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Our friends are reminded that under the printing law now in force, there is no longer any official journal in which JUDICIAL ADVERTISEMENTS will be published to be legal, and the law still allows them to publish their SALES, ETC., in the COURIER, if they see fit to do so.

LOCAL NEWS.

FOR SALE—A light spring wagon without top, new and elegant. For particulars address—Andrew Zerlinger, Houma, La.

Day's length for the coming week—9h. 42m. The Houma Brass Band is in full bloom.

First quality sugar-cured hams at J. P. Chaudreau's. Mr. Owen Bannion, of Lafourche, was in town this week.

An Excursion train leaves tomorrow. Mr. W. H. Keys is the manager. Mr. Leopold Verdelin will be found behind the bar, at the Houma Club. Give him a call.

Read the proceedings of the Police Jury and Town Council in to-day's issue.

"Clark's Best O. N. T." Spool Cotton at J. P. Chaudreau's. Price—5 cents a spool.

Mr. Eugene Houma had the misfortune to break an arm last Wednesday, the 15th inst.

The Live Oak post-office has been discontinued this week. All mail must be addressed to that office until next week.

On the 15th with feelings of regret that we announce the death of Mr. J. H. Lineau, aged about 100 years. Mr. Lineau was by birth a Frenchman of an old aristocratic family. He served with distinction under the old Napoleon, and was considered a man of fine literary attainments.

The many friends of the deceased are invited to attend to his funeral which will take place to-day.

The body of a colored man was found in Bayou Terrebonne, near the plantation of Senator T. A. Cato. It is supposed that the unfortunate man, who had been making sundry purchases at Mr. Gully's store, had indulged too freely in alcoholic stimulants, and on his way home, in a small flat-boat, he fell over-board and was drowned. The sum of twenty dollars was found on his person.

The Town Council has appointed Mr. Heber Lester as Town Marshal. This is a good appointment. Mr. Lester will make an efficient police officer and keep the boys straight. On the day he qualified he lodged two men in prison—one of the men arrested holding a pistol in his hand, threatening to shoot Mr. J. P. Larriere.

The citizens of Houma, one and all, speak highly of Mr. Lester's appointment, and we sincerely hope that the new Town Marshal will continue to merit the approbation and appreciation of the public.

There are unprincipled men all over the United States who advertise free prescriptions for Catarrh, Consumption, nervous debility, etc. Some talk "Rev." on their name, and some claim to be retired physicians, etc. Every one of these so-called prescriptions contains some article which no one on earth of anywhere else has, except the benevolent man who sends them, so you are induced to send to him and pay a good price for a worthless compound. No one but the so-called Rev. Edward Wilson ever heard of a medicine called Blodgett's, and he made his thousands on poor afflicted men and women all over the country. Like the thousands of patent medicines, they all aim to get money, and not all of them care if you are benefited to the amount you invest.

The Public Schools of the Parish of Terrebonne will open on Monday January 20, 1879, with the following assignment of teachers:

- School No. 1, Terrebonne St., L. A. Winder. School No. 2, Bayou Blue, A. B. Larriere. School No. 3, McCollon, Thos. E. Lacombe. School No. 4, Shaffer, Saml Galbreath. School No. 5, Chascolin, M. A. Lecomte. School No. 6, Tigerville, Miss Kate Duffy. School No. 7, Bayou Black, Miss Galbreath. School No. 8, Houma, W. F. Pearson. School No. 9, Houma, M. C. H. Mason. School No. 10, Houma, A. L. Williams. School No. 11, Canal Belanger, H. K. Toll. School No. 12, Field, Jas. Kelly. School No. 13, Bellefleur, H. C. Cope. School No. 14, J. R. Duplantier, J. D. Duplantier. School No. 15, Lower La. Cullion, T. P. Frazier. School No. 16, Woodlawn, W. R. Boyd. School No. 17, Ozark, G. L. Powell. School No. 18, Dulange, H. Hayes Cope. School No. 19, Bismarck, Yvonne. School No. 20, Waterford, Mrs. Robertson.

Teachers will render their reports from the scholastic month, commencing January 20, 1879, regardless of the day of opening. Duncan S. Cope, Secretary. L. Burquier, President.

THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

We deeply regret that space will not allow us to publish this admirable document in full. The Governor opens his message with a sympathetic heart—thanking the "spontaneous exhibition of sympathy, of Christian charity and brotherhood which our distress evoked through out our common country."

The instigation of the riots in the parishes of Tensas and Concordia are severely censured. The Governor believes that some of the acts of lawlessness which have been directed against colored men results from the circumstance that the greater number of the infractions of the law are necessarily found in all communities among those classes who, from ignorance or ill-will or thin-skinnedness, fail to understand and appreciate their duties and obligations; and that in this State, the mass of these classes is found among the colored people. The rights of the Tensas troubles are also discussed and related as follows: "The proximate cause of that trouble was the going at night of a party of men—numbering from twenty to twenty-five to the house of one Fairfax, a colored political leader in Tensas parish, which act resulted in the killing of Peck (reference to have been the leader of the party), and the wounding by Peck's companions of three colored men who were in Fairfax's house, one of whom afterwards died. The visit of these men to Fairfax was utterly wrong—in my opinion, utterly without justification; and whilst it tempted to be justified upon the ground that they went in the interest of peace to expostulate against a rumored proposed attempt of the colored people to force the quarantine lines at the town of St. Joseph, I am satisfied that such was not the purpose, but that it had a political object. I do not think that the purpose was to kill or harm Fairfax, but I do believe it was to influence his course and the local campaign in the parish. The killing of Peck and the wounding of the colored men was, in my opinion, totally unexpected and attended by results which none of the parties contemplated, and from which political considerations utterly disappeared. Just as soon as these men were killed and wounded reports were spread with astonishing rapidity through Tensas and Concordia, and instantly armed bands of colored men, evidently organized prior thereto, moved in every direction to the scene of the occurrence. Whilst this was taking place the parish Judge of Tensas, who had been informed of the circumstances of Peck's death, issued a warrant for the arrest of Fairfax, who was charged with having killed him. Instead of either leaving the parish, if he believed himself about to be wronged, or at once surrendering himself to the authorities, who were pursuing the forms of the law, Fairfax remained with the large number of men who had assembled, some of whom were making the most horrible threats. These threats produced a feeling of terror and apprehension in the parish, and with the events which followed, in my opinion, politics had nothing to do. The situation will be understood when I say that Tensas is a parish of large territorial extent, with an exceedingly sparse white and very dense colored population, the proportion being nearly as ten to one in favor of the latter, and that the bodies of armed colored men parading through the parish are variously estimated from 1000 to 2000 men, whilst the whites seem to have been unprepared. The fears entertained by the latter of general pillage and pillage, I am satisfied, were fully justified by appearances, and were beyond question thoroughly real. Their completely defenseless condition demonstrates at once the folly and wrong of the original act which brought about the situation, and also the fact that it was unexpected. I cannot conceive that men could wantonly and deliberately place the lives and property of their fellow-citizens in such peril as they were in, Assistance was immediately called for from neighboring parishes, and when it came it found the people of Tensas, white and black, almost solidly arrayed against each other."

The events of those few days will, I trust, serve as a lesson out of which possibly good may ultimately come. It may teach those who lightly engage in acts tending to such terrible consequences to halt before again venturing in that direction, and it must necessarily result in arraying solidly against such persons those who have at heart the

NEW ORLEANS LETTER.

New Orleans, Jan. 16, 1879. Editor Houma Courier: A general complaint prevails at this moment of the dullness of the times, which is mostly attributed to the very disagreeable weather that has served to reduce the receipts of our chief staples, thereby causing a falling off in the receipts of our chief staples, and a consequent decrease in the amount of goods ordered in return. However, our merchants are bearing it out patiently, indulging the hope of a near future recovery.

The anniversary of the glorious 4th of JANUARY was postponed owing to the inclemency of the weather. So our young military crew was somewhat damped in the face of a cold shower bath, and the boys did not "march through the town with their banners so gay," and "The Captain with his whippers" did not glance at his whippers, Biddie and Nora, much to the disappointment of the latter.

