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DONALDSONVILLE, LA.,

Saturday, - December 30, 1871.

LOCAL JOTTINGS.

A happy New Year to the readers of the CHIEF!

Thanks to Conductors Bayley and Watson, of the railroad, for appreciated favors.

Won't there be a jubilee in Donaldsonville when we receive daily mail by the cars?

Proceedings of last Saturday's meeting of the Common Council will be found in their proper place in this issue.

The Police Jury will meet next Tuesday in regular session. We shall expect them to take some action with reference to the object of the tax payers' meeting.

The weather during the greater part of the present week has been delightful as regards temperature. Several showers of rain have visited us, and the roads are consequently sloppy.

Judge Mason came up from the city last Saturday but returned, in company with his wife, Wednesday. If any one should ask us whether the Judge lives in Donaldsonville or in New Orleans, we should answer that he certainly does.

A colored man named Richard, accused of the murder of a white woman in this parish, on the 23rd of last month, was arrested by the harbor police of New Orleans the other day, he having just arrived at the landing on board the steamer Talequah.

District Court adjourned last Saturday at 12 M., and Judge Beauvais returned home on the cars the same day. The session was a very busy one, and we have no doubt the Judge enjoyed the rest afforded him by the arrival of the holidays.

Christmas passed off quietly in town and parish, little occurring that is worthy of note. As far as we can learn every body spent a merry time, and no little boys blew the top of their heads off with fire arms, or scorched themselves with crackers.

The wreck boat is still at work at the sunken steamer Wade Hampton across the river. It seems to us that the expense of raising the cargo would amount to more than its worth, but as we don't know anything about it, we hesitate to make such a statement.

The plank walk on Cabahanoosse has been completed and is a great public convenience. It is a matter of some regret that the finances of the town are at such a low ebb as to prevent making the walk as wide as at first intended by the addition of another plank. But let us not complain, for the present walk is far, far superior to no walk at all.

The additional proceedings of the District Court of Tuesday of last week will be found upon second page, including the report of the Grand Jury. Friend Cantey, Clerk of the Court, has been too busy during the week to give us a synopsis of the balance of the business transacted by the court previous to its adjournment of Saturday, but will probably hand them in complete in time for next issue. We are under obligations to him for the synopsis already received.

The New Orleans *Republican* must have been misinformed or failed to understand its information correctly when it stated that daily mail would be sent to Donaldsonville from New Orleans after Wednesday of this week by the railroad. We have received no mail by that route as yet, but understand the system will be put in practice from Monday next, January 1st, and that Mr. Reverdy Johnson has been appointed route agent.

The favorite coast packet Henry Tete, ran aground while making a landing in front of the store of Mr. Jean Helt, in the parish of St. John the Baptist, Friday evening of last week, and has lain there ever since, the efforts of the steamers Natchez, Pargoud and two tug boats from New Orleans to pull her off, having alike proved ineffective. The wind was blowing towards the shore against which she grounded, consequently when it ceased the water receded and left the Tete almost high and dry on the bank. We sympathize with Capt. Dalferes for this unfortunate mishap to his excellent boat, the more so as it occurs in the busiest season of the year.

In another column we publish the proceedings of the tax payers' meeting held at the Court-house Friday of last week as extracted from the *Leader*. We regret that press of time prevented our attendance at the meeting. The committee appointed to examine into the financial affairs of the parish are all prominent citizens and property holders, and we shall await the result of their investigation with interest. There is no necessity for us to comment at present upon this meeting. We shall adhere strictly to our promise to favor a searching examination into the acts of the present and former Police Juries, and to make public and denounce any illegal or extravagant expenditures of public funds by those bodies.

We call general attention to the notice in another column of a mass-meeting to be held at the M. E. Church, on Houmas street, New Year's day, to celebrate both the opening of the New Year and the promulgation of the Emancipation Proclamation by President Lincoln. The exercises will commence at 10 o'clock in the morning and a nice dinner will be served at 2 in the afternoon. As a general invitation is extended to all, we shall expect to see a numerous gathering of Republicans—not that it is a political meeting, but our Democratic friends have not reached that point on the road of progressive ideas which will lead them to partake in a celebration of the event which freed four millions of their fellow beings from bondage. More's the pity.

Last Sunday night some gay and festive youths whose names are yet unknown to the citizens of this burgh, facetiously entered the Market-house and with a deal of humor abstracted therefrom the lamps which were wont to shed effulgent rays throughout the victual mart, and left them on the streets, one in front of neighbor Wilkinson's, the other in front of Mr. Park's, the jeweler, on Mississippi street. Not satisfied with this, these remarkably funny individuals exchanged the signs of several of our merchants and business men, after which they probably went to bed to sleep it off and enjoy the bliss of splitting headaches next morning. What an irresistibly humorous denouement it would have been if the Constable had apprehended the jokers and marched them off to jail. We warrant the thing would have tickled them for weeks afterward.

