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Local Gleanings.

Cold rain Tuesday last.

Wood is still scarce and in demand at high prices.

Ducks have been scarce this winter.

Robins begin to make their appearance just now.

Saw a nice string of small perch and goggle-eyes, last Sunday.

More rain, more cold, more slop more mud. How long and yet how long? Is this to last always!

A new lot of wagons and buggies at McCook & Bro.

Capt. Noah Scovell will contend for a share of the freight of the valley for the commodious Ashland. W. F. Dillon has charge of the office.*

The favorite Cornie Brandon, A. G. Swain, master, Hy. Lacosset, clerk, will continue to plow the old Red the entire season. The Cornie can navigate the river at almost any stage of water.*

Just previous to the meeting of the string band last week, the leader remarked that he had no violin. "Oh," remarked a bystander, a somewhat prominent personage, "you can get a *vial in* Wilkinson's." Those present nearly fainted.

The Blue Danube, Capt. Chas. Thorn, J. C. McChesney, clerk, and the John D. Scully, G. E. Wilkinson master, Nat. Puckette, clerk, will make regular trips to Grand Ecore and way landings.*

I will be absent about three weeks on a visit to my family in Indianapolis, Ind., at which time I will be back ready for my usual professional services. DR B. F. HANCOCK.
Jan. 8-3t.

The nuptual mania has been prevailing in Shreveport to an alarming extent recently, while our city has been quiescent in this respect. However, on dit has it that several of these felicitous events are on the tapis and will take place ere the inception of the Lenten season. May we be there to see.

The light-draft Maria Louise, H. J. Brinker, master, Geo. F. Drown, clerk; the Yazoo Valley, Geo. W. Rea, master, H. A. Boazman, clerk; the Silver City, M. N. Wood, master, W. H. Quicksall, clerk, will make all landings to Shreveport, the entire season.*

J. J. McCook & Bro. has it, one of the largest stock of all kind of goods ever brought to this city.

Some persons are so unreasonable as to complain bitterly of the condition of our streets and ask why they are not worked. They do not consider two months and a half of rain, snow, sleet and ice. It is an utter impossibility and impracticable to do anything with them. There is scarcely a town in the State that is not in the same condition.

FURNISHED Rooms at Mrs. R. E. Burke's, in building over the Post Office. Fifty cents per day. Fires extra. Dec. 18 tf.

On the opening of high-water navigation, the Jesse K. Bell, Capt. Sinnott commanding, and Geo. C. Hamilton in the office, and the Jewel, Capt. Truslow commanding, and Nat Puckett, Jr., clerk, will form a line to run regularly to the mouth of Cane river every Tuesday and Saturday.*

Fifty sacks Texas rust proof oats, at McCook & Bro.

The liquor question is attracting much attention throughout the State, and various remedies are resorted to in order to stop the alarming and increasing use of intoxicating beverages. We opine laws, no matter how rigorous their enforcement, will tend little towards its decrease. The only sure remedy for drunkenness is the ban of public opinion aided by the firm self control and power of determination of those who are in the habit of indulging in stong drink, to put an effectual stop to it.

At the late session of the District Court, a Deputy Sheriff in attendance, became somewhat drowsy during the tedious proceedings in a civil suit, and was nodding near the railing around the Clerk's desk, when into the court room stalked a huge feminine of the African persuasion, wearing a brown hat. The entrance aroused the Deputy, who catching sight of the hat, shouted "hats off in court." The woman doffed her hat instanter, whereupon her hair flew outward from her head, like the quills of a fretful porcupine.

The Judge blandly remarked, "Mr. Sheriff, it is not required that ladies should take off their hats in court." The court, lawyers and bystanders smiled *audibly* at the mistake and ludricous aspect of its subject.

Christian Weber, a native of Switzerland, and who has been a resident of this place for nearly half a century, was found dead, in his house on St. Denis street last Wednesday morning. The deceased was a tailor by occupation. For many months he has been very feeble and almost blind. Unattended, unwept and unsung, a lonely old man, he passed away on the night of the 18th and was found lying on the floor of his room the next day. His age, we believe, was 73.

