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DONALDSONVILLE, LA.,

Saturday, - November 11, 1871.

LOCAL JOTTINGS.

No Parish Court this week.

The list of letters remaining in the Post-office is republished this week.

Conductor Bayley of the railroad has placed us under obligations for new favors.

By diligent search the proceedings of the regular monthly meeting of the Common Council may be found in another column.

Our kind friend Mr. Chas. N. Lewis has earned our gratitude for the welcome present of a basket of fine pecans and oranges.

Wilkinson raffled of that unique little locomotive last Tuesday, and Mrs. E. N. Pugh was the holder of the lucky number—31.

In returning thanks last week to Mr. L. Dominique for a bundle of fine sugar-cane, we spelled his name incorrectly, for which we beg his pardon.

The new Jewish synagogue is being rapidly completed, and will be an ornament to Cabahanosse street. A small belfry or steeple would add greatly to its comeliness.

We have had the usual amount of weather this week. It was mostly pleasant—neither too warm nor too cool, until Friday, when coolness slightly predominated.

Wilkinson has received some perfectly beautiful illustrated almanacs, which add greatly to the manifold attractions of his news depot. Call around and look at them.

Judge Mason left for New Orleans Tuesday, in obedience to a summons to appear before the Supreme Court and show cause why he refused to grant an appeal in a certain case involving a large amount of property.

The marked improvement in the editorial tone of the *Leader* week before last was owing to the absence of the regular editor. A glance at the last issue at once satisfied us that he had returned to his post.

From casual statements of several citizens we think it probable there are a number of suspicious characters in town awaiting a chance to commit a burglary. It is to be hoped that the proper authorities will be on the alert.

By reference to the proceedings of a special meeting of the Parish Board of School Directors, published in this issue, it will be seen that the public schools of the parish will be closed on the first of December next, to be reopened on the first of February, 1872.

We would respectfully suggest to the Common Council that it would be a good idea to change the names of a number of the town streets, and bestow upon them appellations more in accordance with the times in which we live. Most of our thoroughfares are invested with titles that would puzzle a lexicographer to spell and break the jaw of Hottentot to pronounce correctly.

It rained Wednesday night, consequently Cabahanosse street was in a fearful condition Thursday, and persons compelled to walk to the railroad found the task an unenviable one. An elevated plank walk should be built on this street to the railroad depot, for the convenience of passengers. When this is done and the Town Council improves the street, we will be satisfied until a railroad for horse cars is built.

Senator O. F. Hunsaker and Mr. N. S. Landry, of St. James, visited town Thursday, and called at the CHIEF office. They were both looking well. The Senator has just returned from a Northern tour which he enjoyed greatly. The immediate cause of the visit of these gentlemen to Donaldsonville was to ascertain what steps are being taken for the repair of the Ascension levees. They estimate the probable cost of rebuilding the broken levees of St. James at fifty thousand dollars.

We are informed that a meeting of several planters interested took place Tuesday, and that the contract for the rebuilding of the broken levees of the right bank of the river below Donaldsonville was awarded to Mr. V. E. M. Anderson, of St. James. We have been unable to get particulars of this meeting, but learn that the work will be commenced immediately by the contractor. What is being done by the planters above and on the opposite side of the river, we have yet to learn.

We made a flying trip to St. James last Sunday, leaving town at 6 A. M. on the Henry Tete, arriving at Cantrelle Post-office at 9, taking the cars at the flag station this side of St. James station at 11:30, and stepping on the platform at the foot of Cabahanosse street at 12 M. precisely. The train passed the flag station without stopping in answer to our waving handkerchief, but conductor Bayley caught sight of our manly form and brought the rushing iron horse to a stop in about no time. We had to run a few rods to get aboard, but that was considerably better than being left altogether.

The commanding officer of the favorite coast steamer Henry Tete is continually doing something to increase his already immense popularity and prove himself more than ever worthy the good name he has acquired for being ever ready to perform some good office for others, even though forced thereby to inconvenience himself. Thursday morning the submarine boat lying alongside the sunken Hampton on the opposite side of the river, sounded five whistles as a signal for aid. The Lizzie Hopkins was steaming around the landing in front of town, but failed to answer the call. This is the second time she has distinguished herself. Although the fires under the boilers of the Henry Tete were almost extinct, Capt. Dalferes ordered the engineer to raise steam, and as soon as this could be done he crossed the river to the aid of the submarine boat. There is no use for us to waste further time praising the action; it speaks for itself.

