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OUR NEW CLOTHES. The CHIEF greets its readers this week clad in an outfit of new type, and we leave the paper has been improved by the change. We are now using the Minion and Nonvariel No. 17 manufactured by Messrs. Marder, Luse & Co., of Chicago, and according to held as nearly as possible in conformity our indement the faces are attractive and with prescribed legal forms, upon the day desirable. We have ample reason to congratulate ourselves upon the present condition and future prospects of our paper and step, but rather advance and improve conover and killed by a train on the Morgan Supreme Court will attempt its overthrow,

A deaf and dumb colored man was run railroad near Cade Station, La.

The Iberia Journal has begun its seventh volume. The paper has improved considerably of late and we wish it further progress in the same direction.

Mr. Edwin E. Marks, formerly of the chased the Concordia Eagle and transferred it into a Democratic paper.

Gov. McEnery has commuted the death sentences of Bazis Dugay and John Austin. St. Mary murderers, to imprisonment for life. The men were to have been hanged

One of the heaviest and most destructive hailstorms ever known in that section visi fed Colfax and vicinity on the 27th of April. causing great damage to crops and render ing it necessary to replant.

L. N. Streeter, formerly a United States agent, who deserted to the Indians, is re ported to have been killed during a recenengagement with a band of Apaches of which he was acting as chief.

The subjoined opinion relative to our Ascension church controversy is expressed by the Gretna Courier:

The Roman Catholics of Donaldsonville hav got themselves into a snarl with the Archbishop The people, in our way of thinking, are boune to win, as they have rights as well as the church

Green B. Raum of Illinois, who has for a atmber of years occupied the position of Commissioner of Internal Revenue, retired from that office on the 30th of April, having resigned on account of the inadequate

Congressman Phil. H. Tompson, Jr., of the Eighth Kentucky District, shot and killed Walter H. Davis, a prominent merchant, at Harrodsburg, on the 27th of April. The cause of the shooting was the alleged intimacy of Davis with Thompson's

A destructive cyclone swept through : portion of Ouachita parish during the last week in April demolishing a number of buildings, killing some stock and wounding several people. It is stated that one tract of forty acres of heavily wooded land not a tree was left standing.

Our accomplished friend Mr. Thos. H. Ryan, recently connected with the New Orleans States, is editor of the Evening :Chronicle, the new afternoon paper recently aestablished in that city. Mr. Ryan is a member of the Board of Alderman, and we wish him much success both as a legislator and a journalist.

Théodule Roberson, a colored youth, deliberately shot and killed his stepbrother, laged 15 years, on the Keystone plantation near St. Martinsville, La. The murderer had attended a collation on a neighboring plantation and came home drunk, committing the horrible crime while in this condition. He was arrested and placed in the New Iberia jail.

The steamer Edward J. Gay has been placed under seizure, ostensibly at the instance of a firm of New Orleans coal dealers, though the real cause of the movement is said to be the differences that have prevailed between Capts. T. P. Leathers and Jno. J. Brown for some time past, Capt. Brown has brought the Saint John out in place of the Gay, and the latter has been towed across to Algiers and laid up.

