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SPECIAL NOTICE.

No Judicial advertisement will be inserted in this paper hereafter, unless the Attorney becomes security for the advertising bill, which must be paid on FIRST INSERTION, *or they will be discontinued.*

PARISH AND CITY NEWS.

LOCAL GLEANINGS.

Raining hard during the week.

Gus has red fish and oysters.

The arrested parties from here will return on Saturday's packet.

Pork on our streets is selling at 4 cents per pound.

Wood is an object here. The yards are empty and the roads impassable. A cold snap would be fatal.

As we go to press we learn that a negro named Armstead, killed a negro man on the plantation of N. H. Campbell. We could learn no particulars.

Chew JACKSON'S Best Sweet Navy Tobacco. Nov. 30-1y.

Willis Holmes, Esq., tax collector, has gone to New Orleans to make his final settlement.

Some kind friend has borrowed the VINDICATOR'S copy of the "Federalist." Will he please return it?

The Methodist Episcopal church on Second street, is going up rapidly. When finished it will be an ornament to our city and the Rev. Mr. Hough can be thanked for it.

The health of our parish and city, so our physicians tell us, is excellent. Diptheria has disappeared entirely from our city and the diseases prevailing are local and insignificant.

THANKS—We are under renewed obligations to Capt. G. C. Hamilton steamer Bart Able, for a full file of city papers. Mr. Packard, clerk steamer Maria Louise, has our thanks for favors in the way of late papers.

A large number of our subscribers are due the amounts for the VINDICAROR for 1879. We trust they will come forward and settle at once, as we are much in need of means.

Hon. J. R. Williams, one of our practical river farmers is the first to turn the soil this year; at least the first who has reported. Westley Sheppard, colored planter, and enterprising too, is also running his plows.

Bonded Out.

Our friends, who were taken down on the Bart Able last Tuesday week, were bonded out on their arrival in New Orleans—mostly going on each other's bonds.

Deputy Moore, U. S. Marshal, took down to New Orleans fourteen more prisoners. This makes 48 who have been dragged off on these indictments.

Our friends, who went to New Orleans in charge of U. S. marshals, were "brass banded" in Avoyelles and elsewhere. If music can soothe a savage, it certainly should quiet a bulldozer. Thanks, in their name, for these sweet strains.

Our river continues to mount the bank at a most fearful rate. The rise reported at Shreveport is 15 inches in twenty-four hours. Here it has been from 8 to 10 inches in twenty-four hours for nearly a week. Old Cane will be blessed with the Bart Able next Tuesday.

John Lynch, a genuine "nig" but not yet a member of the African church, and by occupation a hash-slinger at Wright's, and one John Shepperd, a curly head moke, who wears italic shoes, and by occupatian an artist of the shoe-brush, were up before his honor for indulging in the manly art. His honor fined each $5, in default of which they would be furnished with elegant quarters at the "cooler. They planked down the stuff and went home rejoicing.

A Lucky Find.

Prize candy boxes are common, but we never heard of or saw a prize fish until one was shown us at the Hotel last week. One of our "Red river cats" was bought from a street vender and when opened contained among other debris a fifty cent silver piece. Everybody will be on the lookout for that fisherman next Friday.

The Mails.

Our citizens have pent their anger until forbearance has cease to have a semblance of virtue. They must cry out against the mails as now transported. To denounce them as a farce would hardly be up to a proper measure of vituperation. For instance, the overland route between this and the mouth of Cane river is contracted to carry the mails three times per week. The riders come and go, but mail matter from New Orleans reaches us but *once per week*—Tuesday evenings; and if it was not for Captain Aiken's boat mail line, which comes promptly on Sundays twice per week, this section would be in the dark. We beg the authorities to look into these matters, and adjust the mail service on a route, the most important in North Louisiana.

OUR CITY.

Notes Gathered Here and There—Business Outlook—Dismal and Dirty Streets—The Lamps—Public Improvements.

