

Mardi Gras.

The time is ripe for the Board of Trade and the citizens in general to commence their preparations and plans for the celebration of Mardi Gras in St. Martinville. The celebration last year was certainly a grand success in every way, and the results that followed this successful effort of our people, will justify them to again unite their efforts and good will and again celebrate the coming Mardi Gras in fitting and brilliant style.

We know, and expect some of our citizens to cry and preach hard times to perhaps save the amount of their contributions, but this will be poor reasoning, because the harder the times the more we should exert ourselves to provide amusement at home to keep our people, from going to New Orleans or elsewhere during the festivities where they spend foolishly an immense amount of money. Keep your people at home at the time they are able to spend their money freely, and you save that much money for legitimate business.

We have had some experience in this line last year, and can make a close estimate of the amount needed to again make a success of the coming Mardi Gras celebration.

Our Board of Trade held a special meeting last night to discuss the matter. We trust that they will have the hearty approval and the financial assistance of the people of St. Martinville.

St. Martinville is today in the front rank of wide-awake, progressive and prosperous towns of Louisiana, enjoying a business as good as the best, and much better than many boasters. It is the duty, and it will pay the citizens of the town to keep it prominently before the public, when it is within their power and they have the means to do it.

We will have more to say regarding this matter in future issues of the MESSENGER.

AT THE GRAND.

Richards and Pringle's Minstrels Furnish a Good Entertainment.

A large audience inspired Richards & Pringle's Georgia Minstrels last evening to give a most pleasing and entertaining performance. The olio was full of melody of instrumental and character. While the company is not numerically large each member of it exerts himself so assiduously to what seems the pleasure of entertaining that the lack of numbers is not noticed save to make one glad the favorites appear so often. Several Black Town scenes were introduced, notably the "crap game" and the "cake walk." Jalvin is a clever juggler and makes much of his paraphernalia and opportunities. Billy Reynolds in his "old man" impersonations was delightfully natural and droll, and Billy Kernands, with his hippopotamus mouth experienced little difficulty in agitating the risibilities of the house. The most enjoyable number on the program was that rendered by the Crescent City Quartette, composed of Messrs Wooten, Watts, Howard and Walker. The recognition of the excellence of their vocalization was instantaneous and hearty applause long continued followed every selection. The whole performance is one of very pleasing character.—Burlington (Ia.) Hawkeye, Aug. 30th, 1894.

This company appears at the St. Martinville Opera House Tuesday January 15th 1895.

—The stock holders of the Bank of St. Martinville held their annual meeting at the banking house Tuesday last, and re-elected the same board with the exception of Mr. W. H. Cozine who has been elected in the place of Mr. O. M. Nilson, who is no more a stockholder. The board is composed as follows: R. Martin, F. Rousseau, Albert Bienvenu, J. B. Levert, A. Gernaud, B. Audibert, S. Dabadie, T. J. Labbe and W. H. Cozine.

Local News.

—Mr. G. O. Lognard returned from a trip to New Orleans last Sunday.

—A heavy rain fell Tuesday morning, which was followed by a strong north wind.

—Miss Philomene Martin left last Sunday for New Orleans, to pass a few weeks.

—There are several new buildings in town in course of construction, and several others will be commenced soon.

Mr. C. R. Brownell, of the Berwick Lumber Co., of Berwick, La., was in town on business last Monday, and paid us an agreeable visit.

—The Teche the past few days has been lower than has ever been seen by the oldest inhabitants of St. Martinville, which was due, we presume, to the prolonged drouth and the north wind. She seems to be rising slowly.

Dr. Sylvester's specific for Bots Colic and Tympanites in Hoses and Mules is the best that Medical science has ever discovered. For sale by T. J. Labbe.

—We were shown a lot of winter goods at L. J. Gardemal's the "Cheapest Store in Town," that he is selling at cost price, and can honestly say that they are really the cheapest bargains that were ever offered in this town. We know whereof we speak as we have bought some ourselves and consider them all choice bargains.

