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W. M. TUNNARD, Local Editor.

Local Cleanings.

Very heavy rain and wind storm prevailed here all last Saturday night and a portion of Sunday.

The Parish prison, now contains only three prisoners. It will soon become sufficiently unoccupied to permit its thorough repair.

Fishermen are beginning to hunt for their long unused fishing tackle in order to make a raid on the fluny fish.

The greatest attraction on Front street this week has been the "Wheel of Fortune" and the dulcet strains of a band, together with an "Honest Peter" table.

A fearful rain storm, accompanied with hail, thunder and lightning, visited this section Thursday night.

A frame building in the course of construction, near the corner of St. Denis and 5th streets was completely demolished by the storm last Sunday.

Lake Stibley, just west of this place, has assumed the proportions of a respectable inland sea, under the influence of the recent flood of water from heavenward.

BUITS' GARDEN and FLOWER SEED, received direct from grower. Also Onion Sets. For sale by Jan. 25-1m. J. C. TRICHEL.

Mr. N. L. McGinnis has assumed control of the stage line from Shreveport. His well known energy is a guarantee of regular mails, Deo Volente, as well as good vehicles for passengers.

Mr. Leon Hirsch now has full charge of the Livery Stable on St. Denis street, known as the Ten Broeck Stables, the firm of L. Hirsch & Co., having been dissolved on the 1st inst. See Mr. Hirsch's advertisement elsewhere. He will be pleased to accommodate the traveling public, with anything in this line.

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

The dirt bridge of the culvert over Bayou Amulet, on Jefferson street, has been for some time, in a most deplorable condition. In its centre was a huge mud or slop hole, which overflowed during heavy rain storms making breaks in the edge of the embankment, which threatened eventually to render this important thoroughfare impassable. This week, however, Mr. R. McLean, under direction of the City authorities, has thoroughly repaired it filling up the hole with bats and then curdoring it and covering the whole with concrete and sand which will make it substantial and solid for some time to come.

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

The last number of the Alexandria Democrat states that the Alexandria Cornet Band would give a Grand Promenade Concert in that town on next Tuesday. We are pleased to notice the marked progress of the band under the tuition of that accomplished musician Prof. Edward Forward. Why could not our local band have given a similar entertainment and thus extinguish their indebtedness? We feel assured that the citizens would cheerfully patronize it, and spend a most enjoyable evening. What say the members of the band to such an entertainment on the 1st of March.

Formulated Rooms at Mrs. R. E. Burke's, in building over the Post Office. Fifty cents per day. Fires extra. Dec. 18 11.

We had occasion recently to mention the practicability as well as remuneratory results from the more extended cultivation of sugar cane, and the manufacture of sugar and molasses in this section of Louisiana. It has already been successfully accomplished, and more attention should be turned in this channel.

On Saturday we saw on our streets, a new wagon, a case mill and sugar mill, purchased by Mr. J. M. Lee, and destined for his farm five miles south of Many. Mr. Lee must undoubtedly be a practical man, and knows exactly what pays best. Our belief is, he will find demand and ready sale for all the sugar and molasses that he can manufacture.

We learn incidentally, that the affairs of our city, under its present management, are in a most flourishing condition, but have received no official information of this fact. Many improvements have been made, but the severe winter weather and continuous rains have retarded our thoroughfare in a most noticeable condition, nearly all the streets being filled up obstructing traffic and necessitating a great amount of labor, when the weather becomes favorable for such work. The work done last year has been a great benefit. In reference to the subject cannot some efficient subject be rigidly enforced to prevent loiterers from driving over the streets and across the vacant lots in the upper portion of the city, it is useless to work them as they are filled up and almost obliterated as soon as they are repaired.

For the VINDICATOR, SOCIETY NOTES.

The terrible rain of last Sunday prevented a great many from attending church, in fact, there was no service at all, in several of the churches.

The Catholic All Society did not hold a meeting on Sunday last, as was announced, on account of the inclemency of the weather. Due notice of their next meeting will be given and it is hoped that there will be a large attendance.

Notwithstanding the efforts of the ladies of that Society, they will not be able to purchase the chandeliers for the Cathedral, as they had hoped to do, in time for Lent, but if there is any virtue in perseverance, they will have them before many months.

