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ALDERMEN. Frederick Duffel, Jos. Burbridge, 1st Ward, Charles F. Smith, Robert Noel, 2nd, Felix LeBlanc, Joseph Johnson, 3rd.

Saturday, - - November 4, 1871.

LOCAL NOTINGS.

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

The Parish Court will open session Monday for the transaction of probate business.

Tax Collector Smith will sell some property belonging to delinquent taxpayers to-day.

We had the pleasure of a call from Mr. Henry Cohen, of New River, who was in town yesterday.

The new railroad depot is fast approaching completion, and will be an ornament to our town when finished.

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

We omitted last week to return thanks to Mr. L. Dominick for a fine bundle of sugar-cane. We have a sweet tooth and can appreciate such gifts.

The plastering is falling from the ceiling of the Market-house in large pieces, and it is a wonder somebody has not been seriously injured thereby before this.

Mr. John D. Cantey, Clerk of Court for this parish, has kindly consented to act as an agent for the CHIEF, and due authorization is hereby given him as such.

The regular term of the District Court will convene in this parish on the third Monday of the present month. There is a large number of cases upon the docket we are told.

A friend who day before yesterday visited the plantation of Messrs. Irvin & Gibson, situated upon the left bank of the river in the upper portion of the parish, informs us that the cane on that place is yielding remarkably well for the season, and that grinding is progressing very satisfactorily.

On Tuesday last, Jack Dugas was arrested by Constable Maher for being drunk, using vulgar and obscene language on the streets, and disturbing the peace. Jack was fined five dollars and costs by the Mayor, paid his fine, and went his way a poorer and it is to be hoped a better man.

An attache of the railroad informs us that there is no foundation for the rumor that the company intends to place two daily passenger trains on the road between here and New Orleans within any definite space of time. There is no doubt that it will be done eventually, but not for several months yet, perhaps.

Tuesday afternoon a visible change in the atmosphere took place, and since that time we have experienced weather that is quite wintry. A good fire is an almost indispensable comfort, and thick clothing a necessity. The sugar planters rejoice at the change, as the cane will now ripen very fast, and the yield of sugar increase greatly in consequence.

Last Monday night it rained and it rained, until the gutters ran full of muddy water and the streets and sidewalks were converted into one grand mud puddle. Walking through the back streets of town Tuesday was not pastime calculated to inspire one to praise his Maker or indulge in happy thoughts. There was another light fall of rain yesterday.

Of course there was a great to do made by the owners of stray animals with which the pound was filled last week, and a general crying out on

their part of the injustice of the pound-keeper in locking up their particular animals; but the authorities were inexorable, and each and every person had to pay the prescribed fine of five dollars, and the pound-keeper's fee of one dollar, before procuring a release of their property. Only one or two animals remain in the pound, and if not called for they will, after due notice in the official journal, be sold at auction for the benefit of the corporation.

The idea occurs to us that a man might find a lucrative business in traveling up and down the railroad and picking up the hats that blow from the heads of passengers on the trains. From all accounts, we are of the opinion that there have been enough hats scattered along the road since it has been opened to fill a small sized hat store. We lost one ourself while coming from New Orleans on last Tuesday's train, and would have been compelled to walk bareheaded from the depot to our office, if conductor Bayley, with his usual regard for the comfort and convenience of others, had not kindly loaned us a covering for our unkempt locks.

ST. JAMES ITEMS.

Jack Frost made his appearance for the first time Wednesday morning. There was not enough of him to harm the cane.

Judge Robert Turner has a flourishing school in the sixth ward. The present attendance is sixty, with an almost daily accession of new pupils.

The regular term of the District Court, which was to commence Monday, will probably be adjourned to the first Monday of December. One of the reasons for this postponement is that no jury has been drawn.

Governor Warmoth has commuted the punishment of Oscar Hughes, who has been lying in the parish jail over three months under the sentence of death for the crime of rape, to life imprisonment in the State penitentiary.

On Saturday last, the 28th instant, a grey horse belonging to Mr. Y. Delony, attempted to jump over a picket fence, but failed to clear it, falling on the sharp pickets, one of which entered his stomach and caused death in a few hours. The animal was valued at two hundred and fifty dollars.

Our genial young friend Gus Hirsch, who displays marked ability in the newspaper reporting line, very nearly escaped being cut last week. The editor of the Sentinel threatened to cut his acquaintance. We are happy to inform our readers that Gus still lives, although the terrible threat was almost enough to kill a common mortal.

