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Felix LeBlanc, Joseph Johnson, 3rd.

LOCAL JOTTINGS.

That brass band still perseveringly toots every evening, and its music grows more and more melodious.

Mr. Charles N. Lewis is authorized to act as our agent in this parish for the receipt of subscriptions and advertisements.

The mail steamer Wade Hampton did not arrive here from New Orleans until Tuesday afternoon, being detained by a big load of freight.

Mr. H. P. Bayley, the gentlemanly conductor on the train which makes daily trips between New Orleans and Donaldsonville, has placed us under obligations for courtesies.

We understand that a movement has been set on foot for the organization of a fire company and the purchase of an engine. We trust the objects may be speedily accomplished.

Every day, at ten minutes before 12 o'clock, the whistle of the locomotive pervades the air, and we are reminded of the pleasant fact that we can receive news from New Orleans only four hours old.

The Police Jury met last Monday, repudiated the parish bonds which were declared by decision of the Supreme Court to be illegal, and then adjourned to meet to-day at 12 M. Levees will be the topic of consideration.

DIED.—In New Orleans, on Thursday, October 18th, 1871, Mrs. BERTHA SCHWAB, wife of Solomon Schwab, in the 68th year of her age.

Deceased was mother of Mr. Nathan Schwab, a well-known citizen of this town.

We are informed by Mr. Felix Reynaud, of New River, that the machinery of his sugar-house broke down last week while under headway, and its repair will cause a delay in rolling of perhaps two or three weeks. We are in hopes this accident will result in no great loss to Mr. Reynaud.

Friend D. A. Weber, of the Feliciana Republican, was in town week before last and called at our office several times. We owe him an apology for not noticing his visit sooner, but we are so very busy now-a-days that we often omit to mention things which we fully intended to. Call again, Mr. Weber, we shall always be glad to see you.

Governor Warmoth will come up to this town on the cars to-day, accompanied by Mr. P. J. Kennedy, the noted levee contractor, Mr. Duncan F. Kenner, one of the leading planters of this parish, and others. We understand the object of this visit to be to meet and confer with the Police Jury, and such planters and property holders as may attend at the Court-house, in regard to the subject of levees.

For general information we state that, owing to the large supply of freight, the popular coast steamer, Henry Tete, did not get off until very late from the landing, Thursday morning. In fact, it was 12 M. when she backed out and turned her nozzle towards the Crescent City. This being behind time is the penalty a boat has to pay for being so popular with shippers of freight.

We omitted last week to mention the appointment by Governor Warmoth of our genial friend, Mr. Chas. N. Lewis, as Chief Constable of this parish. Although there is at present nothing for such an officer to do, still it is well enough to have the position filled by such an excellent gentleman as Mr. Lewis, and taxpayers can have no cause for complaint, as no salary attaches to the office excepting when the Chief Constable is performing active duty.

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

The farmer of the Bayou Lafourche ferry has taken out an injunction to prevent the removal of the ferry to the head of Opelousas, street as required by resolution of the Common Council.

From what we have learned since the fire which consumed Dr. Franklin's residence last week, we feel it but a matter of justice to call attention to the valuable services which were rendered by Mr. Christian Kline, our efficient Sheriff, in the way of saving furniture and aiding in preventing the spread of the conflagration. Mr. Kline was one of the first of our citizens to arrive at the scene of action, and his zeal certainly deserves some mention.

The citizens of Donaldsonville would do well to make a note of the fact that the little steamboat Daguerre, which is now lying at the river ferry landing, will leave sometime during the coming week, and if they wish to secure photographs of themselves or friends they must make no delay. We are informed by those who have had pictures taken, that the work is excellently done, and to-morrow we shall test the truth of this by "seeing how it is ourself."

The old saying that "opposition is the life of trade," was never more clearly illustrated than by the improved typographical appearance of the *Leader* last week. A good workman has been employed, and the change produced in the appearance of the paper is no doubt refreshing to its patrons. We think the readers of the *Leader* are indebted to us for this improvement, and if we keep pounding away with our CHIEF, perhaps the *Leader* will deem it necessary to procure the services of an improved editor.

An individual who is yet a stranger to ourself, but probably well known by the officers of the law, has taken an ingenious method of sending us his card; that is, by returning us a copy of the CHIEF with the C erased and a T in its stead. If the person who so appropriately styles himself "The Donaldsonville Thief" wishes to express a desire to call upon us, by thus presenting his card, we shall certainly accord him the privilege, but we would like him to designate beforehand the time when we may expect his visit, in order that we may place our valuables under lock and key and set our "devil" to watch him.

