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It's Demarara controversy like the present grows out of the importation of colored sugars.

Hons. James A. Garfield, Republican, and George H. Pendleton, Democrat, will make a joint canvas in the Ohio campaign.

United States Senator Louis V. Bogy died at St. Louis on Thursday, of abscess of the liver. He had been ill with malarial fever several months.

Congressman Randall Gibson of the First Louisiana District will return from Europe October 1. His health has been improved by a sojourn at the German Spas.

A monument to federal soldiers killed during the late war was unveiled at Boston with great ceremony. An immense number of people were in attendance.

Franklin parish has 1965 children between the ages of six and twenty-one years—842 white; 1123 colored. The preponderance of black children seems curious, in conjunction with the fact that a majority of the voters are white.

M. Gambetta's attorney being ill, he did not appear for trial as summoned and was condemned without a hearing to imprisonment for three months and fined 2000 francs. He has appealed from the sentence, and the appeal will be heard Monday.

It is averred that a small vessel which recently sailed from New Orleans safely landed a cargo of arms and ammunition in Cuba for the struggling patriots. The departure of the vessel was discovered by Spanish spies, but not in season to secure her interception.

On the 13th inst., the hostile Nez Perces Indians were encountered by the troops under command of Col. Sturgis, and badly whipped after an all day fight. Of the attacking party 29 were killed and 40 wounded, while 89 dead Indians were counted on the battlefield. The total number of redskins was about 260.

The deaths in New Orleans last week numbered 113, of which only two were from small-pox, sixteen from malarial fevers and fifteen from consumption. Vigorous means have been adopted by the Board of Health to prevent the advent of yellow fever, and there is every reason to believe they will prove successful.

Testimony relative to the manner of conducting the State Treasurer's office is being taken before a joint committee of the General Assembly, at New Orleans. An effort is being made to show that great favoritism has been displayed by the Treasurer in cashing warrants. Mr. Dubuclet bears a high character for probity, and it is not generally believed that any material crookedness will be developed by the inquiry into his official conduct.

Six teams entered for the inter-State rifle match, which was shot at Creedmoor on Monday. The New York Amateurs won the match easily. The Crescent City team made a very poor showing, despite their fine work while at practice, and the score of Mr. Dudley Selph, "the phenomenal rifleman," was particularly disappointing. Out of a possible 225 Glynn secured 206, Eyrich 196, Selph 185 and Arms 167, a total of only 754 in a possible 900.

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THE RIFLE MATCH.

Again have the American riflemen achieved a signal victory over their British cousins and added fresh laurels to those gained at Wimbledon in 1875 and Creedmoor in 1876. The international match of 1877, at Creedmoor, last week, began on the 13th and closed on the 14th insts., resulting in a total score of 3334 for the American team to 3242 for the British, or a majority of 92 points in favor of the home riflemen. The first day's score, which we gave in last issue of the CHIEF, was: British team 1629; American team, 1655. And on the second and last day of the match the figures were: British team, 1613; American team, 1679.

The shooting of both teams was superior to that shown in the previous matches, and the British score was greater by 116 points than that made by the winning American team in the contest at Creedmoor last year.

It is worthy of note that during the second day's shooting, Mr. L. C. Bruce of the American team made 219 points out of a possible 225, tieing the hitherto unequaled score of Mr. Dudley Selph of New Orleans.

THE EASTERN WAR.

The progress of the war between Russia and Turkey is exasperatingly slow to those who daily hunger for exciting news of great battles with decisive results. The promise of an early victory for the Russians which seemed so bright when the forces of the Czar were pushing their way across the Balkans, has sadly altered, and the Turks have shown that despite the great strength and prowess of the hardy Russ, they are foemen in every way worthy of his steel.

The main interest in the contest centres in the siege of Plevna and the assault of Suleiman Pasha upon the strongly fortified Russian positions at Schipka Pass. At both these points there has been heavy and frequent fighting, with alternating successes, for two or three weeks, and still the Russians seem as far from conquering Osman Pasha at Plevna as the Turks are from dislodging Gen. Radetsky and his valiant troops from Schipka. The aggregate result of recent fighting has been unfavorable to Russia, but her resources are so immense that her ultimate success can scarcely be doubted, if the two belligerents are left alone to decide their quarrel by the arbitrament of arms. Heavy reinforcements are pouring across the Danube into Bulgaria, and the few remaining weeks in which an active campaign can be continued may put an entirely different face on the situation of affairs, now so dubious for Russia.