The Governor's Message presented to the Legislature, of which you must have a copy, is deemed an able and very interesting State document. However, there is much to applaud and little to condemn in it. I would like to comment on some passages of the Message, but space forbids me the task. To you the honor of dissecting it is graciously yielded.

THE STATE PRINTER. In my opinion, a much out-of-the-way office, has asked of the Legislature an investigation into his office as State Printer; that body has graciously granted him the request, and a Committee, of which Hon. A. D. Hammond, of Monroe, is Chairman, has been appointed to take the matter in hand. The investigation, at the request of the State Printer, will be conducted with open doors. Your correspondent has all along believed that the prosecution of the State Printer was the result of a vile and malicious conspiracy on the part of his arch enemies—the Radical party and the Louisiana State Treasury—a conspiracy which a searching inquiry will bring to light. The investigation is making progress.

The Bill for the calling of a CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION has passed both houses by a strict party vote. The bill will now go to the Governor for his signature, and it is sincerely to be hoped that he will not be deterred from a measure which alone will save the State and relieve it from the burden that it now carries.

A five-year-old youngster, seeing a chicken follow on Main street, said, "Mother, did God make that man?" "Yes," she replied, "I wouldn't have done it," was the young innocent's answer.

A perspicacious Vermont legislator said in a speech, "My wife is a nut, but women?"

One of the saddest and most vexatious trials that comes to a girl when she marries is that she has to discharge her mother and depend upon a hard, gruff, blundering

Josh Billings takes his horse to the dinner table. The dinner being the oldest and most sacred horn there is, it is set with music and plays "Home Sweet Home" about noon. It has been listened to with more rapturous delight than ever any band has. You can hear it further than you can one of Rodman's guns. It will arrest a man and bring him in quicker than a sheriff's warrant. It can outdo any other noise. It causes the deaf to hear and the dumb to shout for joy. Glorious old instrument! long may your lungs last!

There is magic power in violet exactly secured— Given at lover's bowler— Ever to be remembered.

"Whoa Emma!"—by the Houma Brass Band next week. Whoa!

Silk neckties about four feet square, rainbow colors, are stylish with our sporting gents.

The Original Cheap John has finally settled down in Houma. From latest reports there are five hundred "Cheap Johns" in the State—all original enough.

Since the day that the first notes of "Sailing on the Lake" were heard here, we have to report ten suicides and twenty-five duels. Causes—"Sailing on the Lake" in a strong current and lively breeze.

The champion bores of the world—Sewing Machine Agents—are loitering round side entrances.

Oh! Muddy, Muddy, Muddy! Oh! Muddy, Muddy, Muddy! Oh! So Muddy!

We understand that Old Age and Youth are about to form an alliance. O, my!

Snodgrass says that too young ladies kissing each other are like an emblem of Christianity, because they are doing unto each other as they would men should do unto them.

It is said that the whiffer of a beautiful woman can be heard further than the loudest call of duty. We gave in.

A Brave Kentucky Woman.

In the early part of the settlement of the State of Kentucky forts were erected, block-houses built and other precautionary measures taken for the protection of the hardy settlers against the depredations of the Indians. Among the settlers were William and Mary. They had three children aged five, three and one year old. It was known that William had five hundred dollars in his house. His house, like all the other settlers' was of heavy logs with but one entrance, and the door, constructed of heavy, massive oak, was strongly barricaded inside. It became necessary one day for William to go to the fort about six miles distant to get some articles he stood in need of. His wife went to a small brook in the front of the door to wash, taking with her the children—placing the smallest on some moss and leaving the other two to nurse it while she was washing. Suddenly she saw two Indians emerge from the woods and advance rapidly towards her. As quick as thought, she caught up the two oldest and hid them in the house. Before she could return to the brook the Indians were upon her. She barricaded the door and called for assistance, thinking that her nearest neighbors might come to her relief. But all in vain. The Indians, in very good English, demanded the money, or they would kill the child they had in their possession. Thinking this was only to intimidate her, she refused to give up the money. But, alas! these needs in human form dashed out the brains of the innocent infant and then tried to make an entrance into the house. And this brave woman, instead of being better protected, and shielded all the attempts of the savages to enter her home. At last one of the Indians, perceiving the state of the chimney, and some smoke being seen, while the door was closed, he took the opportunity, with a long pole, to push a hole through the chimney, and then, with a bundle of straw, he pushed it down the chimney, and when the bundle was about halfway down the chimney, the lighted bundle was pushed down.

