

# Donaldsonville Chief.

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## TRAVELERS' GUIDE.

### New Orleans & Texas Railroad.

TIME-TABLE.

The steamer St. Francis Belle leaves head of Bienville street, New Orleans, daily (Sundays excepted) at 7:45 A. M. Mail train leaves Westwego daily (Sundays excepted) at 9 A. M.; arrives at Donaldsonville at 12:30 P. M.; returning, leaves Donaldsonville at 12:30 P. M.; arrives at New Orleans at 4:30 P. M.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE.—Steamer leaves New Orleans as above at 8 A. M. Train leaves Westwego 9:15, arrives at Donaldsonville at 12:30 P. M.; returning, leaves Donaldsonville at 1:30 P. M.; arrives at New Orleans at 5:30 P. M.

C. E. PAYNE, Gen'l Agt.

## DONALDSONVILLE, LA.,

Saturday, January 19, 1878.

## LOCAL JOTTINGS.

All winter clothing below cost, at Jos. Gondran's.

Parties holding claims against the parish of Ascension are referred to the official notice in another column from the Committee on Parish Debt.

On Wednesday, February 20, the President of the Police Jury will sell the leases of parish ferries for 1878, at public auction. See the advertisement.

The Sheriff advertises for sale on Saturday next, two cows and four calves, seized in the suit of Mrs. Margaret Kentzel vs. John D. and Mary J. Cantey.

A card in one of our advertising columns announces that a number of Donaldsonville merchants will hereafter close their places of business Friday evenings at half past 5 o'clock, to re-open Saturday mornings at 10.

Monday before last being the day for commencing the probate term of the Parish Court, Judge Maher was promptly on hand. The Sheriff opened the session with the customary formula, but there being no cases assigned for trial, court was at once adjourned until next regular term.

Judge J. C. Mathieu of this town has about a hundred fruit and nut trees, the proper age for transplanting, which he desires to sell at reasonable prices. The Judge intended them for his own use, but has been disappointed in the matter of securing desirable ground for the purpose of setting them out. A favorable opportunity is here presented for the purchase of choice trees.

The Louisiana Conference of the M. E. Church, which was held at Baton Rouge the latter part of last and early part of this week, appointed Senator Pierre Landry pastor of the M. E. Church in this town for the ensuing year. Rev. James Hayward, the former pastor, has been transferred to Franklin, while Rev. Thos. Kennedy, who was located here in 1875, is continued in charge of the Napoleonville circuit.

Gov. Nicholls has commissioned Mr. P. O. Ayraud as Justice of the Peace for the third ward of this parish to fill the vacancy resulting from the death of Justice George Turner. The appointment was confirmed by the Senate in executive session on Thursday. If Mr. Ayraud will consent to serve, and we believe he has decided to do so, the people of the third ward are to be congratulated upon securing a magistrate who will be thoroughly prompt, conscientious and correct in the discharge of his official duties.

Constable James Holmes of the third ward succeeded in capturing Mike Tillman, the black scoundrel who outraged a little colored girl at the St. Emma plantation last year, and subsequently, it is believed, set fire to the house of Senator Pierre Landry.

The arrest was made by virtue of a warrant issued upon an affidavit of Matilda Simmon, who swears that some time during the year 1876, Mike Tillman perpetrated rape upon the person of her ten-year old daughter, Victoria Simmon, holding a revolver in his hand at the time and threatening to kill the girl if she made any resistance or outcry. After committing this outrage, Tillman disappeared and was not seen again, we believe, until the day preceding the night of the fire at Senator Landry's residence, when he was heard to remark that "somebody's fine house will go up soon." The probable reason of his enmity against Senator Landry is the fact that the latter warmly denounced Tillman's crime and encouraged the institution of efforts for the discovery and capture of the criminal. Tillman is safe in jail now, and will soon be called to account for his heinous misdeeds.

Victorine Alexander and Eliza Taylor, colored residents of Donaldsonville, had a domestic broil on the 6th instant, which resulted in an affidavit against Victorine for assault and battery. Justice Evans received the complaint and sent accused before the Parish Court under a bond of \$20.

Remember that Jos. Gondran will sell his entire stock of winter clothing at 25 per cent. less than others.