A fire recently occurred in the third story of the State House, at New Orleans, which was fortunately discovered and extinguished before much damage was done. It is considered certain that the fire was started by an incendiary, and as the flames broke out just over the document room of the Secretary of State's department, there is a suspicion that the destruction of election returns, and particularly those from Vernon parish, upon which hinges the prosecution of the late returning Board, was the object sought to be accomplished. This theory seems far fetched, however, since there is a prevailing belief that the original returns from Vernon are not in the possession of the Secretary of State.

President Hayes and party received a rousing welcome from the people of Louisville this week. It has been many a day since such a demonstration has been seen in Kentucky's metropolis, and the spectacle of so many good Democrats uniting to honor the principal officers of a Republican administration, was sufficient to induce a belief that the political millenium is near at hand. Gov. Wade Hampton met the presidential party at Louisville and addressed the people from the same platforms with President Hayes in that city and at Chattanooga. At Frankfort, Nashville, and other points visited, the distinguished tourists were cordially and enthusiastically received by the people *en masse*.

The 14th inst., the third anniversary of the fight between the White League and Metropolitan Militia of New Orleans, was celebrated with great *eclat* by an imposing parade of the State militia and all organizations which participated in the events commemorated by the celebration. All New Orleans turned out to witness the display, and the crush on the streets was almost as great as that which marks the Mardi Gras festivities. A leading incident of the day was the presentation of an $1100 sword to Gen. Fred. Ogden, formerly commander of the White League and now of the State militia. Governor Nicholls acted as spokesman and made an admirable presentation address.

A HEAVY STORM.

Damage to Crops, Buildings, Fences, Trees, Etc.—Sinking of Three Barges with 27,000 Barrels of Coal.

The spell of bad weather which had prevailed for a fortnight previous, culminated early this week in one of the heaviest storms that has occurred here for many years. Monday afternoon rain commenced to fall steadily, accompanied by a brisk wind, which grew in force until it became a gale. There was scarcely any cessation in the driving rain until late Tuesday night, while the gale continued until Wednesday, causing great damage to crops, prostrating the cane and corn, and blowing down trees and fences in every direction. On every plantation we have heard from, the crops are flat on the ground, the cane being twisted and intermingled to a degree that will make the work of cutting very tedious and difficult. The extent of damage to this crop will depend almost entirely upon the kind of weather prevailing from this time until the grinding season opens. If the present dry, cool weather continues, followed by a late fall and light frosts, the percentage of loss in the yield of sugar will be very slight, and, indeed, the cane may be in many cases improved; but if we have warm rains, the prostrate cane will sprout and become green, and if this should be succeeded by an early freeze the crop would be almost wholly ruined, as the twisted condition of the stalks would render windrowing next to impossible.

There can be no question about the great injury to corn and the pea vine, the latter being rendered almost worthless, while the yield of the former will be reduced to a small fraction of recent expectations. We have no advices from the seventh and eighth wards, but the damage to cotton must have been very great. No worms had appeared when we last heard from the section, but continued wet weather had retarded picking and injured the open cotton.

Everywhere the eye could turn on Wednesday—excepting skyward—effects of the storm were visible in prostrate crops and fences, uprooted trees or trees with broken limbs. In Donaldsonville every street presented some evidence of the fury of the storm, while very few houses in the town were sufficiently water-tight to keep out the beating rain. Even the heavy brick buildings on the river front were thoroughly saturated and care was required to prevent damage to goods. A shed used for storing carts, etc., situated on the batture below Lessard street, belonging to Mr. Bernard Lemann, was blown down, as were also two small brick columns on the second story of the new Lemann building. One of the rear walls of this structure settled slightly during the storm, producing a small crack, but it fortunately does not impair the strength of the wall. A small cabin in the rear portion of town, and an addition which was being built to the Schonberg stables, were prostrated, while another cabin in course of erection was displaced from its foundation. A majority of the foot bridges at the street crossings were damaged or floated off, and fences were down in every direction. Business was entirely suspended on Tuesday, and no one stirred out doors unless impelled by absolute necessity. The clerks in some of the stores slept on the counters Tuesday night, while the editor and an employee of the *Triune-Democrat* luxuriated on the soft side of a large sign-board, being hemmed in at the printing office over thirty-six hours. The new wharf withstood the storm bravely, which is a significant indication of the strength of the structure.

