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#### TIME-TABLE.

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.

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DONALDSONVILLE, LA.,

Saturday, November 24, 1877

## LOCAL JOTTINGS.

The prisoners in the jail have been provided with blankets.

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

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

Old Dan Rice was in town last evening and this morning, and dropped in to see us, looking as young and hearty as we remember him fifteen years ago.

Name, Thomas Riley; offense, drunk in the streets. He was arrested by Constable St. Martin, on Sunday, and the Mayor's fiat sent Riley to jail for twenty-four hours.

Bird hunting is now in vogue with local Nimrods. Four hunters who were out several hours one day last week, returned home with five birds among them. In some cases, however, handsome results are achieved.

A filthy tramp, giving his name as James Irvin, was arrested on the 8th inst., and after remaining in jail a day or so, to the intense disgust of the other prisoners, was brought up before the Mayor and allowed two hours to leave town. He left.

Report says that an anticipated wedding in high (old) life in our suburban precinct, Port Barrow, flashed in the pan the other evening, because the blushing bride elect declined the nomination and said no where yes was expected to come in.

We learn that through the carelessness of an employee the machine used to generate gas for lighting the Bringier sugar house, exploded Tuesday night, knocking down the walls of the room in which the machine is kept, and severely but not dangerously bruising Mr. L. P. Oberkamp, who had entered the room with a lighted candle, causing the escaping gas to ignite.

Another unworthy son of the Emerald Isle has come to grief. Pat King was arrested on Tuesday and committed to jail for stealing from Butler's boarding-house, on Crescent Place, two coats belonging to Mr. R. S. Smith. Being unable to furnish bond, accused is still imprisoned, awaiting the session of Parish Court in December.

A civil suit entitled Felix Reynolds vs. Joseph Ferrier, on appeal from the court of Justice Vicknair, was fixed for trial on Tuesday before R. N. Sims, Esq., appointed judge *ad hoc* by Judge Maher, who was recused; but Judge Sims was called to Napoleonville by important business and the trial did not take place.

On Tuesday, 20th inst., Col. Wm. Sharp died at his residence in the parish of Iberville, aged 78 years. He was the eldest brother of Capt. A. B. Sharp of Plaquemine and Mr. A. Jackson Sharp of Assumption parish. Col. Sharp was an energetic business man, and has been for many years a planter, both in Louisiana and Texas. He had been in declining health for more than a year prior to his death. His loss will be most felt by those who knew him best.

One of those insignificant cases which too frequently burden the criminal dockets of our Parish and District Courts is reported this week from the eighth ward. Francis Willis and Charity Henderson, colored women, fell out about some trifling matter and from words came to blows. They were parted by Charity's husband before any damage was inflicted by either combatant, and he made affidavit against Francis for assault and battery. Justice Lusk examined the case and put accused under bond of \$50 to appear before the Parish Court.

Col. Dan Rice put in an appearance with his circus on Monday, according to advertisement, and a performance took place at night, on the public square. Owing, doubtless, to the wet weather, the attendance was not so large as it would otherwise have been, and for the same reason the ring was in such poor condition that a number one display was impossible. Furthermore, Dan Rice had been called to New Orleans on business, and his absence deprived the show of one of its main features. Dan promises to revisit Donaldsonville in a few weeks, and hopes, under more favorable conditions, to present his moral and instructive entertainment to much better advantage. The show went from here down Bayou Lafourche, and returning last night, started down the river this morning. Dan Rice rejoined the troupe at Thibodaux.

While looking over some old papers recently, Deputy Sheriff Lefort, keeper of the parish jail, discovered a memorandum of the fact that in June, 1876, an officer from Iberville parish who came here in search of two white law breakers, also inquired for information of Alex. Madison, colored, charged with breaking into Dr. Stone's meat-house and stealing 160 pounds of pork, 120 pounds of sugar and half a box of tobacco therefrom. It at once flashed across the jailer's mind that he had the missing bird in his cage, and he sent word to this effect to the Sheriff of Iberville, who dispatched a deputy to investigate the matter. This officer has recognized the Iberville thief in the person of the Alex. Madison confined here on the charge of burglarizing Mr. A. Barthelmy's gun shop. Alex. is wanted by our neighbors up the river, but as he stands committed for trial before our District Court, we doubt if the claim can be recognized before the Ascension case is disposed of.

