The Telegraph.

C. H. TROUSDALE, Editor.

MONROE, LA., JANURY 8, 1887.

Birmingham, Ala., is now called "Boomingham."

All the officers of the ill-fated J. M. White have been indicted for manslaughter by the Pointe Coupee grand jury.

Speaker Carlisle, it is said, will contest the seat of Senator Beck. When Scot meets Scot then will begin the tug of war.

Mrs. Cleveland has a pet monkey and a monkey craze has struck Washington in consequence. If the President wants to maintain his reputation as a man who won't stand any "monkey business" he had better banish that pet from the White House.

Governor McEnery, at the eleventh hour, manifests great solicitude for the settlers on railroad lands in this section of the State. His purpose is so apparent and transparent a blind man can see through it. The method lacks originality and will not catch any votes. A patent right of J. Floyd King has been infringed.

We extend a right hearty journalistic welcome to the new editor of the Morehouse Clarion—Mr. J. A. Cason. As a Knight of the Quill may he never encounter those adversities of the fraternity which have made many a poor editor despairingly exclaim, in the language of old Mrs. Partington, "Where have them shears appeared to."

The cotton presses of New Orleans have proposed another reduction in charges for handling cotton. The rates are still too high but if the good work is persisted in until the charges are brought within legitimate and reasonable bounds—to something like the rates charged in several third rate cotton ports—New Orleans may yet regain her departed greatness.

Six thousand dollars is the appropriation the Ouachita gets. We trust this small pittance will not be squandered by the O. G. Wagoner cruising up and down the river looking for snags, but that the whole amount will be expended upon the "Mudhole" in order that steamboats can get into the Ouachita. The steamboats will be willing to take the chances against snags.

We learn that Dr. T. Y. Aby is soon to return to Monroe. If he means to come back in the capacity of private citizen and to resume the practice of his profession all good and well; he will be welcome. But if he comes to re-enter Ouachita politics we say that he will be the worst fooled man who ever pulled a wire at the general wind up. To put it plain, if inelegantly, the Doctor will be sat down upon hard.

The New York World urges a coalition between the Republicans and Democrats of New York for the purpose of electing Roscoe Conkling to the United States Senate. We would like to see the scheme succeed. It would be no unholy alliance nor the least mugwumpery, and it would be such an improvement. Conkling, or Woodpulp Miller, or Boodler Morton! But comparisons are "odorous."

The Lake Charles Echo says that the Telegraph has the Moncure boom in hand. Not at all. The Telegraph is only one of many who would like to see Judge Moncure become a candidate, and should he do so would give him a hearty support. The Telegraph desires the cessation of factional fights in the party and the restoration of harmony. To accomplish that result it is essential that a new man should be brought forward, and Judge Moncure is, we think, the most available man.

The police jury, in departing from custom and precedent, by awarding the contract for a new jail without having first advertised the work to be awarded to the lowest bidder, has raised a storm of criticism, and justly so. The criticism is just, for the reason, first, that awarding the contract in this star chamber style operates to the detriment of the parish in that the work might have been let cheaper, and second, for the reason that it deprived local contractors of an opportunity to compete for the work.

We suggest to the police jury that it reconsider its action and proceed in the matter in a fair, open, public and legal way.

APPOINTMENTS

Louisiana Conference Methodist Episcopal Church South.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

J. T. Sawyer presiding elder. Carondelet street B. Carridine, Felicity street S. H. Werlein, St. Charles Avenue C. F. Evans, Moreo street H. D. Kimball, Louisiania avenue J. B. Walker. Algiers and Gretna has E. McLean, Baton Rouge T. K. Faunt Leroy, Gross Tete, and False River Lewis A. Reed, Plaquemine and Donaldsonville Wm. Wimberly, Carrolton Avenue and Parker Church Fitzgerald S. Parker, Dryades and Craps streets J. B. A. Ahrens and F. G. Hocut, Sarapato and Bentonville J. J. Blanse, St. Tammany to be supplied by S. Mathews, C. W. Carter, editor of the Advocate.

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.

J. B. Cassidy presiding elder. Shreveport J. H. Scruggs, Mooringsport Jos. R. Sanders, Caddo Circuit R. J. Harp, Mansfield J. M. Beard, Grand Cane A. T. Galloway, Many and Sabine H. J. Boltz and S. S. Holliday, Woodsville and Ebenezer S. J. Davies, Anacoco and Bellwood J. M. Davies, Pleasant Hill J. M. Johnson, Natchitoches R S Isbel, Coushatta R. A. Davis, Red River, R. S. Trippet, South Bossier, R. M. Blocker, and Henry S. Johns, North Bossier, E. B. Foust, East Point G. A. Mandeville, Mansfield Female College F. M. Grace, president, S. J. Davies, professor.