Three of the sixteen flats composing the coal fleet lying at Darrow's willow grove, about two miles above Donaldsonville, went down, and it was only by the prompt action and untiring energy of Capt. Frank McCloskey and Mr. John F. Park, who have charge of the fleet, that the remaining flats were saved. A force of 100 men was secured as soon after the storm as possible and kept steadily at work until the danger was past. The sunken boats contained 27,000 barrels of coal, valued at $13,500, and belonged, as does the entire fleet, to Col. Jos. Walton of Pittsburg, for whom Mr. Park is local agent. A tug boat has been sent for and effort will be made to save the sunken coal, the flats being still connected with the shore by strong manilla ropes which are impervious to the action of water and will retain their strength an indefinite length of time while submerged.

Nasby says Key is the wag of the Cabinet.—*Exchange.*

Does that mean he's the tail end of it?

In the New Orleans *Times* of Sunday appears an announcement that the Superintendent of Education has received from the parish Assessor an enumeration of the educable youth of Ascension, aggregating 1468 white and 4142 colored, total 5610. The *Times* is mistaken. No such statement was transmitted from here. Ascension has only 4122 educable youths in all. The report referred to must have been from some other parish.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

[OFFICIAL.]

Proceedings of Common Council, Town of Donaldsonville.

REGULAR MEETING.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, September 3, 1877.

The Council met this day at 4 o'clock P. M.

Members present—Joseph Burbridge, Dr. B. Claverie, Aldermen 1st ward; Severin Ricard, H. S. Boudreaux, Aldermen 2d ward.

Absent—F. Duffel, Mayor, Victor Maurin, Ursin Landry, Aldermen 3rd ward.

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

On motion of H. S. Boudreaux, duly seconded:

Resolved, That in consequence of the of the affliction which has befallen our worthy Mayor in the death of his youngest child, the Council adjourn until Monday, September 17, 1877.

Adopted.

A true copy: DAVID ISRAEL, Secretary.

SPECIAL MEETING.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, September 17, 1877.

The Council met this day at 5 o'clock P. M. Mayor Duffel in the chair.

Members present—Fred. Duffel, Mayor; Jos. Burbridge, Dr. B. Claverie, Aldermen 1st ward; Severin Ricard, Alderman 2nd ward; Victor Maurin, Alderman 3rd ward.

Absent—H. S. Boudreaux, Ursin Landry.

The minutes of the previous meetings were read and approved.

A petition from Felix LeBlanc, wharf lessee, asking the permission of erecting a dwelling-house adjoining the wharf building, also a ware-house upon the platform, and an office, was presented, and on motion of V. Maurin, duly seconded, the petition was referred to a committee of two members, with the Mayor, whose duty also shall be to examine the wharf building, and see if the same is made according to specifications and contract. The Mayor appointed on said committee Messrs. Victor Maurin and Severin Ricard.

A petition from Paul Guedry, lessee of the Market-House, asking the Council to rescind and annul his contract with the town and to rescind and annul his four promissory notes for the balance of the year, was presented and laid on the table.

A petition from Joseph Bradford asking the lease of the batture lot opposite the river ferry landing, was presented, and on motion of Victor Maurin, duly seconded, the petition was received and adopted.

On motion of V. Maurin, duly seconded, the petition of Joseph Bradford was reconsidered, and the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, The lease of the batture lot opposite the river ferry landing being in conflict with the town ordinances, be it

Resolved, That the petition of Joseph Bradford, asking the lease of the same, be and the same is hereby rejected.

The following bills were approved:

F. Babin, Coroner's jury	$ 2 00
Steamboat Yazoo Valley, deck passage	1 00
J. B. Rodrigue, 1 coffin	5 00
" " "	5 00
" " "	3 00
Henry Lock, nails	1 50
J. A. Landry, repairing bridges	23 50
J. J. Sullivan, Coroner	22 00
" " "	13 00
L. E. Bentley, Printer	1 50
S. H. St. Martin, poisoning dogs	28 50
I. Lefort, Jailor	9 50
" "	10 50
Steamb't Assumption, 2 deck passages	2 00
Dr. B. Claverie, professional services	4 00
Francois Quezerque, Coroner's jury	2 00
Marcel Lewis, " "	2 00

On motion, duly seconded, the Council adjourned.

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