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

DONALDSONVILLE, LA.,

Saturday, - - January 27, 1872.

LOCAL JOTTINGS.

By reference to our advertising columns it will be seen that some important sales of property will be made by the Sheriff next Tuesday.

There was to have been a regular monthly meeting of the Fourth Ward Lincoln Club, at the M. E. Church this evening, but it is probable the cold, wet weather will compel a postponement.

The Town Treasurer gives notice that he will sell the farm of the Market for the year 1872, at public auction, on Tuesday, February 7th, to the last and highest bidder. See advertisement.

We have been told that Aldermen Duffel and LeBlanc have resigned their positions as members of the Town Council, but the information comes from such an unreliable source that we cannot vouch for its truth.

In another column will be found a notice of the dissolutions, by mutual consent, of the partnership heretofore existing between Messrs. R. J. Green and M. P. Sullivan, house and sign painters. Mr. Sullivan assumes all liabilities of the old firm and will continue the business in his own name.

Elsewhere will be found a notification from the President of the Parish School Board that there will be a meeting of that body at the Court-House, next Monday, at 11 o'clock A. M. A full attendance is desired, as the important subject of re-opening the schools will be brought up for consideration.

A vendor of quack medicine passed through town this week and regaled those disposed to listen with various songs, accompanied by the dulcist strains of a banjo. How many of the gullible and verdant he succeeded in inducing to purchase of his wonderful remedy for all the ills that human flesh is heir to, we have no idea.

The coast steamer Tahlequah continues to navigate Bayou Lafourche successfully, and now makes two regular weekly trips between New Orleans and Thibodaux. We understand that most of the planters along the bayou had shipped all their sugar to the city some time before the Tahlequah effected an entrance, hence that steamer is not doing an over-large business just now.

Thanks to conductors Bayley and Watson, of the railroad, for favors rendered upon the occasion of our going to and returning from New Orleans. Both these gentlemen are making many friends in this section of the country, and their growing popularity can only be ascribed to the uniform courtesy with which they treat all with whom they come in contact.

His honor, the Mayor of Donaldsonville, tiring perhaps of multitudinous official honors, expressed during the early part of this week a decided and unalterable determination to resign his position as Mayor, but as he has expressed this same decided and unalterable determination twenty-three times before and never carried it out, we have come to the conclusion that resignation is not among his virtues.

The Common Council has rescinded the resolution levying a special tax of twenty-five hundred dollars upon the taxable property of the town of Donaldsonville, as it has been ascertained that the levy would increase the rate of taxation to a larger figure than is

allowed to be levied by law. As we have received no orders from the Town Collector to discontinue his notice to tax payers, we republish it this week.

We would suggest to the Parish School Board the propriety of selecting superior teachers for the schools of Donaldsonville, even if they have to be paid something above the usual rate of compensation. Our town schools are the most important in the parish, and experienced and able teachers should be employed at salaries that will lead them to give all possible care and attention to the management of their respective schools.

By invitation of Mr. Reverdy Johnson, manager upon the railroad, we inspected the interior of the new baggage and mail car which has been attached to the train running between here and New Orleans, and must say that the arrangements for the transportation and safe keeping of the mail are excellent indeed. Taken altogether, the car is a fine piece of workmanship, the pattern, we believe, being entirely new. It was built at the N. O. M. & T. R. R. Company's shop in Mobile.

Wilkinson, of the news depot, has placed us under obligations for a batch of the latest and choicest periodicals, among them *Appleton's Journal*, *Every Saturday* and *Comic Monthly*. Besides a large stock of newspapers and periodicals which he has constantly on hand, Wilkinson keeps all kinds of stationery and an innumerable supply of what-nots. The price of initial paper has been reduced from fifty to thirty-five cents per box, and those who wish to purchase some of this beautiful paper had best call immediately.

The absence of the editor during a greater part of the week, and the extreme coldness of the weather, must be our excuse for the small amount of editorial matter and any irregularities that may appear in this issue. Having for a printing office a room which is not susceptible of being heated up, our workmen have more than once been obliged to suspend operations by reason of the cold, thus precluding the possibility of getting the paper out on time in perfect style. Of course our friends will appreciate this and make due allowances.

