

## Donaldsonville Chief.

Office in Crescent Place.

Subscription Price, Two Dollars a Year.

DONALDSONVILLE, LA.,  
Saturday, April 28, 1877.

### LOCAL JOTTINGS.

Get your Charcoal at Sam Fuch's at the junction of Lafourche and Chetimaches streets.

A large invoice of flour and provisions just received at G. Feitel's, next door to the post-office.

The steamer Eureka, Capt. Terbonne, replaces the Trenton temporarily in the Bayou Lafourche trade.

Mr. N. Bel this week removed into his elegant new building corner of Chetimaches and Mississippi streets.

Mrs. M. Israel & Co. will sell their entire stock of goods regardless of cost, on account of a change to take place in the partnership.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Park have just returned from New Orleans, where they purchased a large and finely assorted stock of goods. See advertisement.

The steam ferry boat Little Minnie was again launched last Sunday morning and at once resumed business. The Assumption drew the little craft into the water with comparative ease.

The sale of property advertised to be made by the Sheriff this morning, in the suit of Thomas Shoor vs. Adolphe Wiese, has been enjoined upon the petition of Mrs. Louisa Schwartz, wife of Mr. Wiese.

Have you seen the new stock of goods at Mr. J. F. Park's establishment, opposite the river ferry landing? If not, go and inspect it at once. The proprietor claims that he is prepared to offer unequalled bargains in groceries, dry goods, crockery, glassware, etc.

The undisputed accession of the Nicholls government to power was celebrated in Donaldsonville on Sunday last by the ringing of the bells at the Catholic Church, religious services within the sanctuary, and the firing of a salute of twenty-one guns by the Cannoneers of Donaldson.

Mr. Jos. Gondran is having an addition built to the lower side of his residence on St. Patrick street; Mr. G. W. Mitchell has taken down the mill shed formerly standing on Crescent Place and rebuilt it alongside his new stable on Railroad Avenue; Mr. T. A. Kingston, the grocer and sewing machine agent, is putting up a small building on the Avenue, near Mr. Green's paint shop.

Mr. Henry Loeb still remains in charge of the Donaldsonville post-office, no appointment having yet been made to fill the vacancy resulting from Mr. Fobbs' suspension. A Washington telegram to the Associated Press announces that all vacancies in Southern post-offices are being held in abeyance by the government, and we presume this accounts for the delay in the case of the Donaldsonville office.

The title of Capt. R. P. Landry to the Tax Collectorship being now established beyond question, the assessment rolls and records pertaining to the office have been delivered to him by the Recorder. It now becomes the duty of property holders to respond to the call for payment of licenses and taxes past due. Until a more suitable place can be secured, the Collector may be found at the law office of Messrs. Duffel & Landry, just back of the Court-House.

A marked improvement has been effected in the appearance of Mr. Bernard Lemann's handsome property corner of Houmas and Attakapas streets, by the extension and rehabilitation of the grounds surrounding the stately residence. Mr. Lemann has acquired, in addition to the corner lot, the one adjoining it on Attakapas street and also the corresponding lot on Houmas street, and is having the whole neatly laid out and planted with shrubbery, shade trees, etc.

That enterprising merchant, Mr. G. Feitel, is just in receipt of a large invoice of flour and provisions, which he is disposing of at lowest market rates. All who can do so should lay in a supply of these articles without delay, as prices are steadily advancing by reason of the imminent war in Europe. By purchasing at once a considerable saving may be made, and all who buy from Mr. Feitel can rest assured of receiving the best goods for the money that can be procured.

Charcoal! Charcoal! at Sam Fuch's store, Bayou Lafourche, at the junction of Lafourche and Chetimaches streets.

The largest stock of dry goods, clothing, boots and shoes, house furnishing goods, etc., in Donaldsonville to be closed out regardless of cost. See announcement of Mrs. M. Israel & Co.

Those who have horses that are sick, lame, or in any wise in need of treatment, are referred to the care of Dr. C. F. Emmett, veterinary surgeon, who is making a brief sojourn in this town. All orders addressed to the Doctor at Donaldsonville, or left at Mitchell's livery stable will be promptly attended to.

Messrs. G. F. Neathamer and E. W. Sewell have formed a partnership and are located in Port Barrow, opposite Donaldsonville on Bayou Lafourche, for the manufacture of cisterns, sugar coolers, juice boxes, tanks, vats and every description of work in that line. We are assured that both gentlemen are experienced workmen and will spare no pains to give satisfaction in the matter of prices as well as quality of work, to all who patronize them.

