

# Donaldsonville Chief.

**A Woman's Answer.**  
Do you know you have asked for the eastliest thing  
Ever made by the hand above?  
A woman's heart and a woman's life—  
And a woman's wonderful love.

Do you know you have asked for this price-  
less thing  
As a child might ask for a toy?  
Demanding what others have died to win.  
With the reckless dash of a boy!

You have written my lesson of duty out—  
Man-like you have questioned me;  
Now stand at the bar of my woman's soul,  
Until I shall question thee.

You require your mutton shall always be hot,  
Your socks and your shirts be white;  
I require your heart to be true as God's stars,  
And pure as his heaven your soul.

You require a rook for your mutton and beef,  
I require a far greater thing,  
A seamstress you're waiting for socks and  
for shirt,  
I look for a man and king—

A king for the beautiful realm called home,  
And a man that the Maker God,  
Shall look upon as he did on the first,  
And say, "It is very good."

I am fair and young, but the rose will fade  
From my soft young cheek one day,  
Will you love me then, and the falling leaves,  
As you did mid the blooms of May!

Is your heart an ocean so strong and deep  
I may launch my all on its tide?  
A loving woman finds heaven or hell  
On the day she becomes a bride.

I require all things that are grand and true,  
All things that a man should be;  
If you give this all, I would stake my life  
To be all you demand of me.

If you cannot be this—a laundress and cook  
You can hire, and a little to pay;  
But a woman's heart and a woman's life  
Are not to be won in that way.

## Ku-Klux in Grant Parish.

We commend to the perusal of all the following letter, extracted from the New Orleans Republican of the 15th:

NEW ORLEANS, November 13, 1871.  
EDITOR REPUBLICAN:—Early in the morning of the twenty-third of October, (the day after the prisoners now on trial in this city were removed from Colfax), I saw a man named Jack O'Quin, who told me that there was to be a party raised in the hills (meaning back from the river) to go to the falls, or some narrow place below, and stop the boat, rescue the prisoners and annihilate the militia force organized at Colfax. He appeared to be in favor of marching direct to Colfax, and giving the militia a fight, though he did not advance that as the main object of the party.

He stated that he was sent to obtain aid from Montgomery and vicinity, and had made a detour and collected some half dozen young men, who signified their willingness to join the expedition. I tried to reason with him, telling him the boat they were after would be out of harm's way long before they could arrive at the falls or month, and that with regard to attacking the militia, there was no doubt in my mind that there could be a force raised that could kill every member of the militia; but, to put an end to the militia would only be to inaugurate the beginning of things.

His only reply was, that they did not look for help from my sort, and that they did not want any of my preaching. Two of our townspeople, both reliable men and justices of the peace, went, at the request of the people of Montgomery, to confer with the hills people. They returned, but made no report of what occurred further than to state that they advised the party to disperse, which they suppose they did. I used my influence to prevent the young men of Montgomery from joining Mr. O'Quin. I do not think a single one left town with him.

On the morning of the twenty-fourth of October, I found, in a bush in my yard, the following note:  
Mr. Jules Lamerbaux:

You must leave this parish by November 1, next. We did not—you this before; we knew your wife was sick; keep silent and go; don't come back; you can't live here. This is from the Grant parish safety committee. (Signed with a red cross) X.

I showed it to a few particular friends, some of whom wanted me to nail it up in town, but we concluded to keep quiet and watch. To explain what will hereafter occur, I will state that I have a child but six weeks old now, that was unwell at that time, and kept me and sometimes several members of my family up the greater part of the night.

On the night of the thirty-first of October I went to one of the doors to procure wood which was piled up in the passage, and then saw two men standing before my gate. I purposely made a slight noise, when they disappeared in different directions. On the night of the first of November, about twelve o'clock, the same thing occurred (both nights being sort of gray, a moon under a slight cloud). At about half past two o'clock A. M. I again had occasion to procure wood, when I saw the parties in nearly the same position as at twelve. I did not make any noise as I was in my socks.

I returned and took a shotgun heavily loaded with buckshot, and stepped out, first into the passage, which was too dark for any one to see me plainly in. I crept noiselessly along toward the gallery, which extends along the entire front of the house. When nearly out of the passage, my eyes fixed on the two parties, I touched a chair with my knee, which made a slight noise, upon which both parties disappeared.

I stood still in the dark for perhaps fifteen or twenty minutes, when, no one re-appearing, I stepped toward the outer edge of the gallery. When within about four feet of the edge (and it was light enough there to make me distinctly visible from the street), a man rose in the street and, leveling a gun over the fence, snapped at me. I retreated perhaps five or six feet and

treating footsteps, upon which I ran to the gate and fired at the party, who was then at rather long range for my weapon.