They speak of raising money to be used only for the cemetery and in a few weeks will have a list ready which they hope will be signed by all the gentlemen who have registered in their cemetery. If they succeed as they desire to do, they will engage a sexton and will be prepared to receive orders for the care of private enclosures. It is hoped that the country people will not be backward in doing their share when they are called upon, as it is not just that the town should do all.

The Methodist Ladies' Aid Society meet every Wednesday afternoon, at the houses of the different members. The Dorcas Society, we believe, meets on the same day. Both societies are very small but they do wonderful and very zealous officers who never seem to tire.

Mr. Willis Holmes and Editor Congrove returned from New Orleans the last trip of the Bell. They give fearful accounts of the storm on Saturday night.

We hear it whispered about that we will be indebted to the Military Company for a ball on Mardi Gras, and hope the rumor is true. As we are not one of them, we do not know much about it.

We would suggest to the young men, that when they have to tell jokes, which are very amusing to them, but not always fit for polite ears, they should look around and see who is near them, as it is sometimes impossible to avoid hearing what is not intended for our ears. But, do not be uneasy, we promise to keep the secret.

The flower garden at Mrs. P. A. Morse's residence, on Washington street, is the object of all observation. No one passes without stopping to admire it, and the owner is always flattered when she hears the many compliments it receives.

A certain gentleman wore a bouquet on his coat, a few days ago, and offered it, as a reward, to the one who could tell the name of one of the flowers. The manner in which he put the question was very amusing to all, and those who did know the name could not remember it, at the time. We are requested, by a young lady, to say that the flower is known as the Japanese Quince, and therefore she wins the prize.

The string band met in M. H. Wilkinson's drug store, last Saturday, and spent a very pleasant evening. We hear that they propose giving some kind of entertainment immediately after Lent; we suppose it will be something funny, as Joe Kile is the Captain.

Bandolone is all the rage; all the young ladies and some of the old ones use it, to fire their beau-catchers; but some of them still cling to yellow soap, and are not always careful in removing the traces.

MARKETS. The week has been a stormy one up to Wednesday last, thus completely annihilating the beneficial effects of last week's weather on the roads. Notwithstanding this drawback the receipts of cotton have been somewhat better, and our merchants have not been altogether idle.

Probabilities, we are, from present indications, that the receipts of cotton will be more rapid, the weather promising a change for the better. But we would as soon think of having in Mother Shipton's prophesies, as our ability to predict the numerous atmospheric changes.

We append the following summary of our last report:

Received previously... 4912 bales. during week... 429 "

Total... 5341 bales.

SUGAR AND MOLASSES.—We are indebted to our friend, John T. Purves, of the firm of Delery & Purves, wedgers and gaugers, No. 39 North Front Street, for the following memorandum of receipts of Louisiana sugar and molasses, at New Orleans, from Jan. 29, 1890, to Feb. 4, 1891.

1890—Hhd. Sugar, 3610; Bbls. Molasses, 2334; Half Bbls. Molasses, 16; 1891—Sugar, 248.

1891—Hhd. Sugar, 7871; Bbls. Molasses, 18334; Half Bbls. Molasses, 47; Bbls. Sugar, 3299.

Total from September 1st, to date: 1879—Hhd. Sugar, 117485; Bbls. Molasses, 230933; Half Bbls. Molasses, 898; Bbls. Sugar, 5797.

1890—Hhd. Sugar, 114731; Bbls. Molasses, 264292; Half Bbls. Molasses, 1358; Bbls. Sugar, 37894.

Victor's Restaurant.

If there is one thing more than another, which the average of mankind consider par excellence, above all earthly things, 'tis a magnificent repast, accompanied with bonne bouche. There is not most attentive, polite and suave attendants, and you have what is but a title of the enjoyments to be found at Victor's Restaurant, No. 31 Bourbon street, New Orleans.

Victor Bero, the Proprietor, is noted for the attractions of his restaurant. He is deservedly popular, and furnishes everything to make it agreeable and attractive to every one who visits him. It is the fashionable and popular resort of all who patronize Mr. Bero, who, to sum it up in a few words, keeps a restaurant, which in itself, as the French proverb says: "The advertisement elsewhere in this issue.