—There will be frequent meetings of the Board of Trade in the next few weeks, these meetings will be purely in the interest of the town, and the board would like to have every citizen of the town to come in and enroll his name on the membership list. The board need the assistance, views and opinion of all the people of the town and invite them to join the association.

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New York policemen have been arresting women for smiling on the street. In one case, that of Miss Hannah Poesenthal, it was proved at the trial that a virtuous "peeler" named Gill smiled at the fair Hannah, who, not wanting to be outdone in the smiling art, returned the smile, whereupon Gill arrested her and made a case against her for illicit smiling. Now, all fair minded people will admit that this is an outrage perpetrated against the weaker sex. It's a right they have to smile and no one should be permitted to infringe upon it. We believe that Miss Hannah should carry her case before the Supreme court, and with that end in view we would suggest that a subscription be raised for the purpose of employing counsel Bro. Greig of the St. Martinville Evangeline, is the right man to take charge of the case, for in his hands we feel confident that the God-given rights of the girls to smile, kiss and flirt, will be defended against the assaults on all comers.—Lafayette Gazette.

You are right, Brother Mouton, Editor Greig is the right man to handle this case, and we trust he will lose no time in getting every thing in shape to secure to this unfortunate girl, her most sacred rights.

Notice.

Demand of Administration.

In the matter of the Estate of CHARLES LASTRAPES, deceased.

Probate Docket, No 2889.

19th Judicial District Court.

Whereas, Frank Shutts of the Parish of Calcasieu, has filed her petition in this office, applying to be appointed Administrator of the Succession of the said Charles Lastrapes. Now, therefore public notice is hereby given to all parties interested, to show cause, if any they have, in writing, within ten days from this publication, why said application should not be granted and said appointment made as prayed for.

Witness the Hon. Felix Voorhies, judge of said Court at St. Martinville, Parish of St. Martin, Louisiana, this 10th day of January A. D. 1895.

WM. B. EASTIL.

Jan-12-95. Dy Clerk of Court.
R. Martin, Attorney.

NOTICE.

In the matter of the Succession of ANASTHASIE VICKNAIR WIDOW ALPHONSE DURAND,

Probate Docket, No 2847.

19th Judicial District Court,

State of Louisiana, Parish of St. Martin,

Whereas, Marie Anasthasie Durand the wife of St. Clair Adolphe Laseigne, of the Parish of St. Martin, has filed her petition in this office, applying to be appointed Dative Testamentary Executive of the Estate of her deceased mother Anasthasie Vicknair, widow Alphonse Durand.

Now, therefore, public notice is hereby given to all parties interested to show cause, if any they have in writing, within ten days from this publication, why said application should not be granted and said appointment made as prayed for.

Witness the Hon. Felix Voorhies, judge of said Court, at St. Martinville, Parish of St. Martin, La., this 6th day of Dec. A. D. 1894.

WM. B. EASTIN,
Dy Clerk of Court.

CONTSABLE SALE.

Third Justice Court, Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana,

VINCENT SAVOIE,

vs.

BERTRAND BEENIS,

No 82.

By virtue of a writ of fieri facias issued and to me directed by the Honorable Court aforesaid, dated December 27th 1894, I have seized and will offer for sale at public Auction, to the last and highest bidders, at the door of the Third Justice Court, on

Saturday Jan. 26th 1895,

between the legal sale hours, the following described property, to wit:

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- 1 Three Mule Cart, without body.

Terms. CASH.

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A Fire Proof Safe.

For sale cheap, either for cash or on easy payments. Size, 23 inches wide by 32 inches high.

For price and terms apply to
Dec-29-94. G. O. LOGNAND.

Attention Battalion.

Get your 'syrup de bac' the very best at \$10.00, molasses (best) at \$9.00 at
L. C. Duchamp.

—There was a heavy white frost and ice Thursday morning.

—The Richards and Pringle's Minstrels will give a performance here Tuesday night.



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