summer-sault, but desertion in the heat of battle always looks bad. Either Linden's reputation for integrity or intelligence must suffer by the change.

The Chief has not turned its coat and does not intend to.

The Lafourche Times, edited by friend Hartman, welcomes us heartily:

HAIL TO THE CHIEF.—On Wednesday last we were pleased and somewhat surprised, by receiving the first number of the Chief, edited and published by our old friend Linden E. Bentley.

Here is a case of true industry and perseverance. A little over three weeks ago Mr. Bentley was editing a paper in St. James. He retires from the editorial chair of that paper, the St. James Sentinel, and within two weeks presents to the public a first-class newspaper, the workmanship of which is without fault, and it is undoubtedly conducted by one who knows his "buis."

Mr. Bentley deserves great credit for his display of industry, and there is not a paper in the whole of our State more worthy of the support of Republicans than the Donaldsonville Chief. Success attend you, Linden.

Our neighbor, the St. James Sentinel speaks:
We have received the first and sec-

ond numbers of the Donaldsonville Chief, a new Republican paper devoted to the Warmoth faction, edited and published by our former partner, Mr. L. E. Bentley. Its typographical appearance is neat and tasty, and a fair average of ability is displayed in its editorial department. Peculiarly we wish it success; politically it can never succeed in the parish of Ascension, as long as it supports Mr. Warmoth's administration.

We might have believed that a few months ago, but now that we have come to Ascension and ascertained pretty well how the political land lies, Mr. Bovee might swear himself black in the face and yet fail to convince us.

The Baton Rouge Gazette and Comet, a conservative Southern journal, gives us a handsome notice:

We acknowledge the receipt of a copy of the Chief, a neatly printed and ably edited four page twenty-four column journal, published at the town of Donaldsonville, and is a warm advocate of the Warmoth wing of the Republican party. Its editor and proprietor is Mr. Linden E. Bentley, recently the editor of Bovee's Sentinel. The Chief speaks well for his tribe and if he continues to be as modest and eloquent in the future as he is at present he will deserve his sashemship. We see no just reason why we should not wish him pecuniary success with his new enterprise.

One of the handsomest notices we have yet received comes from the Empire Parish Register, published at St. Sophie, Plaquemine Parish, La.:

THE DONALDSONVILLE CHIEF.—This is the name of a new Republican paper which has been established at Donaldsonville, and of which Mr. Linden E. Bentley, late of the St. James Sentinel, is editor and proprietor. The first number is before us, of date the 16th inst., and its appearance in every respect is neat and attractive. Its arrangement, typographically, displays artistic taste, and to a degree, far better than is usually seen in the publication of most rural journals. It is certainly a handsome paper. The reading matter in this number consists of good selections, racy editorials, and general news and local items. Mr. Bentley is a fluent, pointed writer, and has a freshness of style which indicates energy and ambition. The Chief is Republican in politics, and is hostile to the attempts of the Custom-house bummers to disrupt the Republican party of Louisiana. Wishing Mr. Bentley success in his new field of enterprise, and welcoming his paper to our list of exchanges, we clip the following from his salutatory: * * *

There is not a man in the State of Louisiana who has the welfare of the State in mind, who wishes to see Warmoth re-elected.—Exchange.

The editor who indited the above supremely ridiculous sentence either takes his readers to be all fools or he is one himself.

The New Orleans papers seem bound to have J. C. Oliver Sheriff of Ascension Parish anyhow, notwithstanding he is Sheriff of St. James. We resist this attempt to foist a second Sheriff upon us; we have one who performs his duties very satisfactorily. New Orleans editors are sadly deficient in a knowledge of what they are writing about in this instance.

The argument in the case of Geo. E. Bovee vs. F. J. Herron, an action brought in the Eighth District Court under the intrusion act, to regain possession of the office of Secretary of State, was concluded Thursday, and Judge Emeron took the matter under advisement. It is probable a decision was rendered yesterday. We believe the prevailing opinion is that the decision will be adverse to plaintiff.

Commenting upon our notice of his suspension from office by the Governor, Geo. E. Bovee, of the St. James Sentinel, says:

It is evident from its tone, that Mr. Bentley has settled himself squarely and fairly into the filth and corruption that surrounds his royal master, and we shall not be surprised to see him next year aiding his patron to swindle the people of Ascension out of another election.

The only possible excuse that we can find for the contemptible insinuation made in the above is that Mr. Bovee has measured our honesty by his own.

