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TRAVELERS' GUIDE.

New Orleans & Texas Railroad.

TIMETABLE.

The steamer St. Francis Belle leaves head of Bienville street, New Orleans, daily (Sundays excepted) at 7:30 A. M. Mail train leaves Westwego daily (Sundays excepted) at 8:45 A. M.; arrives at Donaldsonville at 12:30 P. M. Returning, leaves Donaldsonville at 1:15 P. M.; arrives at New Orleans 5:30.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE.—Steamer leaves New Orleans as above at 7:45 A. M. Train leaves Westwego 9, arrives at Donaldsonville at 12 M. Returning, leaves Donaldsonville at 1:30 P. M.; arrives at New Orleans at 5:15.

C. E. PAYNE, Gen'l Agt.

DONALDSONVILLE, LA.,

Saturday, November 17, 1877

LOCAL JOTTINGS.

Dan Rice—old, original, imitable Dan—is coming with his big show.

A white shirt, with linen bosom, for fifty cents! Did you ever hear of such a thing? Mrs. M. Israel & Co. offer such bargains.

No attorneys were in attendance at the resumed probate session of the Parish Court last Monday, and the Judge ordered adjournment to court in course.

Those who desire to compete for the work of cleaning streets, repairing bridges and the bayou levee, must hand in their bids at the Mayor's office by Tuesday next.

Coroner Sullivan yesterday held an inquest on the body of an unknown man found floating in the river opposite Burnside's Clark place, about four miles below Donaldsonville.

Mr. Desire LeBlanc, a leading member of the Assumption bar and a native of that parish, died at his home in Napoleonville, yesterday afternoon, at the age of 59 years and 7 months.

The coal supply at New Orleans is becoming limited; in consequence of which all the laden flats which have been stationed at Willow Grove point, a short distance above town, were this week towed to the city.

Services will be held in the Episcopal Church of the Ascension as follows: Morning prayer, with sermon, every Sunday at 11 A. M.; Sunday school at 10 A. M.; celebration of the Holy Eucharist once every month.

We shall begin in next issue the publication of a series of articles from the pen of Rev. Dr. Sophar, treating of the ever important subject of education. Press of other matter prevents us from giving the Doctor's first chapter this week.

Colored parents who wish to give their sons and daughters educational advantages superior to those afforded by our local public schools, are referred to the Excelsior Academy, No. 13 Derbigny street, New Orleans, as a first-class institution.

The villain who perpetrated the cowardly murder opposite the Nolan place, on Bayou Lafourche, last week, is still undiscovered. If he evades the authorities the gallows will be cheated of a victim who richly deserves to have his neck stretched.

Mr. J. Gabrion, recently employed by Mrs. M. Kentzel, in Donaldsonville, but now in the company of Mr. Gabriel Kling, Assumption parish, made a flying visit to town yesterday and dropped in to give us a friendly shake of the hand. He is looking very well.

Capt. Joe Dalfres' new boat, the St. Mary, is the pioneer in the Bayou Lafourche trade this season. She entered the bayou Wednesday morning and came out yesterday noon, after a successful trip. The Assumption is now making her first trip, having started down the Lafourche last evening.

A bird with four legs and two bodies is an ornithological curiosity recently seen in Morehouse parish by the editor of the Bastrop Clarion. This reminds us that among a drove of mules quartered at the Schonberg stables, in this town, a few weeks since, was one animal with two pairs of ears, the extra and smaller pair protruding from the head under and at the base of the orthodox organs. While the outward formation of this fungus growth was perfect, there was, however, an absence of the inner mechanism which supplies the faculty of hearing. One of the jaws of this same mule is ornamented with a hairy excrescence, looking as if it might make still another ear in course of time, but which is, as yet, in a very imperfect state of development.

500,000 best heart shingles for sale by Jos. Gondran, Donaldsonville, at prices to suit the times.

The large dredgeboat which has been employed in recovering coal from the sunken flats at Willow Grove point, suspended operations and returned to New Orleans this week, after bringing up a little over half the cargo of the flats. A smaller machine is now at work, manipulated by hand power, and a considerable proportion of the coal remaining submerged will be recovered through its instrumentality.

We are glad to see that Capt. Joe Dalfres, a prince of steamboatmen and jolly good fellows, has purchased that first-class, swift, light draught packet, the St. Mary, and will run her permanently in the Bayou Lafourche and New Orleans trade. The St. Mary is one of the best stern-wheel boats on the river, and is most admirably adapted for the trade in which she has just been placed. Success to her and Captain Joe!

We had the pleasure this week of making the acquaintance of Rev. Edward Lewis, who has located in Donaldsonville as rector of the Episcopal Church here. Mr. Lewis is a young man of evident culture, force and energy, and we have no doubt that under his administration the membership of the Episcopal congregation will increase and all its interests prosper. The new minister and his family have occupied the neat little parsonage recently built on the site of the old Johnson Institute.

Yesterday's train met with an accident just after leaving Donaldsonville on the return trip to New Orleans. A depression in the track near the turn-table caused a passenger coach to run off, delaying the train four hours. The depression resulted from the rottenness of several cross-ties, which have been replaced with sound ones since the accident. A force of men under the direction of Mr. James Stewart is engaged in repairing the road, and we are assured that in a short time the entire line will be in good order.

It pleased us to receive several calls from Hon. Levi Spiller of Port Vincent, this week, and to add his name to the growing list of the Chief's subscribers. Mr. Spiller's visit was connected with some moveable property now located in Donaldsonville, the ownership of which is likely to lead to legal complications unless an amicable adjustment is effected by the rival claimants. Mr. Spiller reports the aspect of affairs in the Port Vincent region very gloomy, owing to the slim cotton crop and the wholesale seizure by government agents of timber cut from the Hon-mas lands.

