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DONALDSONVILLE, LA.,

Saturday, - December 23, 1871.

LOCAL JOTTINGS.

Thanks to Conductor H. P. Bayly, of the railroad, for favors.

Thanks to Mr. John D. Cantey, Clerk of the Court, for a kindness.

Proceedings of another special meeting of the Common Council appear this week.

Mr. Morris Marks, of the Leader, has moved into his new and elegant residence on Cabanooose street.

Senator Thomas H. Noland, from Iberville, was in town this week, but evidently forgot that there was such a place as the CHIEF office.

A chimney in a house on St. Patrick street caught fire Wednesday about noon, but the flame was extinguished before any damage could be done.

The public schools of the parish are all closed, with the exception of one in Donaldsonville, and will probably not be reopened until the first of March next.

The railroad authorities have carried the thanks of our citizens for again instituting the former schedule of time for the arrival and departure of the daily train.

We have been pleased to meet Messrs. Legendre & Poche, the leading attorneys of St. James, who have been in town this week attending the session of the District Court.

Tax Collector Smith was in town again this week, but left in a few hours after his arrival to attend to important business in New Orleans. Judge Mason accompanied him.

The Town Secretary advertises elsewhere that proposals will be received until the 26th instant for the repair of the Wharf. Specifications of work to be done can be seen at his office.

The Constable continues his warfare on stray dogs. We believe some fifty odd canines have breathed their last during the past two weeks, under the persuasive influence of poisoned meat.

The editor of the Leader advises those having valuable dogs to keep them at home. His dog runs about the streets at will, yet there is nothing in this fact conflicting with his advice.

District Judge Hon. R. Beauvais arrived here Monday and opened court at one o'clock P. M. A synopsis of the business transacted will be found on second page. Court will adjourn to-day.

Judge E. W. Mason returned from the city Monday with the amount of the apportionment of the school fund for this parish. Consequent jubilee among the teachers this week, as they all have received their back pay.

Mr. John A. Cheevers and bride returned home on the cars Monday, looking well and happy. Mr. Cheevers has been engaged in the performance of his duties as District Attorney before the District Court this week.

The railroad depot at the foot of Cabanooose street is almost completed, and is a good looking, substantial structure. A ticket office has been opened, and passengers can now procure their tickets before entering the cars.

The tax payers' meeting which was to have been held Monday at the Court-house fizzled, and was postponed until yesterday. As we go to press Friday afternoon, we are unable to give any information concerning it, but believe it fizzled again.

The first three days of the week were warm and delightful—in fact, a perfect Indian summer seemed to have opened upon us, but a cold North wind changed the temperature greatly. Wednesday was particularly cold. Thursday the temperature was considerably moderated, and yesterday was quite pleasant.

The approach of the holidays has induced Wilkinson to lay in a stock of nice things for presents to friends, relatives and sweethearts. A fine assortment of books is included in his stock. Toys for the children in abundance. Everybody knows where the news depot is, Crescent Place.

Attention is called to the advertisement of the Town Treasurer giving notice that he will award at public auction, on the 2nd day of January next, to the last and highest bidder, the farm of the Mississippi River ferry, right bank; the farm of the Market-house and market dues; and the farm of the Wharf and landing dues.

There is probably by this time a force of two hundred men at work on the New River levee, in the upper portion of the parish, and under the direction of the energetic contractor, Mr. A. S. Darrow, there is every guarantee that the work at this point will be completed in the very shortest possible time. The extent of the levee to be built is about a mile and a quarter.

Mr. Pierre Landry, who had been in the city for several days attending the Annual Conference of the M. E. Church of Louisiana, returned home Thursday morning on the St. John. We are glad to state that the Conference elected Mr. Landry as a delegate to attend the National Conference to be held in Brooklyn, N. Y., in 1872. This honor is conferred upon a worthy gentleman and an active and zealous churchman.

Last Saturday evening, about four o'clock, a fire broke out in a small new frame house on Cabanooose street below Claiborne, and in scarcely half an hour the building was burned to the ground. It is supposed the fire was the result of carelessness on the part of a colored woman named Mrs. Lear who lived in it. The property belonged to her and was valued at three hundred dollars.

Levee work is progressing finely. Mr. V. E. M. Anderson has finished closing the break below here on the right bank, in what is known as the Gaudet levee, and is now rapidly pushing the work at the Lacroix levee. Mr. Anderson deserves the greatest credit for the energy he has displayed in the prosecution of this important labor, and for the excellent manner in which the work is done.

