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TIME TABLE.

PASSENGER TRAINS GOING WEST.

	Local.		Through.
New Orleans.....	7 40	A. M.	12 15 P. M
Donaldsonville.....	11 31	A. M.	4 16 P. M
West B. Rouge Junc'n.	12 55	P. M.	5 05 P. M

PASSENGER TRAINS GOING EAST.

	Local.		Through.
West B. Rouge Junc'n.	1 20	P. M.	6 30 A. M
Donaldsonville.....	2 45	P. M.	7 38 A. M
New Orleans, arrives..	6 40	P. M.	10 50 A. M

Daily freight trains each way.

Commencing December 15th, tickets will be on sale at this place to and from New Orleans, good to return fifteen days from date of purchase at $3 25, this rate will continue until the close of the World's Fair.

S. S. INGMAN, Local Agent.

DONALDSONVILLE, LA.,

Saturday, December 27, '84.

LOCAL JOTTINGS.

Don't Stand Him Off.

[illegible] Joseph Coughlin will visit the [illegible] Master [illegible] the local patrons of the CHIEF with bills for subscriptions, advertising and job printing, and as he is a young man of tender susceptibilities we [illegible]estly hope no one will hurt his feelings by ca[illegible] bill or deferring payment. If we disputing [illegible]ting in the amounts due us, can succeed in ge[illegible] large and otherwise we will be enabled to e[illegible] still more improve our paper, making it [illegible] the community. A number of accounts have been allowed to run several years without a settlement, and the accumulation will perhaps give rise to dissatisfaction in some instances—particularly if any of the delinquents have acquired the strange hallucination that a newspaper is printed only as a matter of personal amusement to the proprietor and that advertisements are put in to improve the appearance of the sheet—but we will be content with partial payments in cases where the liquidation of the entire amounts at once would cause inconvenience, relying upon the integrity and justice of our debtors for a full adjustment a little later on.

Treat our collector kindly
Don't try to do him harm.
Or you'll be very apt to go
Where the weather's always warm.

Fireworks at Maurin's.

Happy New Year to everybody!

Hooks ball Thursday after next.

Jury list crowded out once more.

Go to the leap year and new year's ball.

If you want to have a boss New Year's dinner, buy your edibles at Maurin's Cheap Grocery Emporium.

I X L Cistern Manufactory has just received a large lot of the best seasoned cypress. Now is the time to order your cisterns.

The Assumption draws too much water to venture down the Lafourche yet and her bayou freights are being delivered by the job boat B. Lafourche.

The new Frank Pargoud, a big stern-wheel boat about the size of the Henry Frank, passed down Monday night with 4200 bales of cotton.

Master Ferdinand Lemann is at home for the holidays. He has been attending school at Cincinnati, and is making excellent progress with his studies.

Cheap Tony's sewing machine drawing came off yesterday and the prize was won by Francis Mollere, an old colored citizen of Donaldsonville, the holder of No. 584.

Owing to the inclement weather prevailing on Christmas day the sale of pews in the St. Francis of Assium's Church, Smoke Bend, was postponed. We presume it will take place to-morrow.

We've had four distinct kinds of weather this week, cold, warm, wet and dry, and the changes have been so rapid that sometimes it almost seemed as if we were being favored with all the species at once.

Mr. Alf. Reynand, the popular collector for the Red River and Coast Line packets, was in town a few days ago and favored us with a passing call. He is a genial and agreeable young gentleman and we always deem it a pleasure to meet him.

A fair is to be held at Bayou Goula on Saturday and Sunday, the 3rd and 4th of January, for the benefit of the St. Paul Catholic Church at that place. Entertainments of this character are always successful at Bayou Goula and this one promises to be no exception to the rule.

For good things to eat and drink, at prices that will astonish you, go to the Cheap Grocery Emporium.

Mr. Jos. M. Keating had the misfortune to sprain his ankle last week and is suffering considerable pain and inconvenience from the mishap, being unable to walk. He sticks to his work, however, and not only manages the O'Malley store in an efficient manner, but is taking an active part in the preparations for the annual Phœnix ball.

Bayou Lafourche has risen sufficiently to be navigable by the lighter draught packets. The Carroll backed down the stream Tuesday morning, followed on Wednesday by the Dickey and Alice LeBlanc. These boats have all come out again, the Carroll with a heavy cargo and the other two with fair loads. The water is yet too shallow for safe and speedy navigation.