SUGAR SQUIRES.—The finest specimen of new sugar we have yet seen this season is a lump set to us by Mr. J. Adlard Braud, Jr., being a sample of the product of his cane, manufactured at the splendid Bringier mill. The color and grain are very fine, and we do not remember to have ever seen a better quality of sugar made by centrifugal process.

Messrs. Loeb & Drake, lessees of the Stella plantation, claim to be making open kettle sugar of a quality unexcelled by any other manufactured in the parish. A sample has been exhibited to us, and it is certainly hard to beat. The yield has also proven very satisfactory, from 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 hogsheds per acre being the general average. Two hogsheds per acre were obtained from a small tract of plant cane.

Mr. John T. Nolan, Jr., is making from 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 hogsheds per acre of an excellent quality of sugar, employing the centrifugal process. He used open kettles prior to the present season.

Accidents to sugar-house machinery at the Wallis and Teller places, below town, have caused a temporary suspension of rolling operations.

Rolling was begun on Mr. John Reuss' Germania place this week.

The clear and cool weather now prevailing facilitates cane hauling and sugar-house work, besides increasing the yield of sugar.

The Tax Collector this week paid into the parish treasury his collections of parish taxes and licenses for the month of October, apportioned as follows:

Licenses of 1877.....	\$201 25
Taxes of 1877.....	3073 32
" " 1876.....	109 66
" " 1875.....	3 77
" " 1874.....	16 40
" " 1873.....	7 20
Total.....	\$3402 60

Of this amount \$83 56 was in parish scrip and \$3319 04 in cash. The Collector has on hand for collections during the present month an amount exceeding the above, which will be paid over at his next settlement.

Ellen Burnside, colored, was committed to jail by Justice Butler of the first ward, two weeks ago, charged with assaulting Mr. John Reuss and cutting him with a cotton hook. Accused remained in confinement but a short time, furnishing a bond of \$100 to appear before the Parish Court next month. No papers in the case have yet been sent up by the Justice of the Peace, and that official is liable to be hauled over the coals for failure to obey the order of the Parish Judge requiring prompt transmission to the Clerk's office of all papers connected with criminal matters coming before the Justice Courts.

Jos. Gondran's Choice XXXX Nonpareil Flour has no equal in price and quality.

A dramatic entertainment for the benefit of the St. Joseph cadets will take place at St. Joseph's Academy Saturday after next, the 8th of December. The object of the entertainment will be to raise funds for completing the equipment of the cadets. The price of admission has been fixed at the low sum of 25 cents which should of itself insure a liberal sale of tickets. Captain D'E. Jones, principal of the Academy, has on thanks for complimentary cards of admission.

A woman giving the euphonious cognomen of Mary Margaret Dispo, was arrested by the Town Constable, Wednesday, for drunkenness and vagrancy. The woman has been going from house to house begging money for the ostensible purpose of burying a mythical dead child, but really to supply her inward organization with its customary medicine of spiritual pabulum. She has been recently seen playing the same game in Iberville and St. James parishes. Shortly after being locked up, this miserable woman presented a revolting illustration of the utter degradation which the demon liquor visits upon its slaves. Her condition was too filthy to bear description.

At the residence of Mr. A. Dreyfus, corner of Crescent Place and Mississippi street, an accident occurred Monday night which nearly cost Mr. Dreyfus' son Jesse his life and came within an ace of setting fire to the house. The lad accidentally knocked from the dining-room table a lamp filled with paraffin oil. The lamp broke and the oil ignited, creating a blaze that reached almost to the ceiling, but which was soon extinguished. Jesse's garments were spattered with burning fluid and he ran shrieking into the yard, where the colored servant girl had the presence of mind to seize him and roll him on the ground until the fire was out. He was very fortunate to escape with severe but not dangerous burns upon his face and hands, from which he is rapidly recovering.

1000 dozen white shirts, at prices ranging from 50 cents upward, for sale by Mrs. M. Israel & Co. Nothing like it ever before offered in Donaldsonville.

The Town Council's Committee on Public Works received the following bids for the work of repairing streets and bridges and cleaning out all the draining ditches and canals:

1. E. H. Bloomfield \$2180; \$28 per thousand for new, and \$7 for old lumber to be used in building and repairing bridges.
2. Henry Hether \$2125; \$30 per thousand for new and \$10 for old lumber.
3. Nicholas North, for entire work, \$1250.
4. Frank Martinez, " " " 1000.
5. G. W. Mitchell, " " " 500.