Personal.

Our genial and sociable friend Dr. J. W. BUTLER, of Tiger Island, recently enlivened our office with his presence and as usual left substantial tokens of his interest in this journal. The Doctor is in his usual good health and spirits.

J. P. REIDEMER, Esq., of Camptoe, dropped in on us last Monday and renewed his subscription. He reports nothing of particular interest in Camptoe.

Rev. J. W. HILTON, pastor of the colored M. E. church in this city, left last Tuesday, for his new post in Shreveport. He has created a very favorable impression during his sojourn in this city. He could not leave without asking for the Vindicator to follow him to his new charge.

Among the departures by the Jesse K. Bell, last Tuesday, were Judge O. CHARLIN and lady, W. H. JACK, Esq., Hon. D. C. SCARBOROUGH, and J. H. CORNINGHAM, Esq. The lawyers go to attend the session of the Supreme Court as well as on pressure bent, we suppose.

A. E. LEMER, Esq., U. S. Land Receiver and Deputy Clerk, left our city last Tuesday, on route for Bellevue, Bossier Parish.

We were pleased to greet Gen. J. E. COOPER and William HOLMES, Esq., this week after two weeks absence in New Orleans. Both gentlemen are looking remarkably well.

Our Schools.

All over the State, the subject of Public Schools is being discussed by the several newspapers. Various inquiries have been made by residents of the different Wards in this Parish, about the establishment of schools in these localities. We have heard nothing from the School Directors, nor are we aware of their finances in this parish. We believe, however, that the Board will, as soon as practicable, reopen the schools. It is most assuredly a good sign to see the general awakening on this important subject. As a rule too little attention has been paid to the education of the poorer classes. That this fact is fully realized and the necessity for a change appreciated, is shown by the interest manifested in this matter.

Already there are several schools in operation in some wards supported by the payment, to private teachers, of monthly tuition by the parents of scholars.

Mr. J. M. Corley recently informed us that near him, in Ward 3, a new school house had been erected and also a residence for a teacher, with a view of furnishing him with a permanent position. They want a good teacher, a man with a small family preferred and such an one will be employed, if satisfaction is given, by applying to either Mr. Corley or Mr. J. O. Maybin of that locality.

It is to be hoped that there will soon be established in every neighborhood in the Parish, good free schools, supplied with competent instructors. We should like to hear something from the School Directors in reference to this subject.

A Heg-lish Joke.

Marshal Baker was busy in the Mayor's Court one day last week, when in rushed a diminutive African and exclaimed:

"Mr. Baker, I've done got two hogs out yere. What'll you gimme fur driven 'em up?"

"I'll give you just what the city allows—fifty cents apiece," replied the Marshal.

The boy impounded the swine, recaptured, received his dollar and went on his way rejoicing.

When the Chief of Police inspected these hogs he found that he had paid for confining his own stock, instead he was so completely sold, that he disposed of his hogs for \$5.00, thus realizing a full half dollar for the operation. The joke is too good to keep from the public.

River News.

The river continued to rise at Shreveport until last Saturday, when it declined two inches. Sunday it was on a stand. It is on the up grade again, the result of the heavy storm this week, which has deluged the country with water, and flooded bayous and crevasses almost totally impeding and blocking travel Red River is rising rapidly at this point. The water is running through Cane river and daily crawling up the banks. The stream is no longer fordable, and the ferry has been brought into requisition. If it continues to advance at the same rate as during the past week, it will soon be navigable to this point.

The Jesse K. Bell reached Grand Ecore late Tuesday night, and departed on her return Wednesday morning. The approaching festivities in the Crescent City will tax her passenger capacity to its utmost limits as this magnificent packet is deservedly popular along Red River. She reached the City Saturday last, and departed the same day, with a good trip. This office is indebted to her ever attentive officers for a full file of City papers in advance of the mails.

A Supposed Horse Thief.

