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

DONALDSONVILLE, LA., Saturday, - December 9, 1871.

LOCAL JOTTINGS.

Proceedings of the two Council meetings in this issue.

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

The editorial tone of the Leader was much improved last week. Same old reason: editor absent.

The New Orleans Republican of Tuesday chronicles the appointment by Governor Warmoth of Jonas Hughes as Justice of the Peace for the second ward of this parish.

MARRIED.—On Tuesday evening, December 5th, at the residence of the bride's father in this parish, by the Rev. R. St. James Dillon, Mr. John Thomas Horton to Miss Eliza N. Chapman.

A friend informs us that a gang of some forty or fifty men have commenced work upon the broken levee at Dr. McCormick's place, a mile above town, right bank, and this break will soon be closed.

A colored man named Bob who lived in the settlement on the opposite side of Bayou Lafourche from this town, got drunk on one of the cold nights of last week, and fell down in the street and froze to death.

The Deputy Sheriff in charge of the jail had the prisoners at work Wednesday and Thursday cleaning up the Court-house yard. This was an excellent idea, and originated in a request of some of the prisoners to be allowed to work, as they were lonesome.

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Governor Warmoth has appointed L. E. Bentley, editor of this paper, Supervisor of Registration for the Parish of Ascension.

An old colored woman staying on the Brangier plantation, a mile below Donaldsonville on the opposite side of the river, while under the influence of liquor Wednesday night, shut herself up in her room in one of the plantation cabins and by some means set her clothes on fire and burned to death.

Mr. H. O. Maher has resigned the position of Town Constable, and the Council has selected Mr. Amade Rougeau to fill the position temporarily, and also recommended his appointment by the Governor.

MARRIED.—On Tuesday evening last, about half past five o'clock P. M., Mr. John A. Cheevers, Attorney of this Judicial District, led to the altar Miss Ophelia Boudier, daughter of an old and respected citizen of this parish.

The Common Council has decided to build a plank walk on Cabanose street from Claiborne street to the railroad depot. Lumber has been ordered and the work will be commenced upon the walk Tuesday.

There was considerable of a muss at Antoine Gilford's place, three miles below town, last Sunday night. It seems that Jim Sullivan desired to enter a house in which was a woman whose name we have not learned, her son of about eighteen, and a man named John Curtis, but the door was locked against him and admittance denied for some cause or other unknown to us.

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ST. JAMES ITEMS.

A Richmond paper invites the National Republican Convention for 1872 to assemble in that city on the fourth day of July next.

In a recent issue we took occasion to remark: "Lee's Abbeville Independent has since been exposed as a cheat and a fraud."

Who exposed it? Where was the cheat? Where the fraud? What right have you to couple our name with that infamous sheet?

Do unto us as you would have us do unto Warmoth.—Abbeville Flag. All right; we oppose you.

Our people never indulge in any liquids more intoxicating than ice water and stuff.—Iberville News. Of course that "stuff" includes forty-rod whiskey, and tangle-leg gin?

A Voice From Northwestern Louisiana.

We copy the following manly, outspoken article from the Shreveport Republican, and are exceedingly glad to know that that excellent journal is on the side of true Republicanism.

The fact is, political matters are so complicated, and may become more so during the coming year, that we require an astute, able, and withal a liberal and honorable man to fill the executive chair of the State.

The sources from whence charges of corruption proceed against him, convicts—if there is any truth in the charges—those men of the party who sit in judgment on him, and as he is not the law-maker, but the executor and guardian of the law, is guiltless, but they are the guilty instigators of laws which they say "oppress the people."

"All hail the Chief," the most noble and able of Southern Governors. "Our choice" for Lieutenant Governor in 1872, as will be seen by reference to our first column, is the Hon. P. B. S. Pinchback.

See Sproule & McCown's card.

Donaldsonville Market.

Table listing market prices for various goods: Apples, Bacon, Butter, Beef, Beans, Candles, Coal Oil, Coffee, Cheese, Corn, Oats, Eggs, Flour, Hams, Lard, Meat, Mutton, Pork, Peas, Potatoes, Rice, Shoulders, Sugar, Syrup.

Proceedings of Common Council, Town of Donaldsonville.

REGULAR MEETING. CORPORATION OF DONALDSONVILLE, December 4, 1871.

