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Renewed thanks are due Messrs. Wm. A. Hodges and Jos. H. Seaman, route agents on the steamers Pargoud and Katie respectively, for continued newspaper favors.

Judge Marks, of the *Leader*, doesn't take the revocation of his printing contract quite as kindly as an Irishman does a glass of forty-rod, and threatens us with an injunction. We are sorry our genial contemporary will not suffer himself to be laid out—speaking in an official printing light—peacefully and quietly, but will insist upon dying hard.

The *Madison Journal*, which we have always regarded as a wise and moderate newspaper, falls into the same error as did the *Terrebonne Banner*, and comes down from its hitherto dignified position to denounce in unmeasured terms Governor Warmoth and Lieut. Governor Pinchback for not doing a thing the law prevents them from doing—that is, revoking the contract of the New Orleans *Republican* as well as the contracts of the other journals of the State. The *Journal* has been guilty of an undignified, unjust attack upon the two highest officials of the State, and it owes them an immediate apology. Judging from the established character of the paper, we cannot doubt but the *amende honorable* will be forthcoming.

The *Leader* of last week has a great deal to say in regard to our article referring to the call for a meeting of tax payers, but fails to make a single point worthy of notice. Its advice to us to "wait for future developments and not prejudice the motives of honest tax payers," is simply officious and uncalled for. We expressed in the article referred to an intention to do that very thing, and did not look to the *Leader* or any particular person for an answer to our inquiries, but to "the progress and culmination of this new movement for reform"—to repeat our exact words. We shall be indeed happy and grateful to receive advice from the *Leader* when it is needed, but in this instance our contemporary has displayed unbecoming officiousness.

Among the newspapers which have recently acknowledged themselves to be failures and closed up shop are the *Thibodaux Reformer* and the *Iberia Statesman*. Poor *Reformer*! It came into the world with a great sounding of tocsins and blasts of trumpets, puffed up with the philanthropic intention of reforming everything and everybody, irrespective of race, color or position, but after a short existence of five weeks, overwhelmed with the great task of reforming even itself, it sank into inglorious oblivion. Poor *Statesman*! Like its brother in affliction, it marked its advent to the journalistic world by high-flown promises of great deeds to be accomplished, but soon gave up the labor of existence and was gathered to the tomb. Peace to their ashes!

Official notices signed by the Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State, have been served upon the Sheriff, Clerk of the Court and President of the Police Jury, to the effect that a contract for the publication of all parochial and judicial advertising has been entered into with the editor of this paper, and that the contract heretofore existing with Mr. Morris Marks, publisher of the *Leader*, has been revoked. The parish officials will govern themselves accordingly.

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

On Monday next the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana will convene in regular session at the Mechanics Institute, New Orleans. As Monday will be New Year's Day and a legal holiday, the Assembly will immediately adjourn until Tuesday.

The opening days of the session will be stormy ones, for there are many political and partisan scores to be settled before the Assembly can quiet down to legislative work. The heat of battle will be greatest in the House of Representatives, and the noise and turmoil of contending factions in that body will resound throughout the length and breadth of the State. A determined effort will be made by the Republican members to displace Mr. Geo. W. Carter from the Speaker's chair, and the future welfare and success of the Republican party demand that the effort prove successful. Mr. Carter has not only been false to the party which elected him, but he has become involved in numerous dishonest transactions, incurring the payment of thousands of dollars of public money to persons who were not entitled thereto and for which no service whatever was rendered, therefore his displacement is due fully as much to the dignity of the Representatives, individually and collectively, as it can be to political considerations. Each Representative, no matter what political faction he may favor, should be careful in placing himself upon record in this matter, and remember that he will be morally responsible for the dishonesty of the present incumbent of the Speaker's chair if he votes to retain that disreputable person in the high position which he has disgraced. The feelings of an overwhelming majority of the people of the Seventh Senatorial District, comprising the parishes of Ascension and St. James, are doubtless well understood by their representatives in the lower house of the General Assembly, and it shall be the especial province of the CHIEF to watch the respective courses taken by those representatives and to give them credit for a faithful performance of a plain duty or to denounce them for a dereliction of it, as the case may be. We set it down here as an undeniable fact, that the Representative from either of the parishes forming this District who shall have the temerity to vote for or otherwise aid the retention of Mr. Carter as Speaker of the House, will meet with prompt repudiation at the hands of his constituents and be declared unworthy his position.

