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Merry Christmas!

Hon. Henry M. Teller, the present short term Senator from Colorado, has been elected for the term of six years from the 4th of next March.

We have seen it somewhere that his royal majesty the King of Carnival is making preparations for his annual visit to his gay capital, New Orleans, next Mardi Gras.

By 21 yeas to 14 yeas the Senate defeated the proposed constitutional amendment offered by Mr. Edmunds providing for the counting of the electoral vote by the Supreme Court.

The distance by rail from St. Louis to Austin, Texas, has been shortened 180 miles by the completion of the International railroad. The first train went over the new road last Saturday.

Small-pox prevails to a considerable extent in the first district of New Orleans, and energetic measures have been adopted to prevent the spread of the disease. Fifteen deaths from small-pox occurred in the city last week.

The Senate committee to investigate Florida affairs commenced work at Tallahassee on Monday, holding private sessions. The House committee is pushing its inquiry rapidly forward. The contested counties will be visited by both committees.

The Indiana Democrats talk of resorting to force of arms if necessary to install Tilden and Hendricks. The New York Tribune aptly remarks that the redoubtable Democracy of the Hoosier State displayed a similar warlike spirit in 1850—until the fighting began.

The commission of engineers appointed to examine the progress of the Eads jetty work at the mouth of the Mississippi report that Eads is not yet entitled to the first payment under his contract with the government, not having secured a channel of the specified width and depth.

Geo. Phillips and Thomas Lyons, charged with the murder of Eliza Pinkston's husband, in Ouachita parish, were arraigned before Recorder Evans in New Orleans and remanded to prison without benefit of bail. Subsequently the men were released by Judge Abell of the First District Court on a writ of habeas corpus.

The Legislature of South Carolina elected D. T. Corbin United States Senator, the choice being confirmed by the Senate and House in joint session. The Democratic make-believe Legislature also went through the forms of choosing a Senator, and Gen. M. C. Butler was elected to follow in the unhappy wake of our own Eustis and McMillan, even as Hampton is following in that of McEnery.

John J. Long, declared by the Returning Board to have been legally chosen Representative from the parish of DeSoto, publishes a letter declining to accept the position and asserting that he was fairly defeated. His colleague, J. J. Johnson, denies that the DeSoto election was fair and untrammelled, and attributes Mr. Long's action to his lukewarm political status and fear of Democratic bulldozers.

The officers of the W. U. Telegraph Co. refuse to furnish the House investigating committee now in New Orleans with copies of dispatches from Secretary Chandler and others which have recently been sent over the company's wires, on the ground that it would be a violation of sacred trust and an unwarrantable infringement of the personal rights of the company's patrons. Chairman Morrison of the committee has complained to the House of this refusal and the matter is now under consideration before that body. Mr. Orton, president of the telegraph company, was summoned to appear before the New Orleans committee on the 20th inst.

REVOLUTION IN MEXICO.

A sudden and most unexpected revolution has occurred in Mexico since our last report of the condition of affairs in that unstable and unhappy country. The forces of Diaz the pretender engaged and defeated those of Gen. Alatorre, who commanded the main body of the administration troops, and Diaz triumphantly entered the city of Mexico amid the acclamations of the fickle populace. President Lerdo and his cabinet precipitately retired into the interior, making towards the Pacific coast, but were captured. Gen. Escobedo, Secretary of War, and several others were shot. Lerdo's government is completely overthrown, and the question of the Presidency now lies between Diaz and Iglesias. The latter at first co-operated with Diaz but subsequently repudiated him. The entire Northern border of Mexico, excepting Matamoros, is in possession of the supporters of Iglesias.

Sturdy old McMahon of France comports himself officially with as much judgment and nerve as our own soldier President. McMahon has solved the ministerial crisis and brought the republican majority of the Assembly to terms by declaring his intention of issuing a manifesto to the nation explaining his determination and dissolving the chamber of Deputies. Two changes were then made in the Cabinet, Jules Simon being appointed Minister of the Interior and President of the Council, vice M. Dufaure, and M. Martel Minister of Justice vice M. Marece. The situation was gracefully accepted by the Republicans, and all unite in praising the course of President McMahon.

Solon B. Blackburn, son of Hon. W. Jasper Blackburn, editor of the *Homer*, committed suicide by shooting himself in the head with a dueling pistol, at a New Orleans shooting gallery, last Sunday. The young man, who was but 24 years of age, met with a disappointment in love and for some time previous to his death was quite dissipated in his habits, being under the influence of liquor when he committed the rash act that ended his life.

