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TIME TABLE N. O. & T. R. R., LOUISIANA DIVISION.

Daily Passenger Train—Leaves New Orleans at 8 A. M.; Arrives in Donaldsonville at 12:15 P. M.

Returning (Sundays excepted). Leaves Donaldsonville at 1:15 P. M.; Arrives in New Orleans at 5 P. M.

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Freight Train each way every other day. Trains stop at all way stations.

DONALDSONVILLE, LA.,

Saturday, May 2, 1874.

LOCAL NOTINGS.

We take pleasure in noting the return of Mr. J. S. Towers, that gentlemanly and accommodating conductor, to his position on the train running between here and the city.

The steamer Katie will pass down every Sunday between one and three o'clock in the evening, and take passengers to the city for the same price as the cars. See advertisement in another column.

A large invoice of fashionably made and fine quality clothing has been received at Mr. Henry Loeb's store, and will be disposed of at reasonable cash prices. Public inspection is invited to the stock.

The Catholic Church is being rapidly repaired, and in a short time will be in such condition that no one need have any fear of the building falling upon them while engaged in their devotions.

The St. Johns Benevolent Association of this place, a society composed entirely of colored persons, has deposited at the store of Mr. Henry Loeb the generous sum of twenty-five dollars for the relief of the inundated.

SCHOOL OF ART.—St. Joseph Academy.—At this institution drawing and painting are taught, French, German and Latin classes are organized. No extra charge. Apply to M. Keating, principal.

The Tax Collector sold at public auction last Thursday, the property depending upon the East of Jean Rodrigues, the same having been seized to enforce the payment of taxes. Mr. Chas. Geeks became the purchaser for the sum of \$200.

We notice in the bayou in front of the residence of Mr. Pfister a very ugly looking snag, which, unless removed, may do serious injury to some of the Bayou Lafourche packets. Provided, of course, that the boats run against it, a thing which no right-minded boat will do.

Upon the 10th inst. the Phoenix Fire Company will christen their natty little engine and on the same day will promenade through the principal streets of Donaldsonville. We return thanks, to the members of this organization for an invitation to be present upon the auspicious occasion.

A large swarm of bees came humming along through town a few days ago and settled on the limb of a tree in the vacant lot corner of Iberville and Lessard streets. Some en-

terprising individual with an eye to the sweet things of this life, hived and carried them home.

The river is still on the decline at this point. One can scarcely imagine to look upon it now that a few days ago it was booming along several feet above the level of the land, threatening to burst through the slender line of levees which then formed its banks, at any time and any place.

The public square is now covered with a carpeting of fresh green grass and presents quite a pleasant and beautiful spectacle. The large cotton-wood trees which surround it have just put forth their spring foliage, and these, added to the unique appearance of the little Episcopal church near one corner, greatly enhance its attractiveness.

In pursuance of an urgent order from the Auditor, the Tax Collector will proceed to enforce the payment of all uncollected licenses. Stringent measures will be adopted to compel all delinquents to promptly settle their dues to the State. Parties who still owe their licenses for 1874 can save costs by an immediate settlement.

On Tuesday night last the St. Joseph Brass Band repaired to the residence of Hon. P. Landry and treated him to several of their choicest airs. Mr. Landry responded to the compliment in his happiest vein and the members of the band were greatly pleased with their reception.

That enterprising citizen, Mr. C. W. Rose, having purchased the lot on Railroad Avenue, formerly owned by Judge Albert Duffel and on which his office stood, is actively engaged in building quite an elegant dwelling-house thereon. He also intends repairing the office, and when both buildings are completed this will be quite a desirable lot for a professional man to occupy.

In the case of Phoenix Fire Company vs. Raphael Moux, appeal from the fourth ward Justice's Court, Judge Cheevers recused himself, he being a member of that corporation, and called upon Mr. Wm. Sims to assume temporarily the judicial ermine. After hearing counsel for both parties the appeal was dismissed.

