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Grand Jollification.

When it was ascertained beyond a doubt that the Hon. James E. Mouton, St. Martin's brilliant son, had carried the District, his party friends were nearly wild with joy; and it was decided to celebrate the event in a manner commensurate to the grand victory achieved. Word was sent to our Breaux Bridge faithful allies, and at about seven o'clock in the evening of last Wednesday their excellent Brass Band accompanied by some of the "old war horses" put in their appearance. They brought with them a canvass mounted on two brooms on which was the picture of a ram showering pellets at a man in its rear; this caricature of course, created much merriment.

The booming of the cannon on the Court House Square, the firing of sky rockets, coupled to the great enthusiasm which found frequent vent in the cries of "Gay and Mouton," made the scene one that will not soon be forgotten.

The brass band and the crowd started for the residence of the Judge and at his gate proceeded to play a lively tune. When the music ceased there were vociferous cheers for Gay and Mouton. The Judge stepped out and made a few remarks. After thanking his friends for the manifestation of esteem, the crowd was invited inside. The dining room was crowded. The judge and his estimable lady did the honors. We had nearly forgotten a pleasing incident which was the presentation and crowing of the Judge with a wreath of evergreens symbolical of victory by his friends of the fourth ward.

With the Judge at their head the brass band next followed by a large number of friends, started processionally to serenade their friends. Arriving in front of the residence of Mr. A. V. Fournet the Clerk of Court, the brass band played a favorite piece. Mr. Fournet thanked and invited the gentleman in and they took a "little something" to the health of the Judge and the host.

The procession again formed and this time it could plainly be seen the destination was Sheriff Broussard's residence. Arriving there and music by the band the gallant Sheriff, after a few remarks of thanks for the pleasure afforded him for this mark of esteem, invited the gentlemen to sample a little old Kentucky sour mash. After drinking and several toasts made the procession again started. At frequent intervals the pent up feelings of the crowd found voice, and the cheers for Gay and Mouton were deafening; it seemed as if pandemonium reigned supreme.

The procession halted at the Martinet residence and serenaded Mr. L. A. Martinet, a colored gentleman known throughout the State and highly esteemed. Mr. Martinet was we are sure agreeably surprised, but was equal to the occasion. He heartily thanked the gentlemen, promising them he would always be found on the side of the intelligence of this parish.

The crowd soon after dispersed. There was hardly one who took part that was not hoarse the next morning. And thus ended the grand jollification.

The Messenger will be furnished from now to the end of the year for 25 cts.

The Election.

The election passed off quietly. A fairly large vote was cast. The following is the unofficial result:

For Judge.	Democrat.	Republican.
	J. E. Mouton,	T. Fontelieu.
1st. Ward,	162	505
2nd. " "	28	000
3rd. " "	118	199
4th. " "	336	247
5th. " "	246	184
Total	890	1135

For Congress.

	E. J. Gay.	C. B. Darrall.
1st. Ward,	154	509
2nd " "	28	000
3rd. " "	117	199
4th. " "	330	244
5th. " "	248	179
Total	1131	877

Fontelieu's maj. 255 Darrall's maj. 254

The negroes voted solidly for Fontelieu in the first and third wards, with few exceptions in the last. In the fourth and fifth wards the colored men voted in large numbers for Mouton and without the strange apathy of many whites, the Democrats would have tied the vote if not carried the parish. We have it on good authority that prominent colored leaders in the first ward had proffered unsolicited the promise to Mr. Mouton that they would give him a hearty support, but on the day of election, they were arrayed against him. Mr. Mouton received but four or five votes, at the most, from the negroes in the first ward. To say that he was disappointed goes without question. The reliance placed upon these people is the cause that Mr. Fontelieu secured the majority that he did. However the lesson will not be lost.

All Saints day was observed here Monday, as usual. Services were held at the Catholic Church in the morning, and at three o'clock in the evening a large number of people proceeded, after the services at the church, to the cemetery. The graves and tombs of the dear dead were beautifully decorated by loving friends and relatives. The ceremonies at the cemetery were touching and impressive.

The colored benevolent societies headed by the colored brass band attended the ceremonies at the cemetery.

A GREAT REMEDY FOR CATARRH.

In another column of this paper will be found an advertisement of a Catarrh remedy, of which a sample is sent free to any sufferer of this terrible scourge. We know B. S. Lauderbach & Co., the proprietors, to be a responsible firm and those who write them will receive prompt attention and square dealing.

