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Candidates' Announcements.

We are authorized to announce J. M. ISRAEL & CO. as candidates for the position of dealers in the cheapest and best goods to be had in the town of Donaldsonville.

The undersigned beg leave to announce themselves as aspirants for the public favor and solicit the support of all persons who have their own interests at heart.

Gen. Grant's condition has been virtually unchanged for the past two or three weeks.

For reasonable goods of all kinds at half times price call on Mrs. Israel & Co.

The St. Charles Echo dubs the Democrats who oppose the State administration as "the Magnificent Louisiana Democracy."

It is feared new complications are about to arise relative to the African question that will endanger the peaceful settlement of that controversy by England and Russia.

Major Maurin and Messrs. Paul Leche, H. Noree and R. McCallie spent together several days through last week in New Orleans. Our devil wants to know what they were doing there.

Fresh lot of Little Junco Creamery—a cheese that can't be beat—at Maurin's Cheap Grocery Emporium.

Mr. Robert Bonner's celebrated mare Maud S is in training at Cleveland, and when she is in proper condition an effort will be made to lower her trotting record.

It is stated that after next week Father Rouaudier will have mass regularly every Sunday morning at the chapel in Sautole Bend. The services will be performed early in the morning so as not to interfere with those of a later hour in Donaldsonville.

Full left hand Spaulding's catchers' gloves, and a full line of Spaulding's base ball supplies always on hand at Ingman's.

The P. A. Donnelly of New Orleans and Fortiers of Donaldsonville will play a game of base ball at the new Cleveland park in this town, Sunday, the 19th. Play begins at 2:30 P. M.; admission to park, 25 cents.

Mr. Wm. T. Carrigan, a planter and business man residing at Morgan City, has been appointed Collector of Customs for the district of the Teche, a position now held by our genial friend Jas. R. Jolley, Esq., editor of the St. Mary Review.

T. J. Bonso, Chief of Aids on the New Orleans police force, was shot and dangerously wounded yesterday morning by Miss Jean that of the Kuhn, a girl 18 years old who was betrayed by means of a forged photograph, and subsequently dejected and surrounded herself and her mother in a room at the Hotel de la Ville.

Mr. Gabriel Montagu has received his commission and entered upon the discharge of his duties as Superintendent of the Mint at New Orleans. One of his first objects was to remove half a dozen workmen, and it is believed will effect a thorough re-arrangement of the present employees of the Mint and fill their places with Democrats.

Fishing parties should provide themselves with Maurin's picnic hams before starting for Grand Bayou or Bayou Corne.

Intense excitement has been created in Donaldsonville by the exposure through the columns of the Chief of the most successful high society circles in London. The scandalous revelations are to be made the subject of Parliamentary inquiry.

Widow Paul Deconno, nee Ann Gaudry, aged 82 years, died on Thursday at the home of her father, M. Narcisse, in the parish of Assumption, a mile and a half above Plaquemine. We are glad that the illness of this estimable woman was caused by exposure to the sun on a fishing excursion to Lake Verret. Deconno was buried and extended

A WEST POINT VACANCY.

In the month of June, 1885, a vacancy will occur in the United States Military Academy at West Point which Hon. E. J. Gay, Member of Congress from the Third District of Louisiana, will have the right to fill by recommendation to the Secretary of War for appointment. Instead of exercising this privilege arbitrarily, however, Mr. Gay has concluded to recommend the young man who shall prove himself best qualified in a competitive examination to be held at the town of Plaquemine on Thursday, August 11, proximo.

Alex. Hebert, Esq., the accomplished District Attorney of the Berwick judicial District, has been designated to act as chairman of the examining board and accept the position. Applicants for examination must present themselves to this board on the date mentioned. The qualifications essential to examination and admission to the West Point Academy comprise residence in the Third Congressional District, age from 17 to 25 years, height at least five feet, freedom from any physical deformity, disease or infirmity which may render him unfit for military service; and it is further required that applicant must be well versed in reading, writing, orthography, arithmetic, and have a knowledge of the elements of English grammar, of descriptive geography (particularly of our own country), and the history of the United States.