We were much pleased to have a call last week from Mr. B. Lobit of Waco, Texas, a young gentleman who owns a cattle ranch near that place. Mr. Lobit is related to the Aristide Landry family of Ascension and the Gaudets of St. James. He is a warm friend of our esteemed young fellow townsman, R. McCulloh, Esq., and the main object of his visit to Donaldsonville was to meet Mr. McCulloh.

Robinson & Van Amburg's circus had bad luck on Christmas. No afternoon performance was given on account of the inclemency of the weather, and the same cause kept people indoors at night, so that the show was visited by a slim audience. The tent was crowded at Bierne's place on Wednesday, but we have not learned what fortune attended the show at New River lane yesterday.

The board of directors of the Donaldsonville Bridge Company met last Saturday at the office of Secretary Leche and declared a dividend of $3 50 per share, payable at the office of the Treasurer, Mr. Bernard Lemann, on or after the 10th of January. It was decided that the dates for declaring semi-annual dividends be changed from the 1st to the 10th of January and July, and there being no further business the board adjourned.

Don't miss the combined leap year and firemen's anniversary ball at Phœnix Hall next Wednesday night.

Get your holiday goods at Maurin's and you will not only secure the best in the market but will save money at the same time.

Mrs. R. A. Bentley of Green Hill, Ohio, expects to reach Donaldsonville on Tuesday to spend New Year's at the home of her son, the editor of the CHIEF. Mrs. Bentley formerly resided in Louisiana and revisits the State after an absence of seventeen years. She is now in New Orleans where she has been spending Christmas week with the family of her eldest son, Hon. Emerson Bentley.

Mr. Felix LeBlanc's new boat, which he has christened Alice LeBlanc in honor of his little daughter, steamed away from her moorings Wednesday afternoon and made a highly satisfactory trip down the Bayou Lafourche and back again. She is a natty little craft, an honor to her enterprising owner and to the town where she was built. We shall pay our respects to the new boat and her crew more elaborately next week.

A fine large turnip weighing 6¾ pounds was sent to the CHIEF office this week by our thoughtful young friend Emile Levy. The vegetable was raised in upper Assumption, near Cahen's store, where Mr. Levy is employed as a salesman, and it spoke well for the productiveness and fertility of the soil in that neighborhood. As a rule very large vegetables are pithy, coarse or tough but we have never tasted a nicer, tenderer or better flavored turnip than the specimen Mr. Levy sent us.

Mr. B. Rybiski is moving his drug store from its old stand below St. Patrick street into his new two story building which is situated one block nearer the business centre of the town and on the lower side of the main street, a much more desirable location than the old one. Having more room and greater conveniences than before, the proprietor proposes to largely increase his stock and to conduct an establishment that will compare favorably with any drug store in this section. The upper story of the building will be occupied as a residence, and Mr. Rybiski's family are already installed there.

The Donaldsonville Telephone Exchange has been removed from its former location adjoining the Lee Hotel to much more desirable quarters in the upper story of the new building on Mississippi street between Mrs. Blum's millinery establishment and Mrs. Rybisbi's new drug store. Most of the patrons of the Exchange will welcome this transfer, as it is now possible to transmit and receive messages with some degree of privacy. Mr. J. T. Jones, the young gentleman in charge of the office, is a courteous, obliging and skillful operator, who thoroughly understands his business and performs his duties in a most acceptable manner.

HOOK AND LADDER BALL.—The following named committees have been designated to conduct the several departments of the ball which is to take place at Hook and Ladder Hall on the 8th of January:

Committee of Arrangements—T. W. Cook, chairman; Myer Lemann, Pierre Klopman.

Committee of Invitation—D. Israel, chairman; H. Cook, Jr., C. Bercegeay, Frod. Seip, S. Tobias, Thomas Harp.

Committee of Reception—C. Kline, chairman; H. N. Sims, L. E. Bentley, S. M. Melancon, M. Bradford, A. Gomez, W. T. Rodrigue.

Floor Managers—Henry Cook, Sr., chairman; Pierre Klopman, P. Reddington.

Ladies' invitations are being distributed, and should any oversights occur they will be at once rectified upon notification to David Israel, Esq., chairman of the invitation committee.

