

Donaldsonville Chief.

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DONALDSONVILLE, LA.

Saturday, December 8, 1877.

LOCAL JOTTINGS.

Cole's circus cometh!

Mrs. Bienvenue Cite died at her husband's residence, a short distance below town, this week.

The prettiest holiday present extant—the Centennial Harp. For sale by H. F. Willers, on the front street.

A holiday ball will be given under the auspices of Ascension Hook and Ladder Company, Saturday evening, the 29th inst., at D. S. C. B. Hall.

Parish Court opened last Monday and at once adjourned to Monday next. The Judge intended to order an adjournment until the ensuing regular term, in January, but designated the earlier day by request of a member of the bar.

Phoenix Fire Company will give its fourth anniversary ball at D. S. C. B. Hall New Year's eve, and there will be a fine time, as usual. We thank the organization for complimentary tickets, received through the efficient Secretary, Mr. W. G. Wilkinson.

The Town Council held two meetings this week, the official proceedings of which are published elsewhere in our paper. Among the important matters considered was a new license ordinance prepared by a special committee and adopted for the year 1878. Another committee recommended increased salaries for the town officers, but the report was rejected and a resolution passed fixing salaries for 1878 at the same figures now in vogue.

Mr. Mitchell informs us that his contract for putting the streets in order does not include the repair of foot bridges, as we supposed, but only the street bridges. The former will soon be repaired under the supervision of the Committee of Public Works, and the job should be commenced without delay. A number of the crossings are in a condition that endangers the limbs of pedestrians, especially those who have occasion to peregrinate after dark.

It is hard to form an accurate estimate of the damage resulting to the sugar crop from the late freeze, for while some planters have suffered heavily, others have lost little or nothing. As a general thing, the percentage of loss can be computed from the quantity of cane standing in the fields when the freeze occurred. Most of this cane was affected to such an extent that it is now turning sour, and the yield will, under the most favorable circumstances from this time until the close of the grinding season, will fall short of the anticipations of a fortnight ago. The prevalence of cool temperature until Christmas will mitigate the disaster somewhat, whereas a period of warm weather will increase it tenfold.

THE LEVIATHAN SHOW COMING.—It will be in Donaldsonville on Monday, the 17th inst. The Leviathan Exhibition embraces a famous Circus, stupendous Menagerie, colossal Museum, Aquarium, etc., and a grand consolidated world's wonder exhibition, of which W. W. Cole is sole proprietor and manager. The Mobile Register says:

The wild beasts connected with the show were all first-class. Then the performances of the circus ring were most excellent. One rare quality was the promptness, amounting to almost dash, with which every thing was put through. There was no breathing spell filled with stale witticisms of the conventional clown. All the acts were just lengthy enough to interest the spectator, and not to pall taste. These features are so rare in traveling exhibitions, that we make special commendation of them here. Added to this, we may say that all the performances in the arena are first class—not a poor one in the lot. We heartily commend the exhibition to the favor and attention of the press and public wherever they may chance to pitch their tents.

We believe there is an almost unanimous disposition among the members of the Ascension bar to recommend Henry L. Duffel, Esq., for appointment as District Judge in the event of the Supreme Court's decision, declaring Judge Marks disqualified, becoming a nullity. Mr. Duffel's competency and fitness for the position are beyond question. He is a practitioner of many years experience, a citizen who takes great interest in public affairs, an earnest Democrat in his political convictions, but not at all likely to be influenced in a judicial capacity by political or personal motives. Ascension has a prior claim to the Judgeship, and we believe Governor Nicholls will recognize it when the proper time arrives, by appointing the candidate who receives the endorsement of the bar of this parish.

Mr. H. H. Willers has secured the agency for the sale of the Centennial Harp, the neatest thing for a holiday present we have yet seen. It is so simple in construction that a child can play it with a few hours practice. Price, from \$2.50 to \$5, according to finish. Call and see them.

