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TRAVELERS' GUIDE.

New Orleans & Texas Railroad.

TIME-TABLE.
The steamer Frank Morgan leaves head of Bienville street, New Orleans, daily at 7:45 A. M.
Mail train leaves Westwego daily (Sundays excepted) at 9 A. M., arrives at Donaldsonville at 12:30. Returning, leaves Donaldsonville at 2:15 P. M., arrives at Westwego at 4:30, at New Orleans at 6:30.
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Orechia Belle (in place of R. E. Lee) passes up Tuesday night; down Sunday between 1 and 3 P. M.
Katie passes up Thursday night; down Tuesday night.
Geo. Allen (in place of Natchez), passes up Saturday night; down Thursday afternoon.
Bayou Sara and New Orleans.
W. S. Pike passes up Monday and Friday nights; down Wednesday and Sunday nights.
Baton Rouge and New Orleans.
Leslie Taylor, passes up Thursday and Sunday; down Monday and Friday.
Bayou Lafourche and New Orleans.
Eric No. 10 passes up Tuesday and Friday mornings; down Wednesday evening and Sunday morning.
Henry Tete passes up Tuesday and Saturday mornings; down Wednesday and Sunday mornings.

DONALDSONVILLE, LA.

Saturday, August 14, 1875.

LOCAL JOTTINGS.

The Blue Bucket Fire Company has procured a charter, and a copy of the document will appear in the CHIEF next week.

An important notice to delinquent town tax payers appears in the minutes of the Common Council's session of the 6th instant.

The river has risen to such an extent that the Bayou ferry has been removed to the head of Opelousas street, its general location during high water season.

Mr. Wilkinson fired a batch of nice picture papers at us yesterday, and Messrs. LeBlanc favored us with evening city journals several times during the week. Thanks, gentlemen.

Mr. Jos. Icard is having a neat residence built on Opelousas street, near the corner of Houmas, and intends to occupy it early in October. He is much too sensible to keep bachelor's hall, however.

We always believed that dog of Print Dixon's was a valuable animal, and when the Constable got \$19 50 for killing and burying him, we felt sure of it. A few more dogs as valuable as that one would be the making of a modest municipal policeman.

The peach crop all over the State seems to have been excellent this year, and several exchanges are bragging over big peaches received from agricultural friends. Ascension was not at all behind hand, and right here in Donaldsonville were grown this season some of the largest peaches we have ever seen.

A heavy rain this morning has flooded the street gutters. We have had several showers during the past

few days, and as they seemed to have been of something more than a local character, we suppose our Assumption neighbors are no longer complaining of drouth. Their cane and rice crops were suffering for want of rain.

We are not sorry to learn that the information was erroneous upon which we based our statement of a collision of the steamers Leslie Taylor and Henry Tete at the New Orleans wharf last week. No such accident occurred, and the Tete was laid up for repairs in the ordinary course of business. The Era No. 10 will run in the Tete's stead pending the repairs.

We were also mistaken in announcing that Captain Aucoin would command the new boat being built for the Bayou trade. He will remain upon the Tete, and Captain Joe Dalferes will command the new boat.

Mr. Lytle, section boss at this end of the railroad, met with a painful accident last evening, about three miles below town. He was riding on the front of a hand-car in a sitting position, legs hanging over, and as his car approached another standing upon the track, he raised his foot to break the force of the collision, but mistaking the distance, fell off. Two wheels of the hand-car passed over his right leg at the ankle joint, inflicting a serious injury. He was conveyed to the Donaldsonville depot, and medical assistance summoned. Dr. McGilliard informs us that the injured man was doing well last night.

Despite the opinion of the recent Grand Jury that the Police Jury did an unwise thing in making all outstanding legal scrip receivable for all dues to the parish, that body has wisely deemed fit to extend the operations of the resolution complained of; and now the Town Council comes to the front with an enactment of the same nature concerning town scrip and dues. If we mistake not, the very Councilman who proposed the measure inveighed loudly against the original action of the Police Jury. He has perhaps come to the conclusion that a corporation can not perpetrate an injustice in recognizing its own paper and treating all its creditors alike.

As will be observed from a perusal of the proceedings of the Town Council, a grave charge of official misconduct has been made against Constable Sullivan. He has presented bills for poisoning and butyng 39 dogs, but an examination of the spots where the animals are said to have been interred revealed but one carcass. An action has been instituted against the Constable for obtaining money under false pretenses, and he will need to make a skillful defense to escape conviction, judging from appearances. If he is guilty of the charge, several draymen who testified to hauling the "dogs in buckram" to the depopulated burying ground will be involved in the disgrace of the proceeding.