Donaldsonville Market.

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

APPLES, Green, ₱ bbl,	$6 00
" Dried, ₱ lb,	12½
BACON, Clear, ₱ lb,	12½
" Robbed, ₱ 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,	1 50
EGGS, ₱ doz,	40@50
FLOUR, ₱ bbl,	6 50@10 00
HAMS, Sugar-cured, ₱ lb,	20@25
LARD, ₱ lb,	15
MEAL, ₱ bbl,	5 00@5 50
MUTTON, ₱ lb,	15@20
OATS, ₱ bush,	1 25
PORK, Mess, ₱ lb,	10@12
" Fresh, ₱ lb,	15@20
PEAS, ₱ bush,	1 60
POTATOES, ₱ bbl,	5 50@6 60
RICE, ₱ lb,	10@12½
SHOULDERS, Green, ₱ lb,	09@10
SUGAR, ₱ lb,	10@15
SYRUP, New, ₱ gall,	1 00
" Old, ₱ gall,	75

ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.—THERE WILL BE A Mass-meeting held at the M. E. Church, Houmas street, Donaldsonville, on

MONDAY, JANUARY 1st, 1872,

for the double purpose of celebrating New Year's Day and the issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation.

The meeting will be called to order at 10 o'clock A. M., and a dinner served at 2 P. M.

A general invitation is extended to all to be present.

Proceedings of Common Council,

Town of Donaldsonville.

SPECIAL MEETING.

CORPORATION OF DONALDSONVILLE, December 23, 1871.

The Council met this day at 4 o'clock, P. M., in special session.

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

Absent—Aldermen Duffel, Smith and Noel.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Alderman LeBlanc as chairman *pro tem.* on Public Works, reported the plank sidewalk from Claiborne street to the Railroad Depot completed according to contract, and that it had been examined by the Committee and accepted.

The report was adopted.

Alderman Duffel came in and took his seat in the Council, and stated the reason of calling this meeting was that a judgment had been given against the Town, and a motion of appeal taken, and it now rested with the Council to say if they will give bond or allow the Mayor to sign the bond in the name of and for the town.

The Mayor said if he signed the bond it was understood that he done it as Mayor of the Town and for the Corporation and not as an individual.

Alderman Duffel stated that such would be the case, that he (the Mayor) would not be responsible further than as Mayor of the Town by authority of the Council, and offered the following which was read once and adopted:

WHEREAS, judgment has been rendered against the town of Donaldsonville in the suit entitled: "M. Marks, Administrator of the Succession of M. Schonberg, *vs.* the Town of Donaldsonville, No. 1672," on the docket of the Fourth Judicial District Court of the parish of Ascension, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Donaldsonville through its Attorney has moved for an appeal from said judgment to the Supreme Court of the State, returnable at New Orleans on the 3rd Monday of January, 1872;

Be it resolved, That the Mayor of Donaldsonville, E. W. Mason, be and he is hereby authorized to sign in his official capacity said bond of appeal for the amount fixed by the order of appeal.

Alderman Johnson stated that the work on Cabahanoosse street had not been paid for, and the bills tabled at last meeting, and moved to take said bills from the table, and that a warrant be drawn on the Treasury for the full amount of all work done except the sidewalk.

The motion was adopted by the following vote: Aldermen LeBlanc, Burbridge and Johnson voting Yes; Alderman Duffel voting No.

Alderman Duffel explained his vote, as he thought Mr. O'Donnell had paid or was to pay for the work and not the Town, therefore, he voted No.

Alderman LeBlanc in the chair.

The Mayor stated he had had the work done as a necessity to the Town, as the street was impassable and that a buggy had been broken while going to the depot, and he had used his endeavor to prevent the Town from being prosecuted for the same, and all the Council could do would be to pay the bill, and when settling with Mr. O'Donnell to count in such repairs on his bill.

The Mayor in the chair.

Alderman Noel came in, answered to his name and took his seat.

The Secretary informed the Council that no bids had been received for the wharf because the timbers called for in the specifications were too large.

Alderman Duffel made the necessary change, which was concurred in by the Council, and as the time had expired in which the bids were to be received; Alderman Johnson moved to extend the time until January 2nd, 1872.

The motion was adopted.