In case of the ejection of the present Speaker there will doubtless be several aspirants for the position. Among the more prominent ones we have heard mentioned is Hon. Emerson Bentley, of St. Mary. As that gentleman is our brother we shall leave his praises to be sounded by others, and content ourselves with expressing the very natural hope that he may be the successful candidate.

In the Senate less political excitement will prevail, as that body has already elected its presiding officer. It is probable a desperate effort will be made by the disaffected Republican members, combined with the Democrats, to reconsider that election, but there is no likelihood that the move will be successful.

We shall keep our readers informed in regard to the proceedings of the General Assembly.

**DISTRICT COURT.**  
Adjourned Session—Hon. Raphael Beauvais, Judge.  
We continue the synopsis of business transacted at the District Court Tuesday of last week:  
Lapene & Ferre vs. No. 1311, Alex. O. Landry, Ursin Babin, intervenor; Nicholls & Pugh, attorneys for plaintiff, Fred. Duffel, Esq., attorney for intervenor; on motion of defendant's attorney, this case was fixed for trial Friday, the 22nd inst.  
Augustin Alleman vs. No. 1779, Joseph Ferrier; Nicholls & Pugh, attorneys for plaintiff, R. N. Sims, Esq., for defendant; on motion of attorney for defendant the judgment for default rendered herein was set aside and answered filed; case fixed for Wednesday.

John M. Lusk, administrator, vs. No. 1786, James D. Henderson et al.; R. N. Sims, Esq., attorney for plaintiff; judgment by default entered against defendant.  
Victor Maurin et al. vs. 1778, The Common Council of Donaldsonville; R. N. Sims, Esq., for plaintiffs, Nicholls & Pugh, for defendants; on motion, leave was granted defendants to file a motion to dissolve the injunction herein, fixed for Thursday.

E. Marquize & Co. vs. No. 1789, V. Paul Landry and A. T. Gautreaux;

Legendre & Poche for plaintiffs; judgment by default against defendants.

Victor Maurin et al. vs. No. 1793, Charles F. Smith, Tax Collector of Ascension parish; R. N. Sims, Esq., attorney for plaintiffs, Fred. Duffel, Esq., for defendant; leave granted defendant to file answer, and case fixed for Friday.

Jean Lapeyrolery vs. No. 1796, Edward Braud, fils; John A. Cheevers, Esq., attorney for plaintiff; judgment by default entered.

Raphael Mousse vs. No. 1799, The Mayor and Common Council of Donaldsonville; Nicholls & Pugh, attorneys for defendants; exception filed by defendants, and case fixed for Thursday.

J. B. Leche vs. No. 1800, J. B. Arthur Claverie; Nicholls & Pugh, attorneys for plaintiff; judgment by default entered against defendant.

Azelie Babin, wife of Phirmin Duplessis, et al. vs. No. 1801, Widow James Anderson; Nicholls & Pugh for plaintiffs; judgment by default against defendant entered.

McCall Bros. vs. No. 1806, J. B. Wilkinson et al.; on motion of R. N. Sims, Esq., attorney for plaintiffs, this case was fixed instantly and judgment rendered against defendants as prayed for in plaintiffs' petition.

**REPORT OF THE GRAND JURY.**  
The Grand Jury now came into the court and presented the following report of the result of their labors:

State of Louisiana vs. John Carr; indictment for horse stealing. A true bill.

State of Louisiana vs. Boston Hensley; indictment for throwing concentrated lie with malicious intent. A true bill.

State of Louisiana vs. Morgau Mitchell and James Lewis; indictment for an affray. A true bill.

State of Louisiana vs. John Curtis; indictment for horse stealing. Not a true bill.

To the Honorable Raphael Beauvais, Judge of the Fourth Judicial District Court, Parish of Ascension.

The Grand Jurors of the State of Louisiana in and for the Parish of Ascension respectfully represent, that we have visited the parish prison and find it in a good and clean condition; the prisoners are well and sufficiently fed with good, healthy victuals, and expressed themselves satisfied. We have also examined the Court-house, the Recorder's office and the Clerk's office. The former is in a good state of repair and only requires caps to be placed over the chimney. The Recorder's office and the records therein are in a tolerable state of preservation, except the index, which is old, worn, eaten and all loose, and which should be made as the law requires. We would further recommend that an iron safe be purchased for the safe keeping of valuable papers, notes, etc., which may be deposited with the Recorder, and which might also be used by the Clerk of the Court as a place of deposit. We would also recommend that iron bars be fixed to the transoms over the doors of the Clerk's and Sheriff's office.

Signed: G. GAUTREAU, Foreman.

It was ordered by the court that a copy of the above report be served on the President of the Police Jury of Ascension Parish.

