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Only two weeks more of Lent.

Alexandria is fuller of pretty school teachers this week than a turkey gobler is of conceit.

Dame Rumor has it that there will be several June brides. The Office Boy says he knows of two.

President Teddy and his Rough Riders are painting San Antonio redder than the red, red rose just now.

The department of agriculture will distribute silk worm eggs in the south for the purpose of encouraging the silk industry.

Everybody that's anybody is going to vote for the bond issue on the 6th of May, and there are no nobodys in Donaldsonville.

The Mississippi river commission departed from St. Louis for New Orleans on its semi-annual inspection of the river channel.

The whirligig of time surely brings about funny changes in politics and lots of other things besides. The men who beat the proposed bond issue in Donaldsonville several years ago are in the front rank of the advocates of the present proposition. We welcome their conversion. "Live and learn" is a good maxim.

The Russian czar is reported to be the main obstacle to the opening of peace negotiations with Japan. Some people don't know when they are licked, and the czar seems to be one of that kind. He'll come around to a different point of view, perhaps, when Oyama gives Lincevich a heavy dose of the same medicine that put Kuropatkin down and out, and Turo wipes up the ocean with Rojstevsky's fleet.

## LIST OF LETTERS

Remainder in the Postoffice at Donaldsonville, La., Saturday, April 8, 1905.

Bolden, Mrs. Mary	Hess, Mrs. Leanna
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When calling for these letters an advertiser, if not called for in two weeks they will be sent to the Dead Letter Office at Washington, D. C. JOHN F. TERKIO, Postmaster.

We just knew that great things could be expected of the blessed little Holland baby over at Greensburg that was recently christened with "Bentley" for a middle name. Some lady friends of the family from neighboring towns visited Editor Holland's home last week, and this is the way he concludes an item on the subject: "It was our misfortune to be absent at the time, and upon our return Miss Marguerite Bentley Holland certainly had a great rig-am-a-row to tell us of all the nice things she overheard them say about her." Bless her heart! She couldn't be named Bentley without talking early and plenty.

## March Weather Summary.

According to the meteorological record kept by W. D. Park, special observer at Donaldsonville for the government weather bureau, the maximum temperature for March was 86 degrees above zero, reached on the 3rd day of the month, and the minimum was 45 degrees, recorded on the 15th. The total rainfall was 6.61 inches, precipitated on six rainy days, the greatest precipitation in 24 hours having occurred on the 19th, when 3.10 inches was noted as the fall. One thunderstorm occurred, on the 20th, the attending precipitation measuring 2.70 inches. There were 20 clear days, 6 cloudy and 5 partly cloudy; dense fogs on the mornings of the 6th and 17th, and lighter fogs on the 22nd and 23rd.

## Cheated Death.

Kidney trouble often ends fatally, but by choosing the right medicine, E. H. Wolfe, of Beat, Iowa, cheated death. He says: "Two years ago I had kidney trouble, which caused me great pain, suffering and anxiety, but I took Electric Bitters, which effected a complete cure. I have also found them of great benefit in general bodily and nerve trouble, and keep them constantly on hand, since, as I find they have no equal." E. H. Wolfe and E. L. Troopauer's drug stores, guarantee them at 50c.

## Pop Factory in Operation.

The Donaldsonville Bottling Co., Ltd., announces that its pop factory has begun operations for the season of 1905 under unusually favorable auspices, indicating that the big business with which the factory has been favored for the past several years will be repeated and very probably augmented during the current season. It is well known that the pop manufactured by the local concern is the very best that can be procured in this section and will compare favorably with that obtainable anywhere else, and that dealers and drinkers recognize and appreciate this fact is fully proven by the tremendous volume of business transacted by the Bottling Company every season.

The family medicine in thousands of homes for 52 years—Dr. Thacher's Liver and Blood Syrup.

## Petty Politics in the Governor's Office.

Gov. Blanchard has received no severer slam in the public print since the bitter and exciting New Orleans municipal campaign of last fall than was given him in the Times-Democrat of Sunday, April 2, over the well-known pen-name of "Cynicus." The "Cynicus" articles are a regular and notable feature of the contents of the Times-Democrat's Sunday issues, and there is probably no abler or more incisive writer connected with the Louisiana press than the author of these spicy and scholarly contributions.

In the particular article now referred to "Cynicus" recalls the fact that at the primary election held to select Democratic candidates for state offices and United States senator something over a year ago, the excessive and corrupting patronage of the governor was the most important issue before the people. "The unsuccessful candidate," says "Cynicus," "pitched his campaign almost solely on this issue, while the successful candidate, not so outspoken, admitted that the patronage was excessive and should be reduced, his only objection to a sweeping reduction being that the provisions of the law placed the matter in the hands of the legislature, rather than in those of the governor. Gov. Blanchard in that campaign, at least tacitly, pledged himself to assist in the reduction of the governor's patronage. How has he carried out this pledge?"

This question is answered by citing a number of instances to prove that the governor has kept a hawk-eye on every possible opportunity for exercising the gubernatorial influence and prerogative in the filling of offices, however petty their grade and emolument. In this respect, if the examples mentioned by "Cynicus" are authentic—and of that there is little room for doubt—Gov. Blanchard has made a new record, eclipsing the achievements of his predecessors and belying his ante-election assurances that he favored a diminution of the excessive patronage of the executive offices.

