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Editorial Notes.

—The season of crackers, noise, red eye, and "that little bill" is upon us.

—The festive Chrismas season has been a bad one for the constable. Only one victim to violated order required the attention of that functionary.

—Messrs Guion and Goodie have removed from their old office to one over Dr. Fleetwood's drug store, where they are ready to guide the steps of clients along the thorny paths of litigation.

—A pleasant time may be expected tonight at the New Year's tree of Madame Asselineau which will be exhibited, at the old stand. The presents will be distributed by some of our fairest young ladies, and of course this fact will enhance their value in the eyes of our gallant swains. Music is provided for the occasion, and all who wish to spend a pleasant evening should put in an appearance.

—The arrival of Tuesday's mail was eagerly awaited by those who tempted fickle fortune in the great Lottery drawing, on Monday. As we have noticed no sudden assumption of the airs of bloated aristocracy on the part of any citizen, we conclude that the delusive cherub of the lottery circulation did not empty his cornucopia in this direction.

—On Monday last John Young left us for a lengthy stay in Baton Rouge impelled to do so by the persuasion of a deputy sheriff. John shot not wisely but too well at a man and brother, and either in the penitentiary (where by popular fiction criminals are supposed to be confined as the sentence reads) or more probably in the railroad or levee camp may mourn the error of hisway

—This has been so far a remarkably mild season, and the late warm damp spell is almost unprecedented at this time of year. Though continually threatening rain very little has fallen, but the warm weather has caused seed cane to sprout to some extent, that germination has not yet progressed so far as to injure the seed, but much is to be feared should cold, wet weather set in.

—We learn from a gentleman who lives on the plantation of Mr. W. A. Shaffer that some animal has lately been into the habit of coming almost nightly into the quarters, apparently in search of the dogs belonging to the negroes on which it preys. A few nights since it destroyed eight dogs, only the fragments of the latter being found in the morning. The negroes are seriously alarmed, believing that it is invulnerable as they have never been able to kill or wound it, though many shots have been fired at it. We would suggest that they capture it alive and lend it to a sheep raising country where its animosity to curs will be duly appreciated.

—The only possible excuse for the utter suspension of works of public improvement in our community for the last few years has been a succession of unfavorable seasons which have curtailed the means of the agriculturists, the real supporters of every industry. It is fitting that, at this time after a good crop year, we should turn our attention to works really needed by the section, and foremost among these we rank the cleaning and digging out of Bayou Terrebonne, so as to render it navigable between this point and the crossing, as well as below. In addition to the great sanitary improvement which would result from changing a stagnant, offensive pool to a stream of fresh flowing water, the means of irrigation thus afforded would render rice cultivation profitable on both sides of the Bayou, and infuse fresh life into the venerable and nearly defunct Malbrough Settlement, which if not somehow revived, threatens to play the role of "The Deserted Village."

Terrebonne Parish is nearly concerned in this work as affording an additional exit to its crops and forcing a reduction of the excessive tariff of which her planters complain, by open communication with the boats plying in the Lafourche. We hope to see this enterprise pushed to completion at an early date, and may follow.

The State Convention!

The time fixed for the assembling of the Democratic and Conservative Convention is near at hand, and it behooves those to whom has been delegated by the people at large the responsible duty of shaping the policy of the coming campaign to ponder long and well their action: for on the temper, wisdom and discretion of the members our future success largely depends. There are great possibilities of good or evil in the body, and it rests with the reapers whether the wheat or tares with which the field abounds shall be harvested.

It should first, last and always be a harmonious convention, for to secure harmony and concord in our ranks, and to strengthen each other's hands against the common enemy is, we conceive, the primal purpose of its assembly. All irritating topics should be carefully avoided by those who wish well to the cause. The unfortunate corpse of the Wheeler Adjustment which has had as much trouble in obtaining *christian* burial as did poor Gaibord, should be laid peacefully and finally away, without parade on one side or anathema on the other.

We trust that Mr. Booth, should he be a member, will not, in the zeal and indiscretion so inseparable from adolescence, emulate the ambitious youth who "fired the Ephesian Dome," and bring irreparable confusion to confound our councils, by endeavoring to obtain from the convention a condemnation of the Compromise, and by implication, a censure of those Representatives who voted for it.