A sight of Wilkinson's news stand this week, is a relief for sore eyes. All the latest illustrated papers are spread out in dazzling array, and among so many fine specimens it is hard to make a choice. *Harper's Magazine*, for November, is a red letter number, and the "Editor's Drawer" is as full of good jokes as an egg is of meat. *Scribner's Monthly* is also on hand, as bright and entertaining as ever. Not least among the manifold attractions is "Josh Billing's Farmer's Almanax" for 1872, which contains more amusing reading matter combined with the usual valuable information of an almanac, than one can shake a stick at. Go to Wilkinson's by all means, and get an "Almanax."

That jovial gentleman and old-time friend of ours, Mr. Thomas Divine, Sheriff of the adjoining parish of Assumption, was in town Thursday afternoon, and paid our office the honor of a visit. He was on his way to Baton Rouge with four prisoners, who were sentenced to the Penitentiary at the session of the District Court now being held in Napoleonville. The names of the prisoners were Venot Hebert, Severin Honore, Wm. Brown and Abe Anderson. Hebert was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to serve a term of twenty years in the penitentiary and pay a fine of two thousand dollars—the full penalty for the offense. Honore, guilty of the same crime, received a sentence of ten years imprisonment and \$10 fine. Wm. Brown, found guilty of assault and stabbing with a dangerous weapon, with intent to kill, will serve the State ten years. Abe Anderson stole a hog, for which larcenous proceeding he will serve a term of one year in the penitentiary. Sheriff Divine incarcerated his prisoners in our parish jail when he arrived in town, placing a guard at the door to prevent their escape, and kept them there until the steamer Katie arrived from New Orleans, when he embarked with them for Baton Rouge. We hope to see Divine's beaming countenance frequently in our sanctum.

ST. JAMES ITEMS.

The *Sentinel* appears this week on the half shell, full of abuse of Governor Warmoth as usual.

We noticed smoke ascending from several sugar houses upon the occasion of our run through a portion of the parish, last week.

Jack Miller, the colored man who was injured by the explosion of a coal oil lamp, as recorded in our last issue, died Friday night, the 13th instant, at 9 o'clock.

Thirteen hogsheads of new first quality sugar, were shipped on the St. John, from the St. James Estate, on the 16th instant. The cane on this plantation is yielding a hoghead and a half to the acre.

Mr. E. LeBoeuf informs us that he has lost five horses from the same disease which killed the horses of Mr. L. Bourgeois a short time since. We have been unable to learn the symptoms or probable cause of the disease. Mr. LeBoeuf is a worthy gentleman who could ill afford the loss, and we sympathize with him accordingly.

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 capability if required. Address, SAMUEL W. STAFFORD, Care of THE CHIEF.

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OFFICE STATE AND PARISH TAX COLLECTOR.
PARISH OF ASCENSION, } Donaldsonville, Sept. 30th, 1871.
TAXPAYERS are hereby notified that I am now recording all property upon which taxes have not been paid. Settle your taxes and save trouble and expense. CHAS. F. SMITH, State Tax Collector.

Notice to Taxpayers.
TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE. } Parish of Ascension, July 22, 1871.
NOTICE is hereby given that the Parish taxes for the year 1870 are due, and that all interested parties are requested to call at my office in the Town of Donaldsonville, on Mississippi street, opposite Mary Israel's store, within twenty days from the date of this notice and pay the same, in default whereof I shall proceed to seize according to law. CHAS. F. SMITH, Parish Tax Collector.

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Proclamation.
MAYOR'S OFFICE. } Donaldsonville, La., October 9, 1871.
WHEREAS, The Code Ordinances of the Town of Donaldsonville, La., have been promulgated in the DONALDSONVILLE CHIEF, the official journal of the Corporation; and, therefore,
I, E. W. MASON, Mayor of the Town of Donaldsonville, do make this my proclamation, that the said Code Ordinances will be in full force and effect from and after Monday, the 16th day of October, 1871.
E. W. MASON, Mayor.

Sale of Ferry!
PARISH OF ST. JAMES.
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that I will proceed to sell at public auction in front of the Court-house, in St. James Parish, the right to ferry as now established by law, at 12 o'clock M., on Saturday, the 24th day of OCTOBER, 1871 to be adjudicated to the highest and last bidder for the term of one year.

Postoffice Notice.
Donaldsonville, September, 1871.
Mails Arrive
From New Orleans on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday mornings.
From Thibodeaux Monday and Thursday at 6 o'clock P. M.
From St. Francisville Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday.
Mails are Closed
For New Orleans on Sunday at 12 o'clock M., and at six o'clock P. M.;
On Tuesday at three o'clock P. M.;
On Wednesday at six o'clock P. M.;
On Thursday at 12 M.
For Thibodeaux on Monday and Thursday at 6 P. M.
For St. Francisville Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 6 P. M.
On Tuesday at three o'clock P. M.;
On Wednesday at 5 P. M., except on Sunday, when it will be closed at 12 o'clock M.
No letters will be registered on Sunday after 8 o'clock A. M.
The postoffice rules will be strictly executed by its officers.
P. LANDRY, Postmaster.