It was not the absence of Parish Attorney Duffel which caused the postponement of the regular session of the Police Jury from the first to the second Monday of January, as we were erroneously informed. The meeting was deferred because the approximate list of parochial expenses for 1878 had not been published thirty days prior to the first Monday of the month. By the second Monday, however, the legal term of publication had expired and the Jury was at liberty to act upon the list so as to give it immediate effect.

Master Philip M. Slaughter, late of Fredericksburg, Va., has come to Louisiana with the intention of permanently residing here, and desires to obtain employment that will afford him a livelihood. He is a brother-in-law of Rev. Edward Lewis, Episcopal minister at this place, and brings from his former home high testimonials of his ability and exemplary character. Any merchant, planter or other person in need of his services will confer a favor by addressing the young man, care of Mr. Lewis or this office.

The official proceedings of Monday's session of the Police Jury are published in the CHIEF of to-day, and will be found to contain matter of general public interest. It will be seen that there is a continuance of the policy of retrenchment in the matter of parochial expenses; that an ordinance prohibiting the sale of liquor on Sunday will be submitted to a vote of the people; and that an effort will be made to provide for the parish debt, a committee having been appointed to confer with the creditors, with a view to perfecting some arrangement satisfactory to them and in keeping with the straitened financial condition of the parish.

At a fair given by colored people on the St. Emma plantation, last Sunday, Evariste Brand and Desire Miller organized a little unpleasantness which made things lively in that vicinity for a short while. Brand pursued Miller with an antiquated specimen of a revolver, which he snapped at the latter three several times, but the terrible weapon refused to empty any of its leaden pills into the anatomy of Miller, so the owner was fain to whack him on the head with it several times, producing a few uncomfortable gashes and bruises. Affidavit was made before Justice Bush of the second ward, who examined the case and required Brand to furnish a bond of \$100 for his appearance before the Parish Court at the March term. The bond was given, with John Jackson as security.

FATAALLY BURNED.—It becomes our painful duty to chronicle a terrible accident which occurred in the seventh ward of this parish, near the rectory of the New River Catholic Church, Tuesday evening, resulting in the fatal injury of Mrs. Alice Brand, eldest daughter of our old friend J. B. Hebert, Esq. Mr. Brand and family reside at the rectory in the absence of the priest, and take care of the church property. Tuesday evening Mrs. Brand went to the house of a neighbor, Mrs. Mortimer Landry, to await the return of her husband, who had gone to a card party at his father-in-law's, a quarter of a mile distant. While there, Mrs. Brand attempted to fill a lamp with coal oil from a bottle standing on the mantelpiece, when the bottle fell from her hand and broke upon the hearth directly in front of the fire, saturating the front of her dress with oil in the descent. Quick as thought the fire communicated to the oil on the hearth, and thence to the doomed woman's clothing, and she ran shrieking from the house, a sheet of flame from head to foot. Bereft of reason, she grasped a post and clung to it until a neighbor with more presence of mind than the rest released her hold and rolled her upon the ground until the flames were extinguished. The poor lady was horribly burned, there being but two or three diminutive spots on her entire body which were not seared by the cruel flames, and after enduring untold agony, she was yesterday relieved by death. A short time before breathing her last, she enjoyed a period of entire immunity from pain, and assured the weeping relatives gathered about the bedside that she was about to realize her lifetime's hope of a blessed redemption beyond the tomb.

THE PHOENIX BALL.—We are glad to say that the fourth anniversary ball of the Phoenix Fire Company, which took place at the D. S. C. B. Hall last Saturday night, was an eminently enjoyable and successful affair. The hall was just comfortably crowded with a gay throng of ladies and gentlemen, who will not soon forget the merry occasion. The entertainment began early in the evening and continued until daylight Sunday morning. The arrangements were admirable, and nothing was left undone which could contribute to the pleasure of the assembled guests. The Independent Brass and Centennial String bands furnished delightful music, and palatable refreshments, liquid and solid, were dispensed in the little rooms beneath the stage and under a tarpaulin-covered shed in the yard adjoining the hall. The members of Phoenix were present in their neat uniforms, and all followed the example of their worthy President, Judge H. O. Maher, in making their guests happy and comfortable. In this their efforts were highly successful, and the entertainment has reflected great credit upon their excellent organization. All tickets issued were complimentary and it was not intended that any thing should be realized from the ball in a financial way, but we are pleased to hear that the amount derived from sale of refreshments was more than sufficient to defray all the expenses.

