

The Donaldsonville Chief.

Two Dollars a Year.

Written for the Chief.

THE SHOWERS OF SPRING.

Respectfully dedicated to the Police Jury of Donaldsonville, La.

By TOMMY J.

The showers that fall in the spring, tra-la,

Knock out of our nose all his rhyme,

And profanity gets a full swing, tra-la,

Oh, give the blessed dandy, oh, tra-la,

Who can't get about half the time,

And we roar and we kick as we go at the ditch,

Oh, hang all these showers of spring!

The showers that fall in the spring, tra-la,

Have scented the New River Lane,

And the crows control the whole thing, tra-la,

How we wish we had hold of the string, tra-la,

The Police Jury all are to blame,

Of their Road Machine they glory in;

Would they'd just introduce to the Lane the

thing;

Tra-la-la-la, tra-la-la-la,

Oh, wouldn't we have our fling this spring?

Oh, hush!

Tobacco Seed.—Mr. Wm. Eggert, Jr.,

of Eggert, Miller & Co., Cincinnati, dealers

in imported and domestic leaf tobacco,

sends several packages of choice tobacco

seed and requests that it be distributed

to intelligent farmers in this parish who will

suspect to plant and cultivate it properly

according to conditions and directions

given in a circular which accompanies each

packet. Mr. Eggert says the seed is from

the finest grades of cigar leaf tobacco, and

he thus explains his reasons for desiring it

planted in the South:

The Northern States are not progressing in

the quality of their crops of cigar leaf—the

contrast is the case—and one of the leading

causes is that the seasons are too short

for proper maturing and curing of fine quality

cigar leaf. Another cause is probably that soils

are exhausted or becoming so, of the organic

food elements, from long continued raising of

tobacco. In fertilizing their fields, the North-

ern cigar leaf raisers have made use of sub-

stances whose influence is such that each suc-

ceeding season records a deterioration in dis-

table qualities. The tobacco produced keeps

up in weight and spread of leaf, but, as a whole,

is unreliable in learning qualities, is coarse

and harsh and woody, and not as attractive in ap-

pearance, in taste or aroma, as former years.

From necessity manufacturers of fine cigars

are now compelled to use imported cigar leaf

for wrapping purposes, whereas formerly the

domestic leaf was entirely satisfactory. The

domestic leaf, when properly cured, is no ex-

cellent in texture and burning, that the domes-

tic cigar tobacco as now produced by the old

cigar leaf States, are disliked by manufacturers

of fine cigars.

The remedy is—entirely different but choice

soil—a different soil, or one rich in organic

matter, and not just saturated with repeated

crops of tobacco, and a different growing and curing

season, which latter is of the greatest impor-

tance, and beyond the reach of the Northern

States, consequently I believe that some one of

the Southern States will eventually produce a

super grade of cigar leaf, no more pro-

duced by any of the Northern States.

We shall take pleasure in distributing

the seed as requested, and readers of our

paper desiring to obtain a supply and will-

ing to conform to the prescribed conditions,

should make application without delay, as we

have only a small quantity at our dis-

posal and "first come first served" will

be the rule observed in its distribution.

Each packet contains seed calculated to

produce a sufficient number of plants to

cover one acre of ground; these in turn

should give from 500 to 1000 pounds of to-

bacco, worth from five to twenty cents per

pound, according to quality.