The letter woman, who was proceeding to deliver a lecture for a United States Senator, and since a result reached, bills for the relief of the State's present financial embarrassment, as well as the schools and other objects of prime necessity will be enacted when adjournment will follow. Let us hope the present Legislature will not overlook the growing and menacing evil—the La. State Lottery—and that before adjournment it will administer to that corrupt and corrupting concern the reformation it so richly deserves.

Remaining at the Houma Post Office, Thursday evening, Jan. 16th 1879.

Allie Alia, Anderson Beattie, Adams Loran T., Blanchard T. P., Bass Ernest, Bergeron M. A., Boudin G. W., Brown Scott, Cowen Simon, Charlin C., Collin Scott, Coleman Ryal D. D., Diggs, Sally Miss, Darc Joseph, Edwards Caroline Miss, Egan Jno., Egan A. T., Egan Louis, Raymond Samuel, LeBlanc F., LeBlanc A., LeBlanc Abel, LeBlanc Joseph L., LeBlanc J. E., Martell Marcelin, Peay Benj., Robbhaux U., Richoudon Carrie E., Richoudon & Young, Tull H. E., Wright Shepherd, Wright John.

MRS. J. SHERFURNE, Postmistress.

"Twenty years ago," says a colored philosopher, "I was a white man with a thousand dollars apiece. Now I am a black man with two dollars a dozen. It's 'stonishin' how de race am runnin' down."

OFFICIAL.

Proceedings of the Police Jury—Parish of Terrebonne. Houma La., Jan. 11th 1879.

Police Jury of the Parish of Terrebonne, met at Court house on Saturday, January 11th, 1879, by order of the late president H. C. Minor.

H. C. Minor in the Chair. Roll called—and the following members answered to their names, viz: Joseph Gueno, Philmore Parker, Hugh O'Rourke, J. P. Larriere, Genl Lyons, Francois E. Theriot, Franklin Lirette, Samuel Williams, Paul Faisans and H. C. Daspit.

The chair then stated that the election for officers were in order. Paul Faisans, was nominated for President. He being the only nominee. On motion, duly seconded was elected president by acclamation.

Paul Faisans president in the chair. Nominations for Secretary being in order.

E. A. Hepler and John K. Aitkens were placed in nomination. John K. Aitkens having received 6 votes and E. A. Hepler 4, John K. Aitkens was declared elected Secretary of this Board Body.

Nominations for Parish Treasurer were declared in order.

Francois Gueno was nominated. He being the only nominee was declared elected Treasurer of the Parish of Terrebonne, by acclamation.

Nominations for Road Inspector were declared in order.

The names of Messrs. Samuel Wolf, E. A. Hepler and Jordan Steward were placed in nomination.

On motion of General Lyons, the votes were cast by calling the names of each and every member, and to say for which Candidate he votes.

The following named members voted for Samuel Wolf: H. O'Rourke, E. A. Hepler, J. Gueno, Paul Faisans, F. E. Theriot and Franklin Lirette.

For Jordan Steward: General Lyons, P. Parker, Samuel Williams and J. P. Larriere.

E. A. Hepler having received the majority of votes cast was declared elected Road Inspector of the Parish of Terrebonne.

On motion of General Lyons, duly seconded, E. A. Hepler was declared unanimously elected Road Inspector.

President notified the members to hand over to the Clerk, in this body the commissions, together with their oaths of office.

Ordinance by General Lyons, duly recorded.

It is ordained, by the Police Jury of this Parish that the President be empowered to appoint the same Committees as existed under the old Police Jury for their government—for the government of this Police Jury, and vice versa.

The petition of General Lyons was presented to the Police Jury and read by the Clerk, in reference to a judgment against the Parish.

The following Resolution offered by Mr. H. C. Daspit and duly seconded by Philmore Parker.