The newly elected Mayor and Administrators of New Orleans assumed their duties Monday. The inaugural address of Mayor Pillsbury is a practical, common sense document, containing recommendations which, if carried out, will result largely to the benefit and improvement of the city. Mr. Brown, Administrator of Public Accounts, is the only Administrator who was re-elected.

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Married.

BROWNLEE—CONNELL—Married, on Wednesday, December 13, 1876, Mr. Charles H. Brownlee to Miss Ellen A. Connell, both of New Orleans.

Upon the happy couple thus united by the alken bonds of matrimony may the kind fates shower their richest blessings, and may their path through life be only obscured by those fleeting shadows which serve to make ensuing sunshine brighter. H. A. W.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

Proceedings of Common Council, Town of Donaldsonville.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, December 11, 1876.

The Council met this day at 3 o'clock P. M., pursuant to adjournment.

Members present—Jno. A. Cheevers, Mayor; N. Ross, A. Montecino, Aldermen 1st ward; Jos. A. Duffel, Aldermen 2nd ward; D. Butler, Aldermen 3rd ward.

The reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

The Secretary being absent, G. Dugas was, on motion, appointed Secretary pro tem.

The motion appointed as regard leasing the batture lots reported progress and asked until Monday, December 18, 1876, to make their report, and the same was granted.

On motion of D. Butler, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Mayor procure for the use of the office, five barrels of coal and the sum of five dollars or so much as is required to buy the coal and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury.

The following bills were approved:

V. C. Cantrelle, \$30 00 H. Hether, \$24 30
H. C. Grube, 2 00 L. Guedry, 8 64
Robt. Noel, 1 00 E. N. Pugh, 50 00

On motion, duly seconded, the Council adjourned to Monday, Dec. 18, 1876, at 3 P. M.

A true copy: GUSTAVE DUGAS, Secretary, pro tem.

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Absent—J. A. Duffel.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with.

The following report was presented, received and adopted:

DONALDSONVILLE, Dec. 18, 1876.

To the Hon. Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Donaldsonville:

Gentlemen—Your committee to whom was submitted the proposition of leasing out the batture lots for a number of years beg leave to report unfavorably and against the project for the following reasons, to wit: 1st, that said batture is public property, and devoted to the use of the public for the purpose of landing boats, logs, etc., catching wood and preparing the same for market, and by leasing out the same a great many poor people would be deprived of the right of cutting and making wood, and consequently be an injury to the public generally.

2nd, that the said batture in its present condition is not susceptible of private ownership either by the town or riparian or front proprietors until the present lease be removed further back. 3rd, it is the opinion of your committee from information received that a majority of the citizens of the town are opposed to the leasing out of the said batture lots for the reasons given above and also for the reason that it would spoil and deface the front of the town to have any buildings thereon; wherefore we respectfully submit this our report.

NATHAN ROSS, JOSEPH HISS.

On motion of Joseph Hiss, duly seconded the following resolution was presented and adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three together with the Mayor be appointed to prepare a license law for the year 1877, and report the same at the next regular meeting of the Council.

The Mayor appointed on said committee Messrs. Jos. Hiss, N. Ross and A. Montecino.

The newly revised Code of Ordinance prepared by Jno. A. Cheevers and David Israel were presented to the Council, and on motion duly seconded, the same was referred to a committee of three members of the Council, to which the Mayor appointed the following committee: Messrs. D. Butler, Jos. Hiss and N. Ross.

The following bills were approved:

W. G. Wilkinson, (stationary) \$6 75
J. J. Sullivan, (poisoning dogs) 9 00
" " (Constable) 1 00
" " (burying carian) 1 50

On motion duly seconded, the Council adjourned.

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Whereas, This system of fraud has become such a nuisance in this community that some concerted action on the part of physicians has become a necessity for self protection; therefore,

Resolved, by the citizen physicians of Donaldsonville and of the parish of Ascension, That we, and each of us will, within thirty days from date, make a complete list of our delinquents, and notify them by writing of the amount of arrears due, with the information that if these arrears are not paid or satisfactorily arranged within thirty days from date of such notice, their names will appear on the general Black List, a copy of which will be in the possession of every one of the undersigned.

Resolved, That the undersigned hereby pledge themselves not to give prescription, medical advice or attention to those who permit their names to appear on said Black List without the payment of the fee shall be secured before such services are rendered.

Resolved, That nothing in the above shall apply to those who are not able to pay, or interfere in any manner with that work of charity which every humane and honorable medical man delights to perform.

ED. DUFFEL, M. D., JNO. DOMINIQUE, M. D., J. CEIL LEGARE, M. D., DR. B. CLAVERIE, JNO. E. DUFFEL, M. D., W. M. McGALLIARD, M. D., E. E. CONNELL, M. D.

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