The Sentinel says that the branch office of the Louisiana State Lottery was established by Mr. Henry Tureaud instead of Hon. Geo. E. Bovee, and requests us to give Mr. Tureaud the credit of it. There is no credit in it, and, furthermore, we prefer to place the discredit where we believe it to belong—upon the shoulders of Mr. Bovee.

About three o'clock in the afternoon, last Sunday, a difficulty arose between George Washington and his nephew Ursin Louden, both colored, during which the latter received a blow on the nasal organ from the bony fist of the immortal father of his country, which caused the blood to run rather freely. The belligerents were arrested and taken before Judge Robert Turner who fined them ten dollars each for disturbing the peace.

A Forger's Career.

We copy as follows from the New York Tribune of the 25th:

For several months, Detectives Elder and McDougal of the Central Office, have been in pursuit of an accomplished forger, who has been operating in this and other cities, and has obtained from savings and other banks, sums aggregating several thousand dollars. About June 1, a spare, gentlemanly appearing man, age 30, of medium height, smooth face, brown hair, slightly bald in front, having a peculiar crooked nose, called at the banking house of E. D. Morgan & Co., No. 54 Exchange Place, and presented a card bearing the inscription, "B. S. Downer, introduced by Geo. S. Dunlap." The stranger said that he was from Detroit, Michigan; that he was a friend of Senator Chandler of Michigan, and wished to purchase \$5000 of the bonds of the New Orleans, Mobile and Texas Railroad Company. He was told that cash or a certified check would be required. On the following day he called again, and presented what purported to be a certified check for \$5000, drawn on the Stuyvesant Bank by B. S. Downer. It seemed to be regular, and five \$1000 bonds of

the company were given him, with the firm's check for \$333, the difference between the amount of the check and the "market value" of the bonds. The bonds received by him were Nos. 96 to 100, inclusive. The check given by Downer proved to be a forgery, but before this was discovered he had disposed of the bonds and the smaller check received by him. Detectives Elder and McDougal were informed of the forgery, and at once put themselves in communication with the various out-of-town detectives, giving them a description of the forger.

Traces of him soon began to appear. He had opened an account at a bank in Toledo, Ohio, and had deposited what purported to be a certified check for \$8000, drawn by Babcock Bros. & Co., of No. 37 William street, New York, in favor of J. H. Ranson & Co. He drew \$2500, and escaped before the fraudulent character of the check was ascertained. At Toledo, as well as at other places, he professed to be purchasing wool. Soon afterward he deposited a check for \$10,000 in the Royal Canadian Bank at Montreal, and attempted to draw against it, but the officers of the bank refused to honor it until they had communicated with Babcock Bros. & Co., on whom the check was also drawn. The operator did not wait for the desired information, but went West. The bank officers sent a description of him to Superintendent Kelso, and thus Elder learned of his whereabouts and started in pursuit, but returned after an unavailing search.

On August 23d, the City National Bank of Poughkeepsie, received from the Ocean National Bank three drafts for \$900, \$1000 and \$1500. These drafts purported to have been drawn by the Poughkeepsie bank on the Ocean National Bank to the order of Samuel E. Collins. An investigation proved that the three drafts were originally issued for \$30 each, and that they had been skillfully raised. The original filling in of the drafts had been so completely erased, that a powerful microscope failed to reveal any trace of it. These drafts were traced back from the Ocean to the Oriental Bank, and thence to the Dry Dock Savings Bank, where they had been received and paid. It was ascertained that a short time previous a man giving the name of Samuel E. Collins, but answering completely to the description given of the forger, of whom Elder was in search, had opened account, depositing several sums of money and drafts, and drawing against them; finally deposited the drafts in question, drawn the amounts in full, and closed his account. On September 19 the newspapers of this city published a telegram from St. Louis, stating that a man giving the name of J. C. Whittemore, had been arrested on suspicion of being the person who victimized several banks in Indiana, Illinois and Missouri. Among his effects were found a letter of introduction purporting to have been issued by the National Bank of Commerce of this city. The evidence against him was not deemed sufficient to warrant his detention, and he was discharged before Detective Elder, who had set out at once for St. Louis, reached that city. He was the man for whom the Detectives were searching, and success at length rewarded their efforts. They learned that the forger was again in this city, and arrested him on Monday night, as he was about to enter a Broadway car at Greene and Fourth streets. He was locked up at police headquarters.