In the proceedings of the Parish Court published in last issue occurred an error, which, in justice to the attorney concerned, we hasten to correct. Messrs. Nicholls & Pugh were attorneys for plaintiff instead of defendant as we got it, in the case of Thomas Gibbons vs. Alexander Pillion, judgment by default being rendered against defendant. Sometimes it is a matter of great importance to attorneys which side of a question they are engaged upon, and we beg pardon of Messrs. Nicholls & Pugh for the unintentional error which made them appear as losers instead of winners of a cause.

We publish in full the annual message of the President to Congress in this issue, and in order to give our employes a chance to enjoy the holidays we shall republish it next week. Of course we shall expect our readers to overlook this slight irregularity, as they will certainly not begrudge us a little misapprehension during Christmas week. The message is an admirable document and will impart much useful information in regard to the present state and future prospects of the country.

A Printer's Misfortune.

Some years ago, when the writer was a reporter upon an Eastern paper, it devolved upon him to write for the same edition an account of the presentation of a gold-headed cane to the Rev. L. Mudge, the clergyman of the place, and the description of a patent hog-killing and sausage machine, that had just been put in operation at the factory. Now, what made Dr. Mudge mad was this. The inconsiderate bouncer who made up the forms got the two locals mixed up in a frightful manner and when we went to press, something like this was the appalling result:

"Several of the Rev. Dr. Mudge's friends called upon him yesterday, and after a brief conversation the unsuspecting hog was seized by the hind legs and slid along a beam, until he reached the hot water tank. His friends explained the object of their visit, and presented him with a very

handsome gold-headed butcher, who grabbed him by the tail, swung him round, cut his throat from ear to ear, and in less than a minute the carcass was in the water. Thereupon he came forward and said there were times when the feelings overpowered one, and for that reason he would not attempt to do more than thank those around him for the manner in which so huge an animal was cut into so many fragments was simply astonishing. The doctor concluded his remarks, when the machine seized him, and in less time than it takes to write it, the hog was cut into fragments and worked up into delicious sausage. The occasion will long be remembered by the doctor's friends as one of the most delightful of their lives. The best pieces can be obtained for fifteen cents a pound, and we are sure that those who have sat so long under his ministry will be rejoiced that he has been so handsomely treated."

Mad? Well, about nine o'clock that morning the office had been abandoned by every man but the advertising clerk, and he ascended the roof and robed himself in boiler iron, so that he could watch the venerable clergyman tearing round down there in the street with his congregation, all wearing the panoply of war. The next day we explained and apologized, but the doctor stopped his subscription and began to take the rival paper.—Exchange.

Alexis and his Welcome.

In regard to the reception of Prince Alexis in New York Harper's Weekly of December 9th says:

One of the accounts of the reception of the Russian Prince in New York stated that "Alexis certainly received such an ovation as no man on earth ever received before from New Yorkers between the Battery and Union Square." That is strong language, for New Yorkers have heretofore offered a similar "ovation" to the Japanese Tommy and the prince of Wales, and it seemed we had exhausted all the resources of parading all the soldiers, and packing the windows and house-tops and street lanterns with spectators, and shouting until we could shout no more in honor of the hero of the hour. Certainly nobody grudges the handsome young Russian his enthusiastic welcome, under the stress of which, according to the report, he bore himself with good-humored dignity. There was, of course, in itself something very comical in the eager interest of a great city and country in a youth of whom nothing whatever can be said but that he is an emperor's son; and it was very natural to say that Yankees love a lord. But the truth is, that such an excitement for such a cause is not so insignificant as it appears to those whom it affects with impatience and contempt.

If any body, for instance, were disposed to sneer at the affair as illustrating the essential snobbery of a vulgar society, the ludicrous climax of the reception, namely, the introduction of Mr. Jim Fisk to the Prince, should have restored entire good humor. That, of course, turned the idea of social exclusiveness into utter ridicule. It may have vaguely occurred to the more solemn gentlemen of the committee that there was something inexplicably absurd in elaborate preparations, and a long procession under chiming bells and waving flags, and amidst shouting and rejoicing throngs, to end in a presentation of Mr. Jim Fisk. But fate kindly provides those reliefs. "The best families," of which the reporters respectfully spoke, the select society admitted by cards to certain front seats in the proceedings, were thus drolly brought to grief by the anticlimax. Certainly nobody should be troubled by the social aspect of the reception, which with its culmination, nobody can think of without inextinguishable laughter.