As earnestly do we deprecate the possible intention of some gentlemen on the other side to ask at its hands a vindication by resolution of the course of the Lower House in this matter last Spring. In Heaven's name, gentlemen, don't touch the subject in either of these ways: let the Centennial year at least dawn in peace, and though we have no part in that loyal beatitude we may at least make a decorous appearance in the eyes of our more righteous brethren who have. Were we a member of the Legislature, and had voted for the Compromise, it would be to our immediate constituency, and not to a State Convention, that we should appeal for an endorsement of our action; if the Parish of Lafourche approves Mr. Johnson's course, he can afford to dispense with the endorsement of Ouachita. Any agitation of this matter would be particularly unbecoming in this case as we see from the published lists that many Representatives appear as delegates to the Convention; this, by the way, we regard as in extreme bad taste. Delicacy, we think, should have prompted them to recuse themselves from sitting in judgment on their own cases. But the Convention should do what our delegation in Congress so signally failed in doing at the opening of the session in the Spencer-Morey controversy; viz: to refute the audaciously false statements of Messrs. Wheeler and Frye with regard to the intent and meaning of the resolution recognizing the Kellogg government; this done, and delegates elected to the National Democratic Convention, they should turn to the panacea of our ills—reform.

The people demand *practical* relief from the burdens which are crushing them to the earth; one iniquitous law expunged from the Statute book, one mill stricken from our tax rate, is worth more to Louisiana than all the tears and rant expended on her wrongs by Northern Democrats.

The next campaign in this State is destined to be a fierce grapple, the dominant faction well knowing that once defeated in a general constant there would be no resurrection for them, and our eyes would be gladdened by the spectacle already witnessed by those States redeemed from Carpet-bag sway, of a Hegira of the vultures from our State; and with Grant out of the White House, they would not have even the dying Christian's consolation: they could not sing "I know that my Redeemer liveth." This glorious result can be attained through the wise and harmonious action of the Convention, but should they admit to their midst the demon of Discord—"Why, then, Chaos is come again."

Rooms Parish Executive Committee Democratic and Conservative Parties.
Parish of Lafourche, Dec. 21, 1875

By virtue of a resolution adopted by the above Committee, authorizing me, the undersigned Chairman of said Committee to name and appoint the ten delegates to represent the Parish of Lafourche in the State Convention which will assemble in the City of New Orleans, on Wednesday, the 5th day of January, 1876. I have selected and hereby appoint the following named citizens:

D. K. Newell,	Thomas A. Roussel,
H. N. Conlon,	Alexander Theriot,
R. R. McBride,	R. H. Allen,
Alfred Lafourcade,	Alexander Folse,
L. D. Moore,	Trasimond Forest.

In making the above selection, I purposely guarded against appointing any member of the Committee, so that no one might find fault with the Committee's action, which I was authorized to name and not the ten delegates.

CLAY KNOLLOCH
Chairman of the Committee.

—We greet the readers of the SENTINEL with the compliments of the season, and wish them, one and all, a happy New Year. In casting a retrospective glance at the year whose death we forget in the rejoicings over the birth of his successor, we find much more to be grateful for than to remember with sorrow.

An abundant harvest has for the first time in years, rewarded the patience and long seeking of our farmers, and none of the remarkable disasters which elsewhere have made 1875 memorable have been visited on our favored section. Through the rift in the clouds which have long darkened our political horizon we discern the glimmering of approaching light, and Louisiana looks with confidence to her faithful sons to complete the work of redemption in the great contest before us. With this morning's dawn we "ring out the old, ring in the new" and in so doing, let us strive to forget what disappointments, what bitterness, were engendered during the dead year and each fixing his eyes steadily on the goal, before him, cast vain regrets aside, and gird him anew for the ever renewing duties and struggles of life. Like the "discrowned king" 1875, friends may have departed, hopes may have died, but forgetting what it is vain to recall let us prepare for the duties of new-born 1876. *Le roi est mort. Vive le roi!*

FRESH GARDEN SEEDS!—We notice that Mr Jos. T. Thibodeaux has just received and has for sale some 5,000 packages of Buist's Celebrated Garden Seeds. Now is the time to plant, if you want early vegetables.

ELECTION.—We would call the attention of the stock-holders of the Thibodaux Bridge Company to the election of Directors and Commissioners to be held this day at the Company's office.

