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Orleans at 5 P. M.

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at 12 M.

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M.; Arrives in New Orleans at 5:30 P. M.
Trains stop at all way stations.

DONALDSONVILLE, LA.,
Saturday, December 20, 1873.

LOCAL NOTINGS.

Dan Rice is coming.

Merry Christmas to all.

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

The Tax Collector turned into the
parish treasury \$9321 21 amount of
parish taxes collected during the
month of November, 1873.

We call attention to the new ad-
vertisement of Mr. John F. Park,
watchmaker and jeweller. Mr. Park's
reputation for proficiency in his busi-
ness is widespread and needs no in-
dorsement from us.

Why doesn't some enterprising
butcher start a wholesale sausage
manufactory here? We have more
dogs to the square here than any town
in Christendom, except Constantinople,
and she isn't much ahead of us.

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

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Wilkinson has on hand a very com-
plete stock of pictures of various
kinds—chromos, lithographs, etc.,
which are sold on such low rates that
all can afford to purchase some to
beautify their homes with. Call and
examine the pictures.

A grand demonstration will be
made in our town on Thursday, Jan-
uary 1st, by the colored people, in
honor of the proclamation of emanci-
pation issued by President Lincoln.
A large assembly and an interesting
display may be anticipated, as peo-
ple will flock hither from all parts
of the parish to participate in the cele-
bration.

In consequence of the anticipated
WAR WITH SPAIN
the prices of buggies at Marx Israel's
emporium have been reduced to mere-
ly nominal figures, and nearly every
man can now afford to have a turn-
out 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 pur-
chase have ever before been offered
here.

We've enjoyed some "mighty
pretty" weather in this region
during the last week. So balmy and
delightful has been the temperature at
times that one would suppose the Cu-
ban atmosphere had fled from Span-
ish barbarity for the nonce to enjoy
repose in this peaceful section. So
far, the winter has been a very mild
one, and quite in contrast with the
bleak temperature prevailing in the
North and West.

The holidays are upon us. Before
another number of the CHIEF issues
merry Christmas will have come and
gone and all the civilized world will
feel better and happier for the relax-
ation usually indulged in on that ever
joyful day. Scarcely will the dawn
of next Thursday take its first peep
over the eastern edge of the hemi-
sphere ere all juvenile America will
be moving with eager haste towards
the chimney corner to examine the
treasures generous Santa Claus has
stuffed in the little stockings hung up
in anticipation of his visit the eve-
ning before. We hope all our young
friends will get as many pretty things
as they can wish for, and that
those of maturer years may join in
their rejoicings with light and merry
hearts. All hail the season of peace
and good will, and may its spirit be
with us in all time to come.

The Tax Collector to-day sold at
auction several pieces of property up-
on which taxes are due the State and
parish. A tract of land formerly be-
longing to Mr. Theodule Marchand
was sold to Francis Ourso, Esq., a
small place on Bayou Lafourche be-
longing to Wm. Biggs was bought by
Mr. H. O. Maher; and property of
Mrs. Edward LeBlanc, John Marchand,
Daniel Seaton and Andre Cazar was
bid in for the State. Other sales will
be made in a few days and in addi-
tion to the amounts now due a pen-
alty of twenty-five per cent upon
State taxes will be exacted, as this is
the last day upon which the Collec-
tor is authorized to collect without
the prescribed penalty.

The property holders of Donaldson-
ville will find something to interest
them in the letter from Senator Bovee
which appears in another column,
wherein the writer gives his views in
relation to the imposition of a parish
tax upon property taxed by corpora-
tions, and desires to obtain opinions
of others upon the subject in order
that he may act understandingly and
in accordance with right and justice
in moving to secure the adoption of
amendments to the town charter at
the approaching session of the Gen-
eral Assembly. Senator Bovee is a
gentleman who will exercise a deal of
influence in favor of whichever side
of this tax question he may espouse,
and those concerned in the matter
will find it to their interest to lay the
case fully before him.

THE FIRE COMPANY.—The projec-
tors of this organization held another
meeting, last Monday evening, adopt-
ed a constitution, elected permanent
officers, and directed the correspond-
ing secretary to advertise in the New
Orleans Times for a second-hand fire-
engine. Of course some new recruits
presented themselves for admission
to the ranks of the company, and this
will probably occur at each succeed-
ing meeting for some time, until the
proper quota of members has been
reached. We can safely pronounce
the venture a success, and due credit
should be accorded the enterprising
spirits who took the lead in effecting
the organization of an institution much
needed in our town. A third meeting
of the company is called for this eve-
ning, Saturday, 20th, when a report
will probably be forthcoming from
the corresponding secretary in rela-
tion to his advertisement for an en-
gine.

POLICE JURY.—This body convened
in special session, last Tuesday, at
the Court-House, and after the roll
had been duly called and the reading
of the minutes of previous meeting
dispensed with, Mr. Reynaud offered
the following resolutions:

Be it enacted by the Police Jury of the
parish of Ascension, in extraordinary ses-
sion convened, That the amount of fifty per
cent of the parish tax of 1870, imposed upon
the tax payers within the corporate limits of
the town of Donaldsonville, and the amount
of twenty-five per cent of the parish tax of
1871, imposed upon the tax payers of said
town by the parish of Ascension, are hereby
remitted; provided, that said years of 1870
and 1871 be paid on or before the 15th day
of January next, 1874.

Resolved, further, That any and all parties
who may have paid the whole amount of
taxes imposed upon them for said years of
1870 and 1871, shall within thirty days, ap-
ply to the parish Tax Collector for a cer-
tificate of the amount remitted by this resolu-
tion, and upon said certificate, the Warrant
Clerk is hereby instructed to issue a cer-
tificate of indebtedness, and the Parish Treas-
urer is hereby instructed to register said cer-
tificate of indebtedness, as receivable in pay-
ment of parish dues.