In order to comply with the law, the Tax Collector appears daily in front of the Court-House door and offers for sale one or two pieces of property belonging to parties whose names appear upon the delinquent list. Half a dozen unimportant sales have been made so far, and as there were no bidders, the Collector has adjudicated the property to the State. Delinquents are coming forward every day and squaring up, and it is the desire of the Collector to afford others every opportunity within his province to do likewise. For this reason he is delaying sales as much as possible, thus generously foregoing the fee which the law allows him for each adjudication. The only penalty for which those who pay now are liable is interest upon the amount of taxes at the rate of eight per cent. per annum from the date of filing the delinquent list and twenty cents for publication of the list.

FIRES.—A small shanty on one of the cross streets near the railroad, between Lessard and St. Patrick streets, was destroyed by fire at 10 o'clock Wednesday night, together with its contents, consisting of a quantity of moss, valued, we hear, at about \$400. The moss belonged to a young man employed as clerk in one of the stores of Mr. M. Tobias. As the shanty was uninhabited, there is great presumption of incendiarism. The heavy condition of the streets made it almost an impossibility for the fire companies to get their apparatus to the fire. Both made an effort to do so, but as the subsidence of the flames denoted that there was no need of their assistance, the engine and truck were returned to their respective homes. The fire only lasted about thirty minutes.

The same night, about 9 o'clock, the fine residence of Senator Pierre Landry, situated on the right bank of Bayou Lafourche, two miles below town, was set on fire by some unknown villain, who poured coal oil on the front gallery and applied a match thereto. Fortunately Mr. F. Gomes, Jr., who keeps a store near Mr. Landry's, and who was just about retiring for the night, saw the white flame of the burning oil flare up and raised an alarm which quickly aroused the inmates of the house and brought the neighbors to the rescue. The fire climbed up the gallery and front of the house to the roof, but by dint of a few minutes hard work the flames were extinguished and the building saved. The damage will not exceed three or four hundred dollars, which is covered by insurance in the Sun Mutual of New Orleans, of which Mr. Just Comes is the agent. We learn that a colored man named Mike, formerly employed on the St. Emma plantation, is suspected of the dastardly incendiarism. A charge of rape is pending against him, and he left the neighborhood to escape arrest. A day or two prior to the fire he reappeared, and is said to have remarked in the hearing of several persons that "somebody's fine house would go up," or words to that effect. The scoundrel has again gone into hiding, but sharp eyes are on the lookout, and if he is discovered there may be danger of summary punishment being meted out to him by the indignant people. There is no more dastardly crime in the calendar than firing a house at night time in which persons are known to be asleep, and the law properly makes it a capital offense.

During the early afternoon of Thursday the frame residence of Mr. Dodd Smith, located about a mile below the scene of the occurrence just described, took fire from a defective chimney or stovepipe and burned to the ground. The building was worth something like \$500 and was not insured. It was still the property of Mr. Smith, but was occupied by the family of a gentleman to whom Messrs. Smith & Co., have leased their small sugar farm, upon the front of which the house stood. The occupants of the residence lost nearly all their furniture and household goods.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Important Notice

To Property Holders in the Corporation of Donaldsonville.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Donaldsonville, La., Dec. 8, 1877.

The following ordinances relative to the maintenance and repair of sidewalks are published for the information and guidance of the holders of property within the corporate limits of the town of Donaldsonville:

Sec. 187. Be it ordained, That the owner, or claimant, or occupant of every lot of ground shall make or cause to be made, and keep in repair to the whole extent and front of his property a sidewalk, according to the level and graduation to be furnished by the Mayor.

Sec. 188. It shall be the duty of all persons desiring to make or repair their sidewalks in front of their property, to notify the Mayor, whose duty it shall be to fix the lines thereof; and every person neglecting to inform the Mayor shall be subject to a fine of five dollars.

By order of the Common Council.
DAVID ISRAEL, Secretary.

Sheriff's Sale.

State of Louisiana—Parish Court—Parish of Ascension.