Our friend Mr. Wm. P. Dixson of the tenth ward was in town on Monday of last week and brought us the mournful news of the death of his venerable mother, Mrs. A. M. Dixson, who died on the 4th inst., aged 73 years. On the 13th inst., Mrs. Dixson's son-in-law, Chris. C. Webb, Esq., also died after a brief illness, leaving a wife and seven children. Mr. Webb was something over 50 years of age, and was a respected citizen of the section in which he lived. He was buried at the old Dixson graveyard, in East Baton Rouge parish, near Hope Villa, and the funeral was conducted by Milford Masonic Lodge No. 117, of which deceased was a worthy member. We deeply sympathize with the relatives of Mrs. Dixson and Mr. Webb in the bereavement they have sustained.

SUCCESSION SALES.—On the 24th of January the Sheriff of this parish will sell at auction on the premises, the real estate and movable property belonging to the succession of the late Daniel G. Neams. There are two tracts of land, one measuring 1¼ arpents front on the Mississippi river, the other ½ an arpent front on the same stream and both having a depth of about 35 arpents. The leases of three other adjacent tracts are to be sold, together with six mules, four horses, a lot of agricultural implements, three 3-mule carts, one 1-mule cart, a lot of tools, household furniture, corn, wood and hay, and seed cane sufficient to plant about twelve acres. The buildings and improvements go with the land, as usual. The sale will begin at 11 o'clock A. M., and the terms are cash.

On the same day the Sheriff will also offer in like manner a portion of the property of the late Benajah Gibson, comprising the Gem plantation, with its buildings, improvements and appurtenances as described in the inventory on file in the office of the Clerk of Court and Recorder; a small tract with seventy feet front adjoining the plantation on the upper side, together with its buildings and improvements, and the unexpired term of the lease of the Landry tract contiguous to the Gem place. There are 27 acres of seed cane and 50 acres first-year stubble on the plantation, 18 acres of seed cane and 18 acres of stubble on the Landry tract. The terms and conditions are cash in United States currency and an assumption by the purchaser of all the obligations imposed by the Landry lease.

On the ensuing Saturday, the 31st of January, the same officer will sell in like manner additional property belonging to the Gibson succession, consisting of the lands and improvements situated between the village of Darrowville and the upper portion of the LeBlanc tract purchased by Mr. Gibson from the Citizens' Bank. We shall give a more detailed description in our next issue of the property to be sold on the 31st of January. The terms of the latter sale are cash in United States currency.

As a raindrop foretells a storm, so does a pimple upon the human body indicate health-destroying virus in the blood, which can be neutralized and expelled only by Dr. Harter's Iron Tonic.—*Ex.*

The Leap Year Hop.

An Enjoyable and Successful Entertainment Managed by Young Ladies.

The leap year hop given at Phœnix Hall Christmas eve under the management of a committee of young ladies, although virtually an impromptu affair, met with a high measure of success and was just one of the nicest entertainments imaginable. The managing and reception committees consisted of Misses Clara Keating, Adele Mollere, Ella Allain, Emily Mavor, Mary Gaudet and Ida Allain, who performed their duties in a manner not to be excelled. Guests were received at the head of the stairway and escorted to seats with ornate courtesy and all through the evening the ladies were most attentive to their masculine visitors, being careful to see that none of the boys were neglected at refreshment time and that even the least attractive and most diffident were afforded occassional opportunities of participating in the pleasures of the dance.

Dancing was kept up until 2:30 A. M., with occasional intermissions for rest and refreshments. Cake and light wines were served under the supervision of Mrs. C. Keating, Mrs. J. Wilderson and Miss Ella Allain, and at midnight a delicious egg-nogg was prepared with which to usher in the birth of Christmas. The music for the occasion was kindly furnished by Mrs. M. A. Gaudet, and it is unnecessary to say that it was of the best order.

Besides the ladies already mentioned there were present Misses Lelia Pike, Marie Lavigne, Mario Ayraud, Bertha Tobias, Adeline Israel, Louise, Antonio and Regina Bercegeay, Bella and Coralie Levy, Lisette Israel, Bella Jacobs and Delphine Buquoi, Mmes. H. F. Sharp, S. S. Ingman, R. McCulloh, V. Maurin, L. E. Bentley, Lavigne and Ayraud.