Mr. Mitchell's bid being the lowest, was accepted. Security has been furnished and the work begun. Payment is to be made upon completion of the contract to the satisfaction of the committee.

There was only one bid for repairing the Bayou Lafourche levee from the head of the bayou to Attakapas street, a distance of two blocks. Mr. Nicholas North proposed to do the job for \$1500, but the committee rejected the bid.

SHOOTING AFFRAY AT THE JAIL.—A rifle of excitement was caused in town, last Sunday evening, by a shooting affair, the circumstances of which were peculiar. Deputy Sheriff Israel had occasion to arrest Mr. R. S. Smith for alleged disorderly and violent conduct at the coffee-house corner of Mississippi and Lessard streets. Mr. Smith, who was under the influence of liquor, became very violent after being locked up, and repeatedly threatened to kill the officer who arrested him, Constable St. Martin, acting as jailer at the time, and Deputy Sheriff Louis Lefort, the jailer proper. After Mr. Smith had been incarcerated a short time, an order for his release was obtained from Mayor Duffel by Mr. Richard Fletcher, who presented the order at the jail. The prisoner was still boisterous, continuing to declare that the moment he obtained his liberty he intended to kill the three officers before mentioned. Lefort and St. Martin expostulated with him to no effect save to increase his rage. Constable St. Martin unlocked the door of the cell in which Smith was confined, and as the latter stepped into the passage way he was fired upon by Lefort, who was standing in the door of the Jailor's room, about fifteen feet distant. The weapon used was a Smith & Wesson five-shooter, and the ball passed very close to Smith's right hip, tearing holes in his pantaloons and coat skirt, and barking one of the knuckles of his right hand. Mr. Fletcher, who

was standing near Lefort, grappled with him and attempted to get hold of the weapon, but Lefort threw it upon the floor, from whence Constable St. Martin picked it up; taking a larger revolver from a table close at hand, and throwing them both into the yard. Quickly closing the door of the cell he had just opened, to prevent the escape of the prisoners, St. Martin led Smith out of the building. Meanwhile, Fletcher had gone into the yard and picked up the pistols, returning to find the door closed, Lefort standing behind it with a shotgun. After a brief parley, Fletcher proceeded to Mitchell's stables in company with Smith, for the purpose of procuring a buggy to take his friend out of town. Lefort went to his house near the stables, fired the charges of small shot from his gun and reloaded it with buckshot, and then started to return to the jail. Seeing St. Martin at Mitchell's corner, however, he went there, and upon perceiving Fletcher, demanded of him the return of the revolvers taken from the jail. Fletcher replied that the weapons were in the Mayor's possession; when he called upon St. Martin to arrest Lefort for parading the streets with a gun. Lefort thereupon aimed his weapon at Fletcher, threatening to shoot if any attempt was made to take away his gun. Lefort shortly hereafter walked off, Fletcher and Smith went up the river in their buggy, and the large crowd attracted to the scene of disturbance gradually dispersed. Next day Fletcher made affidavit against Lefort and St. Martin for shooting at Smith with intent to kill, St. Martin being charged as accessory. The parties furnished appearance bonds, and the case was fixed for examination Tuesday, but the Parish Judge subsequently re-assigned it for Friday. Accused and witnesses were on hand at the Court-house yesterday, but Lefort's counsel and the District Attorney *pro tem.* were both absent, in consequence of which the examination was continued indefinitely.

This unfortunate affray arose from those fruitful causes of nine-tenths of such occurrences: the use of intoxicating liquors and the lack of a law prohibiting their sale on Sundays. The principals have always been on friendly terms. In his sober senses Mr. Smith would not have uttered his rash and improbable threats; in his right mind our efficient jailer would have attached little, if any, weight to those threats, and would certainly not have deemed it necessary to the protection of his own life to fire upon an intoxicated, unarmed man. Louis thinks he was sober, but for the reason just assigned, combined with other circumstances, we believe differently. We understand that Messrs. Smith and Lefort have exchanged regrets relative to their respective part in the affair.

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" Port Hudson.....9  
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" Plaquemine.....9  
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