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The proper officers have re-designated the Chief as official journal of Ascension parish, for which favor they have our thanks.

A country journal published on the half-sheet system invites the attention of its readers to the interesting telegraphic news on its third page. It is unnecessary to remark that the editor is something of a wag.

We notice in the *Plaquemine Observer* an announcement that the French side of that paper will be hereafter conducted by Mr. Leopold Fischer. If we mistake not, we have often stood side by side with Mr. Fischer at the composing stand in various New Orleans printing offices, and found him an agreeable, educated gentleman and an excellent workman.

We join in the deep regret expressed by the *Port Vincent Tribune* for the death of Mr. Edmund Cooper, the founder of Port Vincent and once owner of nearly all the land upon which the village is situated. We made the acquaintance of Mr. Cooper at his pleasant home, three years since, and formed a high opinion of his liberality, enterprise and sterling character.

The newspapers are recording the fact that "Adam was proudly conscious that he never made a mistake in his boyhood." Well, that's so, but when he was large enough to know better he made the biggest mistake on record—he got himself kicked out of house and home for the sake of one poor little apple, and like as not that was a wormy one. Hence the modern custom of calling any one who commits an egregious blunder "Adam fool."

"The *Pittsburg Leader* is trying to get up a truth telling match." We are glad to find the *Leader* devoting itself to the improvement of the editorial fraternity, but fear it has undertaken a hopeless task. There are very few George Washingtons in the profession—present company always excepted, of course—and the scissors as an emblem are quite the opposite of small sized hatchets, while editorial easy chairs are very seldom made from the wood of the cherry tree.

Tax Collector Puchette of Natchitoches is having a lively time with the political whippers-in of the ultra-Democracy of his parish. We are glad to see that their assaults upon him through the *Vindicator* are met by spicy and telling rejoinders from Mr. Puchette in the *Republican*, and we predict that he will win the support and sympathy of the fair minded people of the parish, irrespective of party. Compromise has taken the cracker off the White League whip, and the number of Conservatives in Natchitoches and other parishes who will refuse to obey the beck and summons of the fire-eating minority is growing larger and larger every day.

**BOARDING SCHOOL.**—On the 1st of September next the Sisters of Charity in charge of the St. Vincent's Institution at this place will open a boarding school for the reception of pupils from a distance, and they certainly deserve to meet with success in the venture. The healthful and beautiful situation of the Institution, added to the enviable reputation of the accomplished Sisters as instructors of youth, and the remarkably reasonable terms upon which they receive pupils, will render the school second to none in the South. In another column we publish an announcement of the inception of the Boarding School, together with a schedule of terms of tuition, etc., and to this we invite the attention of all our readers. Board, lodging and tuition in all branches of an English school education for \$15 a month, is something heretofore unequalled, and the offer may well attract the notice of parents or guardians having educable children under their care.

## THE TEXAS RAILROAD.

The recent consolidation of the interests of the State of Louisiana and the mortgage bondholders in the New Orleans & Texas Railroad was generally looked upon as auguring favorably for the resumption of work and speedy completion of the road, but former disappointments have made us skeptical and we doubt if the new movement will produce any different effect from that of a score of others heretofore—that is, much talk and no work. We hope, however, that this anticipation may prove erroneous, as no one recognizes more fully the importance of railroad communication with Texas than ourselves, and no paper would more gladly hail a resumption of work upon our abbreviated "Texas" road, so-called, than will the Chief. One thing is apparent in connection with this matter: no more favorable time than the present could be chosen for pushing this road forward. The Legislature of Texas recently passed an act requiring the Texas & New Orleans Railroad Co.—a corporation that has already completed a road from Houston to Orange, 108 miles—to extend their line to the Sabine river within a certain time after the 15th of this month, or forfeit their charter. The stockholders of the company have notified the government of their acceptance of the provisions of the law referred to, and guarantee to finish their road within the prescribed delay. If the parties interested in our local railroad will only follow the example of Mrs. Dombey, famed in fiction, and "make an effort," it seems to us arrangements might be made to push on to the Sabine and meet the road which the Texas company will build to the same stream. Our New Orleans correspondent, in his letter of this week, refers to a movement for effecting a combination of Northern and Southern capitalists with a view of securing a railroad from New Orleans to Texas, and thinks it "may lead to practical results." We hope it will.

## A RIGHT BOWEL.

The recent extra session of the General Assembly was a big card for the Republican party of Louisiana. For the first time in a number of years, one branch of the Assembly was under the control of the Democrats, and as it has been persistently claimed that their party absorbs about all the intelligence and honesty, while the Republican organization embraces all the pernicious and unscrupulous elements of the population, it was generally expected that a number of brilliant reform measures, would emanate from the legislative body referred to. This anticipation was signally disappointed. As a contemporary has remarked, scarcely a single measure was broached from the Democratic side of the House of Representatives that was not fraught with a political job, and which did not seek, while "reforming" Republicans out of office and power, to provide luxuriant pasturage for the long-fasting, famished lambs of Democracy. The Democratic House frittered away nearly half the term of ten days in filling the petty clerkships and sergeants-of-arms' positions with their party friends and ousted Republican members from seats rightfully held; found ample time to pass an appropriation bill which has been universally denounced as extravagant, and then pleaded the brief duration of the session in extenuation of their failure to pass any of the measures which have been so strenuously advocated by the organs of Democracy as absolutely essential to the salvation of the State and the city of New Orleans.