For the VINDICATOR.

SOCIETY NOTES.

Our citizens were called out on Sunday last, to witness a very imposing ceremony—the baptism and public profession of faith of a member of the Baptist church. The newly baptised was Miss Annie Cunningham, daughter of Rev. V. G. Cunningham, Pastor of the Baptist church of this place. The ceremony was performed by Mr. Cunningham in the river opposite town. It was very touching to witness the father receiving his child into the religion which he teaches. We hear of several others who are soon to be received into the church.

The Morosco Troupe gave several performances during the week, and afforded a great deal of amusement to the mirth loving people. The contortionist performed some wonderful feats and of little Harry, too much can not be said. His performance were truly wonderful and being a very handsome boy, attracted universal admiration. The Natchitoches Brass and String Bands were in attendance and performed with their usual taste and skill.

Who is the young man who slipped so gracefully on the muddy street a day or so ago? We must compliment him on the grace of his movements and hope that he will give us another performance before the muddy season is over.

The grand entertainment of the season is fast approaching. Wednesday next will be the Hebrew ball, which, from the extensive preparations, bids fair to be a brilliant success. The ladies will raffle a handsome silver pitcher and goblet on that occasion. The chances are offered at fifty cents.

We regret to hear of the illness of Mrs. Lamy Chopin of Cloutierville. Her father and mother were sent for on Tuesday, since then we have heard nothing. It is to be hoped that she will recover, and having youth and a strong constitution, the chances are in her favor.

News of the death of Mme. Denise Fortenot Religious of the Sacred Heart was received a few days ago. The deceased was a daughter of our fellow citizen Mr. G. Fontenot, and a native of Cloutierville. She was a graduate of the Convent of the Sacred Heart of this place and entered the Convent, several years ago as a member of that order. She is deeply regretted by all her friends and school mates. To the bereaved father and mother we offer our sympathy.

We were pleased to learn that Mrs. Nathan Myer had recovered sufficiently, to be out on the street. She had been sick for several weeks and her many friends were pleased to see her again.

The Catholic Aid Society gave their Oyster supper on Wednesday, but owing to the rain and cold, there were but few present. In our next we will give the proceeeds, which we hope will be sufficient to pay off their indebtedness on the bell.

The raffle took place and the prizes were won by the following ladies.

White toilet set, Mrs. Artemise Sompayrac.

Blue toilet set, Miss Flora Eames.

Cordial toilet set, Miss Constance Tauzin.

Small toilet set, Miss Ella Prudhomme.

Small toilet set, Miss Aimee l'Herisson.

Pair Violet stands, Miss F. E. Johnson.

Pair Violet stands, Miss Ida Buard.

Mr. Charley Levy moved his family to town during the week and have taken the Pierson house on Second street.

Miss Marie E. Draughon, who has been enjoying a visit to her relatives here, for some time, left Thursday morning on the steamer Ashland, for her home in Texas. She has our best wishes for a pleasant journey homeward.

River News.

Our latest dates show that the river is still gradually declining above, although the late continuous rain must have the effect of again putting it on the upward grade. Indication point to good navigation for sometime to come. As will be seen from our advertising columns, the "Pool Line" have put a fleet of fine boats in the mail service whose departure from Shreveport and New Orleans will be regular and continuous weekly, leaving these ports at stated intervals and carrying the U. S. mails. As we are inland from the river and have no reporter at Grand Ecore, it is impossible to give reliable information as to the passage of steamers both ways. However, Shreveport papers keep the public posted in this matter by their press dispatches.

The Grand Ecore favorite, Jesse K. Bell is as regular as a good clock and always on time. She came up booming last Tuesday and awakened the echoes of the wintry woods along old Red River with her musical and sonorous whistle. This steamer went into the Crescent City last week, with the following load: 1431 bales cotton, 2464 sacks cotton seed, 20 hhds. sugar, 138 bbls. molasses.

