

This storm has been very disastrous to the cotton and sugar crops and also to corn yet ungathered. We have not received any reports from the country as to the extent of the damage, but we are positive that fully one half of the open cotton crop if not more has been beat down and washed into the ground.

From Sunday night, until Wednesday morning, we had one unabated rain, accompanied by a gale from the East and North-East, which blew down a number of houses, fences and trees in town and the neighborhood.

Monday morning a strong northeast wind was blowing, and about twelve o'clock a cyclone passed over the upper portion of our town, causing great destruction in the direction it took, and the loss is estimated at from \$5000 to \$6000.

We feel safe, at the present moment, in placing the damage at ten per cent. at least, since our issue of Saturday last, thus making a falling off of some 40 per cent. during the last 37 days, or from the moment the prospect was the brightest.

The Colored Baptist church in Berwick was blown down, and many other buildings injured and property destroyed by the storm. It is thought that the storm materially damaged the sugar cane throughout the country.

The new wharf withstood the storm bravely, which is a significant indication of the strength of the structure. Three of the flats composing the coal fleet lying at Darrow's willow grove, about two miles above Donaldsonville, went down.

LETTER FROM MAJOR E. A. BURKE.

EDITOR DEMOCRAT—A letter dated September 2nd, appeared in the New York SUN containing certain false and malicious statements, which I suppose had been fully refuted in the SUN of September 5, although my statement had been emasculated somewhat by the editors of the SUN, who were unwilling to condemn their correspondent in their own columns.

Due regard for others who have been referred to by the Louisiana press in connection with these statements now prompts me to say that Mr. Gibson, the SUN correspondent, has written a tissue of falsehoods, knowing the same to be untrue when he wrote them.

On or about the 28th of August I telegraphed Gov. Nicholls from the White Sulphur Springs that there was an unexpended appropriation available with the War Department, which might be secured for the reconstruction of Tone's bayou dam, and asking if he would approve my visiting Washington, with a view of securing favorable action.

Upon my arrival I ascertained that Congressman Ellis had promptly and efficiently attended to the matter.

I called upon the President, and at his invitation spent a pleasant evening at the soldiers Home, discussing topics affecting the material prosperity of the South. No allusion was made to the suppression of evidence against members of the Returning Board or to Federal appointments in Louisiana, and the statement of the SUN correspondent that I told the President, or any other person, "that the prosecution of Wells and Anderson would not be pushed, because an arrangement had been made by which the witnesses who were to prove the forgeries in the returns from Vernon parish were made to the order of Wells, would not testify." Also, his statement "that I advised that the men who had manufactured the testimony for the visiting statesmen and the Returning Board be taken care of, as Wells and Anderson demanded, by dismissing the Herwig crowd from the Custom-House and giving the dangerous gang their place." I PRONOUNCE WILFUL AND MALICIOUS LIES.

I regard the bestowal, directly, of the Federal patronage in Louisiana upon the Returning Board as a blot upon the record of the Administration, and have so asserted to every person with whom I have conversed upon the subject.

The prosecution of the Returning Board is a matter exclusively under the jurisdiction of an incorruptible judiciary, and no good citizen of the State could or would interfere with their functions.

Concerning the personal allusions in the SUN letter, I have simply to say that a journalist who will deliberately fabricate a slander renders himself contemptible. Every citizen of Louisiana knows, and Mr. Gibson had opportunity to know, that I never held office under Radical rule, and never did anything to do with the Republican party in this State, except to fight it.

As to my actions at Washington when representing the government of Louisiana, they have been approved by Gov. Nicholls, ratified in all essential particulars by the Legisla-

ture and people of Louisiana, and are, therefore, removed from criticism by foreign journals.

Respectfully, E. A. BURKE.

P. A. D. A.

"Winkled Mirth that care derides, And Laughter holding both his sides."

As we anticipated, a large gathering of the fair and the brave, filling Firemen's Hall to repletion, greeted the Pastime Dramatic Association on Tuesday evening last. It was a well deserved and handsome recognition and evidence of appreciation of the efforts of the Association towards the amusement of the community, the development and culture of dramatic talent and the fostering of charitable ends and interests.

The actors—one and all—were well up in their parts, displaying that proper conception of their respective roles and an exactness of rendition that entitles them to the highest meed of commendation.