We doubt if there is any legislative body in the country that holds more special meetings than our honorable Common Council of Donaldsonville. Proceedings of no less than three of these special sessions, held within a week, will be found in this issue. Important business was transacted, as will be seen by reference to the published proceedings. Of course old resolutions were rescinded and new ones passed, as usual. Our Council does not seem to know its own mind two days at a time. However, as its final action is generally satisfactory, this little eccentricity can be borne with.

We are not proud of our position as Town Printer a bit. We receive one hundred and fifty dollars a year for doing an amount of advertising that should pay at least eight hundred or a thousand dollars, and when we send in a bill of five dollars for issuing an extra edition of our paper for the purpose of promulgating important proceedings of the Council, that body sedately lays it upon the table. If the rest of our patronage paid us as well as that of the Town of Donaldsonville the more we got of it the poorer we should become. We feel like exclaiming "save us from our friends," for they seem to be trying to kill us with kindness.

The weather record of the present week is an extraordinary one. Up to Wednesday the atmosphere was clear and cold, not exceedingly so, however. At about five o'clock Wednesday evening we were visited by a fall of snow, which lasted some fifteen minutes, when snow set in and continued falling until midnight. Thursday morning the surrounding country presented a beautiful and uncommon sight for these parts. The ground was covered with snow to the depth of an inch or over, and icicles were hanging from wherever there was anything to hang from. Thursday was the coldest day we have had this season, and as it was much more comfortable sitting by a cosy fire than meandering about in the chilly open air, only those who had necessary business to attend to stirred abroad. The snow did not entirely disappear from the ground until this morning, when rain commenced falling and continues as we go to press. It is feared the freeze will kill many of the fruit trees.

TOUCHING INCIDENT.—A little news boy, attempting to jump from a street car, the other day, fell under the car and was fearfully mangled. As soon as he could speak he called piteously for his mother, and a messenger was sent at once to bring her to him. On her arrival she hung over the dying boy in agony of grief.
"Mother," he whispered, with painful effort, "I sold four newspapers—and—the—money is in my pocket!"
With the hand of death upon his brow, the last thought of the suffering child was for the poor hard-working mother, whose burdens he was striving to lighten when he lost his life.

Donaldsonville Market.

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

APPLES, Green, per bbl.	\$6 00
" Dried, per bbl.	12 1/2
BACON, Clear, per lb.	12 1/2
" Ribbed, per lb.	12 1/2
BUTTER, Western, per lb.	40
" Fresh, per lb.	50
BEEF, Fresh, per lb.	10 1/2
BEANS, per bush.	1 60
CANDLES, per lb.	15
COAL OIL, per gallon.	50
COFFEE, per lb.	25 1/2
CHEESE, per lb.	20 1/2
CORN, per bush.	1 25
CHICKENS, per pair.	1 50
EGGS, per doz.	40 1/2
FLOUR, per bbl.	5 50 1/2
HAMS, Sugar-cured, per lb.	30 1/2
LARD, per lb.	15
MEAL, per bush.	5 00 1/2
MUTTON, per lb.	15 1/2
OATS, per bush.	1 25
PORK, Mess, per lb.	10 1/2
" Fresh, per lb.	15 1/2
PEAS, per bush.	1 60
POTATOES, per bbl.	5 50 1/2
RICE, per lb.	10 1/2
SHOULDERS, Green, per lb.	9 1/2
SUGAR, per lb.	10 1/2
SYRUP, New, per gallon.	1 00
" Old, per gallon.	75

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Proceedings of Common Council, Town of Donaldsonville.

SPECIAL MEETING.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
January 20, 1872. }

The Council met in special session at five o'clock P. M., by order of the Mayor.

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

Absent—Aldermen Duffel, Smith and LeBlanc.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The following bills were examined and ordered paid:

Robt. Noel, \$2.00. R. J. Duke, \$2.25.

A bill of the DONALDSONVILLE CHIEF for \$5.00, was laid on the table until the next regular meeting.

Mr. Thos. O'Malley, the Contractor for repairs on the Wharf informed the Council that he had completed his work according to specifications and desired the Council to inspect and approve the same.

Alderman Noel moved that the work be not accepted until a full meeting of the Council could be had, in order that all members might be allowed a vote.

Adopted.

A communication from Amodee Rougeau, was received and read once and on motion of Alderman Noel was laid on the table until a full meeting of the Council.