The members of the Police Jury all appeared in town this morning and were on the point of assembling in special session, for the ostensible purpose of essaying a coup d'etat relative to the office of Secretary and Treasurer, but a member unfavorable to the movement sought the advice of the Parish Attorney, who decided that no meeting had been called as the law directs and consequently whatever business might be transacted would be devoid of legality.

Mrs. Louisa Wiese died suddenly of apoplexy at the residence of her husband, Mr. Adolphe Wiese, in this town, yesterday afternoon at quarter past 4 o'clock. During the forenoon, and while engaged in dressing preparatory to visiting a public office on business of a legal nature, Mrs. Wiese was seized with an apoplectic stroke, which resulted in death after a few hours of suffering. Several physicians were in attendance, but their efforts to save the patient's life were unavailing. The funeral services will be held in the Episcopal Church at 5 o'clock this evening.

One of the largest funeral processions we have ever witnessed in this section passed through town, from the bayou ferry landing to the Catholic church and cemetery, on Sunday last. The deceased was a much respected young colored man, scarcely 21 years of age, named Armand Degruise, resident of the third ward, from where the cortege started. The St. Joseph brass band and a field band followed the hearse, alternately discoursing mournful airs. Many members of some benevolent society were in the procession, and the neat uniform dresses of the women presented a pleasing appearance.

ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING.—At the Peytavin Plantation just below town, Sunday before last, a colored man named Harrison Williams was accidentally shot, receiving a wound that came very near causing his death. It seems that he was somewhat under the influence of liquor, and while in that condition took a Deringer from his pocket to show to a little girl from a neighboring cabin. The child in handling the weapon cocked and accidentally discharged it, the ball striking Williams in the left breast, about an inch above the heart, passing through the left lung and lodging in the back. The life of the man was for some time despaired of, but under the treatment of Dr. McGalliard he is doing well and will doubtless recover.

The entire property of the Donaldsonville Agricultural Association—consisting as we said last week, of the board fence surrounding their race track—was sold at auction on Sunday, according to previous notice, and a bid of \$180 by Mr. Felix Reynaud was the highest offered. The gentlemen competing for the purchase of the property were evidently in a facetious mood, and to make things lively and pleasant for the auctioneer—who was no other than our genial young friend David Israel, Esq.—the bidding was started at \$6 75 and increased by very easy gradations, until the amount above stated was reached, the process occupying a considerable time. We learn that the stockholders of the defunct Association will realize about twenty per cent. upon their investment, all debts having been promptly liquidated as fast as they accrued.

If you are to marry a delicate, pale and sickly lady, make her take Dr. J. H. McLean's Strengthening Cordial and Blood Purifier; it vitalizes and purifies the blood, strengthens and invigorates, sends the rich blood to the cheek again. Dr. J. H. McLean, 314 Chestnut Street, St. Louis, Mo.

### SHALL WE HAVE A BRIDGE?

Proposed Formation of a Stock Company to Bridge Bayou Lafourche at Donaldsonville.—Call for a Meeting of Interested Citizens.

A movement has been quietly inaugurated here recently, looking to the accomplishment of a much needed work of public improvement: the building of a bridge for the accommodation of vehicles and pedestrians, across the Bayou Lafourche at this point. Last week a gentleman who feels considerable interest in the matter prepared the following list of prominent citizens to be used in the act of incorporation:

B. Lemann, Allen Thomas, Ed. Buiol, Sr., Henry McCall, Adlard Landry, Just Oubre, Dr. Ed. Duffel, E. N. Pugh, E. St. Martin, Henry Loeb, Henry Droege, Jos. Billeisen.

The list was forwarded to Senator Landry on Sunday, and the following day he introduced "Senate bill No. 165, to incorporate the Donaldsonville Bridge Company," which was referred to the committee on corporations, favorably reported upon, and finally passed on Wednesday. Unfortunately, however, the end of the session was so near at hand that consideration of the bill was not secured in the House of Representatives, and it failed to become a law.

While the passage of the measure would doubtless have imparted some impetus to the bridge movement, its failure need in no wise impede the prosecution of the good work. There is a general State law which empowers Police Juries and Town Councils to grant to individuals or stock companies the privilege of constructing toll bridges, said Juries or Councils to prescribe the tolls. The only drawback to this method is that the privilege can not be granted for a longer period than ten years, but once obtained and the work begun, it would be a very easy matter to procure the passage of a special act by the General Assembly at any session, extending the charter to such time as might be desirable.