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT.

B. F. Alexander, presiding elder. Alexandria B. F. White, Centerville to be supplied by J. J. Masten, Columbia N. S. Cornell, Evergreen S. H. Whitley, Ada J. W. Hoffpaur, Spring Creek S. H. Cooper, Sugar Town J. M. Moore, Trinity Wilson Moore, Mellville Jepta Landrum, Mansfield and Montgomery J. F. Wynn, A. M. Wails supernumerary, Bayou Boeuff Fred White, Hickory Flat to be supplied.

OPELOUSAS DISTRICT.

S. S. Keener, presiding elder. Opelousas J. D. Jackson, Washington J. P. Porter, Rayne and Plaquemine H. O. White, Abbeville R. Harry, New Iberia J. W. Medlock, Lafayette and Indian Bayou M. C. Manley, Lafourche to be supplied, Morgan City and Pattersonville F. N. Parker, Franklin A. E. Clay, Lake Charles J. T. Daves, Sulphur Mine and Grand Chenere, R. P. Howell, Lake Charles (German mission) C. Krudsen, Northwest Calcasieu, to be supplied by J. C. Cardine.

DELHI DISTRICT.

J. B. Harper, presiding elder. Monroe and Delhi Wm. Hart, Bastrop J. J. Billingsly, Lind Grove J. M. Brown, Floyd C. L. Munholland, Lake Providence T. J. Upton, Oak Ridge Thomas Randle, West Monroe T. H. McClendon, Richland J. F. Patterson, Winnsboro, J. D. Valkenburg, Harrisonburg, W. P. Kimble, Waterproof and Tensas R. S. Collier. Madison to be supplied.

HOMER DISTRICT.

Robert Randle, presiding elder. Homer T. B. White, Haynesville C. R. Godfrey, Minden C. Keener, Brushwood H. P. Parvin, Ringold Harry W. May, Sparta and Sabine P. Burkett, supplied by Harry W. May, Arcadia John A. Miller, Tulip J. L. P. Shepherd, Summerfield D. C. Barr, Ruston J. A. Parker, Douglas to be supplied by J. L. Williams, Vernon J. L. Wright, Indian Village J. A. Cornett, Downsville E. B. Galloway, Farmersville, Wm. H. Hill.

Hon. O. B. Steele, State Auditor, in an interview with a reporter of the Capitolian-Advocate, gives the following information, which will prove interesting reading to the people of the State:

The collections for the year ending December 31, are by far the best we have had. Collectors have accounted for $1,127,559 37, 1885 taxes proper, which is very near 89 per cent. of the total of the tax rolls for the year 1885. When the rolls receive credits for assessments cancelled and reduced by the court, the amount now collected will be found to be fully 90 per cent. of the collected rolls. The total receipts from all sources in 1885 were $1,756,721; in 1886, 2,020,927 57, an excess of $264,206 57 over the previous year, which are to be attributed to close collections of current and large collections of back taxes. Some $30,000 baby bonds and coupons were received in payment of back taxes and canceled.

The new license act should give the general fund something over $350,000. The smallest license for selling whisky in any quantity is fixed at $50, and all unpaid licenses bear interest at the rate of 2 per cent. per month from the 1st day of March. Under the present law, persons engaged in selling liquor in connection with other business, are required to take out a separate license for each business. The section of the law which imposes a license on commercial travelers representing persons or firms doing business in other States and not paying license in this State, will be strictly enforced.

The receipts from licenses will enable the State Treasurer after February 15th to promptly cash all 1887 general fund warrants of the first class. The receipts for 1887 will be sufficient to pay in full warrants of all classes drawn against the general fund.

A bill has passed Congress amending the law regulating the removal of causes from State to Federal courts. The bill increases the minimum jurisdiction of the Circuit Court from $500 to $2,000, takes away from the Circuit Court jurisdiction of causes in favor of assignees of promissory notes and bills of exchange, and restricts to the defendant the right to remove a cause from the State to the Federal Court.

A Tale of Ancient Rome.

"Good-day, Servius. I suppose I shall see thee at the temple to-night."

"At what temple noble Lucius?" asked the young Roman, gazing inquiringly in the face of his companion, an aged and gray bearded veteran of many wars.