The proceedings of two special meetings of the Town Council held on the 3rd inst., 165,582 barrels of sugar, 321,109 barrels and appear in our paper to-day, not having 1418 half barrels of molasses received at been received in season last week to enable that port from Sept. 1, 1882, to April 30, us to make room for their insertion then. 1883, while for the corresponding period of The second of these sessions, like one of the season of 1881-82 the receipts were 79, those held April 28, was convened in compli- 211 hogsheads and 63,729 barrels of sugar, ance with the writ of peremptory mandamus | 189,784 barrels and 573 half barrels of moemanating from the District Court, and lasses. the Council seems to have been particularly careful to proclaim this fact and to avoid the transaction of any business at these meetings save what was absolutely necessary to protect them from punishment for contempt of court and which pertained exclu- any apology for his management of the sively to the writ referred to. The disposition to comply only with the letter of the we think the latter gentleman will be doing verses to me, may, imitating Borlean's writ and to evade its spirit and obstruct the his readers an injustice to allow the service course of the election as far as possible, is demonstrated by the failure to provide, as with. The Appeal furnishes an instance is customary, for lists of voters, builds boxes, Clerks and Constables of Election and the blanks necessary to make the resturns in proper shape. There were build boxes in the office of the Clerk and Recorder, and the town has a full supply of printed election blanks, but as the writ of inadams adams did not specifically order the Council to furnish these articles, they fuiled to do so. Commissioners of Election were appointed, it is true, but it is the general impression that care was taken to select only such citizens as were least likely to accept the appointment and perform the duties of the position. This impression is strengthened by the fact that none of the Commissioners rauned by the Council appeared at the polis. Dith a maninity worthy a legal and a better cause, the Mayor and Aldermen united to impede the course of the laws they had obligated themselves to enforce and to deprive the people will need microscopes of great the course of the laws they had obligated themselves to enforce and to deprive the people will need microscopes of great the course of the laws they had obligated themselves to enforce and to deprive the people will need microscopes of great the course of the laws they had obligated themselves to enforce and to deprive the people will need microscopes of great the course of the laws they had obligated themselves to enforce and to deprive the people will need microscopes of great the course of the laws they had obligated themselves to enforce and to deprive the people will need microscopes of great the course of the laws they had obligated themselves to enforce and to deprive the people will need microscopes of great the followed reconstruction in Louisiana, and the present epoch of Democratic ontrage and corruption. is customary, for lists of voters, ballot where the old joke of the typographical Say, in Creole linge,

THE NEW TOWN OFFICERS.

The Mayor and Aldermen elected last Saturday will meet to-day to qualify and organize in accordance with the town charter, and we presume the other officers chosen at the same election will file their oaths of office and bonds preparatory to entering upon the duties of their respective positions It is to be anticipated that the old officers excepting the Collector and Constable, who have been reëlected, will decline to abdicate without a contest, and a suit under the intrusion in office act is most likely to be added to the complications which have already arisen from the unjustifiable and reprehensible attempt of the town administration to requirements of law and trampling the ights of the people under foot.

We hold to the opinion that the decision of the Supreme Court in the pending manlamus suit will not affect the validity of the town election of Saturday last. Suppose the ruling of that tribunal should be in support of the position assumed by defendants, that Judge Cheevers was without jurisdiction to issue the mandamus ordering the Mayor and Aldermen to perform the duties the charter requires of them? The facts still remain that an election has been fixed by the charter of the town; and, the law iterates and reiterates that no failure of any officer to do his duty in relation to the conduct of an election shall deprive the people of the right to hold such election or vitiate its result when held. This may be characterized a cardinal principle of our election laws, and we shall not believe, until such a decision is rendered, that our or seek to establish the right of town offieers to disregard the plain provisions of law whenever it may suit their purpose or inclinations to do so.

OUR MANDAMUS SUITS. The town election suit, entitled State of Louisiana ex rel. Edgar A. Ramirez et als vs. The Mayor and Common Council of Donaldsonville, was called up in the Supremo Court last Monday on the rule commanding District Judge Cheevers to show cause why his court is not without jurisdiction in the case and why he should not allow defendants a suspensive appeal from the peremp tory mandate by him granted and decreed The Supreme Court gave five days delay within which to file briefs, three days to plaintiffs in writ and two days additional to respondents. The delay expires to-day and the matter will be taken under advisement by the Supreme Court, to be decided, mos probably, during week after next.

In the church mandamus case—President and Board of Church Wardens of the Roman Catholic Congregation of Ascension es. Bishop Perché et als—the rule against the Judge ad hoc was called up on Thursday, pursuant to assignment, and a delay of five days granted for the filing of briefs, just as was done in the town case.

OROP ITEMS.

We are indebted for the following items to a thoughtful friend who is familiar with the condition and prospects of the crops and cognizant of the improvements going on upon the plantations situated between Port Barrow and the upper line of our par ish on the right bank of the river.

Dr. W. H. Ballard's Chatham place has a fine cane crop and extensive improvements are in progress. The Doctor has received a magnificent flue boiler and a lot of iron pipes, through which syrup will be carried from Chatham sugar-house to the large refinery on the adjoining Germania planta- Eptron CHEET: tion of Mr. John Reuss, where it will be converted into sugar.

and is completing and improving his magdificent sugar-house on a grand scale.