The Mayor gave the chair to Alderman Noel, and offered the following which was adopted:

Be it resolved, That so much of the resolution adopted at the meeting of the Council of January 12th, 1872, laying a special tax of \$2500, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

The Mayor in the chair.

On motion the Council adjourned until 4 o'clock P. M., Monday, 22nd inst.

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

MAYOR'S OFFICE, } January 22nd, 1872. }

The Council met this day pursuant to adjournment of the 20th inst.

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

Absent—Aldermen Duffel and LeBlanc.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The following bills were approved:

Steamer St. John, \$1.50. William Brown, \$2.60.

Alderman Smith offered the following:

Be it resolved, That the resolution passed January 20th, 1872, in reference to Mr. Richard O'Donnell's claim be, and the same is hereby rescinded, and that the Mayor and Treasurer be and are hereby authorized, empowered and ordered to sign, countersign and issue to the said Richard O'Donnell bonds of the Town of Donaldsonville, according to agreement entered into between said O'Donnell and the Town of Donaldsonville, for the full sum of five thousand eight hundred (\$5800) dollars.

The resolution was adopted.

On motion of Alderman Smith, H. O. Maher was authorized to have a water spout repaired to prevent the water washing down the embankment of the Wharf.

Alderman Noel offered the following:

Be it resolved, That Mr. O'Malley be paid \$400 now, and \$250 upon the completion of his contract according to the specifications.

Adopted.

The Council adjourned sine die.

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

MAYOR'S OFFICE, } January 23, 1872. }

The Council met this day at 3 o'clock P. M., at the Court-House, by order of the Mayor.

Present—E. W. Mason, Mayor; Aldermen Burbridge, Smith and Noel.

Absent—Aldermen Duffel, LeBlanc and Johnson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and on motion adopted.

The Mayor informed the Council that he had called the meeting at the request of a

number of the citizens for the purpose of adjusting the claim of Mr. Richard O'Donnell for cleaning the streets, etc.

The following resolutions were laid before the Council by the citizens, and read twice by the Secretary:

1. Resolved, That the resolution passed at the special meeting held yesterday authorizing the issue of bonds to R. O'Donnell, be and is hereby rescinded.

2. Resolved, That the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, out of the funds now in the Treasury—and out of the first moneys collected, be paid to R. O'Donnell; that no other money be paid out of the Treasury until Mr. O'Donnell be thus paid.

3. Resolved, That the lease of the Market-House be advertised and sold to the highest bidder; and that the revenues of the Market and Wharf be specially appropriated towards paying Mr. O'Donnell the balance due him to make up \$3800. One thousand dollars of said revenues to be paid him until said balance of one thousand dollars be paid.

4. Resolved, That the Assessor be required to make the Town assessment at once, advertise the same for 30 days, and that the Collector be called upon to collect the taxes for 1872, out of which taxes the sum of thirteen hundred dollars be paid to R. O'Donnell.

5. Resolved, That this Corporation ask the Legislature to pass an act authorizing the Corporation to levy a special tax for 1872, not to exceed 1/2 of one per cent, the proceeds of this tax to be appropriated towards paying the interest on the town bonds due April 3.

6. Resolved, That in view of the deplorable condition of the finances of the Corporation, and of the utter inability to meet the present onerous expenses, that from this time the Corporation no longer employ a Physician and an Attorney by the year.

7. Resolved, That we petition the Legislature to relieve this Corporation from paying any parish taxes.

There not being a full board, the Council took a recess of ten minutes to allow absent members to come in.

The Council came to order again, same members present. Aldermen Duffel and LeBlanc came in and took their seats.

The resolutions were read again and objected to by Alderman Duffel, who moved that the specifications of Mr. O'Donnell's contract be produced and read.

The motion was adopted, and a recess of ten minutes taken to allow Alderman Smith to produce the same.

The Council came to order again, five members and the Mayor present.

The specifications being produced, the Secretary was requested to read them, who in turn requested Alderman Duffel to read the same, they being drawn by him.

After the reading of the specifications, the resolutions of the citizens were taken up and acted upon:

The first one was adopted.

The second was lost.

The third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh were adopted.

Alderman Noel moved a reconsideration of the second resolution.

Motion adopted.