Mr. C. Oberkamp, our town barber, has had his shop re-papered, painted and generally overhauled, and it now presents a very neat and attractive appearance. We never have much need for the services of a knight of the razor ourselves, but all those whom nature has graced with a hirsute appendage can have it removed with neatness and dispatch by calling upon our "boss" barber.

That portion of town on Lafourche street which a short time ago was infested with chinese is now entirely deserted. The pig-tail celestials seem to be of a wandering disposition and unable to stay for any length of time in the same place. We do not know, however, that Donaldsonville makes any thing by their stay or losses by their departure, for the amount of money which they invest during their residence in any locality is scarcely sufficient to make a peanut vendors fortune.

Merchants will be pleased to notice in this week's issue the freight tariff of the N. O. M. & T. R. R. By reference to the rates expressed therein it will be seen that the railroad transports all freight much cheaper than any of the coast packets and with greater dispatch. Parties having large shipments to make can, by consulting the station-master, Mr. Hughes, obtain quite a liberal reduction of even the present very cheap rates of transportation.

Mr. J. M. Dellavalade has already commenced making preparations for the erection of an ice house in Crescent Place. A portion of the material for the proposed structure has arrived, and in a short time the carpenters and builders will doubtless be busily engaged in raising the edifice. Donaldsonvillians can not fail to appreciate the great convenience an establishment of this kind will be to them during the coming summer months, with their hot dusty days and sultry nights.

The attention of all dealers in tobacco or liquors is directed to the important notice in another column from S. A. Stockdale, Collector of Internal Revenue. Deputy Collector Jno. A. Swift will be at the Court-House in Donaldsonville on Monday and Tuesday, May 4th and 5th to collect all licenses due at that time, and the severe penalty for non-payment

should induce our merchants to come forward promptly at the time indicated and square accounts with Uncle Sam.

The water flowing against the piling around the buttment of the railroad bridge causes a roaring sound which may be heard some two or three squares off. It is fortunate the bridge is situated in the outskirts of town, for if this noise could be heard by some of our residents during the stillness of the night, their active imaginations would convert it into the rushing of waters through some crevasse.

It is really surprising how much patience some people have. The banks of the bayou and river are lined with patient people; they go out early in the morning with a net, and all day long they may be seen monotonously dipping it in the water and dreadingly pulling it out. We are informed that these parties catch fish sometimes, but have never yet seen them do so. However, we suppose they must secure a minnow occasionally, as they would hardly do this sort of thing every day for nothing. There is no telling though, Americans have a keen sense of humor, but this is a species of employment better calculated, we should judge, to sharpen the hunger than the wits.

Since the fall of the river the roads along its banks have greatly improved, and are now, with the exception of a few places, in quite a fine condition. The building of the new levee in front of Dr. Legare's plantation has destroyed the road, and parties are now compelled to drive across his pasture and pass behind the plantation quarters. This should be remedied as soon as possible, for persons unacquainted with the road and travelling at night might not only break their buggies, but seriously injure their horses and perhaps themselves. There is also a very bad piece of road in front of Lazar Duga's plantation which should be immediately repaired. It is the duty of the road syndics to see to these things.

There is an old English and Scottish proverb which says, "March borrows three days from April and they are ill." We think March must have borrowed nearly all of April this year, for the last month has been rainy, windy, sleety, cold and everywhere disagreeable in a weatherish point of view. We didn't have any April showers but lots of April torrents. However, during the last week, despite the piteous nocturnal wailings of the rain-frogs, those pigmy grumblers at the weather, we have had beautiful sunshiny days and lovely moonshiny nights. And here we will remark, *par parenthese*, that when a Louisiana moon settles down in a cool, deliberate and business-like manner to its legitimate calling of shining, there is nothing we know of can beat it in that line except the sun.

The committee on contributions appointed by the president of the meeting of citizens held at the Court-House on the 23rd of April, went to work immediately and energetically, and despite the hardness of the times succeeded in getting together a neat sum of money and quite a quantity of provisions. The committee on distribution has already forwarded to the New River sufferers fourteen barrels of meal, two of flour, three of potatoes, one of pork, a half barrel of beans and of sugar; fifteen sacks of corn, one of salt and one of potatoes; one box of meat, one of rice and two of crackers. Both committees deserve a great deal of praise for the prompt and energetic manner in which they fulfilled the duties prescribed to them. We are also informed that Mr. D. F. Kenner has forwarded a quantity of provisions to Mr. D. Turner, his agent, with instructions to distribute the same among the distressed inhabitants of the overflowed section of this parish.