The court now adjourned until Wednesday, the 20th instant, at 10 o'clock A. M.

We defer publishing additional proceedings until next week.

**AN UNSOUGHT HONOR.**  
It is not without a certain degree of pride commingled with pleasure that we inform our readers of the designation of the CHIEF as official journal of the Parish of Ascension. The Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State have seen fit to confer this honor upon us unasked, and we consequently cannot but regard it as a recognition on their part of our services in the ranks of the party of which they are the acknowledged leaders. We have endeavored to publish a good newspaper, and do not think any one will charge us with egotism when we claim that the CHIEF has earned a right to the designation as official journal. We shall not allow our good fortune to detract in any manner from the merits of our journal, but shall rather increase our efforts to make it a valuable medium for the imparting of instruction, and a faithful chronicler of home and foreign news.

**TAXPAYERS' MEETING.**  
Parish of Ascension.  
As was announced some days ago by printed hand-bills, a number of the tax payers of Ascension parish met at the Court-house on Friday, the 22nd instant.

The meeting was called to order by Samuel Hepburn, Esq.  
Henry L. Duffel, Esq., was called to the chair.  
Messrs. Terrio and Hepburn were elected secretaries of the meeting.  
The President then briefly stated the object of the meeting, and declared it ready for business.

On motion of R. N. Sims, a committee of five was appointed to draft resolutions.

The President appointed the following gentlemen as said committee: Messrs. R. N. Sims, Harry McCall, James Tellar, Edmund Bujol and Adlaire Landry.

After which the meeting took a recess of ten minutes to allow the committee time to draft resolutions.

The time having expired the meeting was again called to order, and the following preamble and resolutions were read and unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The Police Jury of the parish of Ascension has greatly exceeded the powers conferred on it by law, in the assessment and levy of parish taxes during the current year, and

Whereas, We believe that they are misapplying the funds of the parish, and that they are administering the affairs of this parish without regard to the interests and wishes of the citizens and taxpayers;

Therefore, be it resolved, As the sense of the meeting that we disapprove and denounce the course of the Police Jury, and will take such legal measures as may be in our power to arrest their corrupt and lavish expenditure; in furtherance of which

Be it resolved, That a committee of eight citizens of the parish, be appointed by the chair, to be called the "The Parish Committee," whose duty it shall be to watch the proceedings of the Police Jury, to scan closely their schemes and expenditures in parish matters, and generally to guard the interests of the parish and its tax payers.

Resolved, That to carry out these ends, they shall have power to employ counsel, to appoint sub-committees among themselves, and, in case of necessity, to call a meeting of the citizens to whom they may report their action, and, if needed, take counsel together, and also to supply any vacancies that may occur in their number.

Resolved, That we are and will remain earnest in our purpose to thwart, in all legal ways, the plundering schemes of the adventurers, whose presence and authority have been, against our wishes and remonstrances, imposed upon us; that we will support our committee in any just and measured action, in the above premises, that they may adopt, and that we bind ourselves to contribute our pro rata of such moneys as may be necessary to defray the reasonable expenses that the committee may incur in the discharge of their duties.

Resolved, That the resolutions and proceedings of this meeting be published in the parish papers, and in the New Orleans papers.

The chair then appointed the following named gentlemen as the Executive Committee:

J. J. Claverie, R. H. Hanson, B. Lehman, D. F. Kenner, L. A. Bringer, R. N. Sims, J. A. Braud.

On motion, H. L. Duffel was added to said committee, to act as chairman.

The meeting then adjourned sine die.

## The Fag-End of Journalism.

Pursuant to our promise of last week we reproduce the following article from the New Orleans *Semi-Weekly Louisianian*:

Since the elevation of Senator Pinchback to the position of Lieutenant Governor, the *National Fag* that disgraces the name of Republican, has poured forth a torrent of abuse and vilification against the new Lieutenant Governor unwarranted by facts and unjustified by the ethics of decent journalism. In that sheet falsehood has followed misrepresentation, and scarcely has one calumny gone out before another slander has followed it. Silent contempt must cease to be dumb in the midst of such outrageous persecution. No one with manhood beating at his heart can stand forever the rhetoric of a set of sneaks who, whipped out of the Republican party, have found their only resource to consist in the vilest display of venom compatible with the viper, nor can reason produce silence, though its pure light shows us all that personal vituperation is always the low resort of those who have no other argument at their call, and is a characteristic of a blackguard.