The death of Mr. Valery F. Duffel, which occurred at the residence of Dr. Jno. E. Duffel, Tuesday afternoon, has saddened the hearts of a very numerous circle of relatives and friends. This estimable young man, untimely cut off in the flower of early manhood, was universally admired and beloved by those who knew him, possessing a disposition and qualities of mind which made him friends at every turn. He contracted the illness which resulted in his death by attending the ball given for the benefit of the Jewish congregation the stormy night of the 17th ult. A slight cold developed to typhoid pneumonia, and although the best care and treatment were given the patient, the insidious disease could not be arrested in its fatal course. The funeral took place Wednesday afternoon, and the large attendance attested the general sorrow caused by the demise of the lamented deceased.

After about five years of almost continuous employment in the Chief office, Master Wm. F. Stockmeyer last week left us to assume the position of collector on the ferry boat Little Minnie, where he represents the interests of his stepfather, Mr. Raphael Mousse, one of the owners of the boat and of the river ferry lease. Willie is a young man of good capacity, and will make his own way in the world by dint of intelligence, industry and steady habits. He entered the Chief office without any previous knowledge of typography, and leaves it as good a printer as the scope of the trade pursued in a country office will allow. He has been a faithful assistant to us, and during his long term of service not a day's dissatisfaction has been felt on our side, nor, we believe, upon his. We regret to part with Willie, but hope the change of occupation will inure to his advantage and that prosperity will attend his future.

The Tax Collector has not yet turned into the parish treasury his collections of parish taxes and licenses during the month of October. Holders of claims several months over due are very impatient because of the delay. We understand that the Collector is busily preparing his accounts for a settlement, which will probably be made on Monday.

Families should try Gondran's Nonpareil Flour. A fair trial will insure satisfaction.

DELINQUENT TAXES.—The list of property holders delinquent for the taxes of this year has been prepared by the Tax Collector, and is now on file in the Recorder's office, a printed copy being exposed at the door of the Court-House. The list contains about one thousand names, and we learn that the estimated amount of unpaid taxes, State and parish combined, aggregates about \$10,000. Assuming this estimate to be nearly correct, the approximate amount of unpaid State taxes is \$6000 and of parish taxes \$4000. The unusual number of delinquents and the large proportion of taxes uncollected confirm our repeated statements of the defects of the revenue law passed without due consideration amid the hurry and bustle of the closing days of the last session of our General Assembly. The amount of current taxes unpaid at this time is nearly double that of any previous year since 1872, and the fact is attributable in great measure to the abolition of the practice of serving each property holder with a statement of the amount of his or her taxes, accompanied with a demand for payment within a specified delay. It may be said that the former law was oppressive to the tax payer, inasmuch as it provided for seizure of property any time after the expiration of ten days written and twenty days printed notice; but the Tax Collector was vested with a large discretion, and peremptory proceedings to enforce payment were seldom instituted before crops were gathered and sent to market. Under the present law a Collector can not seize for taxes until November, but the simple filing and publication of his delinquent lists operates a seizure of all the property upon which the taxes enumerated in said list are due, and on the first Monday of December the Collector is required to begin the peremptory sale of such property, without benefit of appraisement, and to continue the sale until the end of his list is reached. This is far more arbitrary and oppressive than the system heretofore pursued.

We believe, however, that the rigorous provisions of the existing law relative to the seizure and sale of property for taxes may be avoided by the delinquents of this parish if they, or any number of them, choose to resort to the process of enjoining the Collector, upon the ground that the letter and spirit of the law have not been fulfilled by that officer.

Section 53 of act No. 96 of the extra session of 1877 says that the Tax Collector shall file his delinquent list in the Recorder's office on the first Monday of November, and on the following Monday shall post a copy thereof on the Court-House door. The list was not filed with the Recorder until about a week after the prescribed date, nor was it posted at the Court-House in accordance with the law. One portion was tacked on the door for a little while and then removed, after which the remainder was served in the same manner, but no complete list appeared there until Thursday morning.

We advise no one to resist the payment of taxes—on the contrary, we hold it to be the duty of all property holders to discharge their indebtedness to State and parish, and those who have not already done so should do it at the earliest moment. But we know that many with the disposition to pay have not the means at this time, or have been waiting for the individual notifications to which they have been accustomed in past years, and we regard it justifiable in these to secure delay by such lawful methods as are afforded them. Besides, the revenue law will very probably be modified at the next session of the General Assembly and a system of procedure on the part of Tax Collectors prescribed which will be less irksome to the property holder.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

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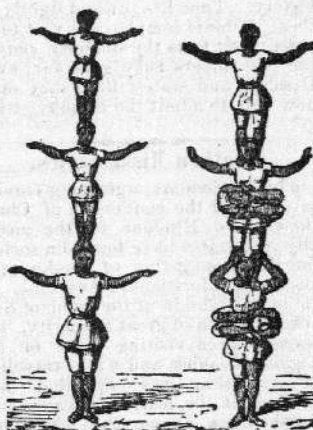
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SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at the office of the Mayor of Donaldsonville until Tuesday, November 20, for the following works:
1. Repairing and cleaning the streets and bridges of the town.
2. Repairing of Lafourche street levee. Specifications of the above works to be seen at the Mayor's office. The board reserves to itself the right to reject any or all bids.
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" Port Hudson.....9 "

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" Plaquemine.....9 "

" Donaldsonville.....12 "

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