RICHARDSON G. DARDEN.—This citizen, so long known as a prominent resident of this Parish, died at his residence seven miles below this place, on last Monday morning, December 27th.

Mr. Darden was a native of North Carolina, but emigrated to Louisiana in his youth. In a few years such success as a practical planter attended his labors, that he was selected by Thomas Pugh as a partner, in opening a sugar plantation three miles above Thibodaux, which developed in a few years into a fine plantation, and rapidly enriched its owners.

The war, however, swept away almost everything, the deceased, securing barely enough to purchase a small farm on which he lived at this time of his decease.

Mr. Darden mingled much with the people, and, at one time, anterior to the war, represented this Parish in the Legislature. He lived to the age of 65 years, when after a long and painful illness, he quietly passed away with the year just finished.

Being a prominent mason his remains were taken charge of by the members of that order, and deposited in his family tomb in St. Joseph's cemetry, Thibodaux, on Tuesday evening.

The Wedding.

One of the most notable weddings that has ever occured in Brashear was that of last Wednesday, on which occasion Mr. David Kling of Lafourche led to the hymenial altar our fair and amiable friend Miss Mathild Kahn of this place. The customary notice will be found in another column, but the personal esteem in which the newly married parties are held, as well as the popular interest manifested at the nuptial ceremonies justify us in making more than ordinary mention of the event. It did not unexpectedly come on us; for all knew for some time that the graceful bride, who was every body's friend and favorite was

"Standing with reluctant feet
Where brook and river meet,"

soon to quit the the smalles paths of girlhood and to become the wife of worthy husband. The nuptials were celebrated according to the solemn and impressive ritual of the Jewish faith to which both bride and groom belong; and wealth and taste lent their influence to give elegance and *éclat* to this religious ceremony. Those who to be married took their places under a raised dais, surrounded by their nearest of kin; each drank wine there from the same vessel as an emblem of the unity of their future lives, and were joined in the indissoluble bonds of wedlock.

Everything was auspicious to the event, the beauty and grace of the bride, the manly form and cheerful face of the groom, the large concourse of friends of all religious persuasions who came to testify their interest at this important moment, the fine singing and eloquent sermon of their worthy Rabbi, Mr. A. Levi, and even the weather, as if anxious to lend a good omen, was exceptionally fine.

The marriage at an end, all who were present in the Temple were invited to the residence of the bride's father, where they enjoyed the lavish hospitality of our esteemed townsman, Mr. M Kahn, and drank in many a sparkling glass of wine their kind wishes for the happiness and prosperity for the newly wedded couple.

Want of space does not permit us to say all we feel; but if blessings can fall where they are best used the future is one of the most kindly promise for Mr Kling and his charming bride.—*Brashear News.*

We echo the kindly wishes of our cotemporary on this happy occasion and bid the fair bride welcome to our community.

Interesting to Merchants and Others.

Replies and Decisions.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10, 1875

Editor of the Journal of Commerce.

Please answer the following question: A settles his account with his note payable to my order; I indorse the same and sell it to B, who agrees in writing that in case of non-payment I shall not be liable for my endorsement. Is this agreement legally binding, and does it free me from any subsequent innocent holder's prosecution? C. M.

Reply.—This agreement is only binding between the signer of the same and the indorser; if the note passes into other hands the indorser is liable. He should sign on the document itself, "Without recourse in any event to ——."

NEW YORK, Dec. 8, 1875.

Editor of the Journal of Commerce:

A party consigns to us some property, on which we are to make advances, with right to sell if advances are not repaid when agreed, and property to be returned if advances are duly repaid. Beside commission as may be agreed for such sale or return of property, are we not legally entitled to a commision on the advance? Formerly we made such agreements, but looking at your views of the usury law, some doubts exists as to the legality of them. Yours, J. H. & CO.

Reply—No such commission can be legally collected where the property is returned. The transaction is precisely the same as if the man borrows the money on stocks or bonds, the collaterals to be sold if the debt is not paid. An agreement to pay a commission for the advance besides the interest is usurious.

BROOKLYN, Dec. 13, 1875

Editor of the Journal of Commerce:

The following question often arises with peaceably disposed people; we do not remember to have seen any remark upon it in the Journal, and respectfully submit it now: Eight men are joint and equal owners of a vessel, useless unless repaired at consider able cost. Six wish to repair, but two refuse. Two of the six say to the other s, "We will sell to you our interest for a given price; or we will pay you the same price for yours." Question—Does such a proposition, made fairly and in good faith, have any legal value or force in case difficulty arises in the courts as to payment for the repairs made by the direction of the majority? V.

