

# Donaldsonville Chief.

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DONALDSONVILLE, LA.,

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## LOCAL JOTTINGS.

The framework of the new wharf building is going up.

Wm. Elsy spent two days in jail last week for disturbing the peace.

Democratic mass-meeting and barbecue down the bayou, in Assumption, to-day.

Louis Hills has lost a horse and offers a reward for its recovery. Read advertisement.

Now is the time to have your photographs taken. See advertisement of Dr. J. Henry.

Mr. Alex. Meyers has been appointed Justice of the Peace for the eighth ward of this parish, vice Mr. Jno. A. Kernan, resigned.

Mr. Robt. H. Bradford and family embarked upon the steamer Thomas Sherlock yesterday morning, bound for Washington, via Cincinnati.

In accordance with the election law, the Supervisor of Registration gives notice by advertisement in the CHIEF of the general election to be held on Tuesday, the 7th of November.

Justice Wilkinson on Saturday last committed Philip Baker to prison to await examination upon a charge of forging the name of John Singleton to a time blank and selling the same to Mr. John P. Harp.

A fair and exhibition will be held to-day and to-morrow at the Smoke Bend school-house, second ward, for the benefit of a brass band composed of young colored men, just organized in that neighborhood.

John Adams and Henry Davis were last week arrested and imprisoned on the complaint of Mr. R. T. Hanson, Jr., who charged them with stealing sugar-cane from the Peytavin plantation. The matter was subsequently compromised and the prisoners released from custody.

Wilson and Levi Childress are accused with assaulting Alice Taylor with intent to kill. Wilson has been arrested and an examination of the case will be held at Justice Wilkinson's court to-day. Levi is still at large, but will be brought to town as soon as a Constable can get within reaching distance of him.

We return thanks to Dr. J. Henry, the photographer, for a handsome campaign chart, to which we invite the attention of our friends who may visit the CHIEF office. Dr. Henry will obtain a stock of charts, either of the Hayes and Wheeler or Tilden and Hendricks order, if he finds any demand for them.

D. E. Roberson made affidavit before Justice Wilkinson charging Richard Hawkins and Charles Isaacs with assault and battery. The latter was arraigned for trial, but no prosecutor appearing, he was released. Hawkins has not yet been arrested. The assault is said to have taken place on the steamer Bertha Brunner.

**ALLEGED MURDERER ARRESTED.**—Constable James Bailer of the second ward on Thursday arrested a colored man named Wm. Smith, who is charged with having stabbed and killed another colored man in the parish of Iberville about three weeks since. Henry Harrison made the affidavit upon which the warrant was issued for Smith's arrest. Accused is lodged in jail, awaiting requisition of the Iberville authorities, who have been duly notified.

Judge Maher has resigned the position of Mayor of Donaldsonville, and Hon. Jno. A. Cheevers has been commissioned to fill the vacancy. We congratulate the parties interested in this arrangement, and the citizens upon securing such a worthy successor to our efficient and popular outgoing Mayor. Judge Maher has been commissioned Alderman in place of Judge Cheevers, but he can not occupy the position, as he is a resident of the second ward, and the vacancy is in the third. Judge Maher did not solicit or expect the appointment.

Report has reached us that Geo. Washington, a colored man who was recently shot to death seven miles from Clinton, East Feliciana parish, was formerly a resident of Ascension, having lived on the Linwood plantation prior to the war. If it is the same man, he has been managing a plantation for Mrs. F. A. Brown, proprietress of the Linwood place, and this lady has gone to East Feliciana to ascertain if he was the person murdered. Two whites and a colored man have been arrested for the crime, and there seems a favorable prospect for their punishment if proven guilty.

## THE LOCAL CAMPAIGN.

Republican Meetings in the First and Fourth Wards.

Saturday evening a well attended and in every respect successful Republican meeting was held in the yard of the Adlard Laundry school-house, first ward. Hon. Louis Butler was chosen president, with Messrs. Wm. Diggs, Jack Smith, Manuel Landry and Solomon Smith as vice presidents, and Mr. A. P. Dominique as secretary. President Butler took occasion, in opening the proceedings, to deny emphatically the current report that he had joined the Democrats. The speakers were Messrs. A. Harrison, Jno. A. Cheevers, B. F. Evans, P. A. Jones, H. F. Johnson, Wm. Diggs and L. E. Bentley, and their efforts were received with marked approval. A couple of parties who had been absorbing too much corn juice at a Democratic gathering which took place at a little deadfall known as Allemania store, showed a disposition to obstruct the proceedings and annoy the speakers, but the indignant protest of the chairman, backed by the evident approval of the audience, had the effect of keeping the obstreperous individuals comparatively quiet. A number of Democrats were present and gave respectful attention to the speakers. After the meeting a torchlight parade took place, and although about 200 torches had been provided for the occasion, there were not enough to supply the demand. After a long march, enlivened by hearty cheering and inspiring music from the St. Joseph Band, the crowd dispersed, having heartily enjoyed both the meeting and the parade.