The "ancient burg" is dismal and dreary since the advent of Uncle Sam's Marshals. Fifty taken off, all at once, makes a large hole in our population—and then they are men of business whom you see every day. The Phœnix, the Rialto of Natchitoches, "of evenings," is wanting in its old habitants and we miss the faces we were wont to see mingled with glasses there these winter evenings. Well, we console ourselves that the boys are taking ice in "thern," and will be "home again" soon.

The muddy roads have housed up every one in the country and business has no basis.

Our merchants are engaged in holding down empty nail kegs around very weak fires in the "back rooms" and the clerks are unanimously engaged in assisting their employers. If a good fat customer, with a medium sized pocket book, were to come in he'd be mobbed on the spot. Goods are down in price but up in the shelves. We are all waiting for the "Spring trade."

Washington street merchants are raising Cain about that thoroughfare. The VINDICATOR earnestly urged the planking of such an important street and we find the property owners along its line ripe for the improvement. What about those lamps? Are we, for the want of so small a sum, to remain in total darkness? Forbid it, ye corporate powers!

Let us do something to start improvements—Lamps for our streets and a paved avenue will do to begin with.

The steamer Bart Able "arrove" at Grand Ecore early Tuesday morning with a fair freight. This steamer has been refitted and refurnished from stem to stern, and she is more than ever the Queen of packets. Capt. Dick Sinnott, the old vet still commands, while George Hamilton, Esq., does the honors of the office with that ease and dignity for which he is justly celebrated. Our old friend Tom Dowty is the bank pencil-driver and his assistant Rube is like the American flag at the bombardment of Fort McHenry—"still thar." John manipulates eye openers on the larboard side of the Bart Able and we predict for him a big run on the cake basket when that boat plows through Cane river.

Dogs.

The complaint this winter of dogs and their depredations upon stock, particularly sheep, is universal. Farmers in the neighborhood of this city have lost, in the last month from dogs, at least 300 head of grown sheep and near 1000 lambs. In value about $2,000. Are we to continue to rear sheep, or must we turn our attention to dogs? That question now agitates the public mind. In other States it has long been settled that sheep are of more profit and benefit to farmers than dogs. Whether this can be brought about in our state remains to be seen. It is at least worth a trial. Let us then declare war on the dogs for a season, and try and save our mutton!

Personal.

The VINDICATOR acknowledges pleasant visits from the following friends: E. Barnard, Esq., of Campte. Messrs. H. H. Hathorn, ward 2, W. Breazeale, ward 4, J. O. Williams, ward 3, H. R. McClendon, ward 7, S. G. Dowden, ward 8, P. E. Prudhomme, ward 9, A. Maranovich, ward 10. The above named gentlemen are members of the police jury from their respective wards.

Mr. L. Charleville, our warm Cloutierville friend, visited our city on Sunday last. He heard that he had been indicted and that a warrant was here against him and hence his visit to report promptly.

Shot and Badly Wounded.

Deputy sheriff Moore, in pursuit of parties having been charged with the burning of the Grant parish Court House, overtook a colored man implicated therein and arrested him. Shortly after the arrest, and while the sheriff's deputy was dismounted from his horse, the prisoner broke and ran. Moore fired on him twice, the second shot taking effect The prisoner, bleeding profusely, took refuge to a lake and jungle from which it has been impossible to bring him. Traces of blood were visible from the point where the shooting occurred to the lake. The scene of the shooting was below Cloutierville, in this parish.

A Farce.

If the wholesale arrests, made by the United States government of men, boys *and the dead*, at the instigation of "Blunt's followers," is not a most stupendous farce we know not what to call it. A conspiracy, indeed! The very idea of Republicans, Democrats, young men and old, who had the spirit to defend their firesides and families against a mob of mistaken and misguided negroes, being engaged in a *conspiracy*! is utterly preposterous. And the fact, that judges and peace officers being included in this wholesale charge only renders the matter more outrageous and unlikely.

A CALL.

The Central Committee of the Democratic party, parish Natchitoches are requested to meet in this City on

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15th.