The following bills were presented and disposed of as follows: To be paid

Pierre Braud, for sidewalk,	$80 00
Joseph Babin, fitting up a stove,	2 00
Louis Racke, for stove pipe,	1 00
Bernard Lehman, stove and pipe,	20 30
Felix LeBlanc, for work on street,	213 20

A bill of Harry Squires for ditching done in 1869, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion the Council adjourned until Tuesday, January 2nd, 1872.

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

NOTICE TO BIDDERS.

Sealed proposals will be received until 12 o'clock M., **January 2nd, 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 time within which they will complete the contract if awarded them; 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.

CORPORATION NOTICE.

In conformity with the ordinances of the Town of Donaldsonville, I will offer at public sale, 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.

C. KLINE, Treasurer.

Donaldsonville, December 16, 1871.

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.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

STATE OF LOUISIANA.

Parish of Ascension.—Parish Court.

Successions of Romanta and Shubal Tillotson.

WHEREAS, HENRY W. MILLER, PUBlic Administrator and Administrator of the above named successions, has this day filed his account and tableau of administration and distribution in the above successions;

Public notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern, to show cause, if any they have, or can, why the said account and tableau should not be approved and homologated, as prayed for, according to law.

In faith whereof, witness my official signature and the seal of said court, Parish of Ascension, this, the 15th day of December, A. D., 1871.

[SEAL.] JNO. D. CANTEY, Clerk.

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STATE OF LOUISIANA.

Fourth Judicial District Court.—Parish of Ascension.

Dunlop & McCance *vs.* Henry D. Minor *et als*—No. 1797.

BY VIRTUE OF AND IN OBEDIENCE to a writ of seizure and sale, issued by the Hon. the aforenamed court, under date of the 14th day of October, 1871, and to me directed, in the above entitled and numbered cause, I have seized and will offer for sale at public auction, at the Court-house of the parish aforesaid, in the Town of Donaldsonville, on

Saturday, the 6th day of January A. D. 1872,

at 11 o'clock A. M., the hereinafter described property, to-wit:

The "Southwood Plantation," situated on the left bank of the Mississippi River, in the upper part of the parish of Ascension, in the State of Louisiana, bounded on the upper line by the lines of the parish of Iberville, and on the lower line by the lands of S. & R. Tillotson, and measuring about twenty-eight and a half arpents front on said river, by eighty arpents in depth with the opening thereto belonging, together with the buildings and improvements thereon, and all the appurtenances thereto belonging.

Terms and Conditions, Cash in legal currency.

C. KLINE, Sheriff.

Dec.30 Parish of Ascension, December 2d 1871.

Auction Sale.

ON **Wednesday, the 10th day January, A. D. 1872,** at 11 o'clock A. M., I will offer for sale at Public Auction on the premises the following described property to-wit:

A CERTAIN TRACT OF GROUND lying and being in the parish of Ascension, on the left bank of the Mississippi river at about three miles below the town of Donaldsonville, measuring one arpent front more or less, on said river with all of the depth thereunto belonging, bounded above by the property of John A. Stephenson and below by lands formerly belonging to Theodule Marchand, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon and thereunto belonging, and is represented as tract number nine (9) upon a plan of survey drawn by V. Salukowsky, of the Jean Bte. Marchand plantation.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

One-half cash, balance in one and two years, purchaser to furnish his notes with security in solido for the credit portion, bearing eight per cent. interest from date, payable to his own order and by him indorsed and secured by special mortgage on the property, and vendor's privilege retained. Act of sale to be passed before Chas. A. Younger, Recorder, which with Internal Revenue stamps must be borne by the purchaser.

C. KLINE, Sheriff.

Parish of Ascension, December 30th, 1871

STATE OF LOUISIANA.

Parish Court.—Parish of Ascension.

Partition suit between the co-heirs of J. B. Gaudin and Wife, and co-proprietors.

BY VIRTUE of a decree rendered in the above entitled suit on the 30th day of December, A. D. 1871, by the Honorable the aforesaid court, I will offer for sale at Public Auction on the Babin Place, seven miles above the town of Donaldsonville, on the right bank of the Mississippi river, on

Tuesday, the 30th day of January, A. D. 1872,

at 11 o'clock A. M., the following described property, to-wit:

1. The HOME PLACE, being a sugar plantation in the parish of Ascension, at about six miles above the town of Donaldsonville, on the right bank of the Mississippi river, having a front on said river of twenty-one arpents, more or less, on the depth thereto appertaining of forty arpents, more or less, including the double concession and the batture thereto belonging, the whole containing four hundred and sixty-eight superficial arpents, more or less, bounded above by the lands belonging formerly to J. N. Dugas, now to Raphael Anthony, and below by the lands of Edmond Bujol, Sr., heretofore of Trasimon Landry, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon and thereto attached and belonging, with the stubble and seed cane, including the sugar-house, mill machinery, etc., etc.; also, twenty-two (22) mules working on said plantation, ten (10) heads of horned cattle, carts, plows, cultivators, flukes, three (3) skiffs, and other implements of husbandry belonging thereto; also, corn, hay, one hundred and fifteen (115) cords of wood, block and tackle, sugar kettles, tarpauling, carpenter's, cooper's and blacksmith's tools, etc., etc.