The LeComte Comedy Company arrived from New Orleans as previously advertised and gave entertainments in the D. S. C. B. Hall Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evenings, to small audiences. Sunday's and Monday's performances were announced in the last number of our paper. Thinking to meet with more liberal patronage, the Company gave a performance Tuesday night for the benefit of the Independent Brass Band, but the attendance was smaller than at either of the preceding exhibitions. "Fauchon" and a farce were given the last night, and the drama was well rendered. Miss LeComte as "Fauchon," R. S. McBride as "Old Fadet, the Witch," Messrs. J. B. Negrotto and Morgan Gray as "Lundry and Didier Barbeaux," the twin brothers, distinguished themselves by some excellent acting. Miss LeComte and Mr. McBride also carried off the honors in "Nau, the Good for Nothing," Monday evening, and the young lady's performance on the violin was heartily applauded. Her manipulation of the harmonicon, however, was very commonplace, and the "musical oyster can" did not become visible to the naked eye.

The entertainments given by this company really merited greater encouragement than was accorded. They speak of returning shortly and giving the famous drama of "The Two Orphans," and should they conclude to do so, we bespeak for them a full house.

LOCAL CORRESPONDENCE.

Good Condition of Seed-Cane—Increased Acreage for 1878—Wages—Burned to Death.

ASCENSION PARISH, Jan. 18, 1878.

DEAR CHIEF:

As usual, after the close of the year, work of all kinds is entirely suspended on plantations.

The holidays are always succeeded by one or two weeks of frolicking among the laborers.

The weather for this week was what the planters desired. The seed cane and rations are in excellent condition, which is very encouraging. A large acreage of cane will be planted this year. Bad seasons and low prices are hard things to hold against in making sugar, but another serious drawback is our labor. We have only so much labor and so much work to be done, and one attempting to obtain more labor by higher wages, only forces others to give the same price or more in self-defence for retaining the labor they have. It is a great misfortune that planters can't have some concert of action in reference to regulating the prices of labor—that is, to adopt a uniform scale of wages, and all job work, such as ditching, cutting wood, etc., given only to monthly hands working on the plantation. Our sugar planters throughout the State would do well to follow the example inaugurated by Mr. Jno. Burnside of our parish. He instructed the managers of all his places to let no job work to laborers not employed on the plantation by the month.

The wages paid by Mr. Burnside for this year are as follows: first-class hands \$13 a month with rations, or \$17 without rations, payable three-fourths at the end of the month and one-fourth to be retained until the end of the year.

Mr. W. F. J. Davis, manager of the Clark place for the last six years, resigned his position on the 1st inst., to settle permanently in Texas. Mr. James K. Tucker, late manager of the Donaldson, succeeded him—the right man in the right place. Mr. John W. Tucker, for a few years past assistant overseer on the Conway place, is now manager of the Donaldson. He carries to his new position the endorsements as a young man of experience, well fitted for his duties.

A fatal accident occurred Saturday night, the 5th inst., on the Clark place. Sally Coleman, a colored woman aged about 50 years, was buried to death by her clothes taking fire while she was asleep before the fire-place.

Yours truly,  
CORNHILL.

PERSONAL.—Gen. Jos. L. Brent stopped at the CHIEF office on business, en route through town to take the train for New Orleans, on Wednesday. We were pleased to find him in the enjoyment of his usual good health, and full of confidence in the ability of the Police Jury—of which the General is a leading member—to solve the problem of parish finances in course of time.

Dr. Marj. J. Lehmann of Plaquemine called on us in company with Dr. Sophar, Tuesday evening. The Doctor is a pleasant gentleman and we were glad to make his acquaintance.

Our old young friend Alex. S. Landry, Esq., was in town again Sunday and paid the CHIEF office the usual compliment of a visit. We regret that we were absent at the time.

A note from our genial friend, J. Elphege LeBlanc, Esq., who called at our office during our absence, on the 11th inst., informs us that he has given up his position as manager of Messrs. B. Tureaud & Co.'s rear place, in the fifth ward of this parish, and located upon his own little plantation in St. James. We are sorry to lose Mr. LeBlanc as a citizen of Ascension, but wish him fine crops and abundant prosperity under the shade of his own vine and fig tree. The departure of Mr. LeBlanc will create a vacancy in the Jury Commission of Ascension.

DIED.