At Mount Bethel Church, lower end of the fourth ward, Sunday evening, one of the most successful rallies of the campaign took place. The spacious building, which affords sitting room for about five hundred people, was comfortably filled with an attentive and appreciative audience. Mr. Edward Cantey, president of the fourth ward sub-club, acted as chairman and James Randall as secretary. The first speaker was Senator Landry, whose address was one of the best we have ever heard him deliver, and produced a profound impression upon the audience. Messrs. A. Harrison, W. W. Buford, P. A. Jones, A. P. Dominique, Fred. Fobb and L. E. Bentley spoke in the order named, with excellent effect. After the meeting torches were lighted and a parade indulged in which pleasantly concluded the harmonious and gratifying reunion of the Republicans of one of the most populous sections of the parish.

### The Eighth Ward Rally.

There is every indication of a large meeting in the eighth ward to-morrow afternoon. The speakers' stand will be erected under the trees near Moore's bridge, a point accessible alike to residents of the seventh and eighth wards. The presence of Congressman Darrall was anticipated, but on account of the nominating convention in his own parish being held to-day, he will be unable to come. Prominent orators from the city are expected, however, and together with the local speakers will afford ample entertainment to the assembled people.

### Other Meetings.

As announced last week, a meeting and torchlight procession will take place in the fifth ward, at what is known as Crevasse settlement, this evening. Our local campaigners will be out in force, and a good time is expected.

Congressman Darrall writes that he can be here next Saturday, and a meeting for that day will be announced during the coming week. It will probably be held in the first ward, as Dr. Darrall, has not yet addressed the people in that portion of the parish. Other meetings will also be appointed and announced by the campaign committees. Senator Landry will probably be in the parish and lend his aid to the canvass. Judge Marks is advertised to speak at Hahnville to-day, but is expected home to-night to attend the eighth ward meeting to-morrow.

The regular weekly meetings of the fourth ward central club, which have been for a fortnight interfered with by other appointments of the campaign, will be resumed, commencing this evening.

### Ward Nominations.

In the fifth ward last Saturday the Republicans nominated Mr. Peter James as their candidate for Justice of the Peace and Napoleon Carroll for Constable. Both are reputable and competent men.

There is some dispute about the third ward nominations. At a meeting held two weeks since Messrs. Minus Nelson and James Bailer received the highest number of votes for Justice and Constable, but owing to some informality and confusion in

the balloting, it was agreed to have a new election on last Saturday. At this meeting Mr. Scott North received the highest vote for Justice and Mr. Raphael Lewis for constable. We understand, however, that Messrs. Geo. Turner and James Bailer claim to have been elected. The matter will probably be referred to the parish committee for adjustment, unless the parties interested come to an agreement among themselves, of which there is said to be a prospect. Delegates from the fourth ward to the parish convention assembled at the Court-House Wednesday evening, according to notice, but owing to the absence of several of the delegation, and the fact that a full representation could not be procured without the participation of several delegates or alternates who are candidates for nomination, it was decided to postpone the nominations until Monday. Organization was effected by the selection of Messrs. N. M. Conway and Francis Vicknair as chairman and secretary, and the delegation adjourned to meet at the same place Monday evening, at 7 o'clock.

We believe the first ward nominations will be made to-day.

### The "Independent" Movement.

We have devoted no space to the consideration of this subject heretofore, because we deemed it too insignificant to warrant discussion; but as the so-called independent movement begins to assume the well defined proportions of a Democratic plan of assault upon the Republican works, we shall keep our readers informed of its developments and occasionally draw aside the curtain held up by pretended Republicans and expose the Democratic hands pulling the wires which cause the independent puppet to cut its antics before the public. This movement originated in the exclusion of a couple of claimants to seats in the Republican nominating convention, and the failure of two or three individuals to secure coveted nominations to office from that body. The names of two of the latter parties were not even submitted in the convention, one of them being notoriously incompetent, and the other declining to furnish any better evidence of his interest in the Republican cause than the cited fact that he had held office under a Republican administration for several years.