I was disturbed no more that night. I could not recognize my assailant. Several of my neighbors who heard the shot in the night came by in the morning to ask its meaning, when I told what had occurred. Just before night, one of my neighbors called on me and requested me to accompany him to the Masonic Hall that night, as the citizens had agreed to come together to hear my statement, and, if possible, remedy the evil. I went, and after an introductory speech from the president, I was asked to relate the circumstances as they occurred, which I did.

I was followed by others; one advised me to have any one arrested whom I suspected; one allowed that I was probably mistaken in regard to hearing a gun snap, and stating that he had rode all over the parish in perfect safety. But, although the only one who tried to cast any doubt on my statement, he was the party who presented the resolutions adopted at this meeting. Besides myself but three persons said a word relative to the matter in hand, although all who signed the resolutions were there. Mr. Ragan, one of the justices of the peace who went to the hills the day the people met as related above, was there, but upon being called on replied that he had nothing to say.

The parties who did speak were honest in their convictions, but were not situated so as to have heard or seen as much as their neighbors. They, after passing the resolutions, asked me what I should do. I replied that I did not know, but thought I had better leave, as those resolutions guaranteed me safety in the town "so far as in the power of the community," but it was my business to travel all about in the parish making surveys, and that after what had occurred I did not feel safe to do so; that, moreover, but three gentlemen in the assembly had spoken, and they, according to their own statements, knew nothing relative to the matter at issue, but that among them were men, not one, two nor three, but more, who had said nothing, who knew that I was in danger, but dared not tell it; that they were right, that it was too late then to do me any good, and would only bring persecution upon them; that the meeting itself could do me no good, but might be the means of making mine the last case of the kind.

I cited them to a case that occurred less than a year ago, when another citizen had been ordered away; how I then proclaimed in the street that it was an outrage, and that the people were doing themselves a great injustice to allow any outside clique, mob or vigilance committee to dictate to a citizen of their town. I offered to be one of half a dozen to go to the house of the party ordered away and protect him in his having a trial, which he begged of his fellow-citizens in vain. I was advised by a friend not to have too much to say, as I might excite the anger of the committee, etc.

The excuse of the citizens in that case was, that the party "was rather a trifling character." However, he had lived eighteen years in the community. I told them also that they all knew what my public acts had been, and that reliable gentlemen in that assembly could vouch for my private actions and words, as some of them had been my constant companions for years; that I hoped they would associate themselves together so that my case might be the last, for that when I was driven from Grant at the instance of a mob, or committee of any sort, it was time for any of them to look out.

You would ask what I consider the cause of my expulsion. I have been so in the habit for years of hearing those people damn the Yankees, and wish for anything that would remove them from the community, to hear them state that they despaired of ever having a prosperous country until the last one was driven out, and, on one occasion, hearing a prominent citizen of Natchitoches parish state that he advocated "what would have ultimately left the country to their control, i. e., the assassination of the first provost marshal, and a continuance of the practice with all outsiders whom they did not wish about them," that I was hardly surprised after the murder of Captain White, and Judge Phillips' departure, I being the only Northern man of American birth in that end of the parish, that their "awakened but unspent fury should turn to me."

That it was not a mob nor an individual, but a clique, is evident to me from the consistency of their action, as to have dragged me out and riddled me with bullets would have been the act of a mob; to have shot me without warning, the act of an individual, both in keeping with their feelings, had there been no palliating circumstances, and in cases of individuals and mobs, there are none. The whole affair breathes friendship for me—the enmity of that people calls for the life of the object. But their tender mercies in my case, although cruel, are still mercies, and for the individuals of the community which extended the terms—extremely lenient.

I do not ask you to believe my unsupported statement, but to keep it and take any steps you may see proper to prove it; and you will find every statement clearly the result not of theory, but of painful conviction. We can not blame children brought up under such influences as the rising generation of Louisiana have felt, for having their passions and prejudices so matured as to be beyond control.

When the news of Captain White's murder reached Montgomery, even the ladies of one family clapped their hands and shouted as if they had heard glad tidings. Schoolboys, with revolvers a foot long, stand on the streets and wonder if I think I can live there after shooting at my own people.

In regard to Judge Phillips' case, I have been asked what are the grounds of his unpopularity? and my reply ever must be: That to obtain the affiliation he attained necessitates his affiliation with the black Republican element, and that to retain the position, together with the support or even tolerance of that part of the community, who, from being almost the sole property of owners, are naturally the most frequent petitioners for arbitration, equally necessitates his abandonment of the interests of the party he represents, and the constituents who were most powerful in his election.