Resolved, That the petition of General Lyons relative to a judgment be referred to the Finance Committee, and that said Committee shall examine the said claim and also all other claims against the Parish that originated prior to the year 1878, including judgments and ordinary claims, and report to the next meeting of this body.

The president according to ordinance passed, appointed the following Committees to serve for the ensuing year, (1879)

1st. Committee on Rules. Paul Faisans Chairman. Hugh O'Rourke, Sam. Williams.

2nd. Finance. H. O'Rourke Chairman. F. E. Theriot and J. P. Larriere.

3rd. Roads. H. C. Daspit Chairman. G. Lyons and Franklin Lirette.

4th. On Health. F. E. Theriot Chairman. Philmore Parker and J. Gueno.

5th. Public Buildings and Improvements. Franklin Lirette Chairman.

6th. Education. Hugh O'Rourke and F. E. Theriot. Chairman. Joachim Gueno Chairman. H. C. Daspit and G. Lyons.

7th. Retrenchment and Reform. Hugh O'Rourke Chairman. J. Gueno and Samuel Williams.

The Annual Report of the late Treasurer, Charles Tennent, was received, and on motion of Genl. Lyons seconded by H. C. Daspit was referred to Finance Committee to investigate and report at the next meeting.

Carried. On motion of Joachim Gueno, seconded by H. C. Daspit.

The president was empowered to contract with one of the News-papers published in this Parish, for the publication of the proceedings of this Board Body for the year 1879, and to report the same to the Police Jury at its next sitting.

On motion, the Clerk is ordered to publish the proceedings of this meeting in the HOUMA COURIER, as the same will be published free of charge. On motion, the Police Jury adjourned to the second Saturday in February, 1879, at 10 o'clock a. m.

OFFICIAL.

Proceedings of the Town Council. COURT HOUSE, HOUMA, LA., Jan 11th, 1879.

The Town Council of the Town of Houma met and organized this day. His Honor H. M. Wallis presiding. The following members were present:

Dr. H. M. Wallis, Mayor. Councilmen—B. F. Bazel, J. M. Dupont, F. Gueno and E. Picon. Absent—A. Zerlinger.

On motion of F. Gueno, seconded by J. M. Dupont, it was ordered that the offices of Secretary and Treasurer be consolidated, and also those of Marshal and Collector.

The following officers were duly elected: W. F. Pearson, Secretary and Treasurer.

Heber Lester, Marshal and Collector. Jno. B. Winder Esq., Town Attorney.

On motion of J. M. Dupont, seconded by F. Gueno, the following ordinance was adopted:

An ordinance to regulate the compensation of Town Officers.

Resolved, That the following shall be the compensation of the town officers: For the Mayor, fifty dollars per year, payable quarterly on his own warrant.

For the Town Attorney ten dollars per year, payable on the warrant of the Mayor.

For the Town Secretary, two dollars for every meeting of the Council to be paid quarterly on the warrant of the Mayor.

For the Town Collector, five per cent on all taxes and licenses actually collected and paid into the Treasury.

For the Town Treasurer, fifteen dollars per year payable on the warrant of the Mayor.

For the Town Marshal, fifteen dollars per month to be paid monthly on the warrant of the Mayor, and 50 per cent of all fines.

The year and days being called on the foregoing ordinance the following members voted:

Ave—Messrs. Bazel, Dupont, Picon and Gueno.

Says—None. Whereupon the Mayor declared the ordinance adopted.

On motion of F. Gueno, seconded by J. M. Dupont, it was

Resolved, That the bonds of the Treasurer and Collector are hereby fixed, each at \$500 to be approved by the Mayor.

On motion of Mr. Dupont, seconded by Mr. Gueno, it was

Resolved, That the Mayor do advertise for sealed proposals for the Municipal printing in accordance with law.

That the said proposals shall state at what per cent of the maximum rates allowed by law the bid is made for.

1st. For publishing the proceedings of the Council.

2nd. For job work or other printing. Further, that the bond to be provided by the advertiser is hereby fixed at 100 dollars, and that the name of the bondsmen shall accompany the bid.

On motion duly seconded, the meeting adjourned until Thursday the 20th of January, at 4 o'clock p. m.

(Signed) W. F. PEARSON, H. M. WALLIS, Secretary, Mayor.

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