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Leaves Alexandria.....7:35 a. m

☞ First-class fare from Alexandria to New Orleans, by either of the above named roads, costs $6.85. ☜

☞ We are authorized to announce
JUDGE E. NORTH CULLOM
of Avoyelles, as a candidate for Judgeship in the Judiciol District composed of the Parishes of Avoyelles, Rapides and Grant, subject to the nomination of a Democratic convention.

☞ We are authorized to announce
JOHN C. RYAN
as a candidate for District Attorney 12th Judicial District, subject to the nomination of the Democratic Convention.

☞ We are authorized to announce
DAVID T. STAFFORD
as a candidate for Sheriff of the Parish of Rapides, subject to the nomination of the Democratic party.

☞ I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Clerk of the Court, (Twelfth Judicial District) subject to nomination by the Democratic Convention.
GEORGE O. WATTS.

☞ We are authorized to announce
JNO. W. HICKMAN
as a candidate for Clerk of the Twelfth District Court, subject to the nomination of the Democratic Convention.

Town and Parish News.

—Buy your Boots, Shoes and Hats from Jos. Levin.

—For a good, cheap saddle and bridle, call on Bauer & Weil.

—The good results accruing to our Town from the Compress are already visible.

—Mr. John C. Wickliffe is still in the ring as a candidate for Judge; he so informed us on Monday.

—Have you seen the New Winchester Repeating Shot Gun? Six-shot, safe and quick. For sale at Ferguson & Schnack's, Jewelers.

—If you need a good bed call on Bauer & Weil, they can be had for $3 50 a piece.

—Mr. Mires Rosenthal moved with his family to his country home on yesterday.

—Monday was picnic day for the mokes; that is in the way of capturing 'coons. Some of them captured ration enough for a week.

—Hon. and Mrs. N. C. Blanchard, of Shreveport, were visitors here on Monday, and attended the Nicholls meeting.

—On Monday, the Messrs. Head, of the Boyce *Headlight*, called at our sanctum. We regret exceedingly that we were not present.

—There will be a camp meeting at the Spring Creek camp grounds, in this Parish, commencing on Friday next, the 7th inst.

—If you need a good stove call on Bauer & Weil; they can sell you one at $9.00.

—Guitars, Banjos, Violins, Accordeons, Harmonicas, Flutes, Fifes and first quality Violin Strings, at Ferguson & Schnack's.

—Bauer & Weil have the latest styles in dress goods. Call and see the Tucot woolens and Biarritz cloths.

—Judge Blackman is to preside and try the case of H. B. Walmsley, of Natchitoches, charged with embezzlement of the State Normal School funds. Judge Pierson being President of the School Board there recused himself and selected Judge Blackman.

—We have a nice line of silks at 50 cts a yard. Cheapest ever offered. Bauer & Weil.

—Judge E. North Cullom, of the Parish of Avoyelles, is a candidate for District Judge of the Twelfth Judicial District, at the approaching election, subject to the nomination of a Democratic Convention. He is well known here, and has in our midst many warm friends. He is an able lawyer and has had experience.

—Blankets in all sizes and styles at Bauer & Weil's. They are selling a good 10-4 white blanket at $1.50 per pair.

—In its proper place to-day will be found the announcement of Maj. G. O. Watts for Clerk. That he will surely be nominated, as he deserves, seems at present a foregone certainty. He has made an excellent officer; naught can be said of him. His stamp of men are the kind we admire, and we shall certainly strive to have him again renominated.

—The prettiest assortment of lamps in town at Bauer & Weil's, and they are selling very low.

—Breech and Muzzle loading shotguns, Winchester rifles, Pistols, and Cartidges, Boys' Guns, and loaded paper shells, at Ferguson & Schnack, Jewelers.

—Jos. Levin can sell you a better and cheaper suit of clothes than any one else in town.

MURDER MOST FOUL.

JOHN LECKIE IS KILLED BY SOME UNKNOWN PERSON—A TERRIBLE DEED.

On Saturday night last what is regarded as the most foul and cowardly murder that has ever occurred in Rapides Parish, the victim being a young man born and raised in Alexandria, and at the time of his death was doing a mercantile business just at the edge of the corporation line, on the Bayou Robert road.

The store house in which Mr. John Leckie, the victim, was doing business is situated on the right hand side of the road going from town, and in dimensions will measure about 18x35 feet. There are two rooms in the building, the largest one being used as the store and the smaller one as a sleeping apartment. In the small room, on the right hand side, is a window opening in a cotton field, and between the cotton field and the store is a fence.