HEATH.—At the residence of her husband, on New River, parish of Ascension, December 3, 1877, ESTELLE BULLION, aged 37, consort of B. S. Heath.

Baton Rouge Advocate please copy.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Notice.

AFTER this date, the undersigned merchants of the town of Donaldsonville will close their places of business on FRIDAY at 5:30 P. M., to re-open SATURDAY at 10 A. M.

Mrs. M. ISRAEL & CO.,  
HENRY LOEB,  
S. WEINSCHENCK,  
G. BEITEL,  
A. BREYFUS,  
Mrs. M. BLUM,  
M. TOPIAS.

Referring to the above, the undersigned would state that his store will be closed at 5:30 P. M. every Friday, and so remain until Saturday evenings, at dark.

BERNARD LEMANN.  
Donaldsonville, La., January 16, 1878.

A Card.

THE PHOENIX FIRE CO. No. 1 of Donaldsonville beg leave to tender their sincere thanks to the Donaldsonville Independent Brass Band, the Centennial String Band and R. Byrski, Esq., for services rendered on the occasion of their Fourth Anniversary Ball, on the evening of January 12, 1878.

H. O. MAHER,  
President and ex officio chairman,  
W. L. TEARNEY,  
JOS. HERS,  
A. BARTHELMEY,  
F. S. LEBLANC,  
Committee.

Official: W. G. WILKINSON,  
Secretary.

Employment Desired.

A YOUNG MAN, lately graduated from a business college in Virginia, has recently arrived in Donaldsonville with the intention of locating in this section, and desires to secure honorable employment by which he can earn a livelihood. Best of references as to character and capacity given. Not afraid to work and will make himself generally useful. Salary a condition secondary to steady employment. Address, P. M. S., Care Rev. Edward Lewis or of the CHIEF, Jan 19th Donaldsonville, La.

Notice to the Creditors of Ascension Parish.

THE Police Jury of Ascension parish, at its last meeting, in view of its financial situation, determined to invite a conference with its creditors for the purpose of endeavoring to come to some agreement with them. In order to carry out this object the undersigned has appointed a committee, and will hold a meeting at the COURT HOUSE in Donaldsonville, at 12 M., on Wednesday, the 30th inst., which meeting the creditors are invited to attend in person or by attorneys.

Any communication intended for the committee may be left with the Secretary of the Police Jury.

Donaldsonville, Jan. 18, 1878.

J. L. BRENT,  
HENRY McCALL,  
ARTHUR BURNETT,  
BERNARD LEMANN,  
FRED. DUFFEL, Par. Atty.  
Committee on Parish Debt.

Sale of Ferries.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given by me, I shall proceed to sell to the highest bidder, at the Court-House in the town of Donaldsonville, on

Wednesday, February 20, 1878, at 11 o'clock A. M., the lease of all the ferries established by law and subject to the control of the Police Jury of Ascension parish for the year 1878.

Terms of lease, in accordance with existing ordinances and regulations, to be announced on day of sale.

R. T. HANSON,  
President Police Jury of Ascension parish.  
Donaldsonville, La., Jan. 19, 1878.

Fruit Trees for Sale.

I OFFER for sale about 100 YOUNG TREES of the best qualities, including French nuts, big peaches, sweet oranges, St. John peaches, French cherries, French plums, Japan plums, etc.

I had planted or grafted said trees for my own use and I sell them for want of room to transplant the same.

Jan-12-1m J. C. MATHIEU.

Wanted.

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Dec-29-1f

LAW AND NOTARIAL OFFICE.

R. N. Sims,  
ATTORNEY AT LAW.  
Donaldsonville, La.

Practice in Ascension, Assumption and St. James.  
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Jan-3-1m LEO BLANCHARD.

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In addressing the Bureau for information, please enclose a 3 cents stamp for reply.

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Dec-29-1y

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sep23-1y CHAS. GECKS, Proprietor

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" Port Hudson.....1 P. M.  
" Baton Rouge.....5 " "  
" Donaldsonville.....7 " "  
" Donaldsonville.....10 " "

Thursday Evenings—  
Leaves Bayou Sara.....6 P. M.  
" Port Hudson.....9 " "

Friday Mornings—  
Leaves Baton Rouge.....7 A. M.  
" Plaquemine.....9 " "  
" Donaldsonville.....12 " "

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Donaldsonville, La., March 15, 1877.

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