Among the blushing youths whose good looks and freshness—some of them were very fresh—gave an almost indescribable charm to the occasion we noticed Messrs. E. F. Bertaut, Julius Thal, S. B. Burbank, A. J. Troné, Emile Levy, John F. Terrio, L. Sidney Landry, A. J. Reynolds, W. D. Park, F. N. Gray, Henry A. Terrio, Theo. Allain, Joseph, Désiré and G. A. Gondran, Jacob Blum, Melville Israel, John Mollere, A. P. Baudier, J. J. and Leo Greenwood, Henry Comstock, Robert and Tuite Hanson and Henry Buquoi. The married contingent was represented by Messrs. Ingman, McCulloh and Bentley.

As we have intimated above, the gentlemen were well treated by their fair entertainers in the matter of invitations to dance, and there were no wholly hopeless cases of wall flower, but some of the boys had it pretty bad, nevertheless, and the floral decorations were always conspicuous along the sides of the hall.

We congratulate the projectors of this entertainment upon the handsome success they achieved. The idea was well conceived and most admirably executed.

Usher in the new year with mirth and gladness by attending the grand combination ball at Phœnix Hall next Wednesday night. See advertisement.

SUGAR SQUIBS.—Grinding is over, we understand, on every plantation in Ascension, but on a few places—New Hope, Clark and perhaps one or two others—the work of drying second and third sugars is not quite concluded. New Hope sugar-house will probably be the only one in the parish to have steam up later than New Year's day.

Mr. R. M. Sandys, architect and chemist, under whose supervision the new sugar-house was built and has been operated during the past season, claims that it requires one-half less fuel to make 1000 pounds of sugar at New Hope than in any other sugar-house in the State. The structure was put up in about six months, from Mr. Sandys' own plans, and besides being a creditable specimen of architectural skill, it possesses advantages and improvements that will no doubt make it the equal if not the superior of any mill in the State.

We are in receipt of three samples of the sugar manufactured this season at New Hope, being the first, second and third qualities, or white, yellow clarified granulated in the vacuum pan and yellow clarified granulated in the hot room. They all compare favorably with any samples we have seen of this year's crop.

The salaries and wages of employés on sugar plantations are to undergo a heavy reduction after the 1st of January. Managers and their assistants are to suffer a reduction of fifty per cent. as a general rule, while the watchmen, hostlers, laborers, etc., will be paid considerably less the coming year than they have been heretofore. The extraordinarily low prices brought by cane products have compelled our planters to reduce their expenses greatly or go by the board, and so far as we are informed there appears to be a general disposition on the part of employés to recognize the necessity for the cut and to accept the situation with as good grace as possible. Laborers are to be paid from sixty to seventy cents per day, only the best of plowmen and field hands to receive the latter figure. It is indeed a dark hour for our sugar interest, but we believe the cloud that hangs over us has a silver lining and that there are brighter days ahead.

LEGAL BLANKS.—Justices of the Peace will find always on hand at the CHIEF office a stock of all the legal blanks commonly used in the transaction of the business of their courts, such as affidavits, bonds, warrants, commitments, subpœnas, citations, marriage certificates, etc. These blanks are printed on fine paper, after the most approved legal forms, and are sold at low rates in quanities to suit.

A complete stock of holiday goods, such as mincemeat, currants, almonds, fancy candies and fireworks of all kinds at Maurin's Cheap Grocery Emporium.

He Thanks His Paper.

Mr. Editor:—I was induced by reading your good paper to try Dr. Harter's Iron Tonic for debility, liver disorder and scrofula, and three bottles have cured me. Accept my thanks. Jos. C. Boggs.

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in the Post-office at Donaldsonville, Ascension Parish, La., Dec. 27, 1884.