Reports have it that Leckie had closed his store early and had retired. At 9:30 o'clock that night a negro man passed by and hearing Leckie groaning reported the same to Mr. John Grogan, a relation of Mr. Leckie by marriage and also his nearest neighbor. The deceased was in the habit of doing this when asleep, and Mr. Grogan thinking that nothing unusual was the matter paid no attention thereto.

Nothing further was heard in the matter until Sunday morning. A boy had gone to Mr. Hastings, who has a store near Leckie's, and inquired for ginger cake; Mr. Hastings having none referred the boy to Leckie's, to which place he went, and after calling and receiving no answer at the front door went to the window, which was open, and looked in, and saw Leckie lying in the position described below. The boy at once reported baek to Mr. Hastings, and the latter, as soon as Mr. Geo. Kelso and another gentleman came along, went over to the store and saw Leckie lying dead on the bed.

Thus the discovery of this damnable deed was made, and the crime unearthed, and soon the news spread like wild fire over the Town.

All sorts of rumors were rife; different theories were advanced, and hardly one person agreed with the other.

Coroner John Casson was at once summoned, and soon an autopsy was held, and a jury on inquest, composed of Messrs. A. Jarreau, Alphonse David, H. M. Huie, Louis Girard, and John Laney, were impanelled.

Their verdict was "that the deceased came to his death from the effect of wounds inflicted in the head by means of a bar of iron or other metallic body, breaking the skull in two places—by the hands of some unknown person.

The wounds were two—one over the orbitary ridge of the right eye, both tables of the skull fractured over a space of one inch; the other wound at the base of the skull just above the right ear, about 2 by 3 inches, both tables broken, no cut in scalp at this point.

Leckie's body had apparently been carried from the window, mentioned in a preceding paragraph of this article; the window had evidently been forced open. Here it is supposed that deceased was dealt the blow which summoned him to his maker. Close by the window, and from there to the bed, bloodstains were visible; a towel and a handkerchief were found on the floor both of which had blood on them; whether Leckie used them or the party who did the kllling is not known. His body was lying on the bed, his legs hanging over the sides of it, and the arms were folded over the abdomen. The right hand breeches pocket was inverted; at the foot of the bed, covered by the bed clothes, was found money to the amount of $29.25, where it is supposed deceased had placed it for security. A straw hat, mashed in, was also near by.

The natural supposition is that the deceased had not gone to bed—that he was assaulted early in the night; how long he lingered is unknown; at the time of the inquest his body was yet warm.

Toche Jenkins, a colored man, had been at the store all that evening, until dark, and he it was who was suspicioned, and was arrested and lodged in jail. Jenkin's shoe fit in the tracks by the window; he also had blood stains on the front of his shirt. Jenkins denies that he is guilty.

Leckie was a man of family, having a wife and children. He has always borne a good reputation, and that he should be so foully dealt with, in such barbarous style, is a surprise to this community.

We learn that strenuous efforts are being made to trace the crime, and the guilty party or parties brought to justice. This people express themselves plain in this killing, and denounce it in most severe terms.

—We are still paying the highest market prices for cotton, cash down, and selling goods cheaper than ever.
Bauer & Weil.

—Our new stock of Watches are now in. We have the following *Railroad Watches*: The Rockford, Waltham, Elgin, Columbus, and other movements, in gold and silver cases, at Ferguson & Schnack's, Jewelers.

—For the latest novelties in fancy goods call on Bauer and Weil.

—If you want bargains in boots, shoes and hats, clothing and gents' furnishing goods, give Joseph Levin a call.

—We are headquarters for the celebrated J. & P. Coats' thread, wholesale and retail. Bauer & Weil.

—Buy your Boots, Shoes and Hats from Jos. Levin. His prices are the lowest in town.

The Nicholls Barbecue and Speaking.

Monday was Gen. Nicholls' day in Alexandria, so to speak. He met his appointment here that day and spoke to a crowd of about 1000—of whom 400 were ladies.

The speaking and barbecue took place in the town square, where everything had been previously prepared.

Hon. Robert P. Hunter acted as chairman, and Messrs. E. H. McCormick and A. P Williams as secretaries. Thirty vice-presidents were appointed.

The speakers were G. L. Hall, Fred D. King, Hon. M. Ryan, Robt. N. Ogden and Gen. Nicholls. All five made good addresses and were attentively listened to. The effort of Col. Ogden was a masterly piece of oratory. On account of not feeling well Gen. Nicholls spoke but a few moments.