It is now proposed to form an independent ticket, to be composed almost entirely of colored men, and although a fusion with the Democrats was not at first contemplated, or at least spoken of, it begins now to be openly advocated and admitted. The Democratic leaders have virtually taken the project in hand and are by moral and monetary snasion encouraging the progenitors to persevere in their career, but hopeless attempt to create divisions in the Republican ranks. A colored man named A. C. Wilson, recently from Assumption, we believe, is the prime mover in this affair, and the names of Messrs. Henry F. Johnson, David White, Wm. Diggs, Jno. D. Cantey, Geo. Turner, Jno. A. Cheevers, Art' n Burnett, and two or three others have been connected with it by Mr. Wilson and his Democratic sympathizers.

Judge Cheevers became indignant at the unauthorized use of his name in connection with the scheme, and requests us to make public his most emphatic denial of any collusion or sympathy therewith. Having been a candidate before the nominating convention, and being a sincere Republican, desirous of promoting the success of his party, he feels in honor and duty bound to give an earnest support to the regular ticket.

Mr. Arthur Burnett has announced his determination to pursue a similar course.

Mr. Jno. D. Cantey, who was also a candidate before the convention of September 9, disclaims any connection with the movement, which he characterizes as "a one-horse affair" that can have no hope of success.

We are credibly informed that Mr. Geo. Turner also declines to take part in the conspiracy, and we believe Messrs. Diggs and Johnson will withdraw from whatever connection they may have with it when they perceive that it has developed into a strategic Democratic movement, intended to gain Republican votes for Nicholls by contracting to cast Democratic votes for a parish ticket which can not be elected.

As we intimated above the plan is to nominate a black ticket, without regard to the qualification or character of the candidates, but with a simple view of drawing the support of colored voters. Leading Democrats are daily whispering into the ears of colored men that they should elect more of their own color to office; that the principal objection to the regular

Republican ticket is the white men who are candidates upon it, and other similar insidious insincere suggestions intended to deceive and arouse the cupidity of the parties addressed. Such stuff as this, however, will entrap no one. The most ignorant man will understand its purpose, and especially when he knows that these same sudden converts, who pretend to be moved by an irresistible impulse to elevate the colored citizen to power and prosperity, were two years ago denouncing the Republicans for nominating what they called a black ticket, and have never heretofore been known to expatiate upon the advantages of having colored men in office.

We do not pretend to say that the Democratic managers will go into the independent movement and endorse incapable colored candidates with any expectation or desire of electing them. They know from past experience, if not otherwise, that this can not be done, and that for every Republican gained for such a ticket two Democratic voters will be alienated and disgusted. In 1874 there was believed to be a tacit if not specific agreement between the Dunn Republicans and the Democrats to swap votes, but when the ballots were counted it was found that Gen. Thomas, Judge Cheevers and the other white candidates had polled the full strength of the combination, but Milton Morris and Bill Kenner were woefully behindhand. And so it will be this year if such a ticket is put in the field as that proposed by the "independents."

Chief engineer Wilson of the Independent boat which will sail up Salt river in November is in close communion with the Democratic leaders in this town, and such questions as "Wilson, what have you done for us to-day?" are not entirely foreign to the vocabulary of at least one of the prominent Democratic managers.

### The Democratic Campaign.

Our friends of the opposition are bestirring themselves in the cause of Tilden and Nicholls, and are leaving no means untried to convince the colored men that it is to their interest to ally themselves with the Democratic party—that is, no peaceable means. Whatever may be said of their alleged use of money, clothing, whiskey, provisions and other creature comforts to induce the recently enfranchised citizen into their political parlor, we will do the Democrats of Ascension the justice to say that they have never yet shown a disposition to employ the methods of the bulldozer and the Ku-Klux, practiced in other portions of Louisiana and the South. We may have bribery, and perhaps an occasional hint of discharge from an employer to an employee, but no political murders, whippings or other exhibitions of violence have disgraced the history of Ascension since the people of another parish invaded our borders in 1870 and brutally killed two inoffensive citizens. We sincerely believe that no one whose opinions are of weight in the community desires to disturb the harmony which prevails, and that the leaders of both parties will lend their earnest efforts to preserve peace, and good feeling before, during and after the election.

Democratic clubs have been organized in the first, second, fourth and fifth wards, and we believe each one claims several colored members. In the first ward, we have heard, about thirty colored men have allowed their names to be placed upon the club roll, but this number has as yet scarcely been approximated elsewhere. The club meets at Mr. Henry Duffel's store, and the resources of the establishment are ample to produce enthusiasm in a crowd, if not to attract a large attendance or guarantee a permanent conversion to the Democratic faith.