A Rare Chance.

We offer to our readers, and the public the grandest offer ever made in this parish. We will furnish the Messenger and The Mayflower, of Yarmouthport, Mass. an eight page family paper, for one year, for \$1.35.

A negro named Reeves Smith, was hanged in Desoto parish, for entering the room of a respectable lady, during the night in the absence of her husband and attempted to perpetrate an outrage upon her person, a few days ago.

That Gossip Hushed.

And now comes the real truth which that pestilent disturber of the peace and harmony in the National Democratic ranks, the Washington correspondent of the Times-Democrat, has done so much to distort and pervert, as to the reason of President Cleveland's wife declining to accompany her husband to Richmond on the recent occasion of the opening of the Fair. The story as sent forth by the Washington correspondent ascribed to the President the unworthy and unmanly fear of meeting a young guest of Governor Lee, who happened to be the daughter of Jefferson Davis the heroic Ex-President of the Confederate States.

Now comes the utter refutation of this story in the authentic assurance that the President himself in view of his wife's condition of exhaustion from recent fatigue and of the very onerous duties imposed by the programme of the ceremonies at Richmond requested her relief from such exactions. Was this anything more than a thoughtful husband should think and care for in regard to a newly married wife.—N. O. Chronicle.

Extraordinary Cure.

The fact has arrived at St. Bonaventure Canada, attested by the priest of the parish and told by the *Courrier du Canada* of which we will not dispute the responsibility.

One of his parishioners, named Joseph Poirrier, was dying of a grave disease. The priest had been called to administer the Holy Viaticum. During that time the dying thought of St. Ann, and made the vow to send \$5 to her sanctuary of Beupre, and have two high masses sung, and to insert the facts in the Annals, if St. Ann would hear his prayer. At the very moment he left the bed, crying, St. Anne, has cured me! Half an hour later the priest arrived with the Holy Viaticum, and to his great surprise found the patient for whom he was sent, standing in the room and cured.

Local Lights.

We will furnish the Messenger from now to the end of the year for 25 cts.

Bully for the fourth ward.

Three cheers for Iberia.

The old fifth still holds her claims as a Democratic precinct.

The second ward came up smiling as usual.

The Messenger and the Mayflower of Yarmouthport, Mass., one year for \$1.35.

The most important features in a political convention are the ayes and the noes.

Thursday the 25th inst., is the day fixed by President Cleveland as a day of prayer and thanksgiving throughout the United States.

Beer on ice at 5 cents a glass at B. Audibert's.

Our friend Ben Dreibelbis has built a fine little sugar mill on his plantation, and will commence grinding Tuesday next. Mr. Dreibelbis is an industrious and energetic planter of this parish and we wish him success in his new enterprise.

Twenty-five cents will secure the Messenger, for the balance of the year

Every purchaser of 25 cents, 50 cents and one dollar's worth of good at A. M. Hebert's store, will be given a ticket in the weekly drawing.

Mrs. M. Bienvenu has just received a fine assortment of Ladies' fancy goods etc., which she will dispose at very reasonable prices.

Beer on ice at 5 cents a glass at B. Audibert's.

The pugilist who was struck foul said man wants but little here below—the belt.

The girls will be pleased with a uniform marriage law if the uniform is pretty and there is a man in it.—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

An Independence (La.) grocery man boasts of a delivery horse which knows all the regular customers that trade at his master's store and which always bows to them when he meets them on the street.

Married.

Wednesday Oct. 3rd at the Catholic Church by the Rev. Father Jan. Mr. Louis Prade, formerly of this town, and now residing at Lake Charles, to Miss Corine Dejean of this town.

DIED.

In this town, Monday Nov. 1st. at 9:35 a. m. at the age of 69 years. Hortense Euphrasie Bodet, wife of J. Francois Millot. Mrs. Millot was a native of St. Pierre Bregi, France, and a resident of this town for the last thirty years. Her funeral took place the next day, from the Catholic Church, and a large number of friends accompanied the remains to their last resting place.

On Tuesday the second inst., Mr. James S. Robertson, a native of Dundee, Scotland, and a resident of this town for the last 49 years, at the age of 76 years. His funeral took place the next day, from the Episcopal Church. The remains were escorted to the grave by a detachment of the fire department of which he was an ex-member, and a large concourse of friends.

The Messenger tenders its heartfelt sympathy to the families in their affliction.

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