An impression has prevailed to some extent that the ferry privileges granted to the late Marx Schonberg by act of the General Assembly would interfere with the construction of a bridge, but such is not the case. It has been decided by the Supreme Court of the United States that a bridge can not be classed as a ferry, and that no ferry charter can be granted which prohibits the building of a bridge, the latter being deemed a work of public improvement entitled to precedence over a simple ferry.

In order to bring the bridge question to a focus, gentlemen concerned have decided to call a meeting of those who feel interested in the matter, fixing the time at 12 o'clock on Saturday after next, May 12, and the Court-House in this town as the place. There should be a hearty response to this call, and a company formed at the earliest practicable moment to inaugurate a work that will be of such manifest advantage to our town and parish.

The document we mentioned last week as being circulated here for signatures containing a caustic refutation of the reported statement of a prominent Republican official before the Louisiana Commission that the people of this Judicial District did not acknowledge the authority of the Nicholls government, appeared in the New Orleans press last Sunday, over the signatures of Messrs. Sims, Pugh, Landry, Duffel and others. The paper emphatically asserted that the people of the district recognize only the Nicholls administration and thoroughly repudiate "the Packard usurpation." The alleged assertion of Judge Marks—who is the official referred to—was denounced as a total and wilful misrepresentation. The publication of the document drew forth a card of explanation and denial from Judge Marks, the pith of which is contained in the following extract:

The statement attributed, as published, is a misrepresentation of the remarks really made by me. These remarks were in truth and in substance that in my opinion no violence would result in the Fourth Judicial District from the recognition of either of the then contending governments, as the people were law-abiding, and with few exceptions, no politicians. Hearing, last Friday, while at home, that this misrepresentation as now published was in circulation for signature, I informed the presumed author that the statement attributed to me was incorrect, giving him at the same time the true version.

A notable appointment recently made by Gov. Nicholls is that of Hon. Edward L. Whitney to be Tax Collector of the parish of Tensas. Mr. Whitney is a Republican, and represented the Tensas District in the State Senate from 1870 to 1874. This selection, taken in common with others of a similar character, indicates that Gov. Nicholls was in earnest when he declared his intention of being the Governor of the people and not of a party.

### NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

#### Donaldsonville Bridge.

CITIZENS of the parish of Ascension and town of Donaldsonville who favor the construction of a Bridge across the Bayou Lafourche at Donaldsonville are requested to meet at the Court-House, in this town on Saturday, May 12, 1877, at 12 o'clock M. ENTERPRISE.

#### C. F. EMMETT.

**Veterinary Surgeon,**  
Is stopping in Donaldsonville for a limited period to treat

All Diseases and Lamenesses to Which Horses are Subject.  
Castrating a specialty, particularly of ridglings. Best of reference given if required. Terms reasonable.  
All orders left at MITCHELL'S STABLE will receive prompt attention. ap28

G. F. Neathamer, E. W. Sewell.  
NEATHAMER & SEWELL.

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Manufacturers of Juice Boxes, Sugar Coolers, Vats, etc.,  
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All work in our line executed on short notice, at reasonable rates, and fully guaranteed. We respectfully solicit the patronage of planters and the general public.

**The Job-Boat**  
H. F. SHARP

Will deliver any where on the river or Bayou Lafourche, WOOD, LUMBER, SHINGLES, STAVES, BRICK or any other kind of freight at reasonable rates. The undersigned will furnish parties with a list of prices of the above articles, stating where they can be procured, or will make contracts for the delivery of the same.

Address H. F. SHARP,  
Captain and owner, Plaquemine, La.,  
Or, W. W. BUFORD, Agent,  
Donaldsonville.

DR. J. C. LEGARE,  
Office and Residence:  
Sourvenir Plantation, Ascension Parish,  
One mile above Donaldsonville. 15

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No Machine has sprung so rapidly into favor as possessing just the qualities needed in a family machine—namely: LIGHT RUNNING, SMOOTH, NOISELESS, RAPID, DURABLE, with perfect LOCK-STITCH.

Within the past year important improvements have been added and no trouble will be spared in keeping the REMINGTON ahead of all competitors.

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The best guns for the price ever produced. Universally recommended by those who have used them.

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The only complete apparatus ever invented, combining in one complete and portable machine all the various implements employed in loading paper and metallic shells.