The points touched and harped on by the different speakers were principally the third term and personal government.

At the close of the speaking the committee on resolutions reported. By the same the Nicholls men denounce the action of the Sixth Congressional convention; think the third term contrary to the doctrines of democracy, and align themselves squarely against the present administration.

Everything passed off quietly and well—not the slightest disturbance occurring.

Gen. Nicholls and party left yesterday morning for Natchitoches, where they speak to-day.

—Shoes in abundance at Bauer & Weil's, and of all grades. Our $1.00 a pair sewed shoes for ladies cannot be beat and our 95 cents brogan is unexcelled for the money.

A New Railroad—It is announced from Little Rock that a new railroad is about to be constructed and cross the border of Louisiana. It is proposed to unite Monroe, La., with Pine Bluff, Ark., and the road is to be called the Pine Bluff, Ark., and the road is to be called the Pine Bluff, Monroe and Texas railroad. The route is now being surveyed. Passing through a rich agricultural add well timbered section of country, it will be a most welcome factor of prosperity in the southern counties of Arkansas and the northern parishes of Louisiana. It will form a part of a central iron band to girdle the State, and at Monroe will meet the road to be built from Alexandria up. These gaps filled, and all rail connection between Pine Bluff and New Orleans on the west side of the Mississippi will be secured. It is said that the necessary capital has been obtained, and the advantages of the road are so numerous that local aid will no doubt be extended freely for the entire route. The railroad campaign in North Louisiana is the most hopeful indication for the future of that section, and promises a rapid development of its mineral and agricultural resources.—[New Orleans Chronicle.

—Gents' underwear in suits at Bauer & Weil's.

A Strong Recommendation.

Mr. D. C. Hooks, Walnut Grove, Miss., writes: "I have been using Hughes' Tonic for some time past for chills and fever, and unhesitatingly say it is the best remedy I have ever used. I could name a number of others who have been benefitted by taking this Tonic."

Prepared by R. A. Robinson & Co., Wholesale Druggists, Louisville, Ky. Sold at retail by Druggists generally.

—Sewing Machine Headquarters.—We sell The White, N. Y. Singer, New Home, Domestic, Eldridge, Wheeler & Wilson No. 8 Machines. Ferguson & Schnack, Jewelers.

Lost—A purse containing coins, currency, and a promissory note drawn by Dr. C. J. Ducote in favor of Felix Bauer for the sum of $244.00. A liberal reward will be paid anyone returning the purse and contents to the office of Bauer & Weil. The public are cautioned against negotiating said note, payment having been stopped.
Felix Bauer.

—The Marksville band should learn to play "Rock Me Julia." It would sound nice at a barbecue.

—And now comes "Cheap John" (Joseph Levin) to the front with the best and most complete assortment of gents' clothing and furnishing goods ever brought to this market.

—The expression of sentiment on the part of the people hereabouts, in favor of the nomination of D. T. Stafford, is daily growing more and more. On Monday we talked with people from all sections of the parish, and they each and everyone said he was a favorite. With such chances we do not see how he can prove a loser in the present race. Mr. Stafford is very thankful for the support of his people throughout the Parish, and when he is installed in the Sheriff's office will not be backward in his duty, but will make an officer of whom the entire parish will be proud.

—The Farmers' and Planters' Club had no meeting on Saturday last for the reason that no quorum was present. The next meeting takes place on the 1st Saturday in November.

—Up to Saturday there had been shipped from this point 2222 bales of cotton, 1700 by the Morgan and 522 by the T. & P. road.

—The next thing in order is the formation of a McEnery club in every ward in the Parish. The move is a popular one.

—Connected with the Irving House is a first-class sample room for drummers.

—How about the enthusiasm at the Nicholls meeting on Monday.

Proceedings Special Meeting City Council.

ALEXANDRIA, LA., Sept. 20, 1887.

Pursuant to adjournment the Board of Aldermen met in the City Hall this day, at 11 o'clock a. m., with following members present:—

Thos. Crawley, Mayor,
E. J. Sullivan,
N. L. McGinnis,
Jonas Rosenthal.
Absent—H. S. Gossens,
Jacob Irving.

The Mayor stated the object of the meeting, viz: to take final action on the following letter received from Col. B. W. Johnson, of the Little Rock and Alexandria Railroad Company, and a petition of property tax payers, asking that an election be called to take the sense of the property owners on the question of voting a five mill tax for the period of ten years, to the above named Railroad Company:

LETTER.