Here is the way friend Loud, of the Iberville News, reciprocates for our little squib of week before last, relating to himself and paper:

Bravo, friend Bentley! We M— you. We O U I. May your always ex the true principles of Republicanism; may a remarkable "of success reward your labors; may every "of your life be devoted to usefulness. Your coffers overflow with \$\$, may The Chief be found without a \$ in your A. and when grim Death puts a . to your Existence, may you E\$ in your chips with a clear conscience and take your place among the "of heaven, and be blessed forever more. Selah!

Your vigorous and forcible array of good wishes has completely floored us. We lack language to reciprocate. The fire of our enthusiasm burns low, and we must needs — more: before pretending to answer your last outburst of editorial sympathy and encouragement.

News By Telegraph.

Brigham Young is ill.
Commodore Oscar Bull is dead.
Wm. H. Seward has returned from Japan.

The Secretary of the Navy has gone to Ohio to assist in the campaign.

Some secret agents acting in the interests of the ex-Emperor Napoleon, have been arrested in Paris.

The French Government is investigating the alleged ill-treatment of Germans by the citizens of Lyons.

The grandest demonstration ever known in Atlanta, was the funeral of General Clanton, recently shot in that city.

Charles O'Connor, the eminent jurist, heads the anti-Tammany delegation to the New York Democratic State Convention.

The Commercial Convention recently in session at Baltimore Md., has adjourned to meet at St. Louis, in 1872.

Butler has been defeated in the contest for the gubernatorial candidacy of Massachusetts by Washburn. Benjamin accepts the situation.

The Criminal Court of the District of Columbia has quashed the indictment against White and Ramsdell, who refused to testify before a Senate committee.

A meeting of the National Executive Committee of the Union League, was held in Philadelphia, October 3rd, and Thomas W. Conway, of Louisiana, removed as a State member for recommending the discontinuance of the organization in his State.

Let Warmoth instantly disband his bogus "State Committee."—Abbeville Flag.

If Governor Warmoth should attempt to disband the Republican Executive Committee chosen by the State Convention, he would go overboard from the Republican ship so quick 'twould make his head swim.

The St. John the Baptist Meschacebe thinks we have made a typographical error in the heading of our paper, and that it should be "Thief" instead of CHIEF. Perhaps the editor of the Meschacebe has the same failing as our neighbor of the Sentinel: that of judging the character of others by his own.

TWO QUESTIONS.—The Abbeville Flag and Attakapas Register have been asking one another questions:

Will the Attakapas Register answer this question? If Warmoth is the Democratic candidate for Governor next year will it support him?—Abbeville Flag.
Answer—No. Will the Flag answer this question? Is not the Independent, the new Democratic paper of Vermilion, published by your printer, on your type, in your office, under your control?—Register.

[Communicated.]

MR. EDITOR:
Sir—I tender my sincere thanks to Mr. L. E. Bentley, Editor of THE DONALDSONVILLE CHIEF, as only a vague remuneration for the gratifying result of the weekly perusal of his excellent paper, whose contents serve as a "Eureka" for every condition of mind. Having received the third number of its issue, I feel perfectly safe in publicly asserting that all who complain of the want of appreciable literary or political matter, and fail to admit into their family circle this pro bono publico organ, are to be pitied by reason of their incompetency to judge as to what they do want, or else are inexcusable, since their complaints are based on a sandy foundation. I hope the colored people, particularly in this vicinity, whose children are being educated, will avail themselves of this opportunity to both improve their children and furnish themselves with necessary political and local intelligence by which they may understand their respective duties as citizens, since it is the only means by which the political benefits can be secured.

THEO. W. LOTT.

[Communicated.]

Dangers of the Coming Election.

We have no doubt the election of 1872, in the State of Louisiana, will result in a victory for the Republican party, with H. C. Warmoth as the candidate for Governor.

The bolting Republican faction known as the Custom-house ring will not have as much show of carrying the election as the Democrats will—and their chances of success are doubted even by themselves.

It is claimed by some that the Democrats will vote for Dunn in preference to Warmoth. We doubt this; but if it should prove true, and Dunn should accept them as his political friends and supporters, he will only awake, alas, too late, to find himself ensnared in his own trap. For it is well known that the Democrats, as a

last expedient, will resort to any trickery within their power to gain control of the reins of the State Government. If Governor Dunn and his party accept the Democratic vote, believing in the sincerity of purpose of the Democrats, and by this vote happen to carry the election, they will naturally feel grateful towards their allies, and will accede out of gratitude to the demands for fat offices which their Democratic brothers will make upon them. Once planted, the young tree begins to grow—becomes stouter and firmer. The Democrats will receive office; they will flatter Mr. Dunn—will tell him he is an honest and just man; Mr. Dunn will naturally feel gratified at such expressions of sentiment from his allies; he will help them to mount higher and higher, until at last they shall reach him and his party and then cast them over the precipice. And once more Democracy will reign in Louisiana.

