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Saturday, December 26,

LOCAL JOTTINGS.

Every man should subscribe for the local paper. Take the Chief.

Don't forget the grand Phœnix ball, Thursday night, Dec. 31st, at the Hall of the Silver Cornet Band. A royal time is expected and every body should go and take his sweet heart along.

The total valuation of property exempt from taxation in the parish of Ascension is estimated at $[illegible],000, or scarcely $200,000 less than that of the taxable property. [illegible] in this estimate is the vast tract of "public land" east of the Mississippi river, which is alone valued at $[illegible].

We have procured the commissions of the newly elected parish officials and will deliver the same upon application at the proper office of The Chief office. Mr. H. [illegible] Walker has qualified as Parish Judge, and will assume the duties of the position Monday, Mr. Wilkinson, one of the Justices of the Peace for the Fourth Ward will do likewise.

Christmas was a wet, dismal day, and most people found comfort and enjoyment in remaining at home. The [illegible] of the fire-crackers was not indulged in to the usual extent by the youthful portion of the community, but of course some powder was burned and some noise made. We trust Santa Claus paid all our little friends a visit, and dealt out his presents with a generous hand.

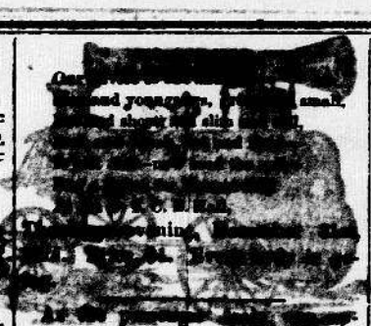
A footpiece on the steamer [illegible] neglected in an evening in Christmas afternoon. He was standing upon the stage of the steamer watching with much interest the ceremony of baptizing a couple of converts to the Baptist church, when he slipped and fell overboard. The water was only about three feet deep where he fell, but he was so thoroughly soaked as it had been of twice the depth. He is opposed to the baptismal rite [illegible].

PRESENT.—Phœnix Fire Company will please accept our thanks for the favor of a complimentary ticket to their [illegible] anniversary ball to be given next Thursday evening.

We are [illegible] to our friend J. C. [illegible] Donaldson for that little christmas gift as it had been worth a hundred dollars.

Dr. L. A. Robertson of the eighth ward visited [illegible] last week as a call.

Thanks to Congressman Darrell for Chicago and New York papers of recent dates.



As we [illegible] approaching town to-day, a white horse that had been feeding along the railroad embankment conceived the notion of running a race with the locomotive, and started out but a few yards in advance of the cow-catcher. The leaping equipage along at right must be marked out of the small bridges below the depot where he hesitated a moment, probably to steady himself for a walk across the gap on one of the rails, but, alas! the old jew "He who hesitates is lost" was here simplified. The cow-catcher of the approaching engine stuck its equine competitor on the right flank, precipitating the unfortunate beast through the bridge where he fell "flat of his back" in the mud. More frightened than hurt he scrambled to his feet and trotted smartly away, no doubt resolving in his own mind to run races only with horses of his size in the future and to "look out for the locomotive when the whistle sounds."

RAILROAD ACCIDENT.—A colored boy named Harrison Williams, aged about 12 years, was run over by the passenger train at this place, last Sunday, and suffered the loss of both legs. It seems he has been in the habit of riding down to the switch almost daily to assist in turning the locomotive and has shown great daring and recklessness in getting upon the cars while in motion. Last Sunday he is supposed to have clambered upon the cow-catcher of the locomotive (which was running backwards) as his presence upon the train was unobserved, and while on the way to the switch he jumped off after a stalk of sugar cane which he had dropped and in endeavoring to regain his perilous seat slipped and fell beneath the wheels of the baggage car. This car and two passenger coaches passed over him before the accident was discovered entirely severing one leg from his body and leaving the other hanging by a small piece of flesh. He was picked up by Conductor Connors and conveyed to the depot from whence he was taken to the house of his adopted parents. Drs. B. Claverie and J. E. Dufel were summoned and after amputating the remaining leg dressed the boys wounds and prescribed proper treatment. The little fellow, contrary to expectation, did not die, but is rapidly recovering, and on Tuesday asked for the fatal stalk of sugar cane to finish eating it! This catastrophe will, we trust, prove a terrible and effective warning to those rash boys who are so fond of jumping on the train for a ride when it arrives here. The practice is dangerous in the extreme and if the common sense of the boys will not teach them to discontinue it, their parents and the train officers should take the matter in hand.