Nor is the interest in the arrival of the Prince to be explained as a tribute to an ancient ally and friend. Russia was friendly to us during the war, but it was not the kind of friendship that inspires popular enthusiasm; and our relations with the country are too remote to give Russia any more hold of the popular heart than Japan. The affair is very simple, and has very little to do with the Prince. Nobody need draw conclusions from it unfavorable to our national character or manners. If it had been a Crim Tartar, or a king of the Cannibal Islands, or a white elephant, the excitement would have been precisely the same. It was the chance of a holiday spectacle that gathered the people—a spectacle of which they themselves were the chief part. The event had been so carefully "written up," the preparations had been so elaborate, and the mere delay of the fleet had so excited public attention, that the rest was inevitable. It was not snobbery, nor honor to our ally, nor interest in the Prince: it was the opportunity of a holiday that filled the streets; and as enthusiasm is contagious, the Prince's welcome was what Grant's, or Sherman's, or some other real hero's might have been, after a great war or a great debate, in which a country had been saved and civilization advanced.

And now that the public reception has passed, however foolish private society may be, it can not be more foolish than that to which the young men are accustomed. Let nobody be troubled. He will find among us ladies as lovely and as well-bred as he ever saw, partners in the dance as graceful as he ever knew. At dinners he will drink wine as delicate, and eat food as exquisitely cooked, as in any country where the host did not begin life as a boy sweeping out an office, nor the hostess her housekeeping by being her own maid-of-all-work. The feeling which is flattered to be near him because he is a prince, is precisely the feeling which speaks of "our best families." It is the dear old soul of the snob which is universal, and which, when there is no prince, is happy with rich and fashionable

people. It is not because we love a lord, but because we like to enjoy ourselves, that we welcome the Russian with such enthusiasm.

Donaldsonville Market.

Table listing market prices for various goods like Apples, Bacon, Butter, BEEF, BEANS, CANDLES, COAL OIL, COFFEE, CHEESE, CORN, CHICKENS, EGGS, FLOUR, HAMS, LARD, MEAL, MUTTON, OATS, PORK, PEAS, POTATOES, RICE, SHOULDERS, SUGAR, SYRUP, etc.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

WANTED.

100 Laborers! To work on the Levees. Apply to V. E. M. Anderson, at the Acadia Store, right bank, St. James parish, or at Lacroix's levee, three miles below Donaldsonville.

Proceedings of Common Council, Town of Donaldsonville.

SPECIAL MEETING. CORPORATION OF DONALDSONVILLE, December 16, 1871. The Council met this day at 4 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to adjournment of the 11th instant.

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

The minutes of the last meeting were read and on motion of Alderman Noel, were approved.

Reports of committees being called for, Alderman Duffel, Chairman of Committee on Wharf, submitted the specifications for the repairs of the same, which were read and on motion of Alderman Burbridge were amended by inserting "2-inch plank" instead of "3-inch plank," which was concurred in by the Council, and on motion of Alderman Noel was adopted as so amended.

The Committee on Cabanooose asked for more time to report.

More time granted. The Market Clerk laid his report before the Council which was read twice, and on motion of Alderman Noel was adopted.

A proposal was made by W. G. Wilkinson, to buy the fence enclosing the lot formerly used as a public pound, which was read once.

Alderman Burbridge moved that Mr. Wilkinson be allowed to purchase said fence at actual cost to the town. The price to be determined hereafter.

Adopted. Alderman Duffel offered the following which was read once and adopted: To amend ordinance relating to Market House.

Resolved, That section 115 of the ordinance regulating the Market House, be and is hereby amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

SEC. 115. On the 2nd day of January of each year, unless the day be a Sunday, then on the day next following, the Mayor shall adjudge or cause to be adjudged at the Court-House, in the town of Donaldsonville, to the highest and last bidder, the revenue of the Market-House. He shall give notice ten days in advance, in the official gazette of the town, of the day and hour at which such adjudication shall take place. The farmer or lessee shall within three days after the adjudication, furnish his promissory notes (endorsed to the satisfaction of the Mayor and Common Council), each for a twelfth of the amount of adjudication, and payable from the first of January, at 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 months. He shall at the same time furnish security in the sum of \$250, with good and solvent surety in solido, for the faithful performance of his duties.