Eleven colored residents of the ninth

ward were arrested and brought before Jus-

tice Martinez on the 9th of April, charged

with shooting at and whipping Robt. John-

son, a colored citizen of the Burnett Set-

tlement neighborhood. Johnson had been

paying court to a widow woman, whom he

is shortly to marry, but the course of their

true love was interrupted by the appear-

MARKED.—Wednesday evening before last, April 25, at the Methodist Church of Port Vincent, Mr. H. H. Denham and Miss Sallie Robertson were united in the bonds of matrimony by Rev. Mr. Scarborough of the M. E. Church South. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, the ceremony attracted quite a large attendance of the relatives and friends of the happy couple, and the affair passed off with the usual success in such occasions. The groom is a native of East Baton Rouge, but now resides in the parish of Iberville, where he is employed as the efficient and prosperous manager of a sugar plantation near Plaquemine, and the bride is a charming daughter of Mr. J. F. Robertson of Port Vincent and sister of Misses Lella and Pattie Robertson; the accomplished teachers of public schools in the tenth ward of this parish. The Chief extends hearty congratulations to Mr. Denham and his bride, and sincerely wishes them a generous measure of the blessings and felicity which flow from the union of hearts that are fond and true.

Prickly Ash Bitters is an unfailing specific for all complaints arising from a derangement of the functions of the Liver. It purifies the blood, and induces new life into the morbid Pains in the side, general weakness, loss of appetite, headache, bilious attacks, &c., &c., are sure indications that a corrective is needed. Prickly Ash Bitters is especially adapted for these complaints. It arouses a torpid liver to action and restores it to a healthy condition.

Mr. Vincent T. Landry of New River, in this parish, has a fifty-cent silver coin, struck by the United States Government in the year 1817, and is desirous of ascertaining whether it belongs to any of the classes of old coins which command a premium upon their face value by reason of their age and rarity. Upon the face of the piece in question appears the familiar vignette of the Goddess of Liberty, with the word "Liberty" on a band surrounding the head, seven stars appearing upon the left of the vignette, six upon the right and the date "1817" beneath it. Upon the reverse is the figure of that proud bird of freedom, the American eagle, with "United States of America" and the motto "E Pluribus Unum" above him and "50c" below. If any reader of the Chief is sufficiently well versed in numismatology to give us the value of this coin, the information will be acknowledged with pleasure by Mr. Landry and ourselves.

An Entertaining, Reliable House.

J. H. Mathieu can always be relied upon, not only to carry in stock the best of every-

thing, but to secure the Agency for such ar-

ticles as have well known merit, and are popu-

lar with the people, thereby sustaining the

reputation of his always enterprising, and

reliable, House. Having secured the Agency for

the celebrated Dr. King's New Discovery for

Consumption, will sell it on positive guaran-

tee. It will surely cure any and every affection

of Throat, Lungs and Chest, and to show our

confidence, we invite you to call and get a trial

bottle free.

If out of sorts, with headache, stomach dis-

order, torpid liver, pain in back or side, consti-

pation, or, in fact, any ailment, one dose of

strong's "Santative Pills" will give relief. A

few doses restore to new health and vigor.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

There is no better quality of bread in this

town than that baked at the Acme Bakery,

on Claiborne street, and we feel confident

that this assertion will be confirmed by

every disinterested and competent person

who has examined or eaten samples of the

product of our various bakeries. By using

the choicest brands of flour and employing

the best of skilled labor, the enterprising

young manager, Mr. H. O. Maher, Jr., is

enabled to supply consumers with bread

that is unequalled in appearance, whole-

some-ness or any other of the essential ele-

ments constituting a first-class grade of

this necessary article of food. Although in-

curring greater cost in its production, Mr.

Maher sells his bread at prices com-

peting with those of the other bakeries, and

he therefore doubly merits the liberal pa-

tronsage of the public.

I HAVE TAKEN SEVERAL

Bottles of your Female Regulator for falling

of the womb and other diseases combined, of

16 years standing, and I really believe I am

cured entirely, for which please accept my

heartfelt thanks. I know your medicine saved

my life, so you see I cannot speak too highly

in its favor. MRS. W. E. STEWART, Ladies, Ga.

Treatise on "Woman" mailed free.

HEADFIELD REGULATOR CO., Atlanta.