Alderman Duffel moved to amend by striking out "and out of the first moneys collected be paid to R. O'Donnell. That no other money be paid out of the treasury until Mr. O'Donnell be thus paid."

The amendment was lost.

The original resolution was put to a vote again and carried by the following vote:

Aldermen Smith, Burbridge and Noel voting yes.

Aldermen Duffel and LeBlanc voting no.

On motion the Council adjourned sine die.

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

Notice.

DISSOLUTION OF COPARTNERSHIP.

THE undersigned respectively announce that they have dissolved partnership by mutual consent. All outstanding accounts will be settled by M. P. Sullivan, who will continue the business as Painter.

M. P. SULLIVAN,
R. J. GREEN.

CORPORATION NOTICE.

In conformity with the ordinances of the Town of Donaldsonville, I will offer at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, at the Court-House, in the Town of Donaldsonville, by order of the Mayor, on

Tuesday, February 6th, 1872,

at 10 o'clock A. M., for the term of eleven months, from the 10th of February, 1872:

The farm of the Market-House and market dunes.

The purchaser to furnish his 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 eleven equal installments, maturing respectively on the 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 he shall furnish a bond, with good and solvent security, to the satisfaction of the Common Council, in the sum of one hundred dollars, for the faithful performance of his duties as farmer.

C. KLINE, Treasurer.

Donaldsonville, January 27, 1872.

Notice.

It is hereby given that I will sell at Public Auction, at the Court-House, in the town of Donaldsonville, on Monday, the 5th day of February, 1872, the farm of the ferries of the parish that have not yet been sold.

CHAS. N. LEWIS,
President of the Police Jury.

Tax Collector's Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned Tax Collector of the Corporation of Donaldsonville has established his office at the Post-office, where he will be found each day between the hours of 9 A. M. and 3 P. M. to receive for the payment of licenses due said Corporation for the year 1872. And all persons pursuing trades or occupations requiring a license, are admonished to come forward and procure the same within twenty days from the date hereof, under penalty of prosecution according to law.

PIERRE LANDRY,
Collector.

Donaldsonville, January 13, 1872.

Notice.

THE members of the Parish School Board are requested to attend a special meeting at the Court-House, in Donaldsonville, on MONDAY, JANUARY 29th, 1872, at 11 o'clock A. M.

E. W. MASON,
President.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

STATE OF LOUISIANA.

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 right bank of the Mississippi river, 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 thereof 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 Trasinon 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, flails, three (3) skiffs, and other implements of husbandry belonging thereto, also, corn, hay, one hundred and fifteen (15) 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 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 the river Mississippi of two (2) arpents, on a depth of forty arpents, bounded above by the lot of Mr. Pierre Causou, 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 on the 10th of April, 1872, 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 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 of a depth thereof appertaining of about three arpents, to measure from the lower line of said plantation, with the buildings thereon, belonging to the said Felix 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, stable and seed cane, sugar-house, steam mill and engine, etc., etc., twenty-one (21) mules, carts, plows, cultivators, carpenter's and other implements of husbandry, two (2) skiffs, carpenter's, cooper's and blacksmith's tools, block and tackle, a pair of horses, sugar kettles, 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 the post placed at the upper back boundary of the town 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 of Henry Leblanc, the said Babin Place being and fall into Bayou Joe-Rose, with the privilege of cleaning said canals through their whole length.

4. A LOT OF GROUND on which Sylvain Gaudin now resides, one mile above the Babin Place, having a front of four arpents on the Mississippi river, on a depth of 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 Bujol, with the right of drainage on the back lands.

5. Another LOT OF GROUND at about arpents from the river, containing eleven and two-tenths 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 J. 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 to 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 heretofore described, above by the tract herein described on which resided Mrs. Jean Denou, 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.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

All of the above property will be sold separately, that is, each tract of land with its accessories, for cash with the exception of 2-42 of each tract, which are payable one-third cash, one-third at one year and one-third at two years after the day of sale, purchasers to furnish their notes endorsed by themselves to bear interest at 8 per cent per annum after due, till paid, and payment thereof to be secured by special mortgage, with vendor's privilege and the clause de non alienando.

State and parish taxes for the year 1871 to be paid by the purchaser.

C. KLINE,
Sheriff.

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

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