A dramatic performance will be given at the D. S. C. B. Hall in a few weeks for the benefit of the sufferers from overflow in this State. Several talented ladies and gentlemen have volunteered their services for the occasion and the entertainment promises to be a very pleasing one. The programme will probably comprise an English comedy, and a French play of the same nature, and will very likely close with a highly laughable and ludicrous farce. Dr. B. Clavierie has charge of the french part of the performance, whilst the english is under the management of Messrs. B. Lemann and W. Klopman. These gentlemen have not yet determined on what day they will give this entertainment but will endeavor to ar-

range it so as to take place upon the earliest date possible. We are confident our people will encourage these gentlemen in their benevolent undertaking, and hope that all those who witness the acting of the charitable amateurs who have offered their assistance will be lavish of their praise and forbearing in their criticisms.

GRAND PARADE

OF THE PHOENIX FIRE COMPANY, Donaldsonville, La.

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 1874.

The Company will form at the Engine-House on Lafourche street at half past two o'clock P. M., and will move at three o'clock precisely.

ROUTE.

Up Lafourche to Mississippi, down Mississippi to Lessard, down Lessard to Attakapas, up Attakapas to Public Square, where the engine will be christened. The procession will then move to Opelousas, down Opelousas to St. Patrick, up St. Patrick to Mississippi, up Mississippi to Railroad Avenue, down Railroad Avenue to Attakapas, up Attakapas to Lafourche, up Lafourche to the Engine-House where the procession will be dismissed.

JOSEPH BILLEISEN, Foreman.

W. G. WILKINSON, Secretary.



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SUCCESSION SALE.

State of Louisiana, Parish of Ascension—Parish Court. SUCCESSION OF RICHARD McCALL. By virtue of a decree of sale to me directed, by the honorable the court aforesaid, bearing date the 27th day of April, 1874, in the matter of the above entitled succession, I will offer at public sale, at the Court-House of the parish of Ascension, in the town of Donaldsonville, in said parish, at eleven o'clock A. M., on

Thursday the Fourth day of June, 1874,

the following described property depending on the Succession of the late Richard McCall:

The North half of section seven, Township eleven, South Range fourteen East; comprising three hundred acres, more or less. The above tract of land will be sold divided into lots of not more than fifty, nor less than ten acres, pursuant to a plan to be exhibited at the sale.

ERNEST PEDESCLAUX, Auctioneer.

Terms and Conditions: Cash, in United States Treasury notes. Parish of Ascension, May 2nd, 1874.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

State of Louisiana, Fourth Judicial District Court in and for the Parish of Ascension.

A ROCHEREAU & CO., vs. No. 1873.

RICHARD McCALL, Testator; Executor of Richard McCall, deceased.

By virtue of, and in obedience to a writ of seizure and sale issued by the honorable, the Fourth Judicial District Court of the State of Louisiana, in and for the parish of Ascension aforesaid, bearing date the first day of April, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, and to me directed in the above entitled and numbered suit, I have seized and will proceed to sell at public auction, to the highest and last bidder, at the door of the Court-House of the parish of Ascension, in the town of Donaldsonville, on

Saturday the Sixth day of June, 1874,

between the hours of 11 o'clock A. M., and 1 o'clock P. M., the following described property, to-wit:

A certain SUGAR PLANTATION composed of the following tracts of land, viz:

A certain TRACT of land situated in the parish of Ascension, on the right bank of the Mississippi river, about one league above the town of Donaldsonville, measuring five (5) arpents and twenty-five (25) toises front on said river, more or less, and eighty (80) arpents in depth; bounded above by lands formerly belonging to Trismoulin Landry, now to Gen. Thomas, and below by the tract hereinafter described.