"How now, boy!" exclaimed the old man, "Hast thou not heard of the fruit and floral festival under the charge of the Ladies' Aid Society at the Temple of the Feretrian Jupiter on the Capitoline?"

The youth shuddered.

"I have forgotten, good Lucius," he said. "One of the priests had received a call elsewhere, and this festival is for the purpose of raising funds to increase his meagre salary, and thereby induce him to remain. Am I not right?"

"Yes, thou art Oh Servius."

"I shall not be there. I attended one entertainment of this sort some time ago. I had six scrupull in my possession when I went in, but when I departed I had not so much as sestertius."

"Nay, nay, my boy," interposed the old man, "this parsimony becomes thee not. It costs but one denarius to enter——"

"But what does it cost to get out?" moodily muttered the youth.

"In the temple," continued Lucius, "thou will find a large and attractive assortment of fancy goods and toilet articles at prices far below their market value, for they have been donated by various tradesmen and artificers."

"But is it not taking an unfair advantage of these same tradesmen and artificers," said the young man, "to sell their goods at prices less than their value?"

"Thou art too scrupulous," said Lucius angrily. "But, by Jupiter, I will persuade thee yet. Know then that the fair Tullia will have charge of a table. Ha! thou changest color, boy!"

"Listen, my Lucius," cried the youth, "and thou shall know my secret. It is my purpose to espouse the the maiden whom thou hast named. It therefore behooveth me to guard well the goods which the gods have bestowed upon me. Were I to visit the fair I should be despoiled of all, and my hope of wedding Tullia put forever to flight."

"Nay, Servius, thou wrongest them, and by the gods, I will prove it to thee, if thou will but go with me to the temple. Why boy, a golden lyre of the most exquisite workmanship and worth a hundred scrupull is to be drawn for, and the tickets are but a sestertius each. Who knows but the gods will bestow this treasure upon thee!"

"Enough, O Lucius," said the youth. "I will visit the fair, but I shall remain only a short time."

"Thou hast decided wisely, Servius. And now I must away; I'll see the latter."

That evening young Servius donned his dress toga and a pair of red sandals and hastened to the temple of the Feretrain Jupiter. With his pleasurable anticipations was mingled a vague presentiment of evil, which he found it impossible to banish. He was warmly welcomed by all, including the fair Tullia, who, when the first greeting had been exchanged, said:

"Servius, you see yonder statue of Minerva, it is to be given to the priest who receives the largest number of votes. How many shall I put you down for?"

"Five," replied the youth, with a sinking heart. "What is the cost?"

"Ten sestertii each."

The youth handed her a treble scrupulum and waited for his change. When he got tired of waiting he walked moodily away, and was immediately captured by a noble Roman matron, who did not release him until she had sold him an embroidered toga three sizes too small for him, and various other more or less useful articles. And so it went, until at last Servius has spent all his ready money, and given notes for what he had at home. But one hope sustained him; he might draw the golden lyre, which he could sell for a hundred scrupull. His ticket was numbered CXVIII., and he fancied that it had a lucky look.

Finally the hour of the drawing arrived. The tickets were all placed in a helmet, and the infant child of Lucius thrust in her hand and took one out.

"No. CXVIII," announced the priest, "Young Servius has drawn the prize." Servius' melancholy was now changed to joy, but while he was indulging in manifestations of glee he was approached by Tullia, who said:

"Thou knowest, I suppose, Servius, that it has been generally expected that whoever drew the lyre would donate it immediately to the temple. It would be very bad form not to do so."

"Take it, then," exclaimed Servius, as with a gesture of despair, he rushed from the temple.

A few minutes later he was found lying dead just outside the door. He had fallen upon his own sword, and had perished instantly. The next week his goods were sold to discharge his indebtedness to the Ladies' Aid Society.—*Tid Bits.*

Conkling's Coquetry.

It would not be a matter of surprise to the veteran politician if Mr. Conkling turn up at Albany as a candidate for election to the United States Senate—though it would be in the nature of an unpleasant surprise for Mr. Blaine. I notice that our Roscoe is again giving close attention to his attire, and that he wears good clothes, trims his beard and changes his necktie frequently. These signs, in the case of a widower, indicate matrimony, and with Mr. Conkling may be taken for an intention to again coquet with politics and woo the Republican majority in the Legislature. Besides he has made a snug little sum in the last six years, and has laid by and safely invested $200,000 for his old age, his wife having as much more in her own right. So Mr. Conkling, at 58, alert, handsome and eloquent, whose bugle blast is worth 10,000 men to his party any day, may safely aspire to the Senate as New York's only great Republican leader, and not unreasonably he may have an eye upon the Presidency.—*Philadelphia Record.*

(OFFICIAL.)