The applicant will be required to present himself at West Point not later than July 11, 1885, for examination according to regulations.

The young man taking second best rank in the preliminary examination at Plaquemine will be named as an alternate and will receive the appointment to West Point at the applicant taking first place should for any reason fail of admission to the Academy.

RESIGNATION-APPOINTMENTS.

Hon. P. B. S. Pinchback, the prominent colored man who has for several years past filled the important position of Surveyor of Customs at New Orleans, applied recently for a leave of absence in order that he might make a northern trip with his family. The application was denied, whereupon the Surveyor immediately forwarded his resignation and started out on his coveted summer excursion. There was no good reason why the requested leave should have been refused, and we can not but admire the manly spirit of independence exhibited by Mr. Pinchback in resending the attempt to make him the victim of an arbitrary exercise of authority on the part of an official superior.

Mr. Richard Simont, an old steamboatman widely and most favorably known throughout the lower Mississippi and Red river valleys, has been appointed Surveyor of Customs to succeed Mr. Pinchback, and the selection meets with general approbation. Capt. Simont is a whole-souled, worthy gentleman, possessing qualifications which should enable him to perform his duties with efficiency and we have no doubt he will prove one of the best and most popular of our Federal officials under the new régime.

A still more recent appointment is that of Mr. R. B. Plessens, also of New Orleans, to the United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Louisiana. This gentleman also enjoys widespread popularity and there is every reason to expect that he will make an excellent officer. It is due as well as his able republican predecessor, Col. J. B. G. Pihlan, the government, his friends and himself will have equal reason for satisfaction.

EXPLOSION OF AN OLD THEORY.

A recent edition of Science, a journal published in Cambridge, Mass., reproduces statistics of mortality from consumption at different periods of life in Prussia and gives Würzburg's table calculated on every 10,000 persons living at each period. From this it would seem that the theory handed down from Hippocrates and relied upon by the general masses of this day that the greatest susceptibility to phthisis pulmonalis occurred in persons between the ages of 25 and 30 years is a fallacy, and that a man's liability to this disease increases from puberty till 40 years. These statistics have been computed by taking the whole number of persons living at a given age and calculating from among them the percentage of those dying from consumption, before taking the mortality of each individual as a fraction of the total mortality of all ages.

The method it is shown merely that during certain periods of life more individuals die of phthisis than during other periods. These periods, however, simply to say that during these periods of life a greater number of people are living. The total number of deaths from phthisis disease, at any given age, must be greater or less according to the number of people existing at that age, and a large proportion of mankind live from 25 to 30 years old. Other scientists who taking up the same old investigation where Würzburg discontinued, affirming his theory, have tabulated the duration of consumption in persons at different decades of life and ascertained that more than 20 years of age the great majority of patients die within a year from the contraction of the ailment. That the earlier there is a lengthening of the duration of the sickness, until after 20 years of age, when it extends as a rule from three to many years. It is argued from this that the greater mortality of advanced age is due to the carrying over of the contracted virus. But this is a fallacy, the old idea must necessarily be supported for the largest proportion of these cases occurred after 20 years of age. With the march of science have been exploded very many old beliefs which, established by long years of reliance, required strong proof and arguments to the contrary to shake them.

New River Turnpike.

There seems to be a general feeling existing in the most of every community, who are prone to be chronic skeptics, and the friends of the Assumption Turnpike seem to be one of those unfortunate individuals. He vents his life in a quarter column of matter in the Democrat which is void of all argument and is interspersed with absurdity and postulated assertions. "Observer" in taking exceptions to the course pursued by the Police Jury in connection with the New River Lane Company's enterprise, and his insinuation tending to convey the idea that this honorable body is stalling with the company is noticed in the extreme and unworthy of a citizen.