Last Tuesday a likely young negro man, arrived here, mounted on a light sorrel horse, which was recognized by different parties as belonging to or having belonged to Major M. L. Wilcox, of Mansfield. The colored man gave his name as King Mitchell. There were several suspicious circumstances connected with his statements, as to how he came in possession of the animal. On an affidavit made by Mr. J. E. Hewitt, that to the best of his knowledge and belief, the horse belonged to Major Wilcox, Mitchell was arrested and ordered to be held in custody by Judge D. Pierson, and was lodged in jail to await future information in this matter. The horse was put in Mr. L. Hirsch's livery stable.

DIED.

LECONTE.—At four o'clock, A. M., Monday, February 7th, 1891, PLACIDE, oldest son of A. H. Lecomte and Adeline Deblieux, aged 5 years and 2 months.

But two days previous to his death, little Placide was in the enjoyment and vigor of his childhood. A heavy gate fell on him, but did not apparently injure him. Yet he must have been bruised internally, as he expired almost before his demise was dreamed of. Placide was a bright, intelligent child, the idol of all of his relatives. "His ever thus." Death always loves a shining mark, and clasps in its icy embrace the best beloved, those around whom the tendrils of human love and affection are most closely entwined.

Twice within a few short months the Pale Rider has o'er shadowed with his sable pinions this household, and taken away on his spectral white steed the tender flowers of the family circle.

Placide, fair boy, has departed. Gone! like mist before the rising sun. Gone! like dying strains of enchanting music. Gone! as the wavelets that wash the sandied shore. Gone! as the crimson tinge of the setting sun. He is at rest, that rest which knows no awakening, and the pure spirit is with its Maker.

Rest for the weary; Rest for the brave; Rest for the lovely; In the silent grave.

Rest for the youthful; With pure, white wings Mounting heavenward; The spirit sings.

A young soul ransomed; Among the dead The body moulders; While the soul has fled.

"Bring flowers, pale flowers, o'er the Bier to shed; A crown for the brow of the early dead! For this through its leaves hath the white rose burst; For this in the woods was the violet nursed! Though they smile in vain for what once was ours; They are love's last gift—bring ye flowers, pale flowers!"

A Fire Company.

Considerable talk has been indulged in recently regarding the organization of an efficient fire company here. Every property holder is personally interested in such an organization. The success of the whole question hangs on these points, viz: Will our "City Fathers" attempt to dispose of the present useless machines in Firemen's Hall? Will they make an effort to purchase a good steam engine? This latter can be done on most reasonable terms. The ladies are very enthusiastic in their approbation of such a company, and will use their utmost efforts to aid and support this cause, and that means, as far as they are concerned, pre-eminence success.

Mr. Ohas. E. Levy, our worthy Justice of the Peace, is a thorough, practical engineer, and signifies his willingness to superintend and "run de machine." Let something be done at once. If the City Council will give some definite assurance that the proper apparatus will be provided, we can guarantee that an efficient company to work it will be organized here in forty-eight hours, and with little or no cost to the members. What say the authorities? Shall Natchitoches have a Fire Department? Don't let the subject, like so many others, evaporate in talk, brag and bluster, but let it become a living reality.

Criminal Notes.

On Wednesday of last week, Deputy Sheriff Bagas, of Caddo Parish, reached this city properly supplied with documentary authority to take charge of John Williams alias Henry Moore, charged with bag-stealing in that Parish. Williams was turned over to Mr. Bagas, who forthwith departed with his prisoner.

Deputy Sheriff G. E. Stansbury brought to this place, last Saturday, from Ward 1, one Columbus Holden, colored, indicted for carrying concealed weapons. Last Monday Columbus was released from custody on a bond of \$100, with Jos. Welch as security.

At the same time, the same officer also lodged in jail one Allen Mallard, indicted on the charge of assault, by willfully shooting at one Price, with intent to murder. Mallard was also from Ward 4, and was released last Monday under a bond of \$300, with Mr. O. N. Cartier as security.

Mayor's Court.

Messrs. Arthur Kahn, Isaac Kahn and Alfred Mayor were arrested on the 2d charged with disturbing the peace. After examination before Mayor Duconroun, Messrs. Arthur and Isaac Kahn were discharged from custody.