Among instances cited by "Cynicus" was the removal of one of the best known Democrats in the state—a man rejoicing in the sobriquet of "Johnny on the Spot"—from the little place of messenger for the Louisiana Commissioner to the World's Fair at St. Louis. "Johnny" had committed the unpardonable sin of supporting Gen. Jastremski in the primary, so he was ousted from his humble job to make way for a Blanchard partisan. "Cynicus" declares "this is the pettiest thing ever done in politics by a governor."

It is asserted that Gov. Blanchard made it a condition precedent to the appointment of some of the members of the board of state assessors for New Orleans that he should have the selection of the assessor's clerk. Mr. Malloy protested and was informed that if he declined to accede to this arrangement, the proposed clerk would be appointed assessor in his stead. "Then the governor claimed and exercised the right to select the secretary of the board of assessors, a thing unheard of. But he did not stop here. He discovered that there was a minor job in the office, called by courtesy assistant secretary, but in reality a position of messenger to the board." The governor wouldn't wait for such a slow process as mail communication to snap up this \$50 job, but is declared to have used the telephone to notify the board that it was unnecessary for them to choose a messenger as he had a man already picked out for the place.

The scathing series of indictments presented by "Cynicus" closes with the charge that the governor is now engaged in a deliberate plan to remove Dr. G. A. B. Hays from the place of superintendent of the State Insane Asylum at Jackson for the purpose of carrying out a political deal by which East Feliciana was carried into the Jastremski column at the primary election. We quote the concluding paragraphs of the "Cynicus" exhortation:

"Thus the office of superintendent of the State Insane Asylum has been made the price of a political deal, which it is difficult to characterize in parliamentary language. Had I the vocabulary of 'Johnny-on-the-Spot' I might approach the subject in some confidence, but as it is, the public will have to do its own swearing. "In very few states is such an office regarded as a political one. There is generally believed to be something sacred about the care of demented men and women by the state, which has removed such institutions from the corrupting influences of politics, but here in Louisiana the use of the executive patronage by the governor has grown to be such an evil as to endanger the most sacred interests of the state. It has gone so far in the hands of the present executive that neither high license nor local option will avail, and prohibition alone will be ineffective. Perhaps, after all, Mr. Blanchard will kill the practice by overindulgence in its pleasures. Heretofore the administration of the Charity Hospital, the care of the insane, and such like things, had not been considered proper things on which to base ante-election deals, but that has all passed, and I am assured on the best of authority that in this administration they are regarded as a part of the legitimate graft of the candidate. "In consequence Dr. Hays' head will soon drop into the basket."

Frightful Suffering Relieved. Sufferers faithfully from the vilest poisons of unguaranteed food, C. G. Grasso, of Louisiana, took Dr. King's Kidney Pills, "with the result," he writes, "that I was cured." All stomach and bowels disorders give way to their tonic, laxative properties. See at A. L. Leche's and F. L. Troopauer's drug stores, guaranteed.

## A Compliment to Louisiana.

President Roosevelt's dissatisfaction with the Panama Canal Commission's work—or failure to work—impelled him to request the resignations of all the members, which were promptly forthcoming; and just before leaving Washington last Monday for his trip to Texas and the west, the president signed the commissions of a new set of appointees, as follows:

Theodore P. Shonts, of Chicago, chairman; Charles E. Mason, governor of canal zone; John F. Wallace, chief engineer; Rear Admiral M. T. Endicott, U. S. N.; Brigadier General Peter C. Haines, U. S. A.; Col. Oswald M. Ernst, corps engineers, U. S. A.; Benjamin M. Harrod, C. E., of Louisiana.

Mr. Wallace was chief engineer of the canal under the former board, but was not himself a commissioner, hence the only member of the original board to receive a reappointment is Major Harrod, of this state. This is not only a personal tribute to the major, who is a distinguished civil engineer and served with credit to himself and advantage to his state and the country at large on the Mississippi River Commission, but it is a compliment to Louisiana as well, and one which the press and people ought not to be slow or reluctant to recognize and acknowledge.

No state in the Union has a greater comparative interest in the prosecution and realization of the gigantic project to connect the Atlantic and Pacific oceans with a ship canal across the Isthmus of Panama than has Louisiana, and it is at once important and appropriate that we should have direct representation in the body that is intrusted with the direction and control of the momentous enterprise. With characteristic acumen President Roosevelt perceived the fitness of such a selection, and to this happy faculty of accurate discernment Louisiana is indebted for the high compliment and valuable service received at the hands of the nation's chief executive in the shape of Major Harrod's reappointment as a member of the Panama Canal Commission.

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## Meeting of Ascension Club.