The vote upon this stood as follows:
Yea—F. Reynaud, Nays—H. Heyman,
H. Rice and E. Cantey.

And the Jury adjourned.

MURDERERS ARRESTED.—Two col-
ored men named John Rowler and
Henry Brown were arrested in the
second yard by James Twiler, con-
stable, Wednesday afternoon, upon
the affidavit of Thomas McGay who
charges them with the murder of his

uncle, Cato Jones, in the city of Nat-
chez, on or about the 6th of Decem-
ber. It appears that the accused
stopped at the house of Jones over
night, and learning that he had that
day sold a cow, they arose in the
night and murdered him with an axe
for the purpose of securing posses-
sion of the money, which they obtain-
ed, also taking from his person a sil-
ver watch which they acknowledged
to McGay to having disposed of. Mc-
Gay followed the two men on foot to
this place, they having a few hours
the start of him, and over took them
in the second ward, where they were
arrested as above stated. After pre-
liminary examination the murderers
were sent to the parish jail, where
they will be detained until the Nat-
chez authorities can be notified and
procure a requisition upon the Gov-
ernor of this State for the bodies of
the prisoners. Judge Cheevers wrote
to the Chief of Police of New Orleans
Thursday, informing him of the ar-
rest, and that official probably tele-
graphed to Natchez the same evening.

THE CIRCUS COMING.—By his ad-
vertisement in another column, the
people of Donaldsonville are informed
that Dan Rice, the most famous cir-
cus clown of the age, will pay them a
visit on Wednesday, the 31st inst. To
assure our readers that the bill of en-
tertainment promised them by this
most popular of American Circus Man-
agers, will be amusing and in-
structive, would be a waste of both
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dead as reported, but living. The
best gymnasts of the age will be there,
to thrill the audience with their won-
derful performances. The best bare-
back horse-riders in the world, male
and female, will make an exhibition
of their surpassing skill. It would be
idle to attempt an enumeration of the
wonders with which Dan Rice will re-
ceive his patrons. All should go, who
would not miss an entertainment
which can rarely be seen more than
once in a lifetime.

TOWN COUNCIL.—The city fathers
assembled at the Court-House, ten
days since, in extra session. The
committee on public works submitted
a report showing that the Wharf has
been repaired, the Market-House
needs to be, and the Bayou Lafourche
levee is being.

It was resolved that the regular
meetings of the Council shall here-
after be held on the first Friday of
each month.

On motion of Mr. Weinschenek all
licenses for 1874 will be the same as
during the current year, excepting
the license for bar-rooms or groceries
retailing liquor, which will be \$25
each.

A resolution was adopted provid-
ing for the appointment of a com-
mittee of three to confer with the
members of the bar with a view of
drawing up suitable amendments to
the town charter relieving property
holders inside the corporation of par-
ish taxation, and the committee also
to urge upon the Representatives from
this parish the necessity for such
amendments. The chair appointed
Messrs. B. Lemann, J. F. Link and
C. Martin on said committee.

The Treasurer was ordered to sell
the ferry, Market-House and Wharf
farms; a new tariff of rates of wharf-
age was adopted; the Town Attorney's
salary was fixed at \$150 per annum;
sundry accounts were approved; a
bill of S. Braud for repairs on the
Bayou Lafourche levee, \$173 to-wit,
was referred to the Town Attorney;
the Council disbanded.

Through an oversight on our part
we failed last week to give our read-
ers any synopsis of the proceedings of
the Police Jury at their session of
December 8th.

Dr. McGillard reported the jail in
improved sanitary condition and his
report was spread upon the minutes.

The warrant clerk, Prosper Landry,
Esq., submitted a statement showing
that from the 13th of October to the
6th of December he had received 728
properly approved accounts, aggreg-
ating the sum of \$15,015 42½, for
which he had issued 355 certificates
of indebtedness. Mr. Reynaud offer-
ed a resolution to increase the salary
of warrant clerk to \$600 per annum,
which was laid on the table. Mr.
Landry then presented his resignation,

and on motion of E. Cantey it was ac-
cepted.

Mr. Cook tried to resign his position
as President of the Jury, but made a
complete failure, as the members re-
fused to accept his proffered declina-
tion.

A petition from the leading mer-
chants of Donaldsonville was read,
asking the Jury to remit the parish
tax upon their stock in trade, but
after considerable discussion the docu-
ment was tabled.

The following appropriations were
made: \$20 to Henry Stokes for tak-
ing care of a sick man named Henry
Parker; \$48 to the Sheriff for 12 pairs
of blankets furnished for the use of
prisoners; and \$426 to Fred. Duffell,
Esq., Parish Attorney, for his profes-
sional services in the suit of Maurin
et alvs. vs. Smith, Tax Collector.

Henry Heyman moved to go into
the election of Warrant Clerk. Mr.
O. Terrio's name being offered and
there being no other nomination he
was declared elected.

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oric and English literature generally; Math-
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Geometry, Trigonometry, Mensuration, Sur-
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Parish Tax of 1872!!

OFFICE PARISH TAX COLLECTOR,
Parish of Ascension,

Donaldsonville, La., October 18th, 1873.

NOTICE is hereby given to property own-
ers of the parish of Ascension, that the
parish tax for the year 1872 is now due, and
unless paid within TWENTY DAYS from
the date of this advertisement, I shall pro-
ceed to seize and sell according to law.

L. E. BENTLEY,
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