REVOLVERS, REPEATING PISTOLS,  
AMMUNITION, GUN MOUNTINGS,  
IRON AND STEEL RIFLE AND  
SHOT BARRELS, FOR CUS-  
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Agricultural Implements.  
PATENT CLIPPER  
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Cultivators, Solid Steel Cultivator Teeth and Points, Wrought Iron Standard Cultivator Teeth and Points, Sayre's Patent Horse Hoe, Shovel Plows, Shovel Plow Blades, Plain and with wings, of all sizes.

**Wrought Iron Bridges,**  
Arch and Trapezoidal Truss, Cast Steel Shovels, Cast Steel Hoes and Garden Rakes, Planters' Handled Hoes, Mowers, Wheel Horse Rakes, Needle Cotton Gins.

**Armory and Principal Office,**  
ILION, N. Y.

BRANCH OFFICES:  
281 & 283 Broadway, New York, Arms.  
Madison Square, 6 E. 23rd St., New York, Sewing Machines.  
Boston, 146 Tremont St., Sewing Machines and Arms.  
Chicago, 237 State St., Sewing Machines and Arms.  
Philadelphia, 810 Chestnut St., Sewing Machines and Arms.  
Baltimore, 47 North Charles St. (Masonic Temple), Sewing Machines and Arms.  
Washington, D. C., 321 Seventh St., Sewing Machines and Arms. mar31-St.

### SPECIAL NOTICE!

ON ACCOUNT OF A  
CHANGE IN OUR FIRM

We are compelled to sell our

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**DRY GOODS,**

**CLOTHING,**

**FANCY GOODS,**

**Boots, Shoes, Hats,**

**HOUSE FURNISHING GOODS,**

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**MRS. M. ISRAEL & CO.,**

**DONALDSONVILLE.**

**Dwelling, Store & Fixtures**

**FOR SALE**

**ON LIBERAL TERMS.**

ROD. BRAUD, A. ESNEAULT,

**BRAUD & ESNEAULT,**

**ICE MANUFACTURERS,**

Donaldsonville, La.

Will furnish ICE in quantities to suit pure classes at **New Orleans Prices.** ORDERS FROM THE COUNTRY SOLICITED.

**JOSEPH FERRIER,**

**Blacksmith,**

**WHEELWRIGHT & COACHMAKER,**

Donaldsonville, La.

Mr. Joseph Ferrier informs his friends and the public, that the partnership heretofore existing between Mr. Jos. Ferrier and himself has been dissolved by mutual consent.

He will continue the same kind of business at the old stand, where he is ready to execute at shortest notice all work entrusted to him, pertaining to the trades of

Gunsmith, Locksmith, Blacksmith, Wheelwright and Coachmaker.

Buggies, Carriages, Wagons and Carts repaired in a workmanlike manner, at prices to suit the times.

Old Vehicles taken in Exchange for new.

The Manufacture of

**Plantation Carts and Wagons**

a specialty. Inspection and comparison of work and prices with those of other makers will show a difference of from ten to twenty per cent. **All work guaranteed.**

Donaldsonville, La., March 15, 1877.

**JOS. BILLESEN,**

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**Tin and Sheet-Iron Worker,**

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Manufacturer of Strike Pans, Evaporating Pans, Clarifiers, Juice Boxes, Syrup Tanks, Chimneys and Breechings, Force and Lift-pumps, etc. Steam Trains put up and fully guaranteed. Also keeps on hand a full supply of Iron Pipes and Fittings, for steam and water use. *Jobbing and country orders promptly attended to at moderate charges.*

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Practices in all the courts of the Fourth Judicial District—parishes of St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Charles and Ascension—and in the Supreme Court of this State in New Orleans.

**R. H. BLOOMFIELD,**

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**AND LAND SURVEYOR,**

Residence opposite the Court-House, Donaldsonville, La.

Contractor for all kinds of Earthwork, Plantation Ditching and digging of Sugar-House Ponds included. ap26

**Notice.**

**THE TAX PAYERS** of the Corporation of Donaldsonville are notified that the assessment roll of town property for 1877 has been deposited at my office, in the Court-House, where it will be exposed for the term of THIRTY DAYS from this date, for inspection and correction.

DAVID ISRAEL,  
Town Secretary,  
Donaldsonville, March 31, 1877.

### HAVE YOU SEEN the New Stock of Dry Goods, Groceries, Crockery, Glassware, etc.,

—AT—  
**JOHN F. PARK'S**

Opposite the River Ferry Landing!

DEALER IN

**CHOICE FAMILY GROCERIES**

KRUG CHAMPAGNE, GERMAN LAGER BEER

BASS'S EAST INDIA PALE ALE, STRAWBERRIES, RASPBERRIES

ENGLISH GOOSEBERRIES, PINEAPPLE, RAISINS,

FIGS, CITRONS, CURRANTS,

JELLIES—in Glasses or Boxes, WORCESTERSHIRE SAUCE,

ENGLISH & FRENCH MUSTARD, ENGLISH CHOW-CHOW,

SALMON, SARDINES, LOBSTERS, SHADINES,

EAGLE MILK, FRENCH CANDLES,

CHOICE GOSHEN BUTTER. Also in Store,

CHOICE SUGAR-CURED HAMS, FRESH SHOULDERS,

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CHOICE BRANDS OF FLOUR; Basket, Willow and Tin-Ware.

All Goods at New Orleans Prices. Call and See Me Before Purchasing Elsewhere. disly

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A Compact, Simple, Durable, Light Running Lock-Stitch Machine, combining all the essential parts of a first-class sewing machine, simple in construction, superior in strength and beauty, and capable of doing a wider range of work than any other make. It will run for years without costing a cent for repairs. In the manufacture of this machine the very best materials are used. The

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Under the title of Home Machine are included the

Home Sewing Machine,

Home Shuttle Sewing Machine,

Hand Lock-Stitch Machine,

which I will sell at the following prices for CASH IN FULL:

A \$65 00 Machine for \$50 00.

A 42 00 " " 33 00.

A 25 00 " " 20 00.

and others in proportion. Or, Machines at card prices for one-half Cash, balance in six equal installments, payable monthly.

Apply to or address W. W. BUFORD, Donaldsonville, La. mar24-ly

**Notice to Tax Payers.**

OFFICE STATE TAX COLLECTOR, Parish of Ascension, April 3, 1877.

ALL persons in the parish of Ascension owing

**LICENSES AND TAXES**

are hereby notified that the office of State Tax Collector is now open for collection of same at the office of Duffel & Landry, on Chetimaches street, near the Court-House.

R. PROSPER LANDRY, State Tax Collector.

**J. F. HALL,**

**News Agent**

On Donaldsonville & New Orleans Train.

Will execute commissions, deliver or procure letters or packages in any part of the city, at rates to suit patrons. Promptness and satisfaction guaranteed. Letters entrusted to my care must be sealed, be placed in government stamped envelopes. Orders left at Wilkinson's New Depot will meet with immediate attention. Try me. fl2-ly

**Sheriff's Sale.**

State of Louisiana—Fourth Judicial District Court in and for the parish of Ascension.

Leon Picard vs. No. 1913, Damiel LeBlanc.

BY virtue of and in obedience to a writ of seizure and sale, issued by the Fourth Judicial District Court in and for the parish of Ascension, under date of March 31, A. D. 1877, in the above entitled suit, and to me directed, I have seized and will offer for sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the Court-House of the parish of Ascension, in the town of Donaldsonville, on

Saturday, the 19th day of May, A. D. 1877, at 11 o'clock A. M., the following described property, to-wit:

1. A tract of land measuring three arpents front by a depth of fourteen arpents, bounded in front by the Primus or Brule road, in the rear by lands formerly belonging to Komanta Tillotson, on one side by lands of Abraham Heyman and on the other side by lands of Adrien Landry.

2. Another tract of land measuring six arpents front by a depth of fourteen arpents bounded in front by said Primus or Brule road, in the rear by lands of Damiel LeBlanc, on one side by the public road leading to Baton Rouge, and on the other side by lands of Anselm Landry.

3. Another tract of land measuring eight arpents front on said Baton Rouge road, by a depth of fourteen arpents bounded on one side by lands of Anselm Landry and the tract herein above secondly described, and on the other side by Hermogene Hebert and in the rear by lands of Valentine Babin.

Said tracts of land above described comprising the sugar plantation known as the Live Oak Plantation which is situated in the parish of Ascension, on the left bank of the Mississippi river and at about four miles therefrom, at the place commonly called "Dutch Town," together with all the buildings and improvements on said plantation, the sugar-house, mill and engine, cotton-gin, cabins, eight plows, five three-mule carts, two one-horse carts, nine pairs gears, seven mules, three hundred bush corn, fifty cords of wood, twenty thousand bricks, two barrows.

Terms and conditions—Cash.

The land to be sold pursuant to Article 132 of the Constitution. Plan of lots will be exhibited on day of sale.

P. A. JONES, Sheriff.

Parish of Ascension April 7, 1877.