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Weather and Crops.

The weather has been generally favorable for the preservation of the frozen cane until the last three days, which have been warm, with foggy mornings.

So far, we have heard nothing definite from those who wintered, and we infer that the standing cane is still occupying the attention of planters. The loss of cane will be very heavy in this parish, and a great deal of standing cane will be left untouched.

Who Will Represent Us in the Legislature?

The Governor has issued his proclamation for an election to be held (at a time to be fixed by the Sheriff) for a representative in the Legislature to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Hon. Jonas Hughes.

We greatly regret the necessity of such action on the part of the Governor in the fulfillment of his duties, as we are required to register our names before we can vote, and the time is very short for the due performance of this duty in a country parish if the member to be elected is to take any part in the proceedings of the coming Legislature.

The Rev. Edward Lewis, of Donaldsonville, will preach in Christ Church on next Sunday, at 11 o'clock.

What are We to Do Next Year?

The present disastrous season to our crops of cane and the very low price obtained for our product, is sufficient to cause the most improvident man among us to think seriously about the future.

Close calculation has shown that it costs a fraction over five cents, by the most economical management, to produce a pound of sugar ready for market; and as a great deal made this year will not bring that price the serious question presents itself, of how are we to continue our business in the future.

Unfortunately for our planting community, the number of those who have sufficient means to pay as they go is very limited, and the commission merchants will not make the necessary advances of money and provisions, unless there is a good prospect of their being paid when the crops are sold.

We estimate the losses on the sugar crops at fully twenty-five per cent, in this parish, from the effects of the equinoctial storm and the freeze of the first of the month; for without the prostration and the second growth of the cane (to be ascribed solely to the storm) it would have been sufficiently mature to have withstood the cold with much less damage.

It is disagreeable news to the laborers, engineers, mechanics and others, who assist in the production of our staple, to make any mention of a reduction of wages; but we cannot escape the common destiny of those who earn a support by the sweat of their brow.

According to our experience all business has its "ups and downs," its periods of prosperity and dullness; perhaps we are unreasonable to complain so bitterly at this reverse, but unfortunately in the game of see-saw (well known to the youngsters) occasionally our end of the plank comes to the ground with a "thud" and remains there too long, for comfort, or our continuation of the sport and able to do so.

Eustis, of our State, after knocking for two years at the doors of the United States Senate, has been finally admitted, and that body stands as follows: Republicans, 39; Democrats, 26; Independent, 1.

The Sugar Interest of our State.

A recent circular, signed by several large planters, and merchants of New Orleans, informs us of the inauguration of an association, styled "Louisiana Sugar Planters' Association," for the protection of the sugar interests of our State.

The want of such an institution has long been felt, and the monied interests represented being great—amounting to millions—it is mete and proper that the planters should organize to watch over and protect themselves from adverse legislation in the Congress of the United States.

It is well known that the different branches of manufactures throughout the country have their separate associations, and agents to represent them in Washington; few changes are made in the tariff which are not more or less influenced by some of these agents.

Just at this time of low prices and general depression, we need all the help we can secure, and a union, such as this association will bring about, is the most likely step to advance our interest and successfully fight those who are trying to use us as footstools, on which to build up their own fortunes.

In a discussion which recently took place before the "Association of Sugar Planters," one of the members stated, in regard to the coloring of foreign sugars to avoid the higher duties; that after great trouble and research by an experienced chemist, he found the sugar had been colored by the introduction of a preparation of iron.

Up to this time, our history shows no union and no joint effort among our planters to ameliorate their condition. This is the only way in which we can make our influence felt in the legislation of the country, and the old aphorism, "United we stand, divided we fall," is as true today as when first uttered.

A great deal of red sugar will be sent to market this season, caused by the green cane juice and lime, which form scales in the "battery." The only remedy to avoid coloring the sugar is to keep the kettles free from scales by frequent burning, which will effect this object and save the "battery" from cracking.

W. Pitt Kellogg.

The "old man of the Sea" is again perched on our shoulders for six years to come, and how we are to rid ourselves of this misrepresentative is the question. With all his sagacity and cunning, it is barely possible that the investigating committees of our legislature may find some "uncovered track" through which justice may attain its ends, and the State of Louisiana be properly represented in the Senate of the United States.

It is difficult even now, with all of our previous experience of radical pliancy of conscience, to conceive how partisanship should be carried so far, to maintain a short lived supremacy in the Senate. "Drowning men catch at straws," and the radicals are willing to prolong their control over the senatorial patronage for a twelve-month by giving their countenance and support to this creature of the infamous returning board.

We thought that the seating of Nicholls and the members of the legislature who were really elected had put an end to our political troubles, but it seems that we reckoned "without our host," and must still exercise our patience in a strait which is beyond our control.

But as it is good philosophy to extract good from evil, and in plain saxon, give the devil his due, we must say, that Kellogg did make a fair representative of our interests when he was Senator some years since, and he may assist us very materially at this time in procuring aid for the rebuilding of our levees.

A grand fair, concert and pantomime, for the benefit of the Protestant Episcopal Church, will be given at Thibodaux, La., on Thursday, the 20th of December.

From all the information in our possession the most extensive and elaborate preparations have been made to render this fair, concert and pantomime one of the most pleasant, recherche and successful of its nature ever offered to the public in Thibodaux. We trust our Episcopal friends will give this laudable enterprise a cordial support and generous encouragement.

Mr. E. L. Michot, whose card appears in another column, has established himself in our village for the purpose of repairing watches, clocks, jewelry, &c. Mr. Michot acquired a knowledge of his trade at the city of Geneva, of which place he is a native, but has long resided and is now an adopted citizen of this country. Being thoroughly accom-

plished in his occupation, he guarantees all his work, and will give irrefragable evidence of his capacity in every instance. Apart from being a skillful and reliable artisan, Mr. Michot is an intelligent, humble and agreeable gentleman.—His place of business is next door to the drug store of Mr. Jean Gouaux—Sign of the Big Watch.