The business to be transacted relates to the calling of a Parish Convention to nominate delegates to the Constitutional Convention

J. H. COSGROVE,
1st Vice President, Ex. Committee.

HOW THE LAW RUNS.

The Courts—Both District and Parish—Democratic Decency Contrasted with Republican Rascality—The Jail and its Inmates.

Our Court House has no longer the sombre appearance it possessed for eight years, or nearly. In those dreary days it was the resort of crowds of idle negroes and worthless white scamps. Courts were gala days for professional jurymen, and the gang waxed fat on parish paper, while decent people, who payed the piper, groaned in anguish of spirit.

Our district judiciary has, since the retirement of Myers of notorious fame, been purged of imbecility and corruption. Judge C. Chaplin brought to the bench, in 1875, purity of character and judicial learning; he was succeeded by Judge D. Pierson of equal character and ability. Our parish court lingered in the lap of ignorance until Judge J. M. B. Tucker was triumphantly elected by the white and colored democrats of the parish. This places our ermine on a line, as to purity and capacity. May it so remain. Clerk Tunnard, elected upon the Republican ticket in 1876, has made so far a most excellent official. He has, from bench, bar and lobby, met encomium and good will. Sheriff Deblieux and his chief deputy, Col. W. W. Breazeale, have re-enstated the sheriff's office to its old standard and you enter now to find business men, intent on public business. Mr. Kearney, the Recorder, and every one knows George, is in clover, for he is surrounded, in his public hour, by gentlemen who are fit associates. The old "gang" is gone and with them goes the hope their like may never return to darken our peace and prosperity. Sheriff Breazeale has changed the diet of the prisoners in jail from "neck and corn bread" to a diversified bill of fare. He gives them vegetables, such as beans, turnips and potatoes, with flour bread alternate days and good wholesome soup. This is as it should be. Prisoners are not brutes and their health and misfortunes demand care and kindness.

On last Monday quite a crowd gathered on Front street to witness a set-to between a gentleman of tape and weights and a well known knight of the last and hammer. Owing to the absence of the sporting fraternity pools were not opened. The side-walk was the place selected for the battle ground. Gen. Benzine, who is well known in this vicinity for his true grip of love for the boys, was selected as referee by the knight. Time was called, and the valiant knight after the first round was sent into the gutter in seven beautiful tableaus with a panoramic curtain drawn over his left optic, giving a beautiful picture of the effect of a mud bath. This last round ended the fun for the boys, and the knight was seen wending his way to his mansion, some thought to retire beneath the shades of a leather bench, but not so; with the thermometer up in the hundreds and a hammer within his reach, how could he? An idea struck him; being scarce of pegs he would hammer that clerk's knowledge box into hash pie; but, before our knight could fulfill his ideas he was kindly taken in by Chief Police Hutson who gave him fatherly advice, and if he didn't heed it he would be compelled to give him quarters in the cooler. Our knight accepted the advice.

POLITICAL ARRESTS.

Thirty-Two Residents of Natchitoches Placed Under Bonds.

A party of residents of Natchitoches, to the number of 32, appeared Saturday morning before Judge Woods, of the Circuit Court in New Orleans. The charge against the accused is of forming a conspiracy to prevent legal voters from exercising their suffrages for a member of Congress. The prisoners were put under bonds of $5000 each. The following are their names, with their surities:

1168—New Orleans vs. M. J. Cunningham et al—David Pierson, principal, Wm. H. Jack, surety.
Wm. H. Jack, surety David Pierson.
Theophile Prudhomme, surety Alphonse Prudhomme.
James M. B. Tucker, surety Robt. M. Walmsley.
Numa Tauzin, surety Robt. M. Walmsley.
C. J. Smith, surety Numa Tauzin.
Jno. M Tucker, surety J M B Tucker.
Mathew Hertzog, surety T Little Lyon.
Marshall H Carver, surety Robert M Walmsley.
Chas. Porter, surety David Pierson.
J. P. Johnson, surety Wm. M. Levy.
Seymour Curtis, surety David Pierson.
George Kile, surety J M B Tucker
S W Kile, surety Numa Tanzin.
Geo. E Gillespie, surety Benj. F Jonas.
John A Barlow, surety Wm. H Jack.
Theodore Haller, surety Henry Haller.
Chas. Levy, surety Wm. H Jack.
J. H. Stephens, surety Wm. M Levy.
Sam'l M Hyams, surety Will A Strong.
James T Sprowl, surety Allen Wheeler.
Frank T Raggio, surety Allen Wheeler.
John Genoe, surety Robt. M Walmsley.
Allen Wheeler, surety Wm. H. Jack.
James T King, surety David Pierson.
Emile Cloutier, surety Will A Strong.
John C Trichel, surety Isaac W Patton.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

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DOTS ON THE CROPS

The Weather—How Farmers are Preparing for the New Year—Labor and its Wants—Outlook for Results.

Our farmers are now at their very busiest season, when laborers are employed, fences repaired and lands put in shape to receive the seeds of harvest. Some are disposed to give wages, instead of part of the crop as heretofore, to their hands—this, however, is confined to but few, but shows an intelligent indication to step out of the old rut and advance to the science of practical farming. The price paid, or offered, is $12 to $15 per month—hands finding themselves. The great majority of our farmers are arranging their labor on the basis of ¼ to ½ crop. Such as supply themselves receive the latter, and those supplied with rations take one third.

So far the supply of labor has been fully met by the demand, and the decrease in one neighborhood has been met by a corresponding increase in another.

In our opinion this removal of laborers from well settled homes is injurious to them as well as the farmer.

The dismal winter we have just experienced has rotted the soil to a fearful extent—this may be good for future crops, but it has rendered our roads impassable, or nearly so.

A far as we can learn the farmer is cheerful; determined to raise corn and some meat, and to put himself generally on a war footing. We trust his most sangnine hopes will be realized.

The VINDICATOR enjoys the largest circulation of any paper in Louisiana outside of New Orleans and Shreveport, and we are climbing up every day. It deserves support from our business men, and we hope they will accord it. If our local friends, who are the retail-supply merchants to a large circle, do not come forward and expose their prices and wares in our columns, we will solicit, and can obtain, a heavy advertising patronage from retail dealers in New Orleans. The VINDICATOR has done for Natchitoches, both town and parish, what few country papers in the State can claim to have done for their respective parishes. It is through the VINDICATOR that the political and business world knows there is a parish and city of Natchitoches. We have always felt a pride in our parish and have done for it everything in our power. Now, we feel that our merchants and business men at home, should do something to assist us. We have dozens of solicitations, embracing business proposition which tempt us seriously, to set up the VINDICATOR in other parishes. This we will not do so long as we can help it and we can help it only so long as our business men support us. A few have done so, and liberally; but the great majority have done and do nothing towards sustaining a live paper. We have enjoyed a circulation no journal ever before attained in this section; but, subscriptions go but a short way to pay the enormous expenses of a paper. While produce and material have sunk in price—printing paper and printers' wages are nearly the same. In fact the VINDICATOR'S expenses are now greater than 1875 or 1876. Hence it is impossible to reduce subscription prices no matter how much we might desire to do so. If our people support us with a lively business patronage it is our aim to enlarge our paper and go on improving it until it will be the *first weekly journal in the State*. We trust our wishes may be fully realized.

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EDICT XXX.

To all whom these presents shall come—
Greeting:

Our loving subjects of New Orleans, the Queen City of the South, are assured that with the deepest anxiety we watched the ruthless course of the terrible epidemic which visited them during the past summer, and that our truest sympathies were with them in their sufferings and trials.