Thomas Shoer, } No. 545.
Adolphe Wiese, }

By virtue of and acting in obedience to a writ of fieri facias, issued by the Hon. the Parish Court in and for the parish of Ascension under date of April 5, A. D. 1877, in the above entitled and numbered suit, and directed, I have, and will, offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder, at the Court-House of the parish of Ascension, in the town of Donaldsonville, on

Saturday, the 22nd day of December, 1877, at 11 o'clock A. M., the following described property, to-wit:

A certain improvement, consisting of a FRAME BUILDING, situated in the town of Donaldsonville, in the parish of Ascension, on a certain lot of ground belonging to Mrs. L. D. Nicholls, fronting on Mississippi street, and bounded on one side by William McNabb's warehouse, on the other side by a blacksmith shop, and in the rear by the Mississippi river.

Terms of sale, Cash.

Sheriff's office, Parish of Ascension, December 8, 1877.

P. A. JONES, Sheriff.

Proceedings of Common Council,

Town of Donaldsonville.

REGULAR MEETING.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, December 5, 1877.

The Council met this day at 4 o'clock P. M., Mayor Duffel in the chair.

Members present—Fred. Duffel, Mayor; Jos. Burbridge, Dr. B. Claverie, Aldermen 1st ward; H. S. Boudreaux, S. Riard, 2nd ward; Ursin Landry, V. Maurin, 3rd ward.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mayor Duffel in his communication stated to the Council that G. W. Mitchell had furnished his bond for the contract of repairing the streets and bridges.

The Committee on Public Works made a verbal report stating that they awarded the contract for repairing the streets, bridges and ditches to G. W. Mitchell for the full price and sum of \$500.00, and in regard to the Bayou Lafourche levee, there was only one bid, which was rejected, the amount appropriated for that purpose being insufficient. The committee would respectfully recommend to the Council to repair the said levee by hired labor to the amount in the Treasury appropriated for the purpose.

The committee appointed to examine the bill of W. G. Wilkinson, ex-Justice of the Peace, filed a detailed list of the same amounting to \$179 87, and report that he is willing to settle the same for \$100.00.

On motion of H. S. Boudreaux, duly seconded, the report was received, and the bill was laid on the table indefinitely.

On motion of Dr. B. Claverie, duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to appoint a committee of three members of the Council to prepare a License Ordinance for the year 1878, and also a like committee of the Council to fix the rate of salaries of the officers of the corporation for the year 1878, and to report to the Council Thursday, December 6, 1877, at 11 o'clock A. M.

The Mayor appointed the following committees:

Committee on License—V. Maurin, Dr. B. Claverie, S. Riard.

Committee on Salary—H. S. Boudreaux, Jos. Burbridge, Ursin Landry.

On motion, duly seconded, the Council adjourned to Thursday December 6th, 1877, at 11 o'clock A. M.

A true copy: DAVID ISRAEL, Secretary.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, December 6, 1877.

The Council met this day at 11 o'clock A. M., pursuant to adjournment.

Members present—Fred. Duffel, Mayor; Jos. Burbridge, Dr. B. Claverie, Aldermen 1st ward; H. S. Boudreaux, S. Riard, 2nd ward; V. Maurin, Ursin Landry, 3rd ward.

The reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

The committee appointed to prepare and fix the rates of licenses for the year 1878, presented the following Ordinance, which was read and adopted section by section, and finally adopted as a whole:

AN ORDINANCE.

To establish the rates of licenses for professions, callings and other business for the year 1878.

Be it ordained by the Council of the town of Donaldsonville, That the yearly rate of licenses, from and after the first day of January, 1878, for professions, callings and other business carried on within the corporate limits of Donaldsonville, within said town, are hereby assessed and directed to be collected, at the sums specially set forth in the following sections:

1. From each wholesale or wholesale and retail merchant, dealer or trader, Forty Dollars. From each and every merchant, Fifteen Dollars.
2. From each keeper of a livery stable, sale stable, or yard or livery and sale stable, with stalls and other accommodations for horses, and twenty-five Dollars. For all stables selling feed in sack or bale, such as hay, corn, oats, bran, etc., Twenty-Five Dollars. For every public hack, Ten Dollars.
3. For every keeper of a warehouse, cotton or lumber yard or other place of public storage for hire, Ten Dollars.
4. From every proprietor or keeper of every billiard saloon, bowling alley, or pistol gallery in which there is but one table, alley, or target, Twenty-Five Dollars. Where there are two or more tables, alleys or targets, an additional charge on each one, Five Dollars.
5. From every owner or proprietor of any hall or theatre hired or let for concerts, assemblies, balls, exhibitions or public meetings, Twenty-Five Dollars.
6. From each fortune teller, astrologer, clairvoyant, veterinary surgeon or chiropodist, every keeper of a cock pit, photograph gallery, book or job printing office or of an engraving or lithographic printing office, every person, firm or company printing or publishing a newspaper in the town of Donaldsonville, every itinerant player on hand organ or other musical instrument, and every proprietor of an electric machine exhibited on the street, every peddler, hawk or dealer in imitation jewelry, notions, cutlery, confectionaries, drugs, medicines, pictures, cigars, tobacco, exhibited for sale upon the streets, Ten Dollars.
7. Every lottery agent, Twenty-Five Dollars.
8. From every proprietor or keeper of a restaurant, hotel, boarding house, lodging house, for the entertainment of transient persons or travelers or lodgers, Twenty-Five Dollars.
9. From every person keeping a stand for the sale of coffee, tea, chocolate, or cooked food, eating stand, fruit stand or booth on a levee or wharf, Five Dollars.
10. Every keeper of a stand or booth at a race course, fair, picnic, balls, public exhibition selling liquor, Five Dollars per day.

11. Every keeper of an oyster stand where oysters are opened and sold at retail, Five Dollars. Where oysters are sold by wholesale, Ten Dollars. Where oysters are cooked and sold, Fifteen Dollars. Where oysters are sold whether by wholesale or retail on the streets, Ten Dollars.

12. On each and every person selling milk within the corporate limits, Ten Dollars.

13. From each apothecary and druggist, the sum of Five Dollars.

14. From every member of a company and every person pursuing the business of an undertaker, Twenty-Five Dollars.

15. From every tailor, blacksmith, tin-smith, gunsmith, cooper, shoemaker, watchmaker or clock or watch repairer, saddler or stationer, barber, baker, bread cracker, printer, furniture repairer, photographer, wheelwright, wagon or carriage dealer, etc., having a shop within the corporation, Five Dollars.

16. From each and every person keeping an establishment where ice cream, sherbet, soda water, chocolate, pies and candies are sold, providing nothing else is sold, Five Dollars.

17. From every member of a company or firm and every person not connected with the company or firm keeping a coffee-house, bar room, grog shop, cabaret, or any place of that character, Twenty-Five Dollars.

18. From every member of a company or firm and every person not connected with the company or firm keeping a retail or wholesale grocery store in which spirituous or malt liquors are sold by the glass, in addition to their retail or wholesale licenses, Twenty-Five Dollars.

19. From each trading boat, selling or trading within the limits of the corporation, Fifteen Dollars.

20. From every person engaged in the business of selling ice, Five Dollars.

21. From each person who drives for hire any cart, dray, wagon or omnibus, within the limits of the town, Ten Dollars.

22. From every stock dealer who shall transact business within the corporate limits, Ten Dollars. Any one whose business is to buy, sell, trade, or barter in horses, mules, cattle, sheep, or hogs, at private or public sales, shall be deemed a stock dealer.

23. From every member of a company or firm and every person not connected with the company or firm, keeping a moss press, or moss pickery, yard, warehouse or shed, for clearing, picking, baling, housing moss, or for repairing, picking, or rebaling damaged or other moss, Ten Dollars.

24. From each and every contractor, subcontractor, stevedore, Ten Dollars.

25. From each and every person pursuing any profession, calling or business carried on within the limits of the town not mentioned or enumerated in this ordinance, Five Dollars.

26. Each and every member of a company or firm and every person not connected with a company or firm whether resident or non-resident, active or silent, who shall exercise or follow within the town of Donaldsonville more than one profession, trade or calling or business, shall pay a license for each profession, trade, calling or business, and for each and every store or place of business.