Wednesday evening a meeting was held at the store of Mr. Henry Cook second ward, and a club organized, with a colored man known as "Big Mose" one of the vice presidents. Addresses were made by Messrs. Carver and Jones of Assumption, and David Reed of this parish. The latter is a colored man, and we are told he animadverted severely upon Senator Landry and other leading Republicans. A second meeting of this club will be held at the McCall warehouse this evening, and numerous accessions to the membership from among the colored people on the McCall places is said to be anticipated.

The fourth ward Democrats have rented the D. S. C. B. Hall for the campaign and the regular meeting of the club was held there Thursday night. The attendance was good, though only 56 members answered to their names. Messrs. R. N. Sims and Hiram Carver made the addresses of the evening, while Big Mose and Charles Henry Baltimore took the stand to say something. Baltimore repeated his story about controlling 500 votes for Warmoth, calling for his pay after election and being put off with a promise never fulfilled. Our Democratic friends are becoming ashamed of Baltimore, and there was an attempt made to prevent him from speaking, by a motion to adjourn, but the boys in the audience who were after amusement voted it down. Mose told the audience half a dozen times that he was too unwell to speak,

but he spoke any how and seemed to bear his misery with a good grace. The high privilege of addressing an audience of white people tickled Mose immensely—his grins were frequent and monstrous in dimension. The speech of Mr. Sims was a good one. Much of his logic was faulty, and many of his premises wrongly based, but his arguments were ingenious, his tone temperate, and he expressed some sentiments to which all honest men can give accord and applause, whatever may be their political status. Mr. Carver did not do his oratorical abilities justice. His speech was rambling and disconnected, and he left many points half made to begin upon others. His anecdotes were appreciated, however, and he deserves commendation for several very liberal and logical utterances. Mr. Jones of Assumption and Col. Rogers of Kentucky were called for, but asked to be excused from speaking. A motion to change the meeting night from Thursday to Saturday was adopted.

The Democratic club of the fifth ward was called to meet at Mr. Ben. Allen's place last evening.

It is currently reported that several colored Democratic strikers yesterday received an installment of the wages of sin, in the shape of Uncle Sam's greenbacks, at the office of a prominent local Democrat.

**ATTEMPT TO POISON.**—Nichols Lincoln Joseph, a colored boy about 14 years of age, was last week incarcerated in our parish jail upon a commitment signed by Parish Judge Tete of Assumption, charged with attempting to poison the wife of Hon. E. F. X. Dugas, on the 23rd of September, by putting strychnine in a cup of milk placed beside that lady's plate at the supper table. It seems some money had been stolen from Mrs. Dugas a short time before, and the theft was traced to Nichols, who occupied the position of dining-room servant. The boy's father chastised him severely for the offense and compelled him to remain, against his will, in the employ of Mrs. Dugas, hence his alleged attempt to take the life of that lady. Accused has been remanded to prison to await trial before the District Court in Assumption.

**REGISTRATION.**—In the seventh ward, last week, 64 names were added to the registration list, of which 43 were those of white citizens and 21 of colored.

Up to yesterday noon, during the present week, 75 names were added; whites 12, colored 63. The office was at the head of New River Lane up to Thursday night, and at Washington school house yesterday and to-day.

Monday and Tuesday will be spent at S. E. Brand's store, opposite Donaldsonville, and the rest of the coming week at Aug. Rome's store, Marchand place, fifth ward.

On Monday after next, the 16th inst., the Supervisor will return to Donaldsonville, and will be located at the Court House until Friday, the 27th, after which the books will be closed.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

### \$5 Reward.

**STRAYED or STOLEN** Wednesday night, Oct. 5, 1876, from the unassigned, at Stevenson's plantation, Iberville parish, a small **SORREL HORSE**, branded HT on right shoulder, has one white hind foot, small white spot on each forefoot and another on right side of neck near mane. I will pay \$5 reward for the return of the horse or for information leading thereto. **LOUIS HILLS.**

### Notice of Election.

To the Qualified Voters of Ascension Parish.

NOTICE is hereby given to the qualified voters of the parish of Ascension that on Tuesday, November 7, 1876, a general election will be held for the choice of Presidential Electors, members of Congress, State and parish officers and members of the General Assembly, in accordance with the laws of the United States and of the State of Louisiana. Due notice will be hereafter given of the location of polls or voting places, and the appointment of commissioners of election. **LOUIS LEFORT,** Supervisor of Registration for the parish of Ascension. oct-7-36d

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