We still "sing a song a sixpence" of bad roads, and continuous rains which prevent cotton from reaching shipping points on the river, and thus delaying its departure for market on the boats. In the cource of time they will receive heavier cargoes of the staple. Cane River at this point is the mere shadow of a stream, and hence figures, just now, as a nonentity in this report. We note this fact, with the thought, "Wait a little longer, there's a good time coming."

Personal.

Mr. W. O. BREAZEALE, President of the Police Jury and J. P. of Ward 4 honored our sanctum with a call last Monday. Nothing special at present in that section.

PETER SMITHERS, Esq., one of the staunch supporters of the VINDICATOR, called on us Tuesday, and concluded he could not do without this journal and the N. O. Democrat. He reports the roads too horrible to describe.

Mr. LEON HIRSH, our Livery stable proprietor and the indefatigable agent for carrying the U. S. mails, left town last Wednesday for Shreveport on business. We wish him a safe trip through, and a like return.

Master Henry Kahn, who is attending the classical and commercial accademy in New Orleans, is winning golden opinions for his good deportment and scholarship. R. M. Lusher, the principal, reports his grade in studies as the best in the academy. We are glad to note that our little friend is making the most of his opportunities to acquire a thorough education.

The District Court.

After one of the most lengthy sessions ever held in this parish, the 11th Judicial District Court adjourned last Saturday. Judge D. Pierson is untiring in the discharge of his duties and earnest in his efforts to clear the dockets of the numerous cases.

The following is a list of judgments rendered in civil cases, during the recent term, to-wit:

8570 Harry Anderson vs. Barthile Jones. Judgment of divorce.

8573 John Lacy vs. Sylla Gree. Judgment in favor of plaintiff.

8562 F. Luchini vs. Mc D. Scarborough. Judgment in favor of defendant.

8519 J. S. Axley vs. W. R Hampton, Tutor. Injunction sustained so far as hogs concerned and dismissal as to balance. Appeal taken to Circuit Court.

8508 J. W. Little vs. Geo. F. Dawson. Dismissed at plaintiff's costs.

8580 E. Deblieux vs. W. P. Morrow, husband. Judgment in favor of plaintiff.

8594 H. Kaffle vs. J. J. A. Martin. Judgment in favor of plaintiff.

8601 J. J. McCook & Bro., vs. F. McDaniel. Judgment in favor of plaintiff.

8600 Jos. Delphin vs. Amanda Delphin. Judgment in favor of plaintiff.

8381 Ponder & Scarborough vs. C. Conley. Judgment in favor of plaintiffs.

8306 Heirs Maricelli vs. W. Maricelli. Judgment pursuant to consent and acceptance.

8528 Levy & Phillips vs. J. C. Hughes, W. M. Wilson garnishee. Dismissed at plaintiffs' costs.

8306 Jules Maricelli vs. Wm. Maricelli. Judgment in favar of plaintiff.

8597 Schmidt & Zeigler vs. J. H. Hill. Judgment in favor of plaintiffs.

8535 J. S. Stephens vs. Virginia Bossier, S. P. Raines, garnishee. Judgment in favor of plaintiff.

8536 H. Manheim vs. Jas Hector, 3d opp. L. J. Clark. Int. Fanny Smallwood. Sequestration dissolved. Judgment in favor of plaintiff.