Should he neglect, or refuse to furnish his said notes as aforesaid, the Mayor shall be authorized to cause a new adjudication to be made on account and at the risk of said farmer or lessee, and in default of the payment of any of the above mentioned notes at their maturity, it shall be optional with the Common Council to declare said adjudication forfeited, and it shall be the duty of the Mayor to cause a new adjudication to be made of the unexpired term on account of and at the risk of said farmer or lessee. The notes, furnished at the same time he gives his notes, furnished to declare said adjudication, shall be subject to the approval of the Council in the sum of five hundred and fifty dollars, conditioned to answer not only for the more ample security of the payment of the notes given for the said farming, but also for keeping the Market in a neat and cleanly condition at his own expense, and for the faithful performance of the duties imposed upon him by the present ordinance.

Resolved, That the three last paragraphs of the present ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed.

Resolved, That wherever the words "the Clerk of the Market" occur, in the ordinance regulating the Market, chapter 24, be amended by inserting "the Farmer of the Market."

Resolved, That so much of section 116, which required the Clerk of the Market-House to collect for the use of the town a daily tax, be and the same is hereby amended and re-enacted to read as follows: "The Farmer shall not receive any other tax or fees than those established by the following tariff to be paid him daily by all persons occupying either tables or stalls, to-wit:—"

The following bills were laid before the Council and disposed of as follows. DONALDSONVILLE CHURCH, for printing licenses for 1872, \$5 00, and Robt. Noel, for acting Constable, \$5 00, were approved.

James Citizen, presented a bill of \$22 00, for work done on Cabanooose street.

Alderman Burbridge moved to lay said bill on the table until next meeting.

Alderman Duffel moved to amend said motion by laying the bill on the table indefinitely.

Alderman Burbridge accepted the amendment, and the motion was adopted.

On motion of Alderman Duffel, the Council adjourned sine die.

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

WANTED.—A YOUNG MAN BETWEEN the ages of 18 and 24 to assist a white gentleman in teaching a colored school in this parish. A liberal salary will be paid to a competent person. Address, J. C. W. RICHARDSON, care of C. N. Lewis, New River Post-office, Ascension parish, La. 14th

CORPORATION NOTICE.

In conformity with the ordinances of the Town of Donaldsonville, I will offer at public auction, to the highest and last bidder, at the Court-house, in the Town of Donaldsonville, on

Tuesday, January 2nd, 1872, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the term of one year, from the 10th day of January, 1872:

The farm of the Market-house and market dues; The farm of the Mississippi river ferry, right bank;

The farm of the Wharf and landing dues. The purchasers to furnish their notes with good and sufficient security in solido, to the satisfaction of the Council, and payable to the order of the Treasurer of the Town of Donaldsonville, at his office, in twelve equal installments, maturing respectively on the 31st January, 29th February, 31st March, 30th April, 31st May, 30th June, 31st July, 31st August, 30th September, 31st October, 30th November and 31st December, 1872, and bearing eight per cent. per annum interest from maturity until final payment.

Besides which, they shall furnish a bond, with good and solvent security, in the sum of one hundred dollars, for the faithful performance of their duties as farmers. Donaldsonville, December 16, 1871. C. KLINE, Treasurer.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS.

Sealed proposals will be received until 12 o'clock M., December 26, 1871, for repairing the Wharf of Donaldsonville according to the specifications which may be seen on application at the office of the undersigned.

Proposals must be enclosed in a sealed envelope indorsed "Proposal for repairing the Wharf"; must state the price and the earliest contract of award desired; and will be opened in open Council. The right to reject any and all bids is reserved. By order of the Council—W. G. WILKINSON, Secretary. Mayor's Office, Dec. 16, 1871.

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 plank 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 its burdens 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 characterize our State above all the other Southern States.

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 the 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. Harlan, Garstman, Stumps, Sworick and other members of the late Central Convention, 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 Convention, who 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 Court-house, in a United States Court-house; 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 State House; 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 hostile conduct in connection with the calling out and assembling of this body. They were guilty of every unfairness in the progress of the election of 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 resolutions 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 party of 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 Paekard to that effect; we proclaim our earnest hope that our President will repudiate the acts of these men; and we declare that we will 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 has made and manifested to 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 dealing these rascals, and to insure our success in 1872, we respectfully ask the removal of Marshal Paekard, 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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Special attention will be given to the department of home news, and among the "LOCAL JOTTINGS"

will always be found an account of transpiring events in the Town of Donaldsonville and Parish of Ascension.

Besides the "Local Jottings," there will appear each week, under the heading of "ST. JAMES ITEMS,"

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