I have been lengthy, but it was necessary, in speaking of a community where the better portion of the people have schooled themselves to say nothing on any subject. Our conjectures are only aided by the exceptions on the part of the more impulsive and the effect their counsel has on youth, who can easily emulate their hatred, envy and malignity, but can not so easily enforce their stoicism.

JULES LAMERBAUX,  
Surveyor of Grant parish.

## A Model Love-Letter.

MY DEAR MISS M.—Every time I think of you my heart flops up and down like a chum-dasher. Sensations of unutterable joy caper over it like young goats on a stable roof, and thrill through it like Spanish needles through a pair of tow-line trousers. As a goslin swimmer in a mud puddle, so swim I in a sea of glory. Visions of ecstatic rapture thicker than the hair of a blacking-brush, and brighter than the eyes of a humming bird's pinions, visit me in my slumbers, and, borne on their invisible wings, your image stands before me, and I reach out to grasp it like a pointer snapping at a blue-bottle fly. When I first beheld your angelic perfections I was bewildered, and my brain whirled around like a bumble-bee under a glass tumbler. My eyes stood open like the cellar doors in a country town, and I lifted up my ears to catch the silvery accents of your voice. My tongue refused to wag, and in silent adoration I drank in the sweet infection of love as a thirsty man swallows a tumbler of hot whiskey punch.

Since the light of your face fell upon my life I sometimes feel as if I could lift myself up by my boot straps to the top of the church steeple, and pull the bell rope for singing school. Day and night you are in my thoughts. When Aurora, blushing like a bride, rises from her saffron colored couch; when the Jay bird pipes his tuneful lay in the apple tree by the spring house; when the chanticleer's shrill clarion heralds the coming morn; when the awakening pig arises from his bed and grunts, and goeth for his morning refreshments; when the drowsy beetle wheels to droning flight at sultry noontide; and when the lowing herds come home at milking time, I think of thee; and like a piece of gum elastic my heart seems stretched clear across my bosom. Your hair is like the mane of a sorrel horse powdered with gold; and the brass pins skewered through your waterfall, fill me with unbounded awe. Your forehead is smoother than the elbow of an old coat. Your eyes are glorious to behold. In their liquid depths I see legions of little cupids bathing, like a cohort of ants in an old army cracker. When their fire hit me on my manly breast, it penetrated my whole anatomy, as a load of bird shot through a rotten apple. Your nose is from a chunk of Parian marble, and your mouth is puckered with sweetness. Nectar lingers on your lips like honey on a bear's paw; and myriads of unfledged kisses are there ready to fly out and light somewhere, like blue birds out of their parent's nest. Your laugh lingers in my ears like the wind

harp's strain, or the beat of the stray lamb on the bleak hillside. The dimples on your cheeks are like bowers in beds of roses or hollows in eaves of home made sugar.

I am dying to fly to thy presence, and pour out the burning eloquence of my love, as thrifty house-wives pour out hot coffee. Away from you I am as melancholy as a sick rat. Sometimes I hear the June bugs of despondency buzzing in my ears, and feel the cold lizards of despair crawling down my back. Uncouth fears, like a thousand mimows, nibble at my spirits; and my soul is pierced with doubts like an old cheese is bored with skippers.

My love for you is stronger than the smell of Coffey's patent butter, or the kick of a young cow, and more unselfish than a kitten's first catawaul. As a song bird hankers for the light of day, the cautious mouse for the fresh bacon in the trap, as a mean pup hankers for new milk, so I long for thee.

You're fairer than a speckled pullet, sweeter than a Yankee doughnut fried in sorghum molasses, brighter than a topknot plume on the head of a muscovy duck. You are sweetened toddy altogether.

If these few remarks will enable you to see the inside of my soul, and me to win your affections, I shall be as happy as a woodpecker on a cherry tree, or a stage-horse in a green pasture. If you cannot reciprocate my thrilling passion, I will pine away like a poisoned bedbug, and fall away from a flourishing vine of life, an untimely branch; and in coming years, when the shadows grow from the hill, and the philosophical frog sings his cheerful evening hymns, you, happy in another's love, can come and drop a tear and catch a cold upon the last resting place of Yours truly, H.

## 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 stability. 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 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 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 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 in its investments. We insist 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 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 wishes 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 troops, and 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 exercise of their duties. We denounce them for being 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 from him when we shall learn that he was 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 party in our State. Several of his office holders have formed a combination with an insignificant holding fiction of Republicans; but they seem determined to rule or ruin the party. Therefore, for the purpose of healing these differences, and to restore 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.

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