27. Application made by this ordinance shall be for the year 1878, ending Dec. 31. Provided that any person, firm or corporation engaged in any of the trades subject to license by this ordinance on or after the first day of July, 1878, shall be liable for a six months (or half) license, and on and after the first of October, 1878, for three months (or quarter) licenses.

28. No license issued under this ordinance shall be transferable.

29. That this ordinance shall take effect from and after the first day of January, 1878, and that all ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting with the same are hereby repealed.

The committee appointed to prepare a list of salaries for the various Town Officers presented the following report:

To the Mayor and Council of the town of Donaldsonville:

GENTLEMEN—We, the undersigned, appointed by your honorable body as a committee on salaries for the various Town Officers, have agreed upon the following rates:

Mayor\$200 00
Secretary150 00
Treasurer200 00
Collector, 10 per cent. on licenses and 5 per cent. on taxes.	
Constable, \$300, and all extras.	
Councilmen, (per meeting)2 00

Respectfully submitted,

JOS. BURBRIDGE,
URSIN LANDRY,
H. S. BOUDREAUX,

On motion of Dr. B. Claverie, duly seconded:

Resolved, That the above report be received, and the same rate of salaries be adopted for the year 1878 as the year 1877. Adopted.

On motion of Dr. B. Claverie, duly seconded:

Resolved, That the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to advertise for sealed proposals to be received for the public printing, the same to be opened at the next meeting of the Council, to be given to the lowest bidder, reserving the right to reject any and all bids. Adopted.

A petition from S. Schonberg asking the privilege of changing the Bayou Lafourche ferry landing in high water was presented and received.

The Treasurer presented his report showing a balance in the Treasury of \$1726 25. The same was received.

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

Resolved, That Sec. 177, chapter 30 of the Town Ordinances, relative to shows, theatres and exhibitions, be amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

Circus, one day,.....\$50 00
Each day after the first, when the representations shall succeed each other.....25 00
Adopted.

On motion of V. Maurin, duly seconded:

Resolved, That paragraph 2 Sec. 66 of the Town Ordinances be re-enacted and amended to read as follows: That the Bayou Lafourche ferry landing in high water be opposite Fourth street of Port Barrow. Adopted.

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

Resolved, That the Secretary be authorized to publish in the official journal Secs. 187 and 188 of the Town Ordinances, for the benefit of whom it may concern. Adopted.

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

Resolved, That hereafter no circus shall be allowed to use the Louisiana or Crescent squares. Adopted.

On motion of Dr. B. Claverie, duly seconded:

Resolved, That the report of the expert appointed to inquire into the indebtedness of F. Pobb, late Town Treasurer, to the town, be taken up, and that Fred. Duffel, Esq., be and he is hereby retained to take the necessary legal steps against F. Pobb, late Town Treasurer. Adopted.

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

Resolved, That from and after this date the hour of meeting of this Council in here-by fixed at 7 o'clock P. M. Adopted.

A bill of A. Wiese, amounting to \$17 00, was presented and approved for \$5 00.
A bill of A. Landry, amounting to \$3 10, was presented and approved for \$2 10.
L. Lefort, jailor, \$7 50.
J. A. Landry, (repairing bridges) 3 50.
S. H. St. Martin, Constable, \$4 50.
On motion, duly seconded, the Council adjourned.

A true copy: DAVID ISRAEL, Secretary.

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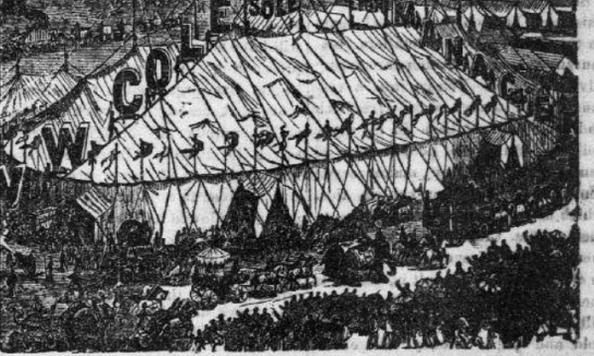
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