Reply.—The offer would not have anything to do with the legal question. It is well settled, however, that a majority in interest may order such repairs, and compel a joint distribution for payment.

MIDDLETOWN, Ct., Dec. 7, '75

Editor of the Journal of Commerce:

An unmarried woman 23 years of age, possessed of considerable real and personal property in her own right, died in giving birth to a son: can this boy inherit his mother's property in this State or any other State in the Union? Please answer and oblige an OLD SUBSCRIBER.

Reply.—In this and many other States there is a direct provision of law that an illegitimate child [in the absence of lawful issue] may inherit the mother's property. In Connecticut, as far as we know, there is no express legislation concerning this right, but the courts there have distinctly established it, in Heath vs. White. 5 Coun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11, 1875.

Editor of the Journal of Commerce:

Will you please inform me when the steamship President was lost, about one of the fist steamers leaving the port of New York? Very respectfully, CLERK.

Reply.—The President cleared from New York the 11th of March, 1841, and was never heard from afterward. We cannot give the date of her loss, but the date mentioned was the last seen of her, as far as known to history.

From the N. Y. Journal of Com.

Ought a baker to be considered a needy loafer because he is frequently seen kneading a loaf.

He was the Man.

Drowned by the Captain of the "Fortune" in a Storm on Lake Erie.

One evening last week, when the winter blasts moaned sadly around the street corners, and the captains of the ferry boats wore anxious looks, seven or eight vessel owners and "laid up" lake captains sat around a cheerful base burner in a saloon near the river. After the usual amount of growling about the weather, one of them told a story. Then a second man told a story to beat it, and then a third man beat the second. When the fourth man started out he said:

"Gentleman, I have also seen tough times. When I was sailing the schooner *Fortune*, forty years ago, two of us were swept overboard in a storm on Lake Erie, one black night. A hatch cover went with us, and it so happened that we both clutched it. It was not large enough to support two. I was captain, he a sailor. I had a family, he had none. I shouted to him to quit his hold, and when he would not, I reached over, clutched his throat, and held on till his fingers loosened and he went to the bottom of the lake! It was twenty miles off Point Betsey, and with a shrill, wild shriek, which yet lingers in my ears, the poor wretch went to his death! May the Lord forgive me!"

With his chair tilted against the wall, a lanky, sunflowerish chap had been nodding his head right and left, as if sleeping. As the Captain's narrative was concluded the stranger rose up and solemnly said:

"I am that man!"

The crowd looked at him in astonishment, and he continued:

"I landed on Point Betsey next morning in time for breakfast, and I swore a solemn oath that I'd lick you for choking me if I had to live a hundred years to do it!"

"You can't be the man," replied the Captain, looking suspiciously at the fellow's big fists; "it was forty years ago."

"I know it was, and for forty years I've been aching to lick you out of your boot."

The Captain had lied, but he didn't want to own it, and he said:

"That sailor's name was Dick Rice."

"Kerect!" bowed the stranger; "that's my name!"

"But he was taller than you."

"Being in the water so long that night I shrunk just a foot!" was the cool rejoinder.

"Well, I know you can't be the man," said the Captain.

"I am the man, and now I'm going to maul you! No man can choke me and then brag about it!"

He sailed in and upset the Captain, but was then set upon by the whole crowd. He got into the eye of the wind and hung there for a time, but presently he paid off a little, got the wind on his quarter, and went at it to lick ten times his weight in old liars. He was a very ambitious man, and those who could get out doors got out, and those who couldn't offered him a gallon of whisky to come to anchor. He furled his sails on this understanding and as he set his glass down for the third drink he wiped his bleeding ear and remarked;

"When a man tries to sacrifice me in order to save himself he don't know who he's fooling with!"

He was the biggest liar of them all, but he made the most of it.

"Courtship is blissed," said an ardent young man, "Yes, and matrimony is blister," snarled an old bachelor.

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DISSOLUTION.

THE CO-PARTNERSHIP HERETOfore existing between the undersigned is, this day, dissolved by mutual consent. S. T. Grisamore is authorised to collect all claims due the late firm, and settle all claims for which it may be liable.

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