Neighbor W. G. Wilkinson, of news depot notoriety, has received a letter from a person who gives his name as G. H. Dayton, and professes to be located at Williamsburgh, New York, kindly offering to send a package of counterfeit notes—"all perfect fac similes of greenbacks and national bank notes"—in amount $150, upon the receipt of $15 cash by express. This remarkably philanthropic individual will send larger amounts of his beautiful stock in trade for correspondingly insignificant installments of Uncle Sam's genuine greenbacks, and will give the patent right for the State to an active and zealous agent. We do not thus notice the swindler as a warning to those who might be prone to accept his liberal offer, for anyone who would be so dishonest as to seek to traffic in counterfeit notes would deserve to lose his money, as he certainly will do if he entrusts it to the tender mercies of G. H. Dayton, Esq., Williamsburgh, New York.

ST. JAMES ITEMS.

The Sheriff is making new benches for the Court-room.

The citizens of St. James express much sympathy with Capt. Goddin for the loss of the favorite Wade Hampton.

Mr. Wm. Hagins, of the fourth ward, has informed us that the attendance of scholars at his school has increased to ninety-eight.

Hon. O. F. Hunsaker has returned to his home in this parish from his tour North in excellent health and spirits. He was warmly welcomed by his constituents.

Stephen Taylor and Joe Lewis, both colored, indulged in a rough and tumble quarrel Sunday evening, for which breach of the peace they were arrested on the following day. Judge Robert Turner and Adam Travis parted the combatants and restored peace and quietness.

CONSTANCY UNEQUALLED.—"If I ever cease to love," it will be when a prize is drawn with a lottery ticket sold by the ex-Secretary of State.

A friend informs us that there is a question in litigation in the Parish Court to test the validity of the *Sentinel's* claim as official journal of the parish, there having been no new contract filed since the dissolution of the partnership of Bovee & Bentley.

The Parish Board of School Directors met last Saturday and adopted resolutions for the building of school-houses in the first, fifth and sixth wards. All the schools of the parish are in full operation and well attended.

As we have before mentioned, the *Sentinel* in a recent issue threatens Governor Warmoth with the wrath of Hon. Joseph Wittgenstein. What a terrible calamity awaits his excellency. This is the most cruel of all the "departures."

Parish Court opened Tuesday, Judge J. W. Hunsaker presiding. No business of importance was transacted, as there were very few cases on the docket, and they for minor offences. The Judge is looking improved after his visit North.

There was a meeting of planters at the Court-house on Monday last for the purpose of adopting a plan for the repair of the levees. We are informed that Mr. P. G. Smith was chosen president, and Mr. Fitz Gerard deLompre secretary. Various resolutions were adopted, which we have been unable to obtain copies of.

FIRE.—On Sunday morning, about nine o'clock, the corn house of Mr. Robin Delogny, situated upon the right bank, some five miles below the Court-house, was destroyed by fire, incurring a loss of nearly seven thousand dollars. In consequence of the destruction of all his feed, Mr. Delogny has been compelled to suspend grinding until he receives a fresh supply from New Orleans. The fire was undoubtedly the work of incendiaries.

Dark rumors are floating about in regard to the quality of those notorious "three for a dime" mackerel at the Sentinel store. A medical friend assures us upon his honor as a professional man they smell like a *post mortem* examination, and to judge from the large numbers of turkey buzzards that daily infest the vicinity, those carnivorous birds are of the same opinion. "There is something rotten in" the mackerel barrel.

The District Court opened Monday, his honor Judge R. Beauvais upon the bench. As the Parish Judge had been absent from the parish under a leave of absence of sixty days, no jury was drawn, consequently, after ordering the drawing of a jury, the judge declared the court adjourned until Monday, the fourth day of December next. On the following day Hon. J. W. Hunsaker, Parish Judge, returned, and agreeably to the order of the District Court, a jury of forty-eight members was drawn according to law.

Last Sunday evening, for some little provocation, one Fisher, whose first name is unknown to us, took it upon himself to strike Auguste Voisin a blow in the face with his fist. Voisin gave a war whoop, jumped about four feet in the air, rushed at Fisher with lowered head, butting that individual with terrible force square in the stomach, and lay him upon his back about ten feet off. Fisher slowly raised himself, gazed bewildered around, smiled a pensive smile, and got up and walked thoughtfully away, a sicker if not a better man.

The Baton Rouge *Grand Era* pays us a compliment which we little expected from such a source, hence appreciate it the more highly:

ANOTHER BATTERY.—We are glad to recognize in the *Chief*, published at Donaldsonville, a valuable auxiliary in the cause of progress. It is owned and edited by L. E. Bentley, Esq., and is as handsome a journal as any in the State.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

Proceedings of Common Council,
Town of Donaldsonville.

REGULAR MEETING.

CORPORATION OF DONALDSONVILLE,
Mayor's Office, Nov. 6, 1871.