The National Cotton Planters' Association,

to whom belongs the credit of having in-

augurated the late World's Exposition, pro-

pose to arrange for a grand cotton

States agricultural field contest to take

place during the year 1887 at some point

to be selected. A number of large

prizes will be offered and it is intended, as

announced in the Association's circular, to

make the affair such a one as "has never

been excelled in magnitude or importance

in the history of the world." The various

Southern cities will be invited to compete

for the location of the contest and no bid

less than \$50,000 will be accepted.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The Best Salve in the world for Cuts,

Bruises, Sores, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter,

Chapped Hands, Old Sores, and all

Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or

hemorrhoids, and restores the system to

perfect satisfaction. It is guaranteed to give per-

manent relief, or money refunded. Price, 50

cents per box. For sale by J. H. Mathieu.

As will be seen by an advertisement

appearing in another column, a system

Gov. McEnery having commissioned Mr. Wm. Rogers as Justice of the Peace for the eighth Justice ward of this parish, sixty-five citizens of the ward have signed a petition for the revocation of the appointment. The document alleges that good and sufficient reasons for this action can be given, but does not state what they are. We understand that Judge T. W. Brown, Sr., formerly magistrate of the tenth ward, is the almost unanimous choice of the citizens of the ward for the position to which Mr. Rogers has been appointed, and that the same persons who have petitioned for the recall of the latter's commission have subscribed to another petition for the appointment of "Squire Brown."

You are not old, yet your hair is getting thin. Your friends remark it, your wife regards it. Parker's Hair Balsam will stop this waste, save your hair and restore the original gloss and color. Exceptionally clean, prevents dandruff, a perfect dressing.

Our young friend W. T. Rodrigue, Esq., is no longer connected with the Mechanics' Exchange and hasn't set mud up his mind whether to buy a couple railroads or lay back and live in elegant leisure on the interest of his wealth. There is some talk about his contemplating emigration to another State before long—the state of matrimony. The reported move will probably depend upon the rather uncertain, dubious contingency of his being able to persuade the party of the second part to sign articles of copartnership. Tony's former station behind the bar of the Exchange is now filled by Mr. James Burke, whose politeness and close attention to duty promise to make him very popular among the patrons of neighbor Redding's establishment.

It is worth remembering that nobody enjoys the nicest surroundings if in bad health. There are miserable people about today with one foot in the grave, to whom a bottle of Parker's Tonic would do more good than all the doctors and medicine they have ever used.

Mr. Ben. J. Reddix, teacher of the colored public school at the Ashland place, dropped in Saturday and favored us with interesting information relative to the condition of the school under his charge. He has 115 pupils enrolled and the average attendance of the month just closed was 82. This is entirely too large a number of children to be properly taught and controlled by one teacher, and the application which has been made to the School Board for the appointment of an assistant for this school should by all means be granted.

LOUISIANA

State Lottery Company.

Incorporated in 1868 for 25 years by the Legis-

lature for Educational and Charitable purposes

—with a Capital of \$1,000,000—to which a reserve

fund of over \$250,000 has since been added.

By an overwhelming popular vote its franchise

was made a part of the present State Constitu-

tion adopted December 2, A. D., 1879.

Its Grand Single Number Drawings will take

place monthly. IT NEVER SCALES OR POSTPONES.

Look at the following distribution.

Grand Monthly Drawing,

At the Academy of Music

NEW ORLEANS,

Tuesday, May 11, 1886.

100,000 Tickets at Five Dollars Each

Fractions, in Fifths, in Proportion.

1 CAPITAL PRIZE.....\$75,000.

1 do do .....25,000.

2 PRIZES OF \$60,000.....10,000.

10 do do .....10,000.

10 do do .....10,000.

20 do do .....10,000.

100 do do .....10,000.

CAPITAL PRIZE, \$75,000.



WE DO HEREBY CERTIFY that we supervise the arrangements for all the monthly and semi-annual Drawings of the LOUISIANA STATE LOTTERY COMPANY and in person manage and control the Drawings themselves, and that the same are conducted with honesty, fairness and in good faith toward all parties. We authorize the Company to use this certificate with fac