Several persons connected with the banking institutions of this city, which the forger victimized, identified him yesterday. Among others were Judge Henry R. Low, Treasurer of the New York and Oswego Midland Railroad Company, who recognized him as Arthur Breed, of Fulton, Oswego county, New York, and stated that nearly a year ago he had obtained \$3500 of the bonds of the Midland railroad, and when arrested, had given and forfeited bail. One of the officers of the Bank of Commerce of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, called yesterday on Babcock Bros. & Co., of William street, and informed them that recently a man answering the description of the prisoner deposited in the bank a check for \$10,000 purporting to have been issued by Babcock Bros. & Co., and endeavored to obtain \$3500 on it, but failed to do so; the bank officers declining to pay anything on it until they should be satisfied that it was genuine. The prisoner has passed under many names, but it is believed that his real name is Henry Young.

He was committed by Justice Hogan to the Tombs. Several complaints will be made against him. He was arrested nearly a year and a half ago on suspicion of having shot and robbed Harvey, the messenger of the American Merchants' Union Express Company, in the express car while leaving the Albany depot. James Filkins was afterward convicted of that offense.

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Proceedings of Common Council, Town of Donaldsonville.

SPECIAL MEETING.

CORPORATION OF DONALDSONVILLE, Mayor's Office, Oct. 26, 1871. The Council met this day in special session at 9 o'clock A. M.

Present—E. W. Mason, Mayor; Aldermen Duffel, Burbridge, Smith, Noel and LeBlanc. Absent—Alderman Johnson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Mayor in his communication called the attention of the Council to the fact that the "publication of the Code Ordinances revised, by Frederick Duffel, Esq., has been completed in the CHIEF, the official journal of the corporation," and that himself and the Secretary had approved the bill for the same, but the Treasurer had refused to pay said bill, averring there was no ordinance authorizing him so to do; and that he now called upon the Council to take action on the same.

On motion of Alderman Smith, the bill of the CHIEF was referred to the Committee on Finance to examine and report; and on motion of Alderman LeBlanc, the Council took a recess to give the committee time to make a proper examination.

The Council reassembled, and the Committee on Finance made the following report:

We have examined the bill of THE DONALDSONVILLE CHIEF for printing the Code Ordinances, and a majority report that in the absence of a contract being made with Mr. Linden E. Bentley previous to the publication of the same, the Council must be guided by the advertised rates of printing of the official journal in which the Code Ordinances have been published, and the bill of Mr. Linden E. Bentley be paid by the Treasurer. And the Mayor appoint a committee to contract with Mr. Bentley for the corporation printing.

The report was adopted, and the following named Aldermen appointed on said committee: Duffel, LeBlanc and Noel.

The Mayor also called the attention of the Council to the impassable condition of the street leading to the N. O. & T. R. R. depot, and asked them to devise some way to make a good carriage and foot way to the same.

In connection with that, Alderman LeBlanc offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the verbal report made at the meeting of the 4th Sept., 1871, by the chairman of the Committee on Public Works, concerning the contract of Mr. O'Donnell, be and is hereby rescinded.

The resolution being put to a vote was lost. Alderman LeBlanc called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:

Aldermen LeBlanc and Duffel—Yes. Aldermen Smith, Noel and Burbridge—No.

The question being still pending after some arguments, Alderman Smith informed the Council that the streets, and that street in particular, would be repaired by Mr. O'Donnell under his contract, and that the work would be commenced next week or at an early day.

The question of repairing the wharf was called up by the Mayor, who stated that Captain Jos. Dalferes had said to him he would build or had a plan for building a temporary wharf for boats drawing eight feet of water to land at, which wharf would not cost more than fifty dollars, and that he had authorized Capt. Dalferes to build it at once.

Alderman Duffel offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the action of the Mayor in making arrangements with Captain Jos. Dalferes to construct a temporary landing in front of the Market-house be endorsed, provided the cost do not exceed fifty (\$50) dollars and that the Secretary shall notify Captain Dalferes of the acceptance of his offer and the condition.

The Constable was instructed to enforce the laws of the town to the very letter.

The Mayor stated he should be absent for several days, and requested the Council to appoint a Mayor pro tem, and on motion Alderman LeBlanc was appointed.

On motion, the Council adjourned sine die.

Attest: E. W. MASON, Mayor.

A true copy? W. G. WILKINSON, Secretary.

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