The Council met this day in regular session at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present—E. W. Mason, Mayor; Aldermen Burbridge and Noel.

Absent—Aldermen Duffel, Smith, LeBlanc and Johnson.

No quorum being present, the Council adjourned *sine die*.

Attest: E. W. MASON, Mayor.

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

Proceedings of the Board of School Directors,
Parish of Ascension.

SPECIAL MEETING.

At a special meeting of the School Board held in Donaldsonville on the 6th day of November, 1871—

Members present—E. W. Mason, President; Rodolph Braud, Secretary; P. Landry, C. N. Lewis, J. M. Bryan, G. H. Hill.

Absent—C. F. Smith.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. C. N. Lewis reports that the schools of his ward are in a flourishing condition. There are about ninety or ninety-five children attending school, who are progressing rapidly; but the school houses need fire places and some other little repairs.

Mr. G. H. Hill makes the following report: "I have but one school in my ward, which is fairly attended to. The parents make no complaints of the teacher."

Mr P. Landry reports as follows: "I have visited the school of my district twice, and found everything in good order."

The President appointed the following Finance Committee to examine all the claims against the School Board, and make their report at the next regular meeting:

Rod. Braud, C. N. Lewis and J. M. Bryan.

The claim of Mr. Hudnell for $66 00, the claim of Mr. Calligah for $75 00, J. P. Newsham, $40 00, and P. A. Jones for $23 00, were referred to the Finance Committee.

On motion of Mr. P. Landry:

Resolved, That the Public Schools be suspended until the first of January, 1872.

Mr. C. N. Lewis in the chair.

On motion of E. W. Mason, the following amendment to the above motion is offered:

Resolved, That the public schools of the parish of Ascension be suspended from the first of December until the first of February, 1872.

Carried.

On motion of Mr. Bryan:

Resolved, That this Board sustains Mr. Theodore Lott in his endeavors to maintain discipline in his school, and that his action be approved.

Carried.

On motion, duly seconded, Mr. G. H. Hill is authorized to purchase stove pipe and window-glass to fix up the school house of his ward, and present the bill for the same to the Board, provided the amount will not exceed $10 00.

The following bills were approved by the Board:

For Rent of School House.....	$20 00
" " " " "	30 00
A bill of P. Landry for Expenses....	5 00
" G. H. Hill " "	1 50

On motion, duly seconded, the Board adjourned *sine die*.

Signed: E. W. MASON, President.
A true copy: ROD. BRAUD, Secretary.

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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 indorse 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 indorse 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 indorse 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 imposts in such manner as to impose the least 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 indorse the Republican administration of the national and State governments. We especially indorse 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 under 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 enterprises, 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, Garstkamp, Stamps, Swords 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 courtroom, in a United States Customhouse; we denounce them for having attempted to intimidate the convention by surrounding it with armed special deputy marshals; we denounce them for having closed the door of the courtroom, and having barred the entrance of the Customhouse; we denounce them for attempting to exclude from this convention ninety-five delegates of the people, who were met at the threshold by two companies of the United States army, called out by these men to assist in carrying this convention against the people. We denounce their whole conduct in connection with the calling out and assembling of this body. They were guilty of every unfairness in the progress of the election for delegates. They were guilty of simulation and fraud in connection with the determination of the time and place of meeting. They finally established, without authority, certain pretended rules relative to the admission of delegates, calculated to further their scheme. They admitted to the convention hall, or to an adjoining room, with an open door, their fraudulent delegates, while the doors were kept closed against the bona fide members of the convention until the hour of meeting, in order that they might spring and force an organization under the protection of the revolvers of their marshals, and the bayonets of their soldiers.

Resolved, That we express our conviction that these outrages were not perpetrated with the knowledge or consent of President Grant; we disbelieve the statement of Marshal Packard to that effect; we proclaim our earnest hope that our President will repudiate the acts of these men; and we declare that we will only withdraw our hearty support and endorsement of him when we shall learn that we were outraged and insulted by his officers after consultation with him, and by his advice and consent.

Resolved, That we believe that the President alone can unite and harmonize the Republican organization in our State. Several of his office holders have formed a combination with an insignificant bolting faction of Republicans; but they seem determined to rule or ruin the party. Therefore, for the purpose of healing these differences, and to insure our success in 1872, we respectfully ask the removal of Marshal Packard, Collector Casey, Assessor Joubert, Revenue Collector Stockdale, Special Deputy Collector Herwig and Postmaster Lowell, and we ask the appointment of men who will support the Republican party of Louisiana.

Resolved, That the President of this convention be requested to appoint a committee of twenty Republicans to wait upon President Grant, and to represent to him the facts stated in the above and foregoing resolutions.

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