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DONALDSONVILLE, LA.,

Saturday, - November 18, 1871.

LOCAL JOTTINGS.

Proceedings of a special meeting of the Common Council, held last Wednesday, will be found in another column.

A Chinaman with a fearful and wonderful cognomen, was arrested Sunday by the Town Constable for driving at a furious rate through the streets.

An Irishman whose name we have not learned, was arrested Sunday for being drunk and disturbing the peace, and furnished with a free ride to the calaboose in a plantation wagon.

The frantic attempt of the *Leader* to evade the severe but deserved lecture administered it by the president of the late levee meeting, may be designated as "a complete failure."

By reference to the proceedings of the Council it will be seen that Alderman Felix LeBlanc has been selected to perform the duties of Mayor during the frequent temporary absences of Mayor E. W. Mason.

Again are we having beautiful moonlit nights and fine, clear days. The cold snaps have gladdened the hearts of the sugar planters, and slight frosts Tuesday and Wednesday mornings increased their gladness.

The steamer Flicker ran into and broke the temporary wharf in front of the Market-house, Tuesday. The Council has directed the Town Secretary to present a bill to the Flicker for the damage caused.

On Saturday last, Constable Maher shot and killed four hogs that were running around the streets contrary to town ordinances. Keep your live sausage at home, good citizens, or they will be cut off in the flower of their pighood.

There was a little muss at John Link's coffee-house, on Mississippi street, Saturday night, resulting in a slight game of fisticuffs between two parties, one of whom was scared, the other regarding the whole matter as a good joke. Nobody was hurt, and nobody arrested.

The rain storm of Sunday night and Monday flooded the streets and produced the usual quantity of mud. Wonder when some steps will be taken to make a passable thoroughfare of Cabahanosse street? We'd rather stick a nail in our foot than walk to the railroad after a rain.

We would remind the citizens of town and parish that now is the time to renew subscriptions for magazines and periodicals for 1872, in order to prevent them from running out. New subscribers should also hand in their names to Wilkinson now, and they will be forwarded to the publishers promptly.

Gen. M. Jeff Thompson, chief State Engineer, and Hon. Thomas D. Worrall, editor of the New Orleans *Mitrailleuse*, were in our office Tuesday, during our absence on a business visit to New Orleans. We regret very much not having been at home to greet the gentlemen, but they will soon pass through town on their return to New Orloans, and we shall doubtless have the pleasure of shaking hands with them. Gen. Thompson is on the steamer Flicker, chartered for the purpose, moving up the river inspecting the levees as he goes. Dr. Worrall is traveling with him for health, being quite feeble after the severe attack of yellow fever he has lately undergone.

We were somewhat disappointed upon the occasion of a ride to New Orleans on the cars last Saturday, to miss the pleasant face of Conductor H. P. Bayley, but we aftewards learned that Saturdays are his "Sundays off" The gentleman who fulfilled the duties of conductor is a stranger to us, and we are sorry that in acknowledging the courtesy extended to us we cannot give his name.

Walked into our office Thursday afternoon, our young St. James reporter, Gus Hirsch, who was welcome. Gus graced town with his presence but a few hours, the unavoidable duties of life necessitating his speedy return to the regions below—don't misapprehend us, reader, we mean the regions of St. James, several miles below Donaldsonville. Come again, Gus, we are always glad to see your smiling countenance.

HOLIDAY PRESENTS.—At the Ascension News Depot, Crescent Place, will be found miniature wagons, carts, doll carriages, boys' tool chests, mechanical dolls, velocipedes, circus horses, racers, base balls and bats, chess and croquet setts, building blocks, beautiful chromos of all sizes and frames to match, and a thousand other articles at prices as low as those of New Orleans. Call around and get something for the children.

After the CHIEF of last Saturday had been issued, a friend came to us with the information that the railroad train had ran into a cart the Tuesday before, in St. James parish, breaking the vehicle all to pieces, throwing down the three mules and injuring one of them, the driver escaping injury by jumping from the cart just as the locomotive struck it. Of course the friend who brought us the news suppesed we had heard it before. And that is the way with nearly all our friends.

The heavy wind of Tuesday blew the Henry Tete ashore so that she stuck fast and had to be pulled off by that little Good Samaritan, the St. John, which boat is always on hand to lend aid to the distressed, it would seem, and if this good action does not increase her popularity it will be because she is already as popular as it is possible for her to become. Capt. Dalferes, of the Tete, being a very kind-hearted man himself, can appre the more such service as the St. John rendered him Tuesday, and if the latter craft ever gets into trouble, she can rely on aid from the Henry Tete, if the accident occurs anywhere on the Tete's route of travel.

ST. JAMES ITEMS.

Mr. Stephen Webre, of Webre & Co's. plantation, informs our reporter that the cane on that place is yielding 1700 pounds of sugar to the acre

A colored man staying on the Acadia plantation caught a bale of cotton in the river on the 7th instant, supposed to have been on the ill fated steamer Wade Hampton.

It will pain many citizens of St. James to learn of the death of Mrs. Etienne Theriot, formely Miss Emma Ory, wife of Mr. Etienne Theriot, son of our former Sheriff. Mrs. Theriot breathed her last in St. Martinsville on Sunday, the 12th instant.

Sheriff J. C. Oliver is perfectly at home in his new position, and performs its duties with praiseworthy efficiency. His deep and sonorous "Know ye! know ye!" at the opening of the District Court was a great improvement upon the rather weak voice of his predecessor.

"Pencil Dot" informs us that the resolutions adopted at the planters' meeting of last week were to the effect that circulars be issued calling upon the planters of the parish generally to meet and petition the Police Jury to levy a tax for the purpose of procuring funds to rebuild the levees.