THE FAIR.—The Ascension Hook & Ladder Company's Fair was opened at the D. S. C. B. Hall this afternoon by some lively music from the St. Cecile Band, and despite the unpropitious weather and muddy roads the attendance of visitors has been reasonably large and the realization of funds up to the time we write quite satisfactory. [illegible] fully decorated, [illegible] cake stands, benches, [illegible] laged. The array of [illegible] dies, and more [illegible] artistic, and strikes the eye and palate with pleasing effect. The kitchen is located in the right-hand compartment under the stage, and hot meals are served up by charming young ladies in a trice. Champagne and other delicious beverages abound, while oysters in every style are a prominent feature of the culinary department. The bar and oyster stand will be found under a canvass covered shed in the yard where raw bivalves, good drinks and cigars are obtainable. Prices are reasonable and no "[illegible]" are practiced. To-[illegible] the gala day of the affair. The beautiful silver trumpet is on [illegible] and the competition for [illegible] will doubtless be lively between the friends of the two companies. The presentation of the silver medal to the young lady who who has sold the highest [illegible] is to be anticipated as an interesting event and the [illegible] Fair-goers will look forward to with impatience by the young folks. We are informed that the president of Phœnix Fire Co., has ordered the members to assemble at the Wharf-House to-morrow afternoon to march with the Hook & Ladder Co., to the Hall and join in the festivities. This will tend to promote good fellowship between the two organizations and we rejoice that such an arrangement is proposed. Music to-morrow will be furnished by the Silver Cornet Band, and after the stores have closed a throng of guests may be looked for.

The leading event of the coming week will be the Phœnix ball. After that, New Year's Day.

THE REPUBLIC.—This valuable magazine for December is at hand, and contains many articles worthy of careful attention, among which are: The Late Elections, the vote of 1874 compared with 1872, Foreign Intercourse, Canadian Reciprocity, The Public Domain, Railway Postal service, Equalization of Soldiers Bounties, The Chattanooga Convention, Press Comments on the Late Elections, Report of the Secretary of the Treasury, and other valuable articles.

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Office Supt. Pub. Education, 3rd Division,
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Proceedings of Common Council,

Town of Donaldsonville.

SPECIAL MEETING.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, December 23, 1874.

The Council met this day at 10 o'clock A. M.

Members present—Jos. Burbridge, alderman 1st. ward; E. Noel, alderman, 2nd. ward; J. F. Link, Jos. Johnson, aldermen 3rd. ward.

Members absent—B. Lemann, alderman 1st. ward.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. O. Terrio presented to the Council his commission as Mayor of the town, and he being duly sworn in, took his seat.

Mr. Jos. Ferrier presented also his commission as Alderman 2nd. ward, and Gustave Dugas also as Town Assessor accompanied with their oath of office.

The Mayor informed the Council the object of the meeting which was to repeal the ordinance passed at the last meeting in regard to the sale of the river ferry.

On motion of Jos. Burbridge, the following resolution was adopted:

Be it resolved, That the ordinance adopted on the 18th. day of November, 1874, concerning the lease of the Mississippi river ferry be and is hereby repealed, and

Resolved further, That the Treasurer of the town is hereby authorized to advertize the lease of said ferry under the former ordinance, and said lease to be sold on the same day that the other leases of the town are sold.

On motion of Jos. Burbridge, duly seconded, a vote of thanks were tendered to S. Weinschenck, late mayor,

The Mayor appointed Mr. Jos. Ferrier on the Finance Committee.

The following bills were approved:

Bill of L. Lefort, $1.00.

Bill of L. Lefort as deputy Sheriff, 12.00.

On motion, duly seconded, the Council adjourned sine die.

A true copy:

DAVID ISRAEL, Secretary.

Corporation Notice.

In co[illegible] town of [illegible] lic auc[illegible] for cas[illegible] House [illegible] of Donald[illegible]

Saturday, January [illegible], 1875, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the term of one year, from the 10th day of January, 1875,

The farm of the Market House and Market dues.

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The [illegible] good a[illegible] satisfac[illegible] order of [illegible] Donaldsonville, at his office in twelve equal installments, maturing respectively on the 31st Jan., 28th Feb., 31st March, 30th April, 31st May, 30th June, 31st July, 31st August, 30th Sep., 31st Oct., 30th Nov., and 31st December, 1875, and bearing eight per cent per annum interest from maturity until final payment.

Besides which the lessee of the Market house shall furnish a bond with good and solvent security in the sum of one hundred dollars for the faithful performance of his duty as farmer, and the lessee of the Wharf shall furnish a good and solvent bond in the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars. Said bond being to secure any damages or loss on goods or other articles landed at said Wharf or within the limits of the Corporation and that he be required to have a tarpaulin to cover such goods as may be exposed to the weather; also, the office now used as the Mayor's office is hereby reserved.

The farmers of the Market house and Wharf are to be governed by the same tariff for the year 1875 as for 1874.

The lessee of said ferry shall give bond and security annually, payable to the Mayor of Donaldsonville, in the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars for the faithful performance of his duties as public ferryman, conditioned as the ordinances of the town direct.