We ask the colored people of this State to consider well these facts.

If you wish to retain the rights and privileges guaranteed you by the Fifteenth Amendment, guide yourselves by the State Administration, with H. C. Warmoth at its head, and you will be carried surely and safely through the wilderness.

QUICKSTEP.

BENEFITS OF ADVERTISING.—When trade grew slack and bills fell due, the draper's face grew long and blue; his dreams were troubled through the night, with sheriff's balliffs all in sight. At last, his wife unto him said: "Rise up at once, get out of bed, and get your paper, ink and pen, and say these words unto all men: "My goods I wish to sell to you, and to your wives and daughters too; my prices are so very low, that each will buy before they go." He did as his good wife advised, and in the paper advertised. Crowds came and bought of all he had—his bills were paid, his dreams were glad; and he will tell you to this day, how well did printer's ink repay. He told us with a knowing wink, how he was saved by printer's ink.

A Word to Girls.

As I know you all intend to marry, and mean, if possible, to get men of real worth, I will tell you a secret which may aid you in your laudable enterprise. It is this: Men, real men, who alone make good husbands, always aim to select for wives, girls of substantial merit, real charms and valuable accomplishments. Checks ruddy with the glow of health, eyes sparkling with pleasurable excitement and healthful exercise, and forms rounded out, and elastic and supple limbs, are far more attractive to them than a bundle of quivering nerves, flabby muscles, chalky complexion and languid airs. The free, joyous rippling laugh and snatches of song that fall from the lips of the sensible and industrious girl, is far more highly appreciated by sensible men than the silly fashionable giggle and affected imitation of the last operatic air.

Be natural if you would be popular. No greater mistake can be made than for a girl to suppose affectation adds to her attractiveness. True culture is the deadly foe to affectation, and real refinement is always characterized by simplicity and naturalness.

WANTED.—SITUATION AS MANAGER OF A PLANTATION. I have been employed in the capacity of Manager upon the plantation of Dr. Wm. H. Ballard, in this parish, and can give the best of references as regards character and ability if required. Address, SAMUEL W. STAFFORD, Care of THE CHIEF.

List of Letters

Remaining at the Donaldsonville Post-office October 1, 1871.

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| Babin, Antoine | B | Babin, Aristide |
| Blanchard, Miss Elvina | | |
| Cossen, Elige | C | Cornish, David A |
| Cimon, Miss Caline | | Crawley, Jessie |
| Clement, Nourbe | | Chin, Flecher T |
| Dupas, M ^{me} Sophie | D | Denoy, Miss Alice |
| Gillen, Daniel | G | Gomez, Madame L |
| Guedry, J Dufossard | | |
| Holmes, Mrs. Mary | H | Hall, Geo W |
| Harris, George | | Hills, Ben |
| Harper, Richard | | Harrison, Vige |
| Henderson, Smith | | |
| Jackson, Aaron | J | Kairns, M ^{me} J B'te |
| Landry, M ^{me} J B | L | Landry, Mrs L G |
| Low, Mrs Ellen | | Leblanc, D S |
| Lynch, B L | | Leur, Miss Rosalie |
| Mason, Selistan | M | Martin, Miss Eleanora |
| Monaud, Adam | | Motley, L & Co |
| Melancee, J A | | Mason, Miss Coralce |
| Nachols, R N | N | Neal, Clifton |
| Norma, Madame Fanny | | |
| Ourso, Reni | O | Ourso, Martin |
| Prushy, John | P | Pecou, Mrs Addie |
| Powell, Simon | | Parson, Ellen |
| Reynard, Peter | R | Robertson, J N |
| Robinson, James | | Robertson, Charles |
| Staford, David | S | Sandis, H J Mrs |
| Swain, T L | | Sargent of Police |
| Theriot, William L | T | Taylor, Granvil |
| Unity, William | U | Vigre, Pierre |
| Veron, Ernest | | |
| Williams, George | W | Whitcar, Charles |
| Wainwright, Geo | | Yarram W C |
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