Proceedings of the Police Jury Parish of Assumption.

The Police Jury of the parish of Assumption met on this the 1st day of November, 1877. Members present—W. W. Pugh, President; W. B. Ratliff, John Webre, Emile Tallieu, David Levy, T. D. Cox, Levy Williams, Moses R. Hite.

The following report of the Finance Committee was read and accepted: To the Hon. Police Jury of the Parish of Assumption: Your Finance Committee met at the Court House on the 4th day of October and examined the accounts of the Treasurer, with the following results:

Table with financial data: Total amt. of bonds on hand \$48,713 83; Cash received from C. Thibodaux \$530 54; Total \$49,466 11.

On motion of W. B. Ratliff, duly seconded: Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay the bill of Herman Weil of Thibodaux, for clothing for prisoners; also, the bill of James O'Keefe, a twelve dollar bill for coffee for executed prisoners; the bill of the auditor, to the amount of two hundred and forty-five dollars and fifty cents; the bill of Chas. Dupaty, for printing, the sum of two hundred dollars, part payment of his bill. That he also be instructed to pay the police jurors their per diem, and the bill of John Williams, of twenty-five dollars, fees as constable.

On motion of David Levy, duly seconded: Resolved, That the Sheriff be authorized to purchase ten barrels of coal for the use of the Court House during the term of the District Court, and, on the approval of the President of the Police Jury, the Parish Treasurer is authorized to pay the same.

On motion of Levy Williams, duly seconded. Resolved, That the Sheriff of the parish be authorized to have the fastenings and locks of the Court House repaired, and purchase for the use of the Court House one dozen chairs, and the Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay the same on the approval of the President of the Police Jury.—Adopted.

The Police Jury then adjourned until its next regular meeting. Signed: W. W. PUGH, President Police Jury. AVONER BULOW, Treasurer.

Meeting of the Police Jury.

Parish of Assumption, November 10, 1877. Extra Session: Present—W. W. Pugh, President; W. B. Ratliff, John Webre, David Levy, Basil Graves, Moses R. Hite and Levy Williams. Absent—Emile Tallieu and T. D. Cox.

The following petition, having been presented to the President of the Police Jury, an extra session was accordingly called to meet on this the 10 day of November, 1877.

To the Honorable the President of the Police Jury of the parish of Assumption. Sir—The undersigned, tax payers of the parish of Assumption, have the honor to ask you to convene, in a brief delay the honorable body over which you preside in order to submit for its consideration a request of general utility.

Chas. Dupaty, L. U. Folse, J. B. Whitington, L. B. Roberts, L. Pifferi, M. Heun, P. Jullien, J. Mealy, W. Davis and A. Block. The President made the following report in regard to the sale of the ferries. To the Honorable Police Jury of the parish of Assumption: The undersigned President of the Police Jury, proceeded, on Saturday the 3d inst., to lease the ferries of the parish as per resolution of this body and beg leave to submit the following report:

The ferry No. 1, at Baptist Church was leased for the sum of seven dollars, and fifty cents, \$7 50. Received in warrants, fifty-seven dollars, and leave notes for sixteen dollars and fifty cents, each payable 1st of May and 1st of August. Chevroletville leased for sixty-five dollars, \$65 00. Received the sum of \$65 00. Grand Bayou, leased for the sum of twenty-five cents, \$25 00. Received in cash.

Bayou Cou, leased for two dollars, 2 00. Received in cash. Received in warrants, one dollar, 1 00. Received in warrants, one dollar, 1 00. Napoleonville, leased for seven hundred and fifty-five dollars, 755 00. \$128, 75 received in warrants. Labadieville, leased for seven hundred and fifty-five dollars, \$725 00. Received in cash. Plattenville, leased for six hundred and five dollars, 605 00. Calmetteville, leased for six dollars and sixty cents, 6 60. Received in full.

Total, \$4220 85. Amounting to the sum of two thousand two hundred and thirty dollars and eighty-five cents. Signed: W. W. PUGH, President Police Jury. On motion of W. B. Ratliff, duly seconded, the foregoing report was adopted.

On motion of W. B. Ratliff, duly seconded: Resolved, That the execution of the law in regard to the closing of stores on Sunday passed at the last regular session of the Police Jury be postponed until further action of the Police Jury.—Adopted.

On motion of W. B. Ratliff, duly seconded: Resolved, That the Treasurer be and is hereby instructed to pay each regular drawn, one dollar per diem for each day of duty as juror without reference to the distance at which he resides from the Court House, provided that taxpayers are not to be included in the above.—Adopted.

On motion of John Webre, duly seconded. Resolved, That after the first day of January, 1878, no one will be allowed to hold a picnic, basket meeting, fair or any place where liquors are sold without obtaining a special permission from the Police Jury, or holding a license of \$25.00 from the Police Jury for each and every fair, basket meeting, picnic or any place where liquor are sold.—Adopted.

On motion of W. B. Ratliff, duly seconded, it was determined that the ferry at Labadieville not having been paid for, should be sold again at public auction.—Adopted. There being no other business, the Police Jury adjourned until its next regular meeting. Signed: W. W. PUGH, President Police Jury. AVONER BULOW, Treasurer.

STATE OF LOUISIANA. PARISH OF ASSUMPTION. Succession of Desire Le Blanc. No. 117. WHEREAS, Emile L. Hebert, of the parish of Assumption, has petitioned the Court for Letters of Administration on the estate of the late Desire Le Blanc, deceased intestate, notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern, to show cause, within ten days from date of this notice, why the prayer of the said petitioner should not be granted.