OFFICE OF LITTLE ROCK AND ALEXANDRIA RAILROAD COMPANY,
LITTLE ROCK, ARK., Sept. 14, 1887.

Thomas Crawley, Mayor:

Dear Sir—We have now about perfected all of our arrangements to build our road, and also arranged with President J. D. Beardsley about the use of his bridge charter, and want to go to work at once. If your city proposes to give us the tax that you spoke of the sooner it is voted the better. We are going to build the road right along, and if we do not get the assistance promised us, we will cross above. As soon as the tax is voted, and the deed to the thirty acres made, we will be at work on the bridge. Get your Council together at once, and let me know at Camden what you will do.

Respectfully yours,
B. W. Johnson.

PETITION.

To the Honorable Mayor and Councilmen of the City of Alexandria:

We, the undersigned being one-third of the property tax-payers of the City of Alexandria, Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, do respectfully petition your Honorable body to levy a special tax of five mills upon the taxable property of the City of Alexandria for the period of ten years, which tax when collected from time to time, as the same are annually collected, shall be donated and paid over to the Little Rock and Alexandria Railroad Company, its successors or assigns, the first payment of said tax to be made when the said company, its successors or assigns shall have completed a good and substantial standard guage railway from the said City of Alexandria to the Northern line of the State of Louisiana, and said road to be finished within two years from the granting of said tax under the said election or by your Honorable body in pursuance of said election:

J. M. Armstrong,	Mrs. A. Crawley,
C. A. Schnack,	Alto Mitchell,
Joseph Fellows,	Jacob Haynes,
W. H. S. Lund,	J. D. Warren,
J. A. Johnston,	Chas. S. Miles,
L. B. Baynard,	T. J. Severus,
I. C. Miller,	A. L. Miller,
A. Albert & Son,	A. P. Williams,
W. T. Sanford,	G. M. Ratcliffe,
H. M. Huie,	Jacob Geiger,
Chas. Spreigel, agt	Moses Rosenthal,
Bertrand Weil,	Edgar H. McCormick
John DeLacy,	Mrs. E. W. Webster,
Isaie Weil,	by Wm. Webster.
L. P. Whittington,	Gus Gehr,
Mrs. G. Walker,	J. Sterkx,
J. G. White,	D. Kuhnagel,
B. Ehrstein,	S. Sample,
L. Shevnin,	Mrs. E. Archinard,
Mrs. V. Biossat,	M. C. Mosely,
A. B. Rachal,	H. L. Biossat,
Chas. Owen,	A. Gueringier,
B. C. Duke,	M. Ryan,
J. H. Dennis,	Joseph Sterkx, Jr,
Robert P. Hunter,	N. L. McGinnis,
Isaac Sackman,	Coleman Greenwood
John Fousan,	D. Lehman,
Jacob Fritz,	H. S. Gossens,
H. L. Manhein,	Julius Levin,
R. J. Bowman,	S. Schmalinski,
Mary A. Legras,	P. T. Kerrigan,
per W. Legras,	E. S. Hetherwick,
Jacob Irving,	Mrs. A. H. Kennedy
Mrs. C. J. Holt,	Mrs. C. O. Clements
John Clements, agt	M. Paul, jr.
Lody Simons,	Koch & Dreyfuss,
Moses Mayer,	per F. & S.
Mires Rosenthal,	Jonas Rosenthal,
M. Bloom,	John J. Ferguson,
Felix Bauer,	Mrs. Sarah Gehr,
John Weil,	Ben Weil,
John Kramer,	F. M. Raxsdale,
John C. Rogers,	S. Cullen,
Pat Kelly,	Denis Kelly,
John A. Williams,	James T. Flint,
C. Goldenberg,	A. A. Goodwin,
E. G. Hunter,	Mrs Belle Orsborn,
A. Vandegar,	Wm. Smith,
Jacob Irving, jr,	J. J. Peterman,
Louisa Simons,	W. F. Blackman,
C. T. Ratcliffe,	W. W. Whittington, jr

The following ordinance was presented and read, and on motion of Councilman Sullivan was unanimously adopted:—

ORDINANCE.

Railroad Tax Ordinance.—State of Louisiana, Parish of Rapides, City of Alexandria.