With their characteristic liberality, the Association spared no expense to render the entertainment a complete success, (which it was to the fullest degree,) and with this view secured the services of the Baton Rouge String Band which furnished a most excellent orchestra for the occasion and discoursed sweet melody for those who indulged to a late hour in the fascinating enjoyments of the Terpsichorean art.

Communicated.

RACOURCI ISLAND, La., September 21, 1877.

MR. EDITOR: Having heard throughout the surrounding country "of the many rigorous punishments inflicted on the poor colored convicts of Langside prison," Wilkinson county, under the management of Messrs. Noble & Osgood, sub-lease contractors who work convicts on a cotton plantation adjoining our parish, this is to inform you, as well as all others who may have heard such reports, that they are predicated on faulty grounds having no foundation whatever, and should not be listened to by any person of common sense.

THE ST. JAMES.—While in New Orleans a few days since, we fell into the hospitable hands of that Prince of hosts, Genl. Smedes, and his polite, attentive and efficient assistants Messrs James R. Leake, W. S. Bell and Robbie M. Leake. The comforts, elegancies and luxuries afforded at the St. James have become like "house hold words," but to properly realize and appreciate them, one must become the recipient of those attentions which the above named gentlemen know so well how to bestow and which they do bestow with such abundant liberality and consummate grace.

WARD OFFICERS.—Some weeks ago we published a list of wards where vacancies existed and gave the names of those gentlemen who were candidates for the several offices, on the Democratic ticket at the late election, suggesting at the same time that the Governor should fill the vacancies immediately by the appointment of the gentlemen named, who were really elected, though not returned on the consolidate return.

ASSESSMENTS FOR 1877.—To Mr. M. W. Stewart, Assessor, we are indebted for the following statement of the assessments of West Feliciana for the year 1877:

CHURCH SERVICES.—Divine services next Sunday, 30th instant, 5th Sunday in September, at Grace Church, at 11 o'clock a. m. A. G. BAKEWELL, Rector.

DIED.

EDWARDS.—In this parish, on Sunday, Sept. 16, '77 Mrs. MARY E. EDWARDS, wife of G. W. Edwards, aged 47 years.

CARD OF THANKS.

The undersigned, members of the Baton Rouge String Band, desire to make this expression of acknowledgements to the officers and members of the Pastime Amateur Dramatic Association of Bayou Sara, for courtesies received during their recent visit to that city.

The following from the Morehouse Clarion is all that we have heard of the meteor which, it will be remembered, was seen here on Saturday evening, 15th instant:

"Last Friday night, about half past eight o'clock, a bright light, as a ball of fire, was seen passing through the air, followed by an explosion or roaring sound as of thunder. The following day (Saturday) about five o'clock in the evening, another meteor—for such we suppose them to be—was observed passing in its aerial flight, but this was accompanied by no sound."

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LIST OF JURORS.

- STATE OF LOUISIANA, PARISH OF WEST FELICIANA, Clerk's Office. Be it remembered, that on this, the third day of September, A. D. 1877, We, C. M. Barrow, Clerk of the Court, Calvin Goodman and Lane W. Brandon, qualified electors and members of the Jury Commission, did assemble in the Court House in said Parish and did proceed to draw from the appropriate box, the following names, who are to be summoned to serve as Jurors at the next term of the District Court, commencing on Monday the fifth day of November, A. D. 1877.

- John Lesassier, A. C. Gore, Marshall Doxey, J. S. Griffin, Chas. Coles, John S. Seabery, Mat. Gilmere, N. B. Riddle, Geo. J. Spillman, A. T. Gastrell, Marshall Cotton, Littleton Jones, Clay Smith, Moses Rosenthal, James Rogilio, Reuben Ellis, Lewis A. Palmer, R. H. Johns, Daniel Butler, Jerry Jenkins, Zack Cavalier, Theodore Leonard, J. V. Hamilton, Nat. Chentham, W. R. Phares, J. O. Bevin, C. B. Smith, Priam Stirling, Anthony Sheets, J. B. Canfield, Turner Jackson, Ephraim Clark, Geo. H. Howell, Chas. Stirling, Solomon Claiborn, Daniel Rettig, Manuel Reed, George Row, Jas. M. McPherson, Jeff Hamilton, John W. Leake, Edward Baines, James W. Edwards, Leonidas Crouch, Stephen G. Smith Jr, Horace Thornton, L. W. Doherty, Wm. Moore.

C. M. BARROW, Clerk 7th Judicial Dist. Court. Sept. 8th, 1877.

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