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Monroe, La., January 10, '87.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—Fred. Endom, Mayor; D. C. Gibson, W. P. Renwick, T. N. Conner, Wm. Heekin.

Absent—Franklin Garrett, Wm. O'Kelly, Sandy Bird.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

To the Honorable Mayor and Council of Monroe:

We, your Finance Committee, report the following claims, and recommend that they be allowed:

J. L. Doyle, attention to pauper	$4 00
C. C. Cage, medicine to paupers	8 10
M. J. Duty, supplies for fire engine	3 12
Total	$15 22

W. PENWICK.
D. C. GIBSON.

The Mayor was authorized to expend what money was necessary for the relief of a Mrs. Jones, who is in a destitute condition.

The Mayor instructed the committee on the Grave Yard to have estimates made on building a new fence around the city grave yard, and report at next regular meeting.

Mr. Renwick moved that a committee of three (the Mayor to be one of said committee) be appointed to confer with the committee of the police jury in regard to a suitable site for the building of their new jail.

The Mayor was instructed to issue warrants for the pay of the fireman regularly as it becomes due.

On motion, W. P. Penwick was appointed on a committee of one, to draw a memorial to Congress for the purpose of passing the bill now before them of having a U. S. Court House built at this place.

The Council took a recess until Wednesday evening, 7 o'clock, P. M.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SESSION.

Present—Fred. Endom, Mayor; D. C. Gibson, W. P. Penwick, T. N. Conner, Wm. Heekin, Wm. O'Kelly.

Absent—Franklin Garrett, Sandy Bird.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

To the Hon. Mayor and City Council of Monroe:

We, your Committee on Finance, approve the following claims, and recommend their payment when the money is in the treasury:

R. Fullam, digging graves for paupers	$ 15 00
Lemle & Simon, supplies for prisoners and fire engine	13 20
Excelsior Saw Mill, for lumber	34 89
F. Endon, for passage of two paupers to Vicksburg	3 90
J. L. Moore, Commissioner Election	2 00
James S. Ray " "	2 00
Robert Layton " "	2 00
Wm. Harris, " "	2 00
E. Fudicker, " "	2 00
V. F. Vogh, " "	2 00
T. Bell, " "	2 00
Perry Jackson, " "	2 00
D. G. Trousdale, " "	2 00
H. C. Downs, " "	2 00
T. L. James, " "	2 00
O. D. Stillman, " "	2 00
M. Gerson, " "	2 00
Tom Woods, " "	2 00
Thos. Campbell, " "	2 00
N. Bussey, " "	2 00
Jno. Carroll, " "	2 00
Total	$190 60

The following being introduced, a vote was called and carried unanimously:

ORDINANCE 629,

Appropriating four hundred and ninety-two dollars and ninety-six cents to pay certain claims:

Be it rodained by the Mayor and City Council of Monroe:

That the sum of four hundred and ninety-ty-two dollars and ninety-six cents be, and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to pay the following claims against the city of Monroe, as allowed by the Finance Committee.

C. C. Cage	$ 25 00
E. H. Rills	90
Ed. Ball	9 00
John Fullam	10 00
R. Fullam, jr	17 50
John Fullam	122 35
T. N. Conner	177 65
R. Fullam	15 00
Lemle & Simon	13 20
F. Vollman	34 89
Fred. Endom	3 90
J. L. Moore	2 00
Jas. S. Ray	2 00
Robert Layton	2 00
Wm. Harris	2 00
E. Fudicker	2 00
V. F. Vogh	2 00
T. Bell	2 00
Perry Jackson	2 00
D. G Trousdale	2 00
H. C. Downs	2 00
T. L. James	2 00
O. D. Stillman	2 00
M. Gerson	2 00
Tom Woods	2 00
Thos. Campbell	2 00
N. Bussey	2 00
Jno. Carroll	2 00
J. L. Dyche	4 00
C. C. Cage	8 10
M. J. Duty	3 12
Henry O'Kelly	14 25
Total	$492 96

Approved, FR. ENDOM, Mayor.

J. H. SIMON, Secretary.

Mr. Renwick made a motion to have the committee discharged immediately from any further action in regard to the site for the building of the new parish jail. Which motion, after a vote being taken, was lost.

Mr. Gibson offered the following substitute:

That the committee be in full force until the next regular meeting; which was carried.

There being no further business, the Council adjourned.

Approved, FR. ENDOM, Mayor.

J. H. SIMON, Secretary.

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