Whereas, a petition in writing signed by more than one-third of the property tax payers of the City of Alexandria, has been presented to the City Council of said city, praying said Council to submit the question of a five mill tax for a period of ten years in aid of the Little Rock and Alexandria Railway Co., its successors or assigns; and

Whereas, the said petition and the said signatures thereunto attached have been duly considered by the City Council of said city at a special meeting held on the 20th day of September, 1887; therefore

Be it ordained and enacted by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Alexandria, La.—That in compliance with the prayer of said petition, a special election is ordered to be held in the City of Alexandria, on Saturday, the 29th day of October, 1887, for the purpose of submitting to the property tax payers of the City of Alexandria the question whether or not a special tax of five mills per annum for ten years, shall be levied upon all the taxable property in said city in aid of the Little Rock and Alexandria Railway Co., its successors or assigns.

Be it further ordained, That said election shall be held under the general election laws of the State now in force, and at the polling place to be designated by the Mayor and Council of said city, and that the form of ballot to be used in said special election shall be—"For Railroad Tax," and "Against Railroad Tax;" and

Be it further ordained, That a majority in numbers and in value of the property tax payers of said City of Alexandria shall determine the question herewith submitted, and that the result of the election shall be announced and promulgated by the Mayor and City Council immediately after the same shall be determined; and

Be it further ordained, That if the result of the election shall be in favor of the levying of said special tax the first levy and collection of said tax shall be made and the first payment thereunder shall be paid to the Little Rock and Alexandria Railway Co., its successors or assigns, whenever the said Company shall have completed and put in operation a good and substantial standard guage railroad from the City of Alexandria, on Red river, to the Arkansas line; also the construction of a railroad bridge across Red river, connecting Pineville and Alexandria, and to be located within the incorporated limits of the latter; and further that the expense incurred in the collection of said tax shall be borne by the said Railway Co. Provided, the actual work of constructing said Little Rock and Alexandria Railway shall be commenced on or before the 1st day of April, 1888, and be fully completed and said railroad in operation on or before the 1st day of November, 1889.

Be it further ordained, That the City of Alexandria hereby donates to the above designated Railroad Co. thirty acres of land, adjacent to the city limits or wherever practicable, upon the following conditions, to-wit:

1. The said land to be incorporated if not already incorporated at the time of donation.

2. The said Railroad Co. shall construct, build and maintain permanently thereon its division terminus, with all the appliances and appurtenances thereto belonging, consisting of machine, repair and workshops, and to be used by said company, its successors or assigds, for no other purpose.

And provided further, that upon the failure of said Railroad Co., its successors or assigns, to comply with the stipulations set forth in this ordinance, the said Railroad Co. shall forfeit the donation of land and all right to said tax, and the voting thereon shall be null and void.

Be it further ordained, That the Mayor be authorized to issue his proclamation designating time and place for holding said election, and also the appointment and qualification of commissioners of election.

On motion the Board adjourned.
THOS. CRAWLEY, Mayor
A. B. Rachal, Secretary.

—The North Louisiana Fair takes place at Shreveport, November 8th to 12th inclusive. Cash premiums $5,000. For premium lists and general information address,
M. L. Scovell,
Secretary, Shreveport, La.

—Go to Jos. Levin's for bargains in boots, shoes, hats and furnishing goods of the best kinds only. His prices are the very lowest.

ELECTION PROCLAMATION.

Mayor's Office, Alexandria, La., September 27, 1887.

In conformity with an ordinance adopted by the City Council at a special session held on the 20th day of September, 1887, authorizing and directing me to order an election for the purpose of ascertaining the sense of the property tax payers of the City of Alexandria, relative to the levying of a five mill tax for a period of ten years in favor of the "Little Rock and Alexandria Railroad Company," for the consideration stipulated in petition presented at said meeting and containing the requisite number of signatures of property tax payers—

I, Thomas Crawley, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, La., do hereby order and designate

Saturday, the 29th of October, 1887,

and the City Hall, as the date and place of holding said election. The ballots used and to be voted at said election must have plainly printed or written thereon, "For Railroad Tax," or "Against Railroad Tax."

The polls shall be opened at 9 o'clock a. m. and closed at 4 o'clock p. m., and immediately upon the closing of the polls the commissioners of election shall proceed to count the number of ballots deposited "For Railroad Tax," and the number deposited "Against Railroad Tax," and shall make a certified return thereof to the Mayor and City Council, at a special session to be held on Monday, October 31st, 1887. The result of the said election shall then be declared and promulgated through the official journal.

The following named gentlemen are appointed commissioners to hold the said election: Sam. Fellows, M. Paul, Jr., and A. P. Williams.

THOS. CRAWLEY,
Mayor.