The cane crop on Mr. R. H. Yale's Home which is also beautiful, is ready to lay by, gation. The charter is endorsed "Presby-much of it being waist high. A large pur-tére." I particularize that this may serve being put up. Mr. Yale is preparing to find it. The author of the lines will, theremake his own molasses barrels, and has a fore, pardon my liberty of sending them to

fourth year's crop. These will disappear, for themselves. I copy: however, as soon as the rice is high enough to stand flooding with water.

At the Adlard Landry and Mrs. Dodds places crops are very fine, as also on the Pelico place of Messrs. Bajol & St. Martin. liste des 'plus de mille' femaes et enfants The latter gentlemen are putting in some new machinery. The crops of the McCall Bros, and Souve

The crops of the McCall Recs, and Souve-nir places, as seen from the road, were clean, well worked and in fine condition.

Planters have been taking advantage of the dry weather and all along the line the crops are as clean as a floor. The public roads are in splendid order and up to Tuesday the river had fallen thirty-six Plus de sépultare, inches from the highest point attained this eason. Surely, this is a bright prospect!

According to the statement furnished us by Messrs. Delcry & Purves, weighers and gaugers at No. 33 North Front street, New Orleans, there were 150,653 hogsheads and

To our mind, the Farmerville Appeal has never before been so interesting or so well mit of Parnassus. gotten up as during the past few weeks and so far from the editor pro tem, owing paper during the absence of Col. Dawkins, some excitable lady, attributing the above

FIREMEN'S DAY. To-morrow the two leading fire companies of Donaldsonville-Phœnix Steam Fire Co. No. 1 and Ascension Hook and Ladder No. 1-will have their fifth joint annual celebration, and as we have repeatedly said heretofore, there is every prospect that it will be the most imposing and successful affair of its kind that has ever taken

place in our town. Arrangements for the afternoon parade, the evening dinner and the ball at night are complete in all necessary particulars. The new steamer is as bright as burnished metal can be made, the hook and ladder truck looks as pretty as a picture in a coat perpetuate itself in power by disobeying the of paint just administered by an artisan of highest skill in this line of work, and both apparatuses are being handsomely decorated by the deft and fertile fingers of the

kind lady friends of our fire laddies. A telegram just received from the Presidents of Jefferson 22 and Irad Ferry 12 of New Orleans, announces that about forty of the members of those companies will leave the city at 5 o'clock this evening, on the steamer H. Hanna Blanks, in response to the invitation extended those companies to participate in to-morrow's celebration. Delegations of Plaquemine and Napoleonville companies have also signified their intention of being with us, and it is probable that the number of visiting firemen will be from sixty to seventy-five. The Donaldsonville boys will have an excellent opportunity for displaying their capacity for entertain ing guests, and we doubt not they will ac quit themselves as creditably as they have done on similar occasions heretofore.

At this writing there is a promise of fine weather for the celebration and this is all that will be needed to put the finishing touch on the affair and realize the expectations of the most enthusiastic in connection

NOTICE TO VACATE.

communication from the Church Wardens to Father Couppens. Donaldsonville, La., May 11, 1883.

MR. EDITOR: I wish to lay before the Catholic Congre gation a specimen of the religious princicles of the so called Church Wardens. This telum was kindly handed to me by Contable Jim McCray. It reads as follows. Yours truly, F. X. CEUPPENS, DONALDSONVILLE, La., May 5, 1883.

REV. F. X. CEUPPENS, Donaldsonville, Reverend Sir—1 have been instructed by resolution adopted by the Board of Church of the Congregation of the Roman Catholic Church of Ascension to say that the ontinued failure to perform the religious services in the Catholic Church at Donaldsonville, as it was incumbent on you to do as the Curate of said church-

That the presbytery, adjacent to the church, was erected and established solely for the purose of being occupied as a residence by the Curate who, under the appointment of the Bishop, should devote himself to the performance of religious services in the church and to the spiritual welfare of the members of said congregation; that inasmuch as you utterly fail and neglect and refuse to attend to any refail and neglect and refuse to attend to any religious exercises whatever in said church, and ignore entirely the spiritual welfare of said congregation, the Board of Church Wardens consider that you are not entitled to occupy said presbytery building as a residence. They have therefore instructed me farther to say that they desire you will vacate the premises without delay, to the end that the buildings may not be longer diverted from the religious purposes for which they were intended.

Thave the longer to remain, very respectfully, your obschent servant. THEO, WEERE,
President of the Board of Church Wardens

His Rhymes on the Church Case-A Matrimonial Dialogue.

