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## **WELCOME TO THE SOUTHERNS**

### **Torchlight Procession THE CLUBS REPRESENTED**

There can be no question but that the recent trip of our "Southerns" through the West, where they gathered all the laurels upon every field, with one exception – and that field has proven a Waterloo to many clubs of greater fame – has given a new impulse to base ball in our city, and inspired all our clubs to strenuously endeavor to attain such excellence as will make them at least the equals of any, whether they be professional or amateurs.

This disposition should be encouraged, for it is human nature, and especially the nature of our Southern boys, to wish to be first. Let us ever strive to keep awake in the breasts of our young men a noble emulation, and base ball is ennobling, for it gives strength to the body and imparts vigor to the mind.

We have had, as a people, too little outdoor exercise: our boys have been kept too much shut up at home or in schools, and attention has been given to the development of the brain at the expense of the muscles. Base ball has become a national game, and it is perhaps the best that can be devised for exercising the entire body, and, at the same time, diverting the mind.

The Southerns was the first base ball club to venture away from home, and to engage other clubs upon their own fields, and have returned home victors in six of seven contests. Their defeat by the Red Stockings was to have been expected, as the latter club has been severely trained, and are what are known as "professionals" – that is to say, they make a business of pleasure.

According to previous announcement, the procession in honor of the return of the Southerns was formed last evening, about 7½ o'clock, at the Clay Statue on Canal street. The various clubs were preceded by bands of music, and all bore the wide-awake torch, presenting, as they marched along the route laid down, a fine display.

Those members of the Southern Base Ball Club in whose honor the demonstration was given, were dressed in their beautiful uniform, and occupied carriages.

Along the route the procession was greeted with enthusiastic cheers, and we were surprised to find so very general an interest taken in the matter.

The following clubs were represented in the procession, which was ably commanded by the Grand Marshal, Geo. W. Young, Treasurer of the Robt. E. Lee Club:

**Lone Star Base Ball Club**, thirty-five members present, organized Sept. 15, 1859. President, W.F Tracey; Vice President, H.R. McVey; Corresponding Secretary, W.B. Young; Financial Secretary, J.N. Howard; Messrs. M. Dumphy, Wm. Condon, J.N. Howard, L.F. Keating, A. Bozant, Directors. Practice grounds, the Delachaise.

**R.E. Lee Base Ball Club**, thirty members present, organized Aug. 1, 1864. President, John Kaiser; Vice President, A.B. Johnson; Secretary, G.W. Young; Treasurer, J. Sampolis. Practice grounds, the Delachaise.

**Pelican Base Ball Club**, fifty members present, organized Sept.1, 1865. President, S.B. Gill; Vice President, W. Blanchard; Treasurer, W. Dietrich; Secretary, T. Mahan. Practice grounds, corner of Esplanade and White streets.

**Comet Base Ball Club**, twenty-five members present, organized in September, 1860. Reorganized September 5, 1866. President, C.A. Benedict; Vice President, J. Bond; Secretary, W. Roach; Treasurer, J. Powell.

**Hope Base Ball Club**, thirty members present, organized March 1, 1868. President, P. Cannon; Vice President, J. Evans; Treasurer, M. Riordan; Secretary, J. Sbisí. Practice grounds, foot of Clouet street, Third District.

**Hancock Base Ball Club**, thirty-five members present, organized August 13, 1869. President, T.P. Paul; Vice President, G. Davis; Treasurer, T.M. Barker; Secretary, J.P. Elliot; Corresponding Secretary, T. Hughes. Practice grounds, the Delachaise.

We are indebted to all the clubs for courtesies extended to the Picayune.

After the procession disbanded, the various clubs marched through the streets to inspiring strains, and we return our thanks specially to the Hancocks, Southern, and the R.E. Lees for serenades.