8551 L. V. Campbell, Tutrix, vs. J. N. Burkett. Judgment in favor of plaintiff.

8583 Orr & Lindsay vs. M. H. Carver. Judgment in favor of plaintiffs.

8526 H. Bath vs. T. Ranshick. Judgment in favor of plaintiff.

8402 Harriet Williams vs. H. Manheim. Judgment in favor of defendant.

8591 Lee, Bloom & Co., vs L. Cartel. Judgment in favor of plaintiffs.

8564 Louise Pelli and husband vs. A. Perini. Judgment in favor of plaintiffs.

8374 C. L. Waimsley & Co. vs. C. J. C. Puckette. Judgment in favor of plaintiffs.

8571 Saml. Nelkin vs. C. H. Levy. Judgment in favor of plaintiff.

8264 S. C. Prothro vs. J. E. Prothro et als. Judgment in favor of plaintiff. Appeal taken to Supreme Court.

8579 T. Pons vs. H. E. Tauzin. Judgment in favor of plaintiff.

8575 Emily A. Pierson vs. C. H. Levy, her husband. Judgment in favor of plaintiff.

8519 H. W. Myers vs. Saml. Hynes. Judgment in favor of plaintiff. Appeal taken to Circuit Court.

8590. R. T. Buckner & Bro., vs. J. N. Armstrong. Judgment in favor of plaintiff.

8481 W. H. Merkel vs. I. Manole. Judgment in favor of plaintiff as per agreement.

8557 Levy & Phillips vs. A. M. Llorens. Judgment in favor of plaintiffs.

8555 Levy & Phillips vs. Tranq. Metoyer. Judgment in favor of plaintiffs.

8527 J. R. Hampton, Tutor, et al. vs J. S. Axley. Judgment in favor of plaintiffs.

8524 J. M. Lucky vs. C. L. Walmsley. Judgment pursuant to agreement.

8547 J. J. McCook & Bro., vs. L. A. Sers and C. Bertrand. Judgment in favor of plaintiffs.

7974 O. Capmartin vs. V. Sias. Dismissed at plaintiff's costs.

8518 Rich. Vincent vs. Alfred Demery. Dismissed at appellant's costs.

8500 H. Kaffle vs. J. J. A. Martin. Dismissed at plaintiff's costs.

8559 Levy & Phillips vs. W. H. Gallion. Judgment in favor of plaintiffs.

8569 R. J. Smith vs. W. J. Smith, her husband. Judgment in favor of plaintiff.

8585 Orr & Lindsay vs. Bullard and Campbell. Judgment in favor of plaintiffs pursuant to confession.

8534 I. Bloom & Co., vs. Saml. Cohen. Judgment in favor of plaintiff reviving former judgment.

8533 Adelise Everage vs. Eml. Dupre et al. Judgment vs. Eml. Dupre, continued as to Belus Dupre.

8516 I. L. Lyons vs. L. A. Sers. Judgment in favor of plaintiff.

8560 J. D. Stille vs Frank McDaniel Judgment favor of plaintiff.

8563 Mallin Fowler & Co., vs. F. McDaniel. Judgment in favor of plaintiff.

8255 Lehman, Abraham & Co., vs. J. N. Wolfson. Judgment in favor of defendant for costs. Defendant dismissing his demand in reconvention.

8546 J. W. Cockfield, Admr. vs. L. Charleville. Judgment in favor of plaintiff.

8550 Levy & Phillips vs. F. N. Tauzin. Judgment in favor of plaintiffs, pursuant to confession.

8565 C. L. Walmsley & Son vs. W. J. Smith. Judgment in favor of plaintiffs.

8272 Harris Jaffa vs. Octavia Myers and H. C. Myers, her husband. Judgment in favor of plaintiff. Appeal taken to the Supreme Court.

8567 Jules Ducasse vs. H. C. Garrett. Judgment in favor of plaintiff.

8549 L. V. Campbell. Tutrix, &c., vs. G. W. Burkett. Judgment in favor of plaintiff.

8552 L. V. Campbell, Tutrix, &c., vs. J N Burkett. Judgment in favor of plaintiff.

8553 L V Campbell, vs. J N & T B Burkett. Judgment in favor of plaintiff

8568 J J McCook & Bro. vs. P A & M A Simmons. Judgment in favor of plaintiffs.

8561 Oscar Chopin vs. J E Dupre. Dismissed at plaintiff's costs.

8537 H Manheim vs. Sam Harrison. Judgment in favor of plaintiff.

8538 H Manheim vs. Dan Hamilton et al. Judgment in favor of plaintiff.

8539 H Manheim vs. Moses Harrison. Judgment in favor of plaintiff.

8483 A Caughlin, Tut. vs. A Maricelli and husband. Judgment in favor of plaintiff.

8532 L Caspari, for self, &c., vs. J S Stephens garnishee. Judgment dismissing petition and in favor of garnishee with costs.