Mr. Alfred Mayor's examination was postponed to secure the testimony of an absent witness.

John Patton and Emile Crump, both colored, were arraigned before the Mayor, last Monday, charged with disturbing the congregation of Asbury church the night previous. They were fined \$2.50 each and costs.

Columbus Holden no sooner gave his bond last Monday, and stepped on the street, when he was "nabbed" by Marshal Baker for disturbing the peace, Jan. 7th. Columbus pled guilty to the charge and paid a fine of \$1.50 and costs.

Wednesday last L. Bachal, colored, was up before the Mayor, charged with the violation of Section 25, Ordinance 25, having hitched his s'm'll on the street. It also cost him \$1 and expenses to learn the law.

Mr. H. V. Tessler's hack driver, ran his vehicle on the pavement, which Marshal Baker took cognizance of. He was fined \$1 and costs for this violation of the city ordinance.

Extraordinary Sales of Cotton.

Mr. J. C. Trichel, a merchant of this city, recently showed us an account sales of two bales of cotton, which is decidedly out of the line of the market. They weighed nine hundred and forty-five pounds, and were sold by T. L. Airey & Co., January 28th, 1891, for fifteen cents per pound. The cotton was shipped September 18th, 1890, was extra long staple and was raised on the Spanish Lake farm in this Parish, from the Roubieu seed.

Mr. E. V. Deblieux, a planter residing on Red River below Grand Ecore, also sold eight bales which averaged 13 1/2 per pound.

We notice that Gang Plows and cultivators are being introduced in the cultivation of farms in several portions of this State. Every farming implement which saves time and labor, and does its work thoroughly, is certainly a great desideratum, particularly when labor is scarce, as is the case in many localities. Thousands of acres of land are particularly adapted to the use of these labor-saving implements, being entirely free from stumps or other obstructions. It is a matter of congratulation to witness our farmers awakening out of their lethargy and turning their attention to whatever will best aid in the agricultural development of the State, and afford the best, most remunerative and surest methods of cultivation.

Mr. Jas. H. Hill, one of our wide-awake and most practical farmers succeeded in introducing several gang plows and cultivators into use in this locality last year, and is now the manufacturers agent with J. J. McCook & Bro., for various kinds of labor-saving implements.

There was a meeting of a number of the younger citizens of this city and vicinity at Mr. M. H. Wilkinson's Drug Store, last Saturday night, who organized under the name of the "Home Variety Troupe" for the purpose of giving a series of performances during the coming Spring, for the encouragement and benefit of local enterprises. The first of the series will be duly announced.

The troupe was organized by the election of the following officers: President, W. H. Tunnard; Secretary and Treasurer, W. H. Sims; Manager, Jules E. Meess; Stage Manager, Jos. H. Kile; Musical Director, F. Numa Tauzin.

Several of our young ladies have signified their willingness to aid in these performances. There will be nothing produced in any way objectionable. The performances will consist of songs, instrumental pieces, character sketches, plays, etc. We believe our citizens will encourage this effort to entertain and amuse them.

Persons who are endowed with any moiety of personal pride, dislike exceedingly to see their names printed in connection with the records of a court, for violating ordinances. Yet these records are public and printed in every town and city, where there is a newspaper. Granted that it is mortifying to individuals. They should consider this fact before committing the offense, and not make themselves liable to punishment and publicity. Our only advice is—do not make yourselves amenable to the laws.

It has been suggested that it would be a good plan to open a column in the Vindicator, to be called the "Little Folks column," for the purpose of encouraging and stimulating our girls and boys, up to fifteen years of age, to attain literary excellence. The Local Editor declines to have such a column, which has already been adopted by several of the State journals. Good thinkers and writers among our young people are altogether too few. What we desire in this department, are short articles, tersely written and well expressed. Should any such communications be declined do not be discouraged, but "try, try again." Remember that tall oaks from little acorns grow. True merit will be encouraged. Think well about what you write and express your thoughts in as few words as possible. Shall we hear from our "young folks?"

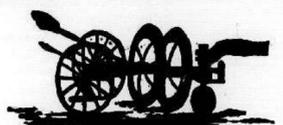
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