The April meeting of the Ascension Club was held at noon Wednesday, with Vice President Wm. M. McGalliard presiding in the absence of President Henry McCall and the following members present: Secretary L. E. Bentley, Treasurer F. B. Lemann, E. H. Barton, W. I. Barton, D. D. Dalferes, C. Kline, Meyer Netter and Capt. Jos. Constantine. The minutes of the last preceding meeting were read and approved, as were also the treasurer's reports for February and March. The membership committee reported the election of W. S. Bagley as an associate member, and the name of the recruit was ordered added to the roll of the club. The matter of the annual meeting and election in May was taken up, and after a brief discussion it was decided that the election of officers on the first Wednesday of May be followed by a subscription banquet on the customary basis. The meeting hour for that day was changed to six o'clock p. m., the banquet to commence at 7:30, and the following committee was appointed to make all necessary arrangements for the entertainment: R. McCall, Dr. J. D. Hanson, D. D. Dalferes and Meyer Netter, for the full members; Walter Lemann, B. J. Vega, E. J. McCall and G. D. Bentley, for the associate members. An amendment to section 3 of the by-laws of the club with reference to the withdrawal of members, offered by F. B. Lemann, was ordered to be posted on the blackboard for a period of thirty days. There being no further business requiring attention, the club adjourned until Wednesday, May 3, at 6 o'clock p. m.

## Jury Venue.

E. H. Barton, E. D. Dixon, Edgar Fortier, W. E. Coge and Clint Chambers, comprising the board of jury commissioners for Ascension parish, met at the courthouse at 10 o'clock yesterday forenoon and drew up a venire of grand and petit jurors to be at the civil term of district court scheduled to open Monday, April 24. The list is as follows:

## GRAND JURORS.

Name	Ward	Name	Ward
Henry E. Duffell	1	C. H. McFarland	2
Rodolph P. Landry	1	Leo C. Melancon	2
W. L. Treador	2	M. J. Mang	2
Louis Bone	2	Simon Landry	2
Prosper Plaisance	3	W. P. Jeanin	3
Albert A. Ancelet	3	H. F. Pigeon	3
J. Rumpsey Duke	4	S. S. Ferguson	4
A. D. Vega, Sr.	4	R. F. Avey	4
W. J. Barton	5	J. A. LeBlanc	5
Paul Brand	5	J. N. Delaune	5

## PETIT JURORS.

Name	Ward	Name	Ward
Joseph Cassin	3	P. U. Journoville	2
F. B. Lemann	4	Richard Alexander	4
H. B. Foley	4	J. E. Moscaud	4
Ulysse Tomplet	5	S. A. Landry	1
W. Greenwald	5	W. J. Murphy	4
J. Blanchard	5	Frank Stamper	10
Albert Bell	5	Sam Peris	5
Valley L. Duffel	4	Sabatien Hildigault	4
O. S. Brownard	6	William Rodriguez	5
Willie Bell	6	Prosper Rodriguez	4
Oscar Himel	6	Telephore Le Jan	2
Rodolph Hebert	7	Landry Boudreaux	5
L. H. Babin	7	Joseph Cassin	2
John L. Williams	7	Armand Boudreaux	2
Henry Nelson	7	A. M. Bellio	5

## Congratulations, Little Neighbor.

Our esteemed contemporary, the Daily Times, yesterday celebrated its tenth birthday and set its steps along the road that will take it pass the eleventh milestone in the journey of life. It gives us unalloyed pleasure to extend to our little neighbor the glad hand of fellowship and to express the hope that the bright and sprightly journal will continue to enjoy a liberal meed of success and prosperity for a long number of years to come.

## Two Railroads Through New River.

The following extract from the Ascension letter in the Louisiana Planter of March 25 will prove of much interest to our readers:

"The people of the extensive and fertile New River section of this parish are much elated over the prospect of being soon connected with the rest of the country by rail. Construction work is in progress on the proposed line of the Louisiana Railway and Navigation Company's road, originally known as the Red River Valley, which is to cross Bayou Manchac and enter Ascension at or near Houe Villa, cross New River just below Gonzales and go on to New Orleans between the Mississippi Valley and Illinois Central roads. One of the effects of the building and operation of this line will doubtless be to make a flourishing town of the present diminutive village of Gonzales, and in anticipation of this inevitable result prudent property holders of the vicinity are already laying off tracts of land in town lots and preparing to dispose of them at auction.

"Besides the L. R. & N. C. road, the New River section is promised an extension of the Belle Helene Planting Company's railway line, which is of standard gauge and connects with the Mississippi Valley on Belle Helene plantation. The main purpose of this line will be to bring cane to the Belle Helene sugar factory and cotton to the Belle Helene gin, but the development of a general freight and passenger business with the productive and populous interior section of the parish will be an almost necessary concomitant of the enterprise. The opening of rail communication with New River is likely to stimulate the culture of sugar cane in that part of the parish, where the natural drainage and easily cultivated soil tend to facilitate the production of heavy tonnage at moderate cost. Given railroad shipping facilities and another season of low-priced cotton, the New River interior will doubtless blossom into a big cane field, so to speak."

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## Bayou Lafourche Dam Inspected.

The joint executive committee of the Atchafalaya and Lafourche Basin Levee Boards met here Tuesday for the purpose of inspecting the Bayou Lafourche dam, particularly with reference to the new work recently done with a view of strengthening the embankment and preventing the sloughing that gