

# Donaldsonville Chief.

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**Town of Donaldsonville.**  
Mayor, ..... S. Weinschenck.  
Atorney, ..... Edw. N. Fugh.  
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Wharf-Master, ..... Raphael Monose.  
Market Lossee, ..... Gustave Dugon.  
Ferry Lossee, ..... Michel Lanou.  
Constable, ..... Louis Lafort.

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN.**  
B. Lemann, Jos. Burbridge, 1st Ward.  
Robert Noel, 2nd " "  
John F. Link, Joseph Johnson, 3rd " "  
**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS.**—Char. E. Smith, president; W. G. Wilkinson, secretary and treasurer; N. M. Conway, Milton Sagendorph, Joseph Burbridge.

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Night Train each way every other day.  
Trains stop at all way stations.

**DONALDSONVILLE, LA.,**  
Saturday, April 11, 1874.

## LOCAL NOTINGS.

There will be Parish Court next week, opening Monday.

Proceedings of the last meeting of the Town Council are published elsewhere in to-day's paper.

A regular meeting of Phoenix Fire Company will be held at the Court-House this evening, at the usual hour.

There was a little tug steaming up and down Bayou Lafourche Thursday, but wherefore, we are unable to say.

We saw a convict in uniform going up front street, Wednesday, and he looked more like an automated checker-board than any thing else we think of just now.

A movement is on foot looking to the erection of a new Catholic Church in this town, and we hope it will be successful. The old edifice is becoming dangerously dilapidated.

A large invoice of fashionably made and fine quality clothing has been received at Mr. Henry Loeb's store, and will be disposed of at reasonable cash prices. Public inspection is invited to the stock.

We call the attention of bricklayers and laborers desiring work, and of those who may need a large and substantial barge, to the advertisements published in another column by Messrs. Thibert & Wilken.

A special meeting of the Police Jury has been called for ten o'clock to-day, upon the petition of a requisite number of freeholders, to consider the subject of levees and devise means to secure the parish from overflow, if possible.

The steamer Frank Pargoud played smash with one end of the wharf-house when landing there Thursday night, and any one would have thought she was trying to come right over the levee and put her stage on Marx Isneel's sidewalk.

A week of wet, miserable, windy weather hid fair to be our portion up to Thursday night, but yesterday the sun burst forth in all his glory, and the day was clear and lovely. Thursday the atmosphere was very cool, in fact extraordinarily so for the season.

We beg pardon of conductor A. L. Connors for stating, three weeks ago, that we did not know him, for we enjoyed the pleasure of his acquaintance at the time of writing our article, but were not familiar with his cognomen. Mr. Connors was baggage-master when Mr. Towers officiated as conductor, and is a pleasant gentleman to know.

The Police Jury met this noon, in response to a petition of freeholders, and entered into an arrangement with leading planters to keep the levees in good condition to meet the coming flood. The plan is this: Messrs. E. Jones McCall, Jas. Teller, Ben. Gibson and A. S. Darrow are appointed superintendents of levee work, the two first named for the right bank of the river, the remaining two for the left, with authority to call out as large a number of laborers as may be required, and any laborer refusing to work when called upon is subject to a fine of two dollars per day pending such refusal. The superintendents, above named, agree to pay these laborers at the rate of one dollar per day, and the Police Jury bind themselves to make the amount expended good as soon as they are able to do so. We have no time or space for comment now, but will simply say that the arrangement seems as wise and judicious as could be desired to ensure the public safety.

**POLITICAL.**—Meetings for the election of delegates to the Parish Convention will be held in the second and sixth wards this evening, and in the third ward to-morrow evening.

The first ward club has been re-organized, and Hon. C. N. Lewis is president. An election for delegates has been held, but owing to some dissatisfaction or informality, the particulars of which we have not learned, another will take place.

The fifth, seventh and eighth wards will probably choose their delegates during the coming week.

The numerous friends of that worthy young gentleman, Thos. H. Franklin, Esq., will be pleased to learn that he has successfully underwent the preliminary examination and been admitted to the bar. Mr. Franklin is the youngest member of the fraternity in this State, and is full of energy and ambition, and we predict for him a brilliant future in his chosen profession. He will begin practice at once, and will establish his office in the CHIEF building, Crescent Place, where parties desiring his services can always find him during business hours.

**BAPTISM.**—Thirty or forty candidates for admission to the Nazarene Baptist Church of this town received the baptismal rite, last Sunday, at the river ferry landing, in the presence of a very large concourse of people, who thronged the levee and vicinity until it was almost impossible for a late comer to get a view of the interesting proceedings. Rev. John Ashby officiated as director of the ceremonies, ably assisted by the deacons, among whom are some of our first colored citizens. The Nazarene Church is gaining strength every day, and we are glad to notice as an evidence of the prosperity of the congregation that they are about to begin the erection of a new house of worship.

**THE RIVER AND LEVEES.**—Larger and larger has grown the mighty flood which sweeps past our doors, onward and upward has crept the muddy stream, until the water-mark of 1871 has been reached and passed, and yet the vast volume shows no sign of abating. The utmost anxiety prevails among the people all along the coast, and a strict watch over all weak levees is maintained. There has been no break in our parish yet, but there is no telling at what moment one may occur. The pressure against the levees is immense, and it will be a most fortunate thing for our planters if the frail safeguards prove equal to the test until the flood subsides.

Mayor Weinschenck, assisted by the Aldermen, keeps a close eye on the town levees, and has men at work every day repairing and strengthening weak or low places.

The water was running over the levee fronting Mr. Jos. Billeisen's residence yesterday morning, and over several places in the Port Barrow bayou levee the day before.

A large force of convicts are building a new levee at Dr. Legare's Souvenir place, three miles above town.

The Gandin levee, below town, is reported to be in a threatening condition, and a force of laborers have been called out to patch it up.

Nearly all of the planters have had their hands on the levees once or oftener during the past two weeks, while at some of the more dangerous points men have been at work every day.

## TO PLANTERS!

The advice of the levee engineers to the planters is to keep the ditches open and drain off the water which soaks through the levees. This is official and important!

## IBERVILLE IN ARMS!

General Jeff. Thompson has just arrived in town, and reports that he went up last night to cut the dike across the old Bayou Plaquemine above here but found 150 armed men at the Bayou who refused to allow the dike to be touched!

The General goes home crestfallen!

## MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION!!

**To Citizens of Donaldsonville:**  
WHEREAS, There is great danger of an overflow on account of the defective condition of the bayou and river levees; and

WHEREAS, There is anticipated another rise of the Mississippi within the next three days; therefore,

I, Solomon Weinschenck, Mayor of the town of Donaldsonville, do hereby, in obedience to a resolution of the Town Council passed this day, issue this, my proclamation, calling upon all able-bodied citizens to assist in repairing and strengthening the levees to meet the anticipated rise, and thereby avert the destruction that must necessarily follow an overflow.

S. WEINSCHENCK, Mayor.  
DAVID ISRAEL, Secretary.  
Donaldsonville, April 11, 1874.

There is a large crevasse on Bayou Lafourche, at the Bragg place, near Thibodaux, and a break is reported to have occurred somewhere between Paineportville and Napoleonville day before yesterday, but the rumor has not been confirmed.

Encourage your home newspaper. Subscribe for the CHIEF; \$3 a year.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

### Proceedings of Common Council, Town of Donaldsonville.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, April 2nd, 1874.  
The Council met this day at 3 o'clock P. M. Mayor S. Weinschenck in the chair. Members present: B. Lemann, Jos. Burbridge, Aldermen 1st ward: R. Noel, 2nd ward: J. B. Link, Jos. Johnson, 3rd ward.  
The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following Report was received and read: DONALDSONVILLE, LA., April 2nd, 1874.

To the honorable Mayor and members of the Town Council:

GENTLEMEN—I have the honor to make the following report for the month of March, 1874.

Received from the lessee of the Market-House six instalments of lease from the 1st of March 1874, to the 1st September 1874, in scrip.....\$64 97

Received from F. Fobb, Collector, on account licenses for the year 1874, in scrip.....\$180 00

Received from M. Lanoue, 3d installment of lease of river ferry, ending March 31, 1874, in scrip.....\$30 17

Total.....\$775 14

Respectfully submitted, C. KLINE, Corporation Treasurer.

The following report was read and adopted: DONALDSONVILLE, LA., April 2nd, 1874.

To the honorable Mayor and members of the Town Council:

GENTLEMEN—We the undersigned members of the committee appointed by your honorable body beg leave to make the following report: We have examined the room offered by Mr. R. Monse in exchange for the Mayor's office, and after due consideration beg leave to report unfavorably, as the room is not fit at all for a Mayor's office.

Respectfully submitted, JOS. BURBRIDGE, J. F. LINK, R. NOEL, DAVID ISRAEL.

The following petition was presented and read, and on motion of E. Noel duly seconded, was laid on the table indefinitely:

To the honorable Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Donaldsonville:

The undersigned would respectfully call the attention of your honorable body to the fact, that all the water drawing from the Town of Donaldsonville goes over their land and through their ditches; that the canals, which carry off the waters of the town and of the land of the undersigned, need cleaning out and digging; so as to have sufficient capacity to effectually drain said town and land. The undersigned are willing and anxious to have said canals properly cleaned and dug, with a view of having better drainage, both for their land and for the town; provided the corporation of Donaldsonville will agree to pay its pro rata share towards having said work done.

Respectfully submitted, ROULIGNY, HANSON & LEMANN.

The resolution authorizing the Mayor to appoint an Inspector of Milk for the town, was taken up and read, and on motion of B. Lemann duly seconded, was laid on the table indefinitely.

On motion of Jos. Johnson duly seconded, the following preamble and resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, the funds arising from the Bayou Lafourche ferry have been laid aside and pledged to pay the attorney's fees employed in defending suits brought against the town on certain consolidated bonds in the District Court;

Be it resolved, That the city attorney be and is hereby authorized to collect from the succession of Schonberg all moneys now due by said succession, and to retain in his hands a sufficient amount to pay said attorney's fees.

This resolution to take effect from and after its passage.

A bill of M. Israel amounting to five dollars, for empty boxes, was presented and read, and on motion of R. Noel duly seconded, was laid on the table for further consideration.

A bill of Jos. Ferrer for making four bridges was also presented and read, and on motion of J. B. Link duly seconded, was laid on the table indefinitely.

The following bills were approved:

Bill of B. Lemann, nails furnished.....	\$55 50
" " S. Weinschenck, empty cases.....	4 20
" " V. Cantrille, Coroner's fees.....	17 00
" " O. Millers, Levee work.....	3 25
" " P. Guilford, ".....	3 25
" " R. Noel, ".....	4 00
" " David Teller, ".....	1 55
" " Alfred Forstall ".....	1 50
" " A. Colvares, ".....	1 50
" " J. Leblanc, ".....	1 50
" " N. Erice, oyster shells.....	17 50
" " L. Lefort, burying cart.....	8 50
" " " making arrests.....	4 00
" " Jail fees.....	9 40
" " H. O. Maher, deputy sheriff fees, 3 50	
On motion of J. B. Link duly seconded, the council adjourned sine die.	

A true copy: DAVID ISRAEL, Secy.

## Proceedings of the Police Jury, Parish of Ascension.

**SPECIAL MEETING.**  
COURT-HOUSE, April 4, 1874.

The Police Jury was called to order at 12 M. by the president, the following members present: P. Landry, president; J. B. Hebert, H. Heyman and Louis LeBlanc.

Absent—Hillery Rice.  
The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

### REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

**RECORDER'S OFFICE.**  
Parish of Ascension, April 4, 1874.

To the honorable the President and Members of the Police Jury of the parish of Ascension:

GENTLEMEN—I beg leave most respectfully to represent to your honorable body, that in conformity with a resolution of your predecessors, I have secured the assistance of competent parties to make up a complete mortgage and conveyance index for the use of my office.

As it is probable that the work, or a great portion of it, will be completed before your next meeting, I would respectfully recommend that your honorable body appoint a committee from among your number, who together with the Parish Attorney, and any number of the members of the bar of the parish, whom you may designate, to receive said work and fix the compensation to be paid for the same.

Respectfully, etc., your obedient servant, CHARLES CHEVREUX, Recorder Ascension parish.

Received and adopted.  
DONALDSONVILLE, LA., March 24, 1874.

To the honorable President and Members of the Police Jury of the parish of Ascension:

GENTLEMEN—We the undersigned members of an organization known as the "Phoenix Fire Company No. 1, of Donaldsonville, La.," chartered by the laws of this State, for the purposes of benevolence and charity among its members, and to save property from destruction by fire, beg leave to ask aid from your honorable body for the following reasons: We have an engine and everything necessary to carry out our purposes, except the ground whereon to build our engine house, which house is absolutely necessary to the operation of our engine and apparatus. Therefore, we, your petitioners humbly pray you to help us by leasing to our organization for the purpose above stated a lot or portion of ground situated in the corporation of Donaldsonville and fronting on the public square for the space and term of twenty-five (25) years.

Very respectfully your obedient servants, W. G. WILKINSON, JNO. A. CHEVREUX, Committee.

H. O. MAHER, Recorder Ascension parish.

J. B. Hebert offered the following which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the lot belonging to this parish, fronting on Ascension square, in the town of Donaldsonville, and situated between the lots leased by the parish to the congregation of the Episcopal church of Donaldsonville and to C. Mathien, be leased to the president and members of the Phoenix Fire Company No. 1, of Donaldsonville, for a period of twenty-five years at the rate of one dollar per annum, for the purpose of building and erecting an engine house.

Resolved further, That the Parish Attorney is hereby instructed to enter into contract for that purpose.

To the honorable the President and Members of the Police Jury of the parish of Ascension:

GENTLEMEN—I have a full and complete file of the official papers published in this parish from April, 1858, to the present time, all bound in book form, comprising:

6 volumes of the *Drapeau de l'Ascension*;  
2 " " *Ascension Republican*;  
2 " " *Donaldsonville Chief*;

which I would like to dispose of in favor of the parish.

I would respectfully recommend, in case your honorable body should be of opinion that public interest demands that the parish should purchase them, to be kept among the archives; that a committee should be appointed to fix the remuneration to be paid for the file of these papers.

Respectfully, etc., your obedient servant, FELIX REYNAUD.

Laid upon the table subject to call on motion of H. Heyman.

DONALDSONVILLE, March 31, 1874.

To the President and Members of the Police Jury:

GENTLEMEN—I respectfully ask of you to appoint a committee of your body, to examine into my indebtedness to the parish and they are authorized to settle the same.

Respectfully, CHAR. F. SMITH.

J. B. Hebert offered the following, which was adopted:

Be it resolved, That a committee to be composed of two members and Parish Attorney, be appointed by the president to examine into the accounts of C. F. Smith former tax collector of this parish, with full power to settle and compromise with said Smith for any indebtedness which may be found to be due by him to the parish.

### REPORT OF WARRANT CLERK.

To the honorable President and Members of the Police Jury:

The undersigned warrant clerk respectfully reports:

That from the 10th day of December, 1873, to the 1st of April, 1874, he has received 569 accounts properly approved amounting to the sum of \$4,494 36, for which he has issued 403 certificates of indebtedness, charged to the following accounts, viz:

Syndics.....	\$307 50
Per diem of Police Jurors.....	214 35
Coroner.....	290 00
Coroner at Coroner's requests.....	114 00
Parish Printer.....	44 00
Parish Judge, salary one quarter.....	750 00
Parish Judge, attending inquests.....	330 23
Parish Judge, attending inquests.....	91 00
Jail Physician.....	300 00
Clerk of Court.....	59 70
Sheriff.....	68 25
Sergeant-at-arms.....	15 75
Justices of the Peace.....	289 65
Constables.....	123 66
Warrant Clerk.....	123 66
Witnesses in criminal prosecution.....	522 80
Medicines to Jail.....	19 75
Pension.....	12 00
Nurses.....	95 00
Fred. Duffel, special service.....	150 00
Parish Attorney.....	379 75
Interpreters.....	7 50
Consolidated bonds.....	938 97
Total.....	\$4,494 36

### OCTAVE TERRIO, Warrant Clerk.

### REPORT OF JAIL PHYSICIAN.

DONALDSONVILLE, March 7th, 1874.

To the honorable President and Members of the Police Jury of the parish of Ascension:

Gentlemen—I have the honor to report the continued healthy condition of the Parish Jail since the last meeting of your honorable body, though I am sorry to say that previous recommendations for the convenience and cleanliness of the cells have not been carried out for the want of means to do so. I earnestly recommend that your honorable body make appropriations for the following necessary improvements, viz: closest vessels for the cells, spittoons for cells and alley, and the erection of bunks two or three feet above the floor of each cell, excepting one for the worst class of prisoners. I would also respectfully call your attention to some necessary repairs for the floors. All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. M. MCGALLIARD, M. D., Jail Physician.

### RESOLUTIONS, ETC.

By Louis LeBlanc:

Resolved, That the president of the Police Jury, J. B. Hebert, Henry Heyman, R. N. Sims, E. N. Pugh and Fred. Duffel, parish attorney, are hereby appointed a committee to receive the indexes now being made by the Parish Recorder, and to fix the compensation to be paid by the parish for the same.

Adopted.

By Henry Heyman:

Resolved, That from and after the next regular meeting of this Police Jury, the offices of all road overseers or syndics shall be deemed vacant, and at such meeting the Jury shall proceed to the election in accordance with law, of eight syndics, one for each ward of the parish, who shall possess the powers and perform the duties prescribed by sections 2 to 30, both inclusive, of chapter 18, revised code ordinances of 1871, and receive each a salary of thirty dollars per annum, payable upon their own warrants, conditioned and approved as the law directs.

By Henry Heyman:

WHEREAS, in consequence of the reduced rate of State taxation, and the liability of the parish for all election expenses under the provisions of the recently enacted State law relative to the conduct of elections, it becomes imperatively necessary to retrench the annual expenditure for maintaining the parish government; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the office of Warrant Clerk be and is hereby abolished; that the salaries of parish officers be fixed as follows: Secretary of the Police Jury, three hundred dollars per annum; Treasurer, seven hundred dollars; Parish Attorney, three hundred dollars; Jail Physician, two hundred and eighty dollars; Printer, four hundred and eighty dollars; Road overseers, thirty dollars each. The salaries of all officers payable monthly upon their own warrants, approved as the law directs.

Resolved, That this resolution take effect from and after its passage, and all resolutions, ordinances or enactments, or parts thereof, conflicting herewith, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Adopted.

By L. LeBlanc:

Resolved, That the resolutions of a former jury authorizing the issuance of "warrant warrants" for claims against the parish and requiring the Treasurer to endorse the same "receivable in payment of dues," be and the same are hereby repealed; and that hereafter all claims shall be presented, approved, entered and indorsed by the Treasurer as required by section 2644 of the Revised Statutes.

Adopted.

By L. LeBlanc:

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by the Police Jury at a session held on the 10th day of April, 1873, appropriating the sum of six hundred dollars per annum to compensate the Parish Judge for his services as committing magistrate in criminal cases, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Adopted.

By L. LeBlanc:

Resolved, That no money shall hereafter be paid out of the parish treasury for fees of witnesses in criminal prosecutions before Justices of the Peace, or before the Parish Court when the Judge thereof acts as a committing magistrate.

Adopted.

By J. B. Hebert:

Resolved, That from and after the 30th day of October, 1874, the Tax Collector shall enforce and collect the same penalties upon delinquent parish taxes that are collected on delinquent State taxes; and be it further

Resolved, That the collection of delinquent taxes and penalties shall form a contingent fund from which any deficit in the revenues of any year, which shall occur hereafter, shall be supplied; and in case any amount of said fund be remaining in the treasury at the end of any year after all the current expenses of the parish are paid, the same shall be applied to the redemption of the funded indebtedness or the payment of the interest thereon as necessity may require.

Adopted.

By J. B. Hebert:

Resolved, That when the Tax Collector shall deliver to the Recorder and Treasurer the parish duly certified copies of the Parish Assessment Roll for 1873, said Collector's claims for compensation for making said rolls, as prescribed by the law of the State, shall be approved and registered in the manner directed for the approval of claims against the parish, fixed by law.

Adopted.

By J. B. Hebert:

Resolved, That section 8, chapter 6, of the Revised ordinances of 1871, be amended to read as follows, conformably to section 96 of Act No. 17 of 1872, to-wit: "The Collector of Taxes is authorized to receive and retain the same compensation for collecting the parish taxes that is prescribed by law for the collection of State taxes."

Adopted.

The President of the Jury submitted the following list, which having been examined and approved by the Parish Attorney was adopted and ordered to be published in the official journal for thirty days:

### Approximate Estimate of Expenditures of the Parish of Ascension for the year ending December 31, 1873:

Coroner's fees.....	\$500 00
Physicians, attending Coroner.....	200 00
Sheriff's fees in criminal pros.....	1,000 00
Sheriff's fees in civil pros.....	800 00
Justices of Peace fees in crim. pros.....	1,000 00
Constables.....	1,000 00
District Attorney's ".....	500 00
Witnesses.....	1,000 00
Sheriff's fees, man. of prisoners.....	2,000 00
Parish Judge's fees in crim. pros.....	300 00
Salary of Secretary of Police Jury.....	300 00
" Parish Treasurer.....	700 00
Salary and fees of Parish Attorney.....	500 00
" of Parish Printer.....	450 00
" of Jail Physician.....	280 00
" Road Syndics.....	300 00
Per diem of members Police Jury.....	400 00
Public School Tax, Act 8, S. 3, 71.....	2,612 12
Election expenses.....	1,400 00
Parish fund, § 12, § 2,743, R. S.....	300 00
Contingent expenses.....	500 00
Tax Collector's compensation.....	2,300 00
Total	