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DONALDSONVILLE, LA.,

Saturday, November 22, '73.

LOCAL JOTTINGS.

If you want a good sewing machine go to Marx Israel's and buy the Grover & Baker.

Religious services will be held in the Jewish Synagogue on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 27th, at five o'clock in the afternoon.

Another spell of mild weather has prevailed this week, and a slight fall of rain took place to-day. According to precedent, it is about time old Winter came loafing around with his frosty beard and chilly breath.

SCHOOL OF ART.—St. Joseph Academy.—At this institution drawing and painting are taught, French, German and Latin classes are organized.

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Parties who have not paid their State taxes for the year 1872, are notified that steps are being taken for the immediate seizure of their property. Great leniency has been shown property owners by the Collector, but the imperative requirements of law must now be enforced as the time for turning in a list of delinquents to the Recorder is but a few days off.

In consequence of the anticipated WAR WITH SPAIN the prices of buggies at Marx Israel's emporium have been reduced to merely nominal figures, and nearly every man can now afford to have a turnout of his own. Any description of vehicle desired can be furnished, and a visit to Israel's will convince any one that no such inducements to purchase have ever before been offered here.

Engineer Van Pelt, accompanied by Bolivar Thompson Esq., came up from New Orleans last week and staked out the site of the new levee that is to be built in Snake Bend, where the old embankment has caved into the river. After accomplishing this work, the two gentlemen took an upward bound boat, for the purpose of visiting other places where new levees are to be constructed. The lessees of the State Penitentiary were awarded contracts for building all the levees above this town, and will put the convicts under their care to work upon them.

SUGAR LUMPS.—The price of sugar will certainly go no lower than the present figure, and there is every reason to anticipate an early rise. The planters have the power to force an advance of present rates by refusing to ship their crop until prices are better, and, as we stated last week, the general disposition among them appears to be to follow this plan. The New Orleans Times truthfully remarks that no planter in Louisiana can pay the year's expenses by selling sugar at prevailing rates.

The flatboats are bringing good cargoes of molasses from Bayou Lafourche to the steamers Henry Tete and Lizzie Hopkins. The shipments of sugar are comparatively small.

We understand that Mr. Jno. T. Nolan and one or two other planters have finished grinding their cane.

TOWN COUNCIL.—A special session of the Council was held last Monday, Mayor Clavierie presiding. A proposition of compromise from the holders of consolidated town bonds was offered by their attorney, but it does not appear to have been acceptable to our Councilmen, as the official minutes of the session record that it was withdrawn by the attorney. We have not learned the nature of the offered compromise. A resolution was passed which instructs the City Attorney to demand of Mr. A. A. Maginnis certain land shown by a survey made by Mr. Keating to belong to the town, and to institute legal proceedings for possession of the same in case the demand be refused. The Corporation Tax Collector was directed to turn his delinquent lists over to the City Attorney for collection by legal process. The Attorney was also authorized to take all steps necessary to test the validity of the consolidated bonds, to take appeals or injunctions on behalf of the town in all cases now pending in the Parish Court, the Mayor to sign all bonds required. The following bills were approved: Sheriff, jail fees, \$9 20; Louis Lefort, Constable, for burying carcasses, \$8 50; N. Rice, for witness fees, \$1 00. The Council then adjourned *sine die*.

FAIR!—A fair will be held in the D. S. C. B. Hall on Friday and Saturday, December 5th and 6th, the proceeds of which will be applied to the purchase of a library for the American Union Sunday School of this town. The entertainment will be conducted under the management of a committee of ladies, which fact of itself, exclusive of the purpose, should insure success to the project. It will of course be acknowledged by every one that a Sabbath school is an institution from which the youthful mind derives much improvement, and one which deserves the greatest encouragement, therefore we hope all who are able will contribute a share, however small, towards making the coming fair successful. Tickets are sold at the very low price of twenty-five cents each, while children will be admitted free of charge. The fair will open Friday at 5 P. M. and Saturday at 3 P. M., and will end in a dance, which will be a treat to those fond of "tripping the light fantastic toe" to the sound of insipid music. Who wouldn't go to the fair?

Since the injunction against the receipt of parish warrants for taxes has been raised, a heavy collection of both current and delinquent taxes has been made, and people seem actually glad to have opportunity of getting rid of their scrip. Among the large tax payers who have squared up their dues to the parish are Messrs. Jno. A. Stevenson, E. S. Mansfield, Dr. E. Duffel, Miles Taylor estate; J. C. Co-field, Bouligny, Hanson & Lemann, and others. No disposition has been shown on the part of owners of town property to make any further resistance to the collection of parish tax, but some of the merchants are doubtful if their stock in trade is liable to the imposition of a tax by the parish authorities, having derived the impression that a decision of the Supreme Court in regard to this very question, rendered in the town of Monroe several months since, would apply to all the incorporated towns of the State. This is a mistake. The act of charter in the case of Monroe specifies that certain property shall be exempted from parish taxes, but no such provision exists in the Donaldsonville charter, and the Supreme Court has decided positively and in so many words that every description of property taxed by the State is liable to be taxed by the parish also. The Tax Collector has sought the official opinion of the Parish Attorney upon this matter, and it agrees entirely with the preceding statement, so we see no other course for our

merchants to pursue than to come forward promptly and square up without further cavil.

