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## DONALDSONVILLE, LA.,

Saturday, - December 14, 1872.

## LOCAL JOTTINGS.

Dan Rice is coming.

A cart drawn by one mule and a pair of oxen and having for a load one hoghead of sugar is a local epizootic incident. The curious turn-out passed our office this morning.

The little folks are on tiptoe of expectation because the great Dan Rice is coming with his far-famed circus. Now parents, don't disappoint your little ones, but take them to the show. It will be here next Saturday.

The horse disease is spreading here and a large number of animals are affected, but the malady assumes a mild form and will in all probability prevail but a short time. Keep the sick animals in comfortable quarters and be careful not to overwork them until they are completely recovered.

The cold weather has occasioned another rush of customers to Marx Israel's large establishment, on Mississippi street, in search of winter clothing. First-class goods at low prices will draw the public attention, and the merchant who offers the double inducement will be sure to outstrip competitors.

The Town Treasurer gives notice by advertisement in this issue that he will sell at public auction on Thursday, January 2, 1873, at the Court-House, the farm of the Market-House, Wharf and Mississippi River Ferry for the coming year. For particulars read the advertisement headed "Corporation Notice."

Complimentary tickets to the D. S. C. B. theatrical entertainment of this evening have been sent to the members of the Ascension Brass Band and St. Cecilia Philharmonic Society. We opine the gentlemen belonging to those organizations will show their appreciation of the courtesy by their presence at the hall to-night.

The coldest weather of the season has occurred this week. Heavy frosts have been visible for the past three or four days and poor shivering humanity seeks the congenial neighborhood of hot stoves and fire-places within doors. Yesterday and to-day the sun shone forth with great brilliancy and his beams served to moderate the coolness of the atmosphere somewhat. The nights are beautiful, but cold.

Hon. O. F. Hunsaker, from this district is one of the State Senators who recognized and attended the Senate session at the Mechanics' Institute and afterward participated in the sessions of the City Hall Senate, and it is probable his seat will to-day be declared vacant by the Mechanics' Institute body. In this event, a new election will probably be ordered in our Seventh Senatorial District, and we will have opportunity to select another Senator.

Hon. Pierre Landry, one of the Representatives from this parish, has given notice in the House of his intention to introduce a bill to relieve the town of Donaldsonville from the payment of parish taxes. We are glad

to notice that our Representatives show a disposition to devote some effort to the interests of their constituency in spite of the great political excitement that is prevailing to the detriment of almost every kind of business and absorbing the undivided attention of the professional politicians.

The rolling season is almost over. A number of our planters have finished grinding, and others will get through during the coming week. The cane was injured by the frost somewhat, but the yield would have been below the average if this had not occurred. We are glad to notice that none of the sugar planters are as much discouraged as to give up the ship, but are preparing to "try it again" another season. We hope that under the influence of kindly weather and complete reformation in the government—a reduction of taxation, etc.—the crops of 1873 will bring them such large rewards as to compensate for past losses.

The game of ball played by the Burnside club upon the public square last Sunday was the most interesting practice game that has yet occurred. "Sides" were chosen by two members of the club from among the players present. Five members of the first nine were cast upon one side and two upon the other, but contrary to expectation the side having the two members proved victorious by a score of 33, to 12 for their opponents. Much improvement was noticeable in the playing of several members of the second nine of the club, and it is likely that when the next match game comes off some promotions will occur from the second to the first nine.

Owing to unforeseen circumstances there will be a change in the programme of the dramatic entertainment at the D. S. C. B. Hall this evening. "Nan, the Good for Nothing" will not be placed upon the boards but in its stead other features will be introduced which will fully supply the deficiency. There is every promise that the performance will be highly interesting, and we hope to see a good attendance of spectators. The splendid drama "The Old Guard" will form the leading feature of the entertainment, and will be presented in good style. The two French farces will furnish an abundance of amusement for humorously inclined people, and no one need be fearful of suffering from homesickness during the performance.