On Wednesday of last week Albert Grady, a colored man, became incensed with his wife Betsy, and threw her over the gallery railing, she falling heavily upon the ground and severely injuring her back. She remained lying upon the ground, and did not rise at her husband's command which so angered the manly Albert that he picked up a large stick and beat her unmercifully. Judge Robert Turner interfered, but strange to say the abused woman took her brutal husband's part, and told the Judge it was not his business to interfere even though her liege lord chose to kill her.

COURT ITEMS.—We are indebted to our correspondent "Pencil Dot" for the following list of cases disposed of by the District Judge upon Monday, November 6th:

State *vs.* James Parker, who, it will be remembered was in complicity with the St. James murderers, but turned State's evidence; *nolle prosequi* entered by the District Attorney *pro tem.*, and prisoner discharged.

State *vs.* Louis Guillot, arrested upon suspicion of aiding and abetting the Menteath murderers; *nolle pros.*

State *vs.* Andre L. Roman, who committed an assault upon Wm. Davidson, deceased; *nolle pros.*

A Singular Discovery.

While some men at the Torpedo Station were at work inside old Fort Wolcott, last Friday, the wheel of their cart sank deep into the ground. Removing some of the earth to find a cause for this, one of the men struck his spade against what seemed to be an iron plate. This excited the curiosity of all, and they set to work with will to dig away the earth above the plate. Soon their efforts were rewarded by the sight of an iron door fastened with a rusty bolt. On breaking this open, they came upon a flight of winding stairs, which they descended, and arriving at the foot they found themselves in a dungeon whose gloom was made more marked by the ray of dim light which a solitary loophole at the top admitted. Striking a light to dispel the darkness of the dungeon, they found upon the floor a few withered bones, a skull, and a lantern. The lantern is of such an old-fashioned construction and shape that it must have been made over 50 years ago.—*New York News.*

Donaldsonville Market.

Reported Weekly by W. G. Wilkinson, Market Clerk.

APPLES Green, ₱ bbl.,	$5 00
" Dried, ₱ lb.,	12½
BACON, Clear, ₱ lb.,	12½
" Ribbed, ₱ lb.,	12½
BUTTER Western, ₱ lb.,	40
" Fresh, ₱ lb.,	50
BEEF, Fresh, ₱ lb.,	10@15
BEANS, ₱ bush.,	1 60
CANDLES, ₱ lb.,	15
COAL OIL, ₱ gall.,	50
COFFEE, ₱ lb.,	25@40
CHEESE, ₱ lb.,	20@25
CORN, ₱ bush.,	1 25
CHICKENS, ₱ pair,	——
EGGS, ₱ doz.,	35@40
FLOUR, ₱ bbl.,	6 50@10 00
HAMS, Sugar-cured, ₱ lb.,	18@70
LARD, ₱ lb.,	15
MEAL, ₱ bbl.,	5 00@5 50
PORK, Mess, ₱ lb.,	10@12
" Fresh, ₱ lb.,	15@20
MUTTON, ₱ lb.,	15@20
OATS, ₱ bush.,	1 25
PEAS, ₱ bush.,	1 60
POTATOES, ₱ bbl.,	5 00@5 50
RICE, ₱ lb.,	10@12½
SHOULDERS, Green, ₱ lb.,	09@10
SUGAR, ₱ lb.,	10@15
SYRUP, New, ₱ gall.,	1 00
" Old, ₱ gall.,	75

ADVERTISEMENTS.

Proceedings of Common Council,
Town of Donaldsonville.

SPECIAL MEETING.

CORPORATION OF DONALDSONVILLE, Mayor's Office, Nov. 15, 1871.

The Council met this day at 10 o'clock, A. M.

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

Absent—Aldermen LeBlanc and Johnson.

On motion of Alderman Smith the reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Alderman Smith:

WHEREAS, The butchers in the market having misconstrued the revised ordinances regarding the tariff on beef, mutton, etc., and refused to pay the same as intended by the letter of the law, and

Whereas, By said refusal, there has been an actual loss to the Corporation since the 8th day of November, 1871, for which loss the butchers are indebted to the Corporation for the full amount so lost, and as said loss is still occurring,

Be it ordained, That Article 126 of the Ordinances be, and the same is hereby amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

"The Clerk of the Market shall collect for the use of the town a daily tax from such person or persons as may occupy Market stalls, etc.:

For meat stalls	$0 25
" retailing beef by the head, regularly	25
" meat stalls	25
" retailing beef by the head, irregularly	40
" meat stalls, from each person retailing mutton regularly, per head	20
" meat stalls, from each person retailing mutton irregularly, per head	25
" meat stalls, from each person retailing hog meat regularly, per head	20
" meat stalls, from each person retailing hog meat irregularly, per head	30
" meat stalls, from each person retailing deer meat regularly, per head	15
" meat stalls, from each person retailing deer meat irregularly, per head	20
" fish stalls, from each person	10
" game, poultry and fripe stalls, from each person	10
From each person selling eggs, milk, butter, cheese, honey cakes, preserves, country beer, fruit, vegetables, ice cream, hay, corn potatoes, pecans, either in the Market-house or the streets	05

The ordinance was adopted and the Market Clerk instructed to collect the amount due the town from each butcher who is indebted to the town from November 8, 1871.

A communication from M. Marks, was received and on motion of Alderman Smith, was referred to the committee on printing.

It having been officially reported that the steamboat Flicker had demolished the wharf in front of the Market-house, the Secretary was instructed to make out a bill against the Flicker and M. Jeff Thompson, Esq., for said damage, and demand the payment of the same.

On motion of Alderman Smith, the following resolution was adopted:

Be it resolved, That Alderman Felix LeBlanc is hereby appointed Mayor *pro tem*, and is authorized to act at any time, on notification of the absence of the Mayor.

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 09, 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 conseit.

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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