Boss, Louise	Landry, Miss Molonie
Blanchard, C J	Lovidear, Mrs Eliza
Comeany, Duncan	Martinez, A
Campbell, Miss C	Manuel, Mrs Elizabeth
Cobweet, William	Montalleano, A
Crandell, Mrs C	McCrary, James
Devereaux, Daniel	Nelden, Alex
Ellzy, Jeptha	Necoto, M A Mueti
Ellek, William	Ross, Rev George
Feb, Mrs Mary D	Roberts, Bob
Hillard, Miner	Rokney, George
Haris, Samuel	Robberts, Robbert
Johnson, Mrs Mathew	Swayne, Mrs Agnes
Johnson, Thommust	Thomas, Miss J
Keirst, Ed	Trangott, J
Kingbrel, Chas	Troneale, Giochino
Kinner, Thomas	Williams, Jas
Lester, James W	Wodned, Blurt

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Western Produce Depot, Railroad Avenue,

The attendance at the skating rink increases daily in spite of the unfavorable weather and the venture of Messrs. Burbank & Troné now bids fair to be a complete success.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Card of Thanks.

DONALDSONVILLE, December 27, 1884.

THE undersigned, on behalf of themselves and of Blue Bucket Fire Company, desire to return hearty thanks to all who assisted or patronized them in their efforts to make a success of the Christmas festival given at Blue Bucket Hall on Wednesday and Thursday last. To Mrs. M. Israel & Co. and Mr. L. D. Vega we are especially grateful for generous contributions, and also to Mrs. C. Coughlin for kind assistance.

We take occasion to announce that in the raffling of prizes the first cake was won by No. 100, held by Miss Bella Israel; the second cake by No. 99, held by Mr. L. T. Duffel; the wax doll by No. 36, held by Mr. F. P. Schaer; the fluting iron by No. 4, held by Mrs. Maurice Braud.

Mrs. ALBERT RMANT,
" EUGENE OLWART,
" V. C. CANRELLE,
" EMANUEL BERCIER,
" JOS. A. DEFEL,
" MADISON CARROLL,
" C. FRANOIS.

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CONSUMPTION. I have a positive remedy for the above disease; by its use thousands of cases of the worst and of long standing have been cured. Indeed, so strong is my faith in its efficacy, that I will send TWO BOTTLES FREE, together with a VALUABLE TREATISE on this disease to any sufferer. Give express and P. O. address. DR. T. A. SLOCUM, 181 Pearl St., New York.

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If you have Dyspepsia, Rheumatism, Kidney or Urinary Complaints, or if you are troubled with any disorder of the lungs, stomach, bowels, blood or nerves you can be cured by PARKER'S TONIC.

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CAUTION!—Refuse all substitutes. Parker's Tonic is composed of the best medial agents in the world, and is entirely different from preparations of ginger alone. Sd for circular.

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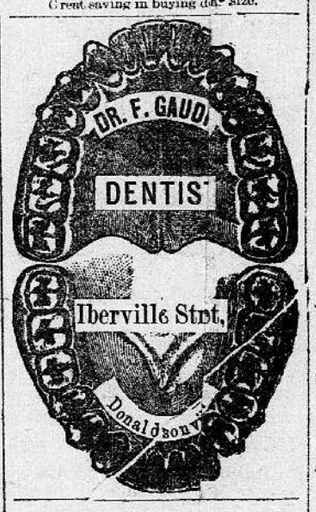

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Phœnix Steam Fire Company No. 1,

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AND A GRAND LEAP YEAR BALL

In connection therewith under the management of a

COMMITTEE OF YOUNG LADIES,

WEDNESDAY NIGHT, DECEMBER 31, '84, AT PHŒNIX HALL.

You are most respectfully invited to attend.

GENTLEMEN WILL BE CHARGED AN ADMISSION FEE OF ONE DOLLAR EACH.

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Weight 9 Lbs. LENGTH OF BARREL 22 TO 28 INCHES. SHOOTS ACCURATELY UP TO 1200 YARDS. GOOD WITH SHOT AT 100 YARDS.

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It is the Best Gun in the World For Large or Small Game, and is equal to any Gun Used Instantly as a Rifle or Fine Gun. Good for Ducks, Geese, Wild Turkey, Quail, Chicken Hawk, Squirrels, Rabbits, Plover, Snipe, Robins, Blackbirds, and Other Small Game. Shoots Shot Shells or Ball Cartridges with Equal Accuracy. Shoots Ball Cartridges Accurately 1,200 Yards. Shot Shells Equal to any Gun Made. Shot Cartridges Equal to any Gun Made. Ball Cartridges Equal to any Rifle. Shot Shells Loaded with Smokeless Powder. Ball Cartridges Loaded with Black Powder. Shot Shells Loaded with Black Powder. Ball Cartridges