We learn from an acquaintance who visited Plaquemine this week, that the trial of Robert Love for the murder of Harvey Keens was concluded Tuesday, the jury returning a qualified verdict, "Guilty, without capital punishment." Under this finding the murderer must be sentenced to the penitentiary for life. Our readers will recall the particulars of the brutal killing of Keens—an inoffensive old man who was sent to his death for begging a fiendish, drunken scoundrel to desist from beating his wife—and with us they will marvel that a jury could be found to give a verdict that saves the criminal from the gallows and consigns such a dangerous character to the uncertain custody of the lessees of the State penitentiary. Love's escape from the rope is accredited wholly to the powerful and eloquent plea of his counsel, the evidence having substantially argued with the version of the affair which was published in the CHIEF of June 19th.

PERSONAL.—Mr. C. H. Allen, general manager of our New Orleans and Donaldsonville railroad, has received from Judge Emmons, U. S. Circuit Judge at Memphis, the appointment as receiver of the Memphis & Paducah road, which was recently forced into bankruptcy. W. H. Smithers is designated co-receiver, and the two gentlemen will be required to furnish a bond of \$50,000. Mr. Allen will probably accept the appointment and leave New Orleans shortly to assume the duties of the position.

Mr. G. W. Mitchell left town last Sunday for a trip to Missouri, where his wife and child have been spending the summer. He will be gone about three weeks, and when he returns will be accompanied by Mrs.

Mitchell and the little one. While in Missouri, Mr. Mitchell will purchase a fresh stock of horses and feed for the livey stable.

Mr. Jos. Hughes, mail agent, will accept our thanks for favors. Joe is a hunk of baked mud—a regular brick.

The commencement exercises of Spring Hill College, near Mobile, occurred on the 5th inst., and on Sunday last Masters Paul Leche, Achille Landry, Edmund Maurin and Fernand Braud, who have been attending the college from this parish, arrived at their respective homes. From a catalogue handed us by the first named young gentleman we find that the pupils from Ascension carried off a fair share of honors at the annual examination, which took place on the 3rd. We append a list of the distinctions earned by these pupils:

Paul Leche—Belle Lettres class: Premiums in Latin, Greek, English composition, mathematics, exercises; a certificate in daily exercise and recitation, literary analysis, and Christian doctrine. First premium for penmanship in first class, senior division; first premium for book-keeping in first class, senior division. M. Leche was also leader of the College Brass Band.

Edmund Maurin—First Grammar class: First premium in history and geography; second acaesit in mathematics.

Fernand Braud—Second Grammar class: First premium in daily exercise and recitation; second premiums in Christian doctrine and Greek; second acaesit in excellence, Latin, arithmetic, and in French language, third class.

Dennis Burns, a laborer on Dr. Legare's plantation, filed a complaint in Justice Buford's court a day or two since, charging Rodolph Landman, a pedler, with swindling. About four months ago Landman sold Burns a brass watch for the regal sum of \$5, and it wasn't such a bad watch for the price, either, but Burns had probably never bossed machinery more delicate than a coffee-mill, and his ticker was soon in such an unsettled condition that the owner couldn't tell when leaving the field whether he was going to dinner or to supper. He blamed the pedler for the idiosyncracies of the time-piece, and longed to get even. So one day he purchased goods from Landman to the value of \$7 50, and tendered the watch in part payment. The vendor of sundries didn't recognize the beauties of this arrangement, and failing to recover his goods by amicable demand, he appealed to Justice Vicknar, before the solemn majesty of whom the man with the brass watch eaved and concluded to give up the merchandise. Then it was that the spirit of revenge seized upon his soul and his wrongs were laid before "Squire Buford for redress. After examination of the case in all its bearings, and of the watch case and its internal fixin's, the inexorable magistrate decided that Burns had no case except that of the watch, and dismissed the proceedings. The plaintiff in this important suit remarked, as he gave the regulator of that brazen chronometer a few more revolutions, that the American system of administering justice is open to criticism.

A BRUTAL MURDER.—Wednesday morning about 10 o'clock a cold-blooded murder was committed upon the plantation of Mr. Richard Esterbrook, in St. James parish, the murderer being a mulatto about 22 years of age, and the victim a black man of 55 years, who leaves a large family in the parish of St. Charles. The two men, whose names we have been unable to learn, were employed by Mr. L. W. Dodge of this town as woodchoppers on the Esterbrook place, where that gentleman is getting out wood to supply the railroad. They were chopping at the same tree, some distance away from the other workmen, when the younger man approached his companion from behind and struck him a heavy blow on the back of the head with an axe, making a ghastly wound, in which the axe was sticking when the body was discovered shortly after the killing. The murderer mounted his victim's horse, which was picketed near by, and rode rapidly away to the river road and thence up the river towards Donaldsonville. As soon as the crime was discovered, the overseer started on horseback in pursuit of the criminal, whom he overtook and captured three or four miles above the scene of the killing. The perpetrator of this foul deed was lodged in the St. James jail. It was ascertained that he had endeavored to sell the stolen horse and saddle, offering the former for \$10 and the latter for 75 cents, and it is supposed that his sole motive in committing the murder was to obtain possession of this paltry property.