A certain TRACT of land situated in the parish of Ascension, on the right bank of the Mississippi river, at one league above the entrance of the Bayou Lafourche, measuring five (5) arpents and fifteen (15) toises, more or less, front on said river by sixty-seven (67) arpents in depth, (including the first and second concessions) the lines opening so as to give to the said tract six hundred and eighteen (618) superficial arpents; bounded above by the tract first above described, and below by lands of McCall brothers; together with all the buildings and improvements upon the said tracts and thereunto appertaining.

Together with the following moveable property thereto attached and making part of said plantation, viz: Forty-five (45) mules, eight (8) wagons, three (3) carts, sixteen (16) two-horse plows, three (3) four-horse plows, one (1) six-horse plow, one (1) stubble digger, seven (7) horses, one lot of cultivators, old plows, harness, shavers and boxes, twenty-three (23) sheep and a lot of lambs, three (3) cows, four (4) calves, one (1) mowing machine, one (1) lot harness. The whole to be sold in block.

Terms and Conditions: Cash, in United States Treasury notes.

AARON HILL, Sheriff.

Sheriff's office, parish of Ascension, May 2nd, 1874.

NEW ORLEANS & TEXAS RAILROAD.

Freight rates from New Orleans to Donaldsonville.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Items include Dry barrels, Wet barrels, Dry goods, and various agricultural products.

TOM. H. FRANKLIN, Attorney at Law.

Donaldsonville, La. Office in Crescent Place.

The large, swift and magnificent steamer

KATIE, will pass Donaldsonville every SUNDAY, between the hours of 1 and 3 P. M., arriving in New Orleans at 7 P. M.

Will take passengers from Donaldsonville to New Orleans at \$2.50 each, meals included.

Will stop for halls at all landings below Donaldsonville.

This arrangement will last during the summer months.

WM. CAMPBELL, Master Steamer Katie.

Notice To Tax Collectors.

YOU are hereby instructed to proceed at once and efficiently with the collection of licenses and capital tax, as provided by law. In all cases where such licenses and capital tax shall not have been paid by the fourth day of April next, you will proceed to collect the same under the provisions of act No. 47 of 1873, by seizure and sale, or by application through the Assistant Attorney General for writs of injunction to close up the places of business of such persons as refuse to pay their licenses.

CHARLES CLINTON, Auditor.

Approximate Estimate of Expenditures of the Parish of Ascension for the year ending December 31, 1873:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Items include Coroner's fees, Sheriff's fees, Clerk of Court's fees, Constables' fees, District Attorney's fees, Witnesses' fees, Sheriff's fees, main, of prisoners, Petit Jurors, Salary of Secretary of Police Jury, Parish Treasurer, Salary and fees of Parish Attorney, of Parish Printer, of Jail Physician, of Road Syndics, Per diem of members Police Jury, Public School Tax, Act S. 3, 71, Election expenses, Pauper's fund, Contingent expenses, Tax Collector's compensation.

Total, \$18,932 12

PROCLAMATION.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, Executive Department, New Orleans, April 29, 1874.

To all State and parish officers in the overflowed districts of Louisiana, and to the citizens generally:

The calamity which has so unexpectedly overtaken our State when all indications pointed to a speedy renewal of agricultural and commercial prosperity, calls for the highest exercise of your judgment, forbearance and humanity.

The State government has done and is doing all that its resources will allow to great in the sufferings of those who have been reduced to destitution by the disastrous overflows in the levees of our great rivers and by the floods consequent upon the recent heavy rain storms.

Provisions have been made by the State authorities and by our Representatives in Congress upon the general government for immediate aid, and I have reasons to believe that the requisitions thus made will be promptly responded to.

The Mayor of New Orleans, the president of the Chamber of Commerce, and a well chosen committee of distinguished citizens are doing all that can be done to send immediate assistance to those most in need of it, and the appeals that have been made to the cities of the North, East and West will doubtless, in due time, bring a generous response.

In the meantime, let me enjoin upon you patience, forethought and confident reliance upon those who have undertaken to avert, as far as possible, the evils which now threaten you.