As a reform body, the first Democratic legislative assembly we have had in ten years has proved a distinguished and complete failure. Nearly every anti-Republican newspaper in the State has either joined in the general expression of disgust at the course of the "Conservative" Representatives, or maintained a significant silence upon the subject, and we have noticed but one journal willing to come to their support. Even this solitary organ seems rather disposed to excuse or forgive than to defend their shortcomings. It is in view of this marked effect upon public sentiment that we declare that the recent extra session of the General Assembly was a big card for the Republican party of Louisiana—another of the manifold benefits derived from the Wheeler adjustment.

Mr. Francis Sternberg has returned to his old post as editor of the *Lafourche Republican*. He was in Donaldsonville a short time, last Sunday.

## NEW ORLEANS CORRESPONDENCE.

NEW ORLEANS, May 20th, 1876.

**EDITOR CHIEF:**  
Last week an event of some interest transpired in this city, and, except the *Louisianian* newspaper, I have not observed a mention of it in any quarter. It is due, however, to the friends of Mr. Pinchback as well as the Republican party generally in this State, to know that he has been elected president of the Fourth Ward Central Republican club. He is now the nominal head of the party "in his own ward," perhaps the actual leader, also. It will be remembered that Mr. Pinchback after a vigorous contest was admitted to the last Republican State Convention, with the privilege of casting a one-half vote, and even that concession of the friends of Mr. Packard was declared to be a compliment and not a right of Mr. Pinchback. For some reason or purpose it was telegraphed all over the country, that "Pinchback had been defeated in his own ward." His friends claimed that he was fairly elected and entitled to a full vote, but the movement was to defraud him of the position of delegate and also of his rightful prestige as a leader of the Republican party, backed by a stout and real constituency. This event foreshadowed the subsequent action of the Senate in postponing Mr. Pinchback's admission. It was humiliating then, as it is now, to reflect that a personal contest should have so prejudiced Mr. Pinchback's interest—and more, that it should have aroused jealousies when a complete unity of counsel was necessary to secure the triumph of the Republican party. The time draws near when such bickerings will be utterly futile, and when greater than personal contests will engage the Republican party, then the schemers and wire-pullers will thoroughly understand that Mr. Pinchback comes with a full vote from his own ward!

The signs of the impotency of the Wheeler award to stifle the honest convictions of the political masses of this State, and give us the semblance of a truce to bitter partisan warfare are daily increasing. In regard to the first open violation of the compact—the expulsion of four Republican members of the House—Mr. Frye was very emphatic in denouncing, because he remembered and knew it to be a flagrant violation of the letter and spirit of the award. Mr. Wheeler gave the interpretation which we now insist on, when pressing to success the compromise, and pointed to the letter of the instrument to give courage to suspicious Republicans; but, being at a distance from the scene of his labors, and appealed to by our opponents, he now concludes that no violation of the award has been made. When the doctors disagree, the patient must suffer. The award is to be a law only as each individual affected chooses to interpret or submit to it. That is the fate of all compromises. Natchitoches has two police juries and refuses to recognize the Kellogg government; a Kellogg judge was rudely assailed in Alexandria and was compelled to submit to a White League luxury by having his hat knocked off, while ascending the bench. The old spirit must have vent—a sheet of paper on Vesuvius will not restrain the irruptions.

On Monday Governor Kellogg signed the supplemental funding bill, which makes the president of the Cotton Exchange an additional member of the board, and places in question the validity of eighteen different series of State bonds—near \$14,000,000 in amount—created before and since the war, by providing that none of them shall be funded until their validity shall be fully established by a decree of the Supreme Court. The Attorney General is authorized to press snits speedily—and they will have preference on the docket—to test the legality of their issue. This important bill is in the main, the embodiment of the Governor's suggestion in his last message. It must have a depressing effect on State securities, and work injury to third parties, until suits under it are decided; but, if it leads to the detection and the stamping as spurious of several hundred thousand dollars of State bonds, it may be a matter of joy to tax payers.

On Tuesday, in the Superior District Court, the suit of the State ex rel. J. C. Moncreux vs. Antoine Duboulet was dismissed. This suit was not brought under the intrusion act, and the Legislature has not provided for the judicial determination of the questions involved. The Returning Board had ceased to act so far as the court could take cognizance, etc. There are propositions and counter

propositions under way looking to a combination of New Orleans and Northern capitalists for the building of a railroad to Texas. A railroad meeting was held in the Chamber of Commerce rooms on Wednesday night, and a committee appointed to confer with different parties in interest and to report a plan of action. This is agreeable intelligence, and may lead to practical results. More anon.  
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