C. KLINE, Treasurer.

Donaldsonville, December 12th, 1874.

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Proceedings of the Police Jury,

Parish of Ascension.

EXTRA SESSION.

COURT-HOUSE, Dec. 12th, 1874.

The Police Jury met this 12th day of December, 1874, at 10 o'clock A. M., pursuant to a call made by the President.

Members Present—P. Landry, President; Messrs. Henry Heyman, Louis LeBlanc, Hillery Rice.

Absent—J. B. Hebert.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following report was on motion duly received and approved.

To the President and members of the Police Jury, parish of Ascension:

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned committee appointed by your honorable body to receive, examine and fix the compensation to be paid to the parish Recorder for making the Mortgage and Conveyance Indices of his office, under resolutions adopted by you, beg leave to report that they have received the Conveyance Index prepared pursuant to said resolution, and upon examining the same, which is gotten up in admirable style, find therein Twenty-one thousand nine hundred and thirty-five (21,935) entries, which your committee believe to be fully worth one thousand and ninety-six dollars and seventy-five cents ($1,096 75) in currency, being at the rate of five cents per entry.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) E. N. PUGH,
R. N. SIMS,
FREDERICK DUFFEL,
P. LANDRY,
H. HEYMAN,
J. B. HEBERT.

On motion of Henry Heyman the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the sum of three hundred and sixty dollars be appropriated out of the Election Funds to pay the commissioners of election, at the election held on the 2nd day of November last, and that the Treasurer be authorized to register the claims of said commissioners.

A bill of B. Rybiski of $8 for medicines furnished to the parish, was approved.

A bill of $29 25 for work done on levees was approved.

On motion of Henry Heyman the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the sum of thirty dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the contingent fund for the year 1874, in favor of Aaron Hill, Sheriff, for the purchase of chairs for the Court-House.

On motion of Henry Heyman the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the sum of twenty dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the contingent fund of 1874, in favor of Aaron Hill, Sheriff, for the purchase of coal for the use of the Court-House.

On motion of Hillery Rice the following preamble and [illegible]

Whereas [illegible] for the 1873 [illegible] of August, and the [illegible] petition an extension of time for [illegible] the delinquent list would accrue to the benefit of the parish, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Tax Collector of Ascension parish shall be allowed until the first Monday of February, 1875, to file the delinquent list of current parish taxes, and no penalty shall attach to payment of said tax beyond that date, except such costs of suit as may be incurred in enforcing payment.

On motion of Hillery Rice the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the ordinance concerning the river ferry opposite Donaldsonville, adopted on the 10th of November last, be and is hereby repealed.

On motion of Louis LeBlanc the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Parish Attorney be and he is hereby instructed to defend the suits now pending before the 4th Judicial District Court.

On motion of Hillery Rice the following report was received.

DONALDSONVILLE, Dec. 12th, 1874.

To the Hon. President and members of the Police Jury, Parish of Ascension.

SIRS—During the year 1873, and part of the year 1874, I, in my capacity of Tax Collector of this parish, collected current and delinquent parish taxes and licenses, to amount of $30,714 32 as will appear by my books and the receipts of the Parish Treasurer. Out of said amount I retained the sum of $2444 89 in parish script, etc., in part payment of my commission of 10 per cent. on said collection. These warrants and script, etc., I still hold as representing my commission aforesaid.

I would respectfully ask that the Parish Treasurer be instructed to receive from me the said script, etc., and in lieu thereof your Hon. body approve the within bill against the parish for said amount of commission, instructing the Parish Treasurer to register same against the Tax Collector's appropriation for 1872 upon the receipt by him of the said warrants, script, etc.

Very respectfully,
L. E. BENTLEY,
Tax Collector, Ascension Parish.

On motion of Henry Heyman the following resolutions were adopted:

Be it resolved, That C. Kline, Parish Treasurer of Ascension, be and is hereby instructed to receive from L. E. Bentley, Tax Collector, Ascension parish, the parish script, etc., amounting to $2444,89 as prayed for in communication of said L. E. Bentley.

Be it further resolved, That the account of said L. E. Bentley, Tax Collector, for the sum of $2444 89 for balance of commission due him on amount of parish taxes and licenses by him collected during the year 1873 and part of the year 1874, be and the same is hereby approved.

Be it further resolved, That C. Kline, Parish Treasurer, Ascension Parish, be and is hereby instructed to register said account of L. E. Bentley, Tax Collector for the sum of $2444 89 against the Tax Collector's appropriation for the year 1872, upon receipt from the said Collector of the said parish script, etc., amounting to $2444 89.

On motion of Louis LeBlanc the Police Jury adjourned *sine die*.

P. LANDRY,
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P. H. Fairbanks,	Peter Rugerer,
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David Bergeron,	Sam Colomey,
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Chas. Henry,	Wm. Henry,
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J. T. Landry,	Omer Civ,
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