Believing that our presence will tend to dispel the gloom caused by their late afflictions, bring within their gates thousands of visitors and do much to set once more in motion the wheels of trade, thus bringing to them prosperity and happiness, we do ordain that

Mardi Gras,

The 25th day of February, 1879,

Known as the Grand Fete Day of ourselves, REX, King of the Carnival, shall be observed in such a state and pomp as shall make it a season of joy to our loving subjects and all who shall visit our Royal Capitol at that time, and to that end we do order and decree:

I That all lines of transportation extending throughout our Royal Domain immediately cause to be promulgated a reduced tariff of fares, for the benefit of loyal subjects who may desire to visit the Royal Capitol on that day.

II. That in order to testify their loyalty and to properly honor our most August Person, on the occasion of our triumphal entry into the Capitol, all loyal subjects resident therein, are hereby commanded to forthwith form themselves into organized bodies, reporting promptly to the Department of War, for assignment to station and service.

III. This in advance will serve as a notice and ukase to this our Royal Mandate, each and every loyal subject is hereby absolved from all service or allegiance to any other power than that of ourselves, and all public buildings, and places of business in the Royal Capital are hereby ordered to be closed.

IV. We congratulate our loyal subjects throughout the State upon the abundant crops which have rewarded the labors of the husbandman, and the many signs of returning good fortune, which brighten the horizon of their future, and trust that these evidences of better days, now so happily existing, may continue and grow stronger with years, increasing the prosperity, wealth and power of those whom we love so well, enabling them to celebrate with more eclat, and more heartily enjoy, our annual visit to their beautiful city.

God Save the King!

Given under our hand and seal, at Berengaria Palace, in our city Jean d'Arc, this, the 10th day of December, 1878, and One Thousand and Seven of our Reign.

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The Sun is the newspaper for the people. It is not for the rich man against the poor man, or for the poor man against the rich man, but it seeks to do equal justice to all interests in the community. It is not the organ of any person, class, sect or party. There need be no mistery about its loves and hates. It is for the honest man against the rogues every time. It is for the honest Democrat as against the dishonest Republican, and for the honest Republican as against the dishonest Democrat. It does not take its cue from the utterance of any politician or political organization. It gives its support unreservedly when men or measures are in agreeance with the Constitution and with the principals upon which this Republic was founded for the people. Whenever the Constitution and constitutional principles are violated—as in the outrageous conspiracy of 1876, by which a man not elected was placed in the President's office, where he still remains—it speaks out for the right. That is The Sun's idea of independence. In this respect there will be no change in the programme for '79

The Sun has fairly earned the hearty hatred of rascals, frauds, and humbugs of all sorts and sizes. It hopes to deserve that hatred not less in the year 1879, than in 1878, 1877, or any year gone by. The Sun will continue to shine on the wicked with unmitigated brightness.

While the lesson of the past should be constantly kept before the people, The Sun does no propose to make itself in 1879 a magazine of ancient history. It is printed for the men and women of to-day, whose concern is chiefly with the affairs of to-day. It has both the disposition and ability to afford its readers the promptest, fullest, and most accurate intelligence of whatever in the wide world is worth attention. To this end the resources belonging to well-established prosperity will be liberally employed.

The present disjointed condition of parties in this country, and the uncertainty of the future, lends an extraordinary significance to the events of the coming year. The discussions of the press, the debates and acts of Congress, and the movements of the leaders in every section of the Republic will have a direct bearing on the Presidential election of 1880—an event which must be regarded with the most anxious interest by every patriotic American, whatever his political ideas or allegiance. To these elements of interests may be added the probability that the Democracy will control both houses of Congress, the increasing feebleness of the fraudlent Administration, and the spread and strengthening everywhere of a healthy abhorance of fraud in any form. To present with accuracy and clearness the exact situation in each of its varying phases, and to expound, according to its well-known methods, the principles that should guide us through the labyrinth, will be an important part of The Sun's work for 1879.

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MR. [illegible] Kahn

Will [illegible] Abraham, Kahn and Son, [illegible] stock to the store room under the Masonic Lodge on Second street.

A full line of staple, fancy and family [illegible] on hand and at reasonable prices.

Sept. 7-6m