Supplies of money, food and clothing will be forwarded to you without one moment's unnecessary delay. To send your distressed population to this city, already overcrowded with unemployed people, will only embarrass the efforts that are being made for your relief.

I recommend that you organize in each parish a committee of trusted citizens who will undertake the proper distribution of the supplies sent. Forward the names of the committees so organized at once to the president of the Chamber of Commerce, to the Mayor of New Orleans, to the chairman of the relief committee (L. N. Marks, Esq.) or to myself. As far as possible enable the laborers of the inundated districts to make their way to those parishes which are not under water, where their labor is still needed and will meet a just remuneration. Relay no efforts to diminish and control the overflow, which now afflicts you, and it may be that even out of this dire calamity some good may come, through the attention of the nation at large being so painfully concentrated upon the question of making the building and maintenance of the levees of the Mississippi, as also the preservation of a proper outlet for the river, a national work.

Given under my hand, and the seal of the State hereto attached, this twentieth day of April, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and seventy-four, and of the independence of the United States the ninety-eighth.

WILLIAM P. KELLOGG, By the Governor.

E. O. BLOXOM, Secretary of State.

WANTED.

TEN bricklayers and FIFTEEN laborers can procure employment immediately by applying to

THIBREAU & WILKEN, Mount Homas Plantation, 10 miles above Donaldsonville.

Wages \$2.50 per day for bricklayers, and \$1.50 for laborers, exclusive of board, which they may procure at \$1 per week, including good quarters.

The Funding Bill.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, New Orleans, March 21st, 1874.

To all Tax Collectors:

The U. S. Circuit Court having dissolved the restraining order heretofore issued and refused the injunctions prayed for in the cases of Macaulay and others, and Stern Brothers, prohibiting the collection of taxes under act No. 5, known as the Funding Bill, you are hereby directed to proceed with the collection of the taxes in conformity with the provisions of said act, and the recently published instructions of the Auditor of Public Accounts.

WM. P. KELLOGG, Governor.

Important Notice.

STATE TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE, Donaldsonville, March 28, 1874.

Referring to above instructions from the Executive, I would respectfully request both delinquent and current Tax and License Payments to settle immediately all demands against them, thereby avoiding trouble and costs of court, which a delay will most positively occasion.

L. E. BENTLEY, Collector.

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POLITICAL NOTICE.

Rooms State Central Executive Committee, Republican party of Louisiana, New Orleans, March 7, 1874.—At a meeting of the committee, held this day, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, it is essential that there should be a more thorough organization of the Republican party of this State, and that the dissensions still existing in some parishes should be harmonized. Be it

Resolved, That all existing parish executive committees be and the same are hereby abolished. Be it further

Resolved, That a parish convention be held at 12 M. on the LAST SATURDAY OF APRIL next in each parish of the State, except the parish of Orleans, at the parish seat, for the purpose of selecting a parish executive committee. The basis of representation to such convention shall be one delegate for every fifty Republican voters, and delegates shall be chosen by the Republican clubs existing in the parish. Parish committees shall consist of not less than five nor more than forty members, and when chosen shall proceed at once to organize the Republican party in their respective parishes. They shall prepare lists of the Republican voters of their parishes, and forward copies of the same to the State Central Committee.

Be it further Resolved, That in the parish of Orleans, the ward clubs heretofore known as the Mother Ward Clubs shall hereafter be designated the Central Ward Clubs of said parish. Such Central Ward Clubs shall at once cause a registration of all the Republican voters of their respective wards at the rooms of the Central Clubs. On the THIRD SATURDAY OF APRIL an election shall be held in the several wards, for delegates to a parish convention, which convention shall meet in the Mechanics' Institute on the next following Saturday. The State Sub-Executive Committee shall fix the quota of representation in said convention on the basis of one delegate for every 250 Republican voters in the ward, and an additional delegate for a fraction exceeding half that number. The Sub-Executive Committee shall be empowered to settle any dispute in any ward as to which club shall be recognized as the Central Ward Club.

By order of the Committee: T. W. DEKLYNE, Secretary.

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