8604 C L Walmsley vs Gus Cross. Judgment in favor of plaintiff.

8543 R R King vs. T E & L E Prothro. Judgment in favor of plaintiff.

8529 H C Myers vs. Saml. Hynes. Judgment in favor of plaintiff.

8588 Schmidt & Zeigler vs. B. Llorens. Judgment in favor of plaintiff.

There are now confined in the Parish jail eight prisoners. We are indebted to the kindness of Deputy Sheriff G. L. Trichel for the following memoranda:

Henry Lacour, white, larceny and murder.

Wm. Everage, white, convicted of larceny and granted a new trial by the Supreme Court.

Ben Joe, colored, larceny, serving out sentence.

Peter Brooks, colored, assault and battery, serving out sentence.

Phil Sims, colored, assault and battery, serving out sentence.

Wm. Sims, colored, assault and disturbing the peace, serving out sentence.

Fred Hooper, colored, larceny.

Ben Moore alias Jno. Williams, larceny, fugitive from Caddo parish.

MARKETS.

Market! there is little of it left. The roads are still blockaded with mud. Bright and pleasant days last Saturday and Sunday gave buoyant hopes to merchants and farmers that a more favorable era had at last dawned after the unprecedented wintry weather, only to be blasted by a continuous, heavy and cold rain this week, which has rendered the highways more deplorable and abominable than ever.

We appended the following summary since last week's report:

RECEIPTS.

Received previously.... 3146 bales.
" during week.... 186 "

Total.....3332 bales.

SUGAR AND MOLASSES.—We are indebted to our friend, John T. Purves, of the firm of Delery & Purves, weighers and gaugers, No. 33 North Front Street, for the following memorandum of receipts of Louisiana sugar and molasses, at New Orleans, from Jan. 8, 1880, to Jan. 15, 1881.

1880—Hhds. Sugar, 10621; Bbls. Molasses, 13063; Half Bbls. Molasses, 16; Bbls. Sugar, 485.

1881—Hhds. Sugar, 10177; Bbls. Molasses, 19886; Half Bbls. Molasses, 160; Bbls. Sugar, 2098.

Total from September 1st, to date:

1879—Hhds. Sugar, 101527; Bbls. Molasses, 208287; Half Bbls. Molasses, 770; Bbls. Sugar, 5062.

1880—Hhds. Sugar, 90716; Bbls. Molasses, 206799; Half Bbls. Molasses, 1022; Bbls. Sugar, 34679.

The Moroscos.

The Morosco Pantomine and Speciality Troupe have been performing in this city during the present week. Notwithstanding they came unannounced, and the weather was cold, rainy and disagreeable, a crowded house greeted them every night.

Their performances consist of acrobatic feats, jig dancing, character sketches, songs, farces, pantomimes, slackwire feats, etc. We have no hesitancy in characterising this troupe as a first-class one, and they perform what they advertise. The members of the troupe are certainly an exception in their deportment as they are always corteous, affable and polite. They have won golden opinion from all who have patronized them and most assuredly deserve the encomiums of the press wherever they have performed. We cordially join in their general recommendation.

Invitations have been issued for the Grand Ball, next Wednesday, and great preparations are being made for that event. The admission for a gentleman and two ladies is $2 50. As it is given for a benevolent purpose, our citizens should attend it in large numbers.

Children under twelve years of age will not be permitted to attend.

The Brass Band of this city, are still in debt for a balance due on their instruments and music. Up to the present time they have failed to receive the amount promised them for services rendered by them to the Fourth Congressional District Convention. This sum would about liquidate their indebtedness. Will those interested, at once make an effort to settle with the Band? It has been several months since the services were rendered. The Italian expression is apropos to this subject, "*Soccorso non viens mai tardi.*"

At the recent session of the Police Jury a resolution was introduced by Mr. Hathorn to appoint a committee of Messrs. W. O. Breazeale, President, J. E. Messi, Clerk, and Wm. Payne member of the Police Jury, and S. W. Kile citizen, to correspond with P. J. Pauley & Bro., jail builders, of St. Louis, Mo., or other house with a view to repair the Parish jail. This action of the Police Jury is highly commendable and will meet the hearty support and approval of our citizens. The building in its present condition is not only unsafe, but has been repeatedly condemned by Grand Juries for several terms of Court. It is also badly constructed and illy ventilated. When new iron cells are constructed, Natchitoches Parish will be able to boast of as neat a Court house and as safe a prison as any parish in the State, outside of New Orleans.