The supervising school director of the first ward was rather unfortunate in the selection of a teacher for his school, as he will doubtless admit. Having some personal feeling against the gentleman who has taught the first ward school for several years, the director recommended for the position a pedantic individual named Thos. Manning, of whom we had occasion to speak a short time ago in connection with a rumor that he was addicted to a more frequent and extensive indulgence in spirituous beverages than became an instructor of youth. A few days after our publication of this rumor, the person referred to paid us a visit and with an air of injured innocence complained of the injustice which he alleged had been done him. He blushing confessed that he had been "just a little funny" from drinking some time before, but that of late he had not been using any liquor at all, and in proof thereof stated that he couldn't get it if he had wanted it. (His credit had given out at the adjacent groceries.) We felt rather inclined to believe Dame Rumor had been too rough upon the young man, but when intelligence reached us the other day that immediately after receiving his wages for teaching the individual had got gloriously drunk and decamped from the parish, leaving in the lurch his assistant, a personal friend to whom he had promised a portion of his salary, then we finally came to the conclusion that the *protegee* of the first ward director was a hard nut, and that a change of teachers would be beneficial to the children attending school in his ward.

PERSONAL.—The session of District Court has attracted thither the usual number of members of the bar, among them, Gen. Frank Nicholls and J. B. Whittington, Esq. of Assumption parish, and Messrs. Charles Andrew Johnson, G. Schmidt, who is the oldest practicing attorney in Louisiana, T. Boland of the firm of Finney & Roland, — Dennee of Dennee & Michel, and others from New Orleans, and Col. Alfred Roman from St. James. Our local attorneys are all in attendance excepting Mr. Henry Duffel, who has been suffering for two weeks from an attack of pneumonia. His honor Judge Flagg called at the Chief office and took a peep at the newspapers. The Judge is in excellent health, and bears with becoming fortitude the fatigue consequent upon his lengthy sittings at the Court-house.

Hon. E. L. Weber, the popular and gentlemanly State Senator from the Feliciana district, was in town yesterday, and honored our office with a visit. Unfortunately, we were absent when our genial friend called, hence missed the pleasure of grasping his hand.

Gen. A. S. Mansfield of the Mount plantation, in the upper end of the parish, also dropped in upon us, last Sunday, and was met with pleasure. The General reports a good yield of sugar from his cane, but deprecates the state of the market.

The Ascension delegation to the State Convention of Colored Men returned from New Orleans Thursday, apparently much pleased with their visit and the proceedings of the body whose session they were selected to attend as representatives of the colored people of this parish.

Hon. Patrick Bowman and A. J. Echeverria, Esq. of Assumption paid us a visit the other day.

DISTRICT COURT.
Regular November Term—Hon. O. J. Flagg, District Judge, Presiding.
Judge Flagg arrived on the cars last Monday and proceeding to the Court-house at once opened the regular session of his court. The first business in order was the drawing of the Grand Jury, which resulted in the selection of the following persons: J. A. Braud, Jr., Foreman, J. A. Landry, Solomon Borman, Adam Harris, Bienvenu Hebert, Jos. Johnson, Marcelin Renard, Cuba Jackson, Alex. Babin, R. O. Landry, Omer LeBlanc, Daniel Butler, Camille Martin, Charles Bowzer, Wm. Bell and David Hawkins. The Jury received their charge from the Judge and retired.

The District Attorney having waived the right of preference for criminal cases, the Petit Jurymen were discharged until Monday next. The civil cases on the docket were then fixed for trial, and court adjourned until Tuesday morning.

On Tuesday the District Attorney entered *nolle proseques* in the follow-

ing cases: State vs. L. E. Bentley, charged with embezzlement; State vs. Albert Brandy, No. 488, and same, No. 489, extortion in office; State vs. A. Harrison and H. Johnson, same; State vs. Wilford Henderson, State vs. August Hafle, shooting with intent to kill; and State vs. Alfred Boudreau *et al*s. In a number of criminal cases called accused failed to put in an appearance and bench warrants were issued.

V. Maarin vs. Town of Donaldsonville; motion of counsel for defendant to discontinue suit was tried *instanter* and overruled.

Mrs. E. Superville vs. Succession of Marx Schouberg; case compromised and dismissed at plaintiff's cost.

On Wednesday, an exception was filed by defendant in the case of J. B. Leche vs. J. J. Clavierie, but after trial thereof was overruled.

Thursday and Friday were consumed in trial and argument of counsel in the matter of Thos. Brady vs. the Parish of Ascension, wherein the plaintiff claims damages to the amount of \$7000 for the sinking of a flatboat by a mob during the election riots of 1870; judgment rendered for defendant.

To-day the case of Aimee Jumonville, wife of Edward Vives, vs. A. J. Sharp, occupied the attention of the court. Evidence was adduced and argument of counsel fixed for Tuesday next.

About 10 o'clock A. M. the Grand Jury came into the court-room and presented their report and the following true bills: Aaron Hill, Sheriff, extortion in office, three counts; Henry Williams and Angelo Lopez, horse stealing. In the cases of Eugene Johnson and Francois Charles, charged with robbery, the Jury returned not true bills. The Jury were discharged.

In the next issue we shall give the report of the Grand Jury in full.

At a late hour this evening the case of Mrs. A. W. Norcross vs. Mrs. M. C. Legare was called up and opened, but not being concluded when midnight arrived, was continued until Monday morning.

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