Since the above was in type we have ascertained that the murderer gives the name of Charley Hill, and his victim was known among his fellow workmen only by his first name, Jim.

POLICE JURY.—At the adjourned meeting of the Police Jury on Wednesday, matters of importance came up for consideration, and the sitting lasted nearly four hours. Reports from the Treasurer and Tax Collector were received, the former showing the financial condition of the parish, and the latter the collections of parish taxes and licenses during the month of July. These reports will appear in our next issue, together with the minutes of the Jury's meeting, which the Secretary was unable to furnish us for to-day's paper owing the length of the proceedings. Mr. Reynaud offered a resolution extending the time for receiving scrip in payment of dues to the parish until the 1st of October next, which was unanimously adopted after considerable discussion. This resolution is officially promulgated in another column, and will be published each week until the date of its expiration. The action of the Jury will be welcomed by the large number of delinquents in the seventh and eighth wards who have possessed the will but not the means to settle their back taxes. These people will nearly all be able to pay up within the delay prescribed by Mr. Reynaud's resolution, and it is but just they should have the same opportunity to purchase scrip at a discount that has been afforded the tax payers of more favored districts.

It being evident to the minds of the Police Jury that the small salaries allowed the Sheriff, Clerk of Court, Justices of the Peace and Constables for their services in criminal matters are in some instances inadequate, it was decided to allow them to resume the former system of charges under the State fee bill. The Parish Attorney drew up an ordinance providing for an election to be held in October for the purpose of taking the sense of the voters upon the proposition to levy a special tax to clear off the parish indebtedness, and this was unanimously adopted. This matter we shall discuss hereafter.

BASE BALL REVIVUES.—The Active Base Ball nine of the neighboring parish of Assumption have challenged the Burnside nine for a friendly game, to be played upon the field of the latter club to-morrow afternoon. The challenge has been accepted, and if the weather is favorable and the Actives put in an appearance, those who admire the national game will to-morrow be afforded an opportunity for gratifying the taste in witnessing the anticipated match. The Active club have their headquarters at Dugas' store, on Bayou Lafourche, a short distance above the village of Paincourtville. Not having known of their existence until their challenge was received a few days since, we can not say how long they have been organized, but our impression is that the club is a new one. It is likely, however, that several of the members are experienced players, and if the nine has been practicing lately, they will give the Burnside a warm contest, and not unlikely a defeat, as our home nine has not been on the diamond field since last October, when they met and vanquished the Assumptions of Napoleonville by a score of 29 to 23 in a game of five innings. Both nines were sadly out of practice, but the superior endurance and pluck of the Burnside boys gave them a victory over the once formidable organization that had administered to them their first defeat two years before. It remains to be seen whether the same good fortune will attend the Burnside to-morrow as in their last bout with the Assumptions. They are eager for the fray, and will give their friends from Paincourtville the best game possible under the unfavorable circumstances, but will not feel greatly chagrined at a defeat, because they have such slight grounds upon which to base hopes of a victory. If by chance they do prove successful, there is no doubt they will afford the opposing club early opportunity for a return game; and if defeated, they will soon seek occasion to strive for a redemption of lost laurels.

As stated above, the game of to-morrow will be played—weather permitting—upon the field of the Burnside club, which, by kind permission of the municipal authorities, is located upon the public square in Donaldsonville. Play will be called about 3 1/2 o'clock P. M., which will allow ample time for a full game of nine innings.

We hope this contest will be the means of renewing the interest once felt in the national game in this section. If there is a fair prospect of an occasional match, the Burnside can be at once recalled into active organization. What say the Kenbers of

Crevasse Settlement, the Stonewalls of Iberville, Invincibles, Rangers and other clubs of the New River and Manchac regions?

ADVERTISEMENTS.

Succession Notice.

Parish Court } Succession of
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NOTICE is hereby given to all persons herein interested to show cause within ten days from this date, why the account presented by the administrator of this estate should not be approved and homologated and the funds distributed in accordance therewith. By order of the Court.
aug-7-2t JNO. D. CANTEY, Clerk.

Succession Notice.

Parish Court } Succession of
Parish of Ascension. } HILARE FALCON.
WHEREAS, Mathias Rodriguez, administrator of the above succession, has filed his final account of administration in said succession, notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern to show cause, if any they can, why the said account should not be approved and homologated according to law. By order of the Court.
on this 4th day of August, 1875.
aug-7-2t JNO. D. CANTEY, Clerk.

Special Notice.

OFFICE BOARD OF ASSESSORS,
State of Louisiana, Parish of Ascension,
Donaldsonville, July 31, 1875.
THE undersigned hereby give notice that the assessment of the taxable property of this parish will commence at the Court-House, Donaldsonville, on the 1st day of August, 1875, and will continue for one month hereafter, according to law. Parties interested are advised to appear before the Board during the time above specified and attend to their assessment. Property which has not been duly returned, will be assessed from the best information to be had by the board.
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