When the Morosco troupe arrived here last Sunday, little Harry attracted much attention by his modest deportment, neat attire, good looks and a sparkling gold medal in the form of a shield, hanging by gold chains to a scroll which he wore on the breast of his dark velvet coat. Curiosity lead a prominent citizen to examine the medal, and as several persons gathered around him he read, beautifully engraved: *Harry Morosco. Presented by the attaches of Hamilton's Varieties, N. O.*

"There's something on the other side" remarked the little fellow. The citizen then read this sentence: "*For attending strictly to his own business.*" The crowd roared with laughter, although we are assured that it was not meant as a *sell*.

THE TAP RAILROAD.

The First Step Forward.

Unanimous, Save One!

Last Tuesday, in accordance with a resolution passed by the City Council the tax-payers of the city of Natchitoches, polled their votes on the question of the expediency of levying a special tax to aid in the construction of a Railway from this place to Prudhomme's station on the line of the N. O. & T. P. R. R., said tax to be five mills on the dollar, and to continue in force for a period of ten years, commencing with the year 1881.

Considerable interest was manifested in this election by the friends of this measure, and a majority of the property holders visited the polls during the day. Some 111 votes were cast—of which only one was against the tax. Hence there is a unanimous desire on the part of the citizens that this enterprise should be carried into effect. Of course there is a diversity of opinion as to whether the results would prove more beneficial to this city than if the N. O. & T. P. R. R. should pass through here. This question we do not propose to discuss at present. One fact is assured—the citizens are in favor of the Tap Railroad, and if the Texas Pacific Company accept the decision as rendered at the ballot box this week, we too shall be in rapid communication with the outer world. This awakening to the exigencies of the times is a gratifying result, and it is to be hoped, is only the forerunner of better things to come.

On Thursday, the 12th instant, the string band of this city was reorganiezd at Mr. M. H. Wilkinson's drug store, on Front street, for the present year. The following members constitute the organization: Jos. H. Kile, President, violincello; F. N. Tauzin, musical director, first violin; M H Wilkinson, secretary, B flat cornet; John H Sheppard, 2nd violin; W H Tunnard, 1st flute; Dr. Jules Jauin, 2nd flute; R Morrow, guitar. It is probable that the Band will also aid in the festivities of the Hebrew ball on the 26th.

Mayor's Court.

Martin Jackson, colored, was up before the Mayor on Friday last, charged with disturbing the peace. He was fined $5 and costs.

Jno. Butler, colored, was arrested on the 13th for a similar offense and mulcted in the sum of $2 50 and costs.

Henry Hughes, white, who claims to hail from Shreveport, imbibed too much "tanglefoot" last Monday, and became boisterous on the streets Marshal Baker gently invited him before Mayor Holmes. Hughes was fined $5 and costs. After being released, he took his revenge out of more "benzine" and was again arrested and lodged in jail.

Cutting Down Trees.

The indefatigable Chief of Police, Wm. Baker, arrested three colored men, for cutting timber on Bayou Amulet and one citizen for the same offense on the river bank in front of his residence, on the 14th, but released the parties after warning them that he would have them punished to the full extent of the law for a repetition of the act. No citizen has any right to cut down any tree within the corporate limits of the city, without first obtaining the consent of the Mayor In doing so they make themselves liable to arrest and a fine. Be warned in time.

Died:

BURKETT—In this parish, on Tuesday, January 11th, 1881, G. W. Burkett, a nature of Alabama, and for the last 23 years a resident of this parish.