The upper line of the Home Place runs to a post placed at the lower boundary of the land purchased of Sifrin Babin, and now belonging to said co-proprietors, and thence to a division canal between the Home and Babin Places, following said canal to lands of Henry L. Duffel.

2. A small TRACT OF LAND on which resided Mrs. Jean Denou, having a front on said river Mississippi of two (2) arpents on a depth of forty arpents, bounded above by the lot of Mr. Pierre Caussou, of one arpent front on four arpents in depth, to measure from the upper line, and by other lands belonging to the said parties and co-heirs, and below by said tract formerly belonging to J. N. Dugas and now to Raphael Anthony, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon; with the exception of the building at the lower front corner of said land, which belongs exclusively to Felix Babin with privilege of occupying the same to the 10th of April, 1876, without charge, as per written agreement of the 10th of April, 1871, but with the understanding also that the said personal right of occupancy shall not be transferred to any other person.

3. The BABIN PLACE, being a sugar plantation immediately above the tract just described, having a front on said river of thirteen and one-fourth arpents, more or less, on an irregular depth of say forty arpents, more or less, containing three hundred and forty-one superficial arpents, more or less, with the exception of a lot of one arpent in front and one arpent in depth, to measure from the upper corner of the said plantation, belonging to the district school, and the buildings thereon; and of a lot of one-half arpent in front on a depth thereto appertaining of about three arpents, to measure from the lower line of said plantation, with the buildings thereon, belonging to the heirs of Valery Leblanc; the said Babin Place being bounded below by the land just described, on which resided Mrs. Jean Denou, and above by the land of the late Joseph Leblanc, now of his surviving widow; together with all the buildings and improvements thereon, stubble and seed cane, sugar-house, steam mill and engine, etc., etc., twenty-one (21) mules, carts, plows, cultivators, corn-planters and other implements of husbandry, two (2) skiffs, carpenter's, cooper's and blacksmith's tools, block and tackle, a lot of bricks, sugar kettle, a lot of lumber, shingles and pickets, eighty (80) cords of wood, a horse mill, hay, corn and other accessories used on said plantation and thereto belonging.

The lower line of the Babin Place runs to a post placed at the upper back boundary of the land where resided Mrs. Jean Denou, thence down the back line of the said Denou residence to the post placed at the lower back line of the said Sifrin tract and division canal; and the said Babin Place having a right of drain through two canals or ditches which run across the Home Place, and fall into Bayou Joe-Rose, with the privilege of cleaning said canals through their whole length.

4. A LOT OF GROUND on which Sylvany Gaudin now resides, one mile above the Babin Place, having a front of four arpents on the Mississippi river, on a depth of —— arpents, the lines closing, said lot containing thirteen superficial arpents, more or less, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon, bounded above by the lands of Mrs. Henry L. Duffel, and below and in the rear by the lands of J. Edmond & Co., with the right of drainage on the back lands.

5. Another LOT OF GROUND at about —— arpents from the river, containing eleven and 20-100 arpents superficial, more or less, bounded in front by said lands of J. Edmond Bujol & Co., above by lands of Mrs. Henry L. Duffel, and below by lands of said F. Edmond Bujol & Co., and the above described Babin Place and others; and in the rear by the Babin Place with the right of drain through the back canal of Babin Place to Bayou Joe-Rose.

6. Another LOT OF GROUND, forming part of the tract of J. N. Dugas, now Raphael Anthony, and being all that portion of said tract which lies back of Bayou Maza, and containing three and a-half superficial arpents, more or less, bounded in front by said tract, below by the Home Place hereinbefore described, above by the tract herein described on which resided Mrs. Jean Denon, and in the rear by the Babin Place, with the right of drain in the division canal mentioned sub. Nos. 1 and 2.

7. A TRACT OF LAND, being part of N. W. Quarter of Sect. 18. T. 11. R. 14. E., bounded on the North, East and West, by lands of McCall Bros., and South by lands of A. Gomez; said land being in the parish of Ascension, on the right bank of the Mississippi river, and containing two arpents front on fourteen arpents in depth.

8. About twelve thousand (12,000) shingles and eight hundred (800) pickets, now lying on the last described tract.

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C. KLINE, Sheriff.

Parish of Ascension, Dec. 30th, A. D. 1871.

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