From the time Mr. Pinchback was pronounced Lieutenant Governor until the very hour at which we write, the *Fag* has not ceased to snarl and show its teeth, which, making evident as it does, that the *Fag* end of the Republican party have been so soundly beaten that pitching dirt is now their last hold, yet calls for a rebuke from every man interested in the extirpation of all barbarism. The writers and promoters of such emanations live in a glass house. We know their record. If such were not the case, the great zeal in behalf of their present affiliations would lead of itself to suspicion. Whatever Mr. Pinchback may have done hastily, he has never sacrificed his principle, his country or his kind. Nor has he sold out his adherents or his friends. True, he had always a contempt for a set of mean white men who, while they carried favor with him to procure political influence, at the same time would hate to walk with him in the street. He has even now a loathing for a hypocrite who disguises his malice in a fawning cant, and who only shows the devil in his heart when it will no longer serve his purposes to play the saint. Though willing to acknowledge the Providence of God, Mr. Pinchback never carried the politician and preacher under the same skull. A Republican of the strictest set now, he was one in the past. He has never left his home for a place which his people refused to accord him. He is not disappointed, nor is he suffering from a sad attack of veto. His policy is "reform" and already has he severed, pulled up by the roots

the "dead-beats" of journalism in this State. He would not continue such an outrageous nuisance in the premises of the government.

Here is the cause of the whole business. These journals, so ruthlessly cut off in the prime of life, were the pap upon which these people of the *Fag* subsisted. As to any and all aspersions on the official conduct of Mr. Pinchback, we cast it in the teeth of those who utter it. The editor of the *Fag* cannot prove himself honest by calling every other man a thief, nor is it possible to show he is right by denouncing his opponents as in the wrong. "He who first loses his temper, has lost the battle also," and if "gentlemen" are made of such material as showed itself in the columns of the *Fag*, let us all travel in the opposite direction.

If "the Pinchback supporters represent nothing in Louisiana," whom do the Carter men represent? A fugitive from his adopted State, this would-be Governor, according to the *Galveston papers* "left his country for his country's good." At home he cannot command a corporal's guard, and could not be elected an acting sub-assistant deputy constable. By his own confession he is "jack of all trades, master of none." In the course of a few years he has successively appeared as a psalm-singing hypocrite, a pettifogger, a false friend, a lobbyist, a politician and a newspaper slang-whanger. In all these capacities the personal character of the man as a truckling lick-spittle has cropped out from the mask of a good purpose, which fits him so badly that, like the jackass who would not wear the lion's skin, he cannot hide, do what he will, the ass's ears.

Under wilful and persistent misrepresentation, distortion of the truth, warping of published statements and direct insinuations, we have remained almost silent. Small as the assailant is, politically and socially, yet even a lion may be fretted to death by a goat. We have grown tired of him. Every man in the position of Mr. Pinchback has a manhood which must and shall be vindicated, come what will.

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St. Stephen	2 45 "
St. Edward	3 00 "
St. John	3 15 "
Lessier's	3 30 "
St. Andrew	3 45 "
St. Charles	4 00 "
St. Denis	4 15 "
St. George	4 30 "
St. Joseph	4 45 "
Westwego	5 00 "
Arrive New Orleans Ferry	5 15 P. M.
Arrive N. O. Canal street Depot	5 40 "

  

GOING TO DONALDSONVILLE.	
Leave N. O. Canal street Depot	8 00 A. M.
Leave New Orleans Ferry	8 15 "
Westwego	8 30 "
St. Joseph	8 45 "
St. George	9 00 "
St. Denis	9 15 "
St. Charles	9 30 "
St. Andrew	9 45 "
Lessier's	10 00 "
St. John	10 15 "
St. Edward	10 30 "
St. Stephen	10 45 "
St. Patrick	11 00 "
Valcour Aime's	11 15 "
St. Peter	11 30 "
St. James	11 45 "
Forstall's	12 00 "
St. Michael	12 15 "
Arrive Donaldsonville	12 15 P. M.

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P. LANDRY, Postmaster.

## 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; and 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 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 endorse those planks of the Republican platform which redress 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 under reconstruction has been so successful as to bring about the condition of peace and order in this party, and 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 all indiscriminate appropriations to individual enterprises, and we urge upon the Legislature the curtailment of its expenditures.

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 its roads 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 subvert this party, and refused to enter the combination for its overthrow. 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 party, 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, arbitrary 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 to honest 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 those outrageous acts were perpetrated with the knowledge and 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 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 organizations in one State. Several of his office holders have formed a combination with an insignificant following 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 Jobert, Revenue Collector Steadale, 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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