Proceedings of Common Council, Town of Donaldsonville.

SPECIAL MEETING.
CORPORATION OF DONALDSONVILLE, } Mayor's Office, Oct. 5, 1871. }
The Council met this day in special session at 1 o'clock P. M.
Present—E. W. Mason, Mayor; Aldermen Burbridge, Smith, Noel and LeBlanc.
Absent—Aldermen Duffel and Johnson.
On motion of Alderman Smith, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with.
Alderman Smith moved to reconsider his report on wharf at last meeting, as the report was made under a misconception on his part, and that the repairs had not been made as they should have been, or according to Mr. Dugas' contract with the corporation.
The Mayor called the attention of the Council to the trouble that is daily occurring at the Bayou Lafourche ferry, and asked that the Council take some means to repair the evil.

Alderman Noel offered the following:
Be it resolved, That the ordinances of 1871, sec. 66, clause 2, be so amended as to read: "The Bayou Lafourche ferry at the head of Opelousas street, and that the words 'high, and at the mouth of said bayou in low water,' be stricken out, and that the ferry shall be permanently located at the head of Opelousas street; and that the Secretary shall notify Mr. Raphael Mousse to move said ferry from its present location to said Opelousas street on or before the 20th day of October, 1871."
The resolution was adopted.
By Alderman LeBlanc:
Be it resolved, That the Mayor shall appoint a committee to examine into the finances of the town for the past ten (10) years, and report at next regular meeting.
Adopted.

The Mayor appointed on said committee Aldermen LeBlanc and Smith.
Alderman Smith moved to amend by adding the Mayor to said committee.
Amendment adopted.
The following bills were examined and ordered to be paid:
N. Bel, \$6 00
Joseph Arnaud, 10 50
On motion, the Council adjourned sine die.
Attest: E. W. MASON, Mayor.
W. G. WILKINSON, Secretary.

Resolutions

Adopted by the Republican State Convention, August 10th, 1871.
RESOLVED, That we declare the Republican party of Louisiana in full sympathy with the national Republican party; that we endorse the platform of principles laid down by the Chicago Convention.
Resolved, That we believe that the congressional measures of reconstruction have proved a complete success in our State. We endorse these measures, and all laws of Congress enacted in the interests of order and civil liberty. We believe that if honestly and fairly executed, these statutes will conduce to the prosperity of the South and to the strengthening of Republican institutions.
Resolved, That we specially endorse those planks of the Republican platform which pledged our party to the payment of the public debt.

Resolved, That we advocate the reduction of national taxation, and a redistribution of the burden of the same upon the most possible burden upon the people.
Resolved, That we pledge ourselves and our party to faithful execution of the constitutional and statutory provisions for the public education of all the children of the State without distinction.
Resolved, That we endorse the Republican administration of the national and State governments. We especially endorse and commend the official career of our Governor, H. C. Warmoth. We do this because, in our opinion, his administration of the government of Louisiana since reconstruction has been so successful as to bring about the condition of peace and order which characterizes our State above all the other Southern States. By reason of his execution of the laws, it is possible for Republicans to assemble in any part of the State, and the Republican party consequently presents a united front and compact organization.

Resolved, That we pledge our party to the reduction of taxation, and we insist upon an economical administration of the government. We condemn indiscriminate appropriations to individual corporations, and we urge upon the Legislature the curtailment of its expenses.
Resolved, That we advocate a policy of reasonable and wise appropriations by the State to internal improvements. We call upon the national Congress to give to the South its full quota of aid and assistance to the improvement of our harbors and rivers. We believe that we are entitled to an appropriation to assist in opening the mouth of the Mississippi, and in constructing our levees.
Resolved, That we tender our thanks to Messrs. Harris, Gessinger, Stamps, Barred, and other members of the late Central Committee, who remained true to the party, and refused to enter the combination for its overthrow.

Resolved, That we denounce the outrageous acts of the federal officials connected with the late State Central Committee, for having attempted to pack this convention with their chosen adherents, against the expressed will of the Republicans of the State. We denounce them for having called the convention to meet in a United States territory, the only illustrated character of factions in the country. Its supplements alone are worth the subscription price of the paper. While fully maintaining its position as a mirror of fashion, it also contains stories, poems, brilliant essays, besides general and personal gossip. The publishers appear to have spent no labor or expense necessary to make the Bazar the most attractive journal that can possibly be made.—*Boston Saturday Evening Gazette.*

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