**MARRIED.**—At the Ascension Catholic Church, Thursday evening, the Rev. Father Couppens united in the holy bonds of matrimony a young couple well known to most of the people of this section—Mr. J. S. Lavigne and Miss Marie Anna Ganel. In spite of the coolness of the weather there was a large attendance of the friends of the interested parties at the church for the purpose of witnessing the marriage ceremony, which was conducted in a very impressive manner by the priest. The handsome appearance of the bride and groom excited much comment, and good wishes for their future happiness were heard upon all sides. After the ceremony was concluded, a ball and supper at the residence of the bride's brother-in-law, Mr. L. D. DeBlanc, followed, and proved to be one of the most pleasant entertainments of the kind that has occurred in our town for a long while. A large number of invited guests were present, among them representatives of the youth and beauty of both sexes. The beautiful bride and bridesmaids, in tasteful toilets, shone resplendent, while the handsome groom and groomsmen were conspicuous figures in the gathering. Dancing, to the splendid music of the Ascension string band, was kept up until two o'clock in the morning, when the guests sought their homes after wishing the happy candidates for matrimonial bliss a full realization of their brightest hopes and anticipations. We return thanks to the young couple for the courtesy of an invitation to the wedding festivities, and join heartily in the congratulations and good wishes that have been heaped upon them.

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## State of Louisiana.

**Parish Court—Parish of Ascension.**  
Succession of Lewis Endt.

**WHEREAS,** on the 4th day of December, 1872, Mrs. Mary Ann Endt filed an application to the undersigned administratrix of the succession of her late husband;

Public notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern, to show cause, if any they have or can, within 10 days from this notice, why the said application should not be granted.

By order of Court.

[L. S.] Parish of Ascension, this 7th day of December, A. D. 1872.

J. D. CANTEY, Clerk.

## State of Louisiana.

**Fourth Judicial District Court—Parish of Ascension.**

Augustin & Thibaut es. No. 1620,  
Eloi Dicharry.

**BY VIRTUE** of and in obedience to a writ of *fi. fa.* dated October 26th, 1872, and to me directed in the above cases by the honorable Court aforesaid, I have seized and will offer for sale at public auction at the Court-House of this Parish, in the town of Donaldsonville, on

**Saturday, the 4th day of January, 1873,**

at 11 o'clock A. M., the following described property, viz:

1. The one undivided half of a tract of land and sugar plantation lying, being and situated in the Parish of Ascension, on the left bank of the river Mississippi, at about five miles above the town of Donaldsonville, and consisting of several tracts of land forming together a front of nineteen arpents on said Mississippi river, with a depth of thirty arpents, more or less, bounded above by lands formerly belonging to Theophile Bouchereau now the property of Benjamin Gibson and R. A. Irwin, below by lands belonging to widow Jean Baptiste LeBlanc, together with the undivided half of the buildings and improvements thereon and thereunto belonging.

2. The undivided half of twenty-one mules, five 3-mule carts, one small cart, eighteen plows, one set gears, 35 arpents of plant cane, more or less, 15 arpents of stubble cane, more or less, and 2300 bushels of corn, more or less.

Terms—Cash. C. KLINE, Sheriff.

Parish of Ascension, November 30th, 1872.

## State of Louisiana.

**Parish Court—Parish of Ascension.**

Henry L. Duffel es. No. 130, Eloi Dicharry.

**BY VIRTUE** of and in obedience to a writ of *fi. fa.* issued by the honorable, the Court aforesaid, on the 28th day of October, 1872, and to me directed in the above entitled and numbered suit, I have seized and will offer for sale at public auction at the Court-House of this Parish in the town of Donaldsonville, on

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## Proceedings of Common Council,

Town of Donaldsonville.

**SPECIAL MEETING.**

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }  
November 25th, 1872. }

The Council met this day by order of the Mayor pro tem., at 4:30 o'clock P. M.

Present—C. F. Smith, Mayor pro tem.; Aldermen Duffel, Burbridge and Noel.

Absent—E. W. Massou, Mayor; Aldermen LeBlanc and Johnson.

The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

Alderman Noel offered the following, which was adopted:

*Be it resolved,* That by the request of E. N. Pugh, Esq., City Attorney, the ordinance allowing a salary of three hundred (\$300) dollars per annum to the City Attorney be and the same is hereby repealed, to date from November 1st, 1872.

Alderman Duffel offered the following, which were read once and adopted:

*Be it resolved,* That the City Attorney be and he is hereby directed to demand of the administrator of the succession of Marx Schomburg the monthly dues coming to the town of Donaldsonville from the Bayou Lafourche ferry, under the provisions of Act No. — of 1871.

*Be it resolved,* That he be and he is hereby authorized to warrant on the Treasurer for salary due up to date for account of the succession of Dr. G. A. Franklin.

The Collector and Treasurer was notified by the Mayor pro tem. to furnish a report to the Council at next regular meeting.

On motion, the Council adjourned to next regular meeting, Monday, Dec. 2nd, 1872.

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