I will in a few words explain how this so-called monstrous monopoly sprang into existence. The New River road has been in existence for the past forty years and during that time has been in an almost impassable condition. This road being the only outlet for our parish seat, you can imagine the inconvenience of eight thousand souls who traverse the road, and readily understand why they want a good thoroughfare.

The proposition of "Observer" that the Police Jury build said road, and if toll must be collected for the parish to collect it, meets our approbation and the above has been offered in the form of a resolution (time and time again) by our most efficient and energetic member from this ward, Capt. Jos. Gonzalez, which resolution was repeatedly voted down. Mr. McCallie in lieu of this resolution proposed that if the people of the seventh and eighth wards most interested would form a stock company the parish would donate to the company \$200 and \$100 a year to keep the road in repairs, and that the parish would grant to said stock company the lease of said road for ten years with the right to collect tolls specified in the resolution creating the same, which toll is insignificant in comparison with the facilities meaning. This sprung into existence the New River Lane Company upon whose head our honorable member is venting his spleen and howling for justice.

It is our idea that the action of the Jury was the best step to take in the matter, the parties comprising the company are not most interested and the completion and maintenance of the road will be secured, while on the other hand, if the parish had control the road would eventually, for want of proper care, return to its former impassable condition.

Mr. editor, we poor people of New River, as we are termed by "Observer," do not propose that our roads shall be infested with Florida alligator holes or made the haunt of mosquitoes, the great and wonderful extractors of malaria, to suit the whims of such individuals as our Floridian physician; therefore, we have had the audacity to attempt the building of this road and are looking out for four hundred dollar contractors to do the job for which fifty of three thousand and three thousand two hundred dollars have been offered by contractors Reddington and O'Malley.

If "Observer" is looking out for a fat thing he can be accommodated by the company, as they will give trouble the limit he sets upon the work if he completes the job. It is our opinion if our friend does not use better judgment in the dissecting of human bodies than in the case of dissecting or cutting up of a road, he has missed his vocation. What has been done by the New River Lane Company has been done solely for the good of the New River people and they are willing and ready to turn over the enterprise to the chronic skeptics or scribblers for fat things, as they are aware they have no business. As to their justification in authorizing the completion of this road, we refer to the completion of this road, the Police Jury sought the advice of one of our leading lawyers and acted on his suggestion, therefore everything was done in accordance with law. Possibly our Floridian friend is not so well versed in Louisiana law as in the treatment of malaria with mosquito lancets. "The people of New River do not understand." Yes, "Observer" is right; they do not understand how a road could be completed for four hundred dollars that will cost three thousand, nor do they understand the presumption of a Floridian quack who attempts to criticize the ratings of one of our leading lights of the law or of their institutions upon our most honorable Police Jury.

NEW RIVER.

Bar Barre—Two placed names played last Sunday at Nolan park under the names of M. Renault and B. Lemans. The Renault won by a score of 9 to 8.

The Victims of Plaquemine defeated the Ramos club of Baton Rouge by a score of 10 to 0 at Plaquemine last Sunday.

The Lomely club of New Orleans will arrive here to-morrow by the Mississippi Valley road and will play the Portiers of this place at Nolan park. Game to commence at 2 P. M. The visitors will return to New Orleans by the same road to-morrow evening immediately after the game.

The Lees (de Nolan) have here for Saturday to-morrow morning by the T. & P. Road, playing at Plaquemine in the evening with the Victims of that town. They will have a series of three games with the O. K. club in Shreveport and on their way back they will play at Cheyeville. The boys all anticipate a good time and we feel assured they will not be disappointed.

The Republican State convention of Virginia held this week at Richmond was attended by more than 200 delegates, and its work indicates that the campaign in that State is to be conducted with great vigor and confident anticipations of success on the part of the Republicans. Hon. John S. Wise was nominated for Governor on an aggressive platform. A motion of delegations to create a serious division in the party, but the trouble was amicably settled and delegates Matthews and Hill re-arranged about hands

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