Our unfortunate church difficulty is apparently destined to bring out of obscurity our heretefore unknown poets. In proof of this, I enclose the following lines found on Lessard street, near Attakanas, in an envelope containing, also, a certified copy place is simply splendid, and his corn, of the new charter of the Catholic Congregery and storing room has been added to as an advertisement, so that the owner may the sugar-house and new machinery is recognize his property and know where to boat loaded with hoop-poles now at his you. I am convinced, besides, that he will feel proud to see them in print. They will, The rice crop on the Woodstock place is 1 think, compare favorably with the verses fair and promising, but there are consider- of "La Charité," or those of "Hunkadori" able weeds and false rice, this being the lately published in your paper. They speak

"Dialogue entre ma femme et moi un soir one l'allais a une assemblée des Char. tistes; elle ne voulait pas me donné mes pantalons neufs; elle avait signé la fameuse a la mamelle,"

Ou been ailleurs,
Your ses chers ecents
So dit la messe,
It puts confesse,
Pourquoi, Mattresse?
C'est tien decidé,
La propriét.
Sera pas donnée;
Et le vieux fiéro
Fera pas kino.
Life.

Cher, l'église en fermée! e; Moi. Plus de sépulture,
Pour cells qui est pure;
Non pius de baptème Donne moi mon thé,
Pour l'enfant que l'a mellus vite sois conchée.
Ni de marrage Que rieu ne le tracasse,
Pour ceux qui son tlout ça n'est que farce,
d'arge.
Et puis la fabrique,
Na pas vantique,
Pour le senismatique,
Qui casee sa pipe!
Si je no suis rimer.
J'at tonjours su signer
C'est pour sa clique!
La charte.
If true connoisseurs will bear in mind

If true connoisseurs will bear in mind that, poetically speaking, our parish is yet in its infancy, they will be indulgent in their criticism. They may, however, with propriety advise our young poets to exercise their growing gentus upon some other subject. For me, I hope they will continue in their Ascension and shortly reach the sum-

P. S. It would perhaps be better for me not to sign this communication, because Après l'Agésilas Helas,

Mais après l'Attila, Hola!

THE TOWN ELECTION.

Exercise of the Electoral Right Under Difthe present town administration to prevent the holding of the annual charter election last Saturday-in spite of the illegal and obstinate failure to provide ballot boxes registration lists, Constables, Clerks, and the necessary blanks for making the returns, an election was held under the esser tial forms of law, and 262 citizens went to the polls and deposited their ballots. Meetings were held at the various polling places and Commissioners of Election chosen and duly sworn; the Commissioners appointed a Deputy Sheriff for each poll, obtained regulation ballot boxes and proceeded to receive the votes of the people and to make the count and returns at night in the man ner required both by the town charter and the State election law. The vote was as

Wards....1

Second Ward-F. Leroy, . . . 51 Arnold Ramirez, . . 51 Third Ward-David Ross,... 128 128 128 128

There was one ticket in the second ward oox which was placed under the head of cattering. Returns were made in tripli cate, the District Judge, Parish Returning Officer and Clerk of Court being each pro rided with a copy. The Judge compiled the vote and notified the respective candi dates of their election, as contemplated by the town charter, while the Returning Of ficer made a similar compilation under the provisions of the general election law and ransmitted a certified return to the Secretary of State, and delivered two others to the Clerk of Court, who also transmitted a copy to the same State officer.

The vote for Mayor in 1882 was 437, of which Israel received 255 and Wilkinson 182; and in 1881, when the largest vote ever east in the town was thrown, Maher received 293 and Jacobs 210, a total of 503. It will be seen, therefore, that the vote east for the Martinez ticket last Saturday would constitute a majority of the largest vote ever polled at our town election, and that every one of the Martinez candidates received larger vote than Mr. Israel, who was elected Mayor last year by 73 majority in a very warm contest. Of course we do not think these emdidates would have received such a large vote had there been another ticket in the field, and many who voted merely to demonstrate their attitude in favor of au election being held according to law conhave been defeated had legitimate and reg ular methods been adopted to secure that end, but the arbitrary and unlawful course of those who seek to take away from the people the power of choosing their officers and throw it into the hands of the Gover nor was the means of discouragin; of tion and strengthening the candidate were placed in the position of representa-tives of the popular rights.

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