The Council met this day in regular session at the Court-house at 4 o'clock, P. M. Present—E. W. Mason, Mayor; Aldermen Duffel, Burbridge, Noel and Johnson.

The Mayor in his communications called the attention of the Council to the inconvenience of getting to and from the railroad depot on foot, and suggested the building of a plank walk from the canal to the depot, and the erection of lamps at the street crossings.

Be it resolved, that the tax or licenses on trades and occupations carried on or conducted wholly or in part within the corporation limits of the Town of Donaldsonville for the coming year of 1872, is hereby established as follows, viz:

- From each proprietor and partner of bar rooms or coffee-houses, \$50 00
From retail grocers, druggists, billiard tables—each person, 25 00
From retail merchants—each person, 15 00
From boot-makers and livery-stables—each person, 20 00
From hotels, boarding-houses, physicians, oyster saloons, dentists, horse traders, fruit dealers, photographers, wheelwrights, wagon or carriage dealers, pedlars or hawkers with horse, or horse cart or carrying—each person, 10 00
From tailors, blacksmiths, smiths, cooper-smiths, shoemakers, watchmakers or clock or watch repairers, saddlers, stationers, barbers, bakers, bread carts, painters, furniture repairers, pedlars or hawkers on foot—each person, 5 00

And be it further resolved, that all licenses not enumerated above and not fixed by the ordinances or resolution shall be one-half the license fixed by the State of Louisiana for the year 1872.

The chairman of the Committee of Public Works being absent, and the committee not having complied with the resolution passed at last meeting, Alderman Noel moved to rescind said resolution authorizing the Committee of Public Works to employ a man to clean the streets, etc., which motion was adopted.

Alderman Duffel offered instead of the rescinded resolution the following, which was adopted:

Be it resolved, That Joseph Burbridge be and he is hereby allowed the sum of fifty (\$50) dollars in full of all compensation for putting in repair, and keeping the same in repair, all the ditches, bridges and drains of the town until the 31st day of December, 1871.

On motion of Alderman Johnson, the Council adjourned until Monday, the 11th day of December, 1871.

Attest: E. W. MASON, Mayor. A true copy: W. G. WILKINSON, Secretary.

SPECIAL MEETING. MAYOR'S OFFICE, Dec. 6, 1871.

The Council met this day at 4 o'clock P. M., in special session, by convocation of the Mayor.

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

The Mayor in his communication stated that the reason of calling the Council together before the time adjourned to was, that the Special Committee on Sidewalk appointed at last meeting was ready to report, he had understood, and he thought it better to call it to-day and hear the report and take action at once.

Your committee appointed at last meeting, December 4, 1871, to take into consideration the building of a plank sidewalk, and erecting lamps, etc., beg leave to make this their report: That we have examined and carefully measured the distance from the east side of the large ditch on Claiborne street to the depot at the foot of Cabanose street, and the distance to be 1367 feet, exclusive of the streets, and find it requires about 305 planks 20 feet long, 12 inches wide and two inches thick, 274 cross-ties 4 feet long, 5 by 6 inches, and the erection of 4 lamps at the different crossings.

Alderman Noel moved to adopt the report. Alderman LeBlanc moved to amend the report by inserting "3 inches thick" instead of "2 inches thick," saying that a board 2 inches thick would soon wear out.

Receiving no second, the motion was lost. Alderman Noel's motion being in order, was put to a vote and carried, and the report of the committee was adopted.

The question of which side of the street the walk should be built on was broached, and after a warm discussion it was decided to build it on the left side going to the railroad depot.

Alderman Noel moved that the chairman of the Finance Committee contract with Mr. Simon Brand to furnish the lumber as per report of the committee.

The motion was adopted. Alderman Duffel stated that he had a bid for building the walk and erecting the lamp posts from Mr. Pierre Brand, for eighty (\$80) dollars.

Alderman Noel moved to award the contract to Mr. Pierre Brand for \$80, work to commence as soon as the lumber was ready, and that the Committee of Finance be authorized to contract with him for the same, also to purchase the number of lamps required.

The motion was adopted. Henry O. Maher having offered his resignation as Town Constable, with the request that he be relieved from duty at once and his resignation be forwarded to His Excellency the Governor of Louisiana.

Alderman Duffel moved it be accepted and forwarded by the Secretary at his earliest convenience. Adopted.

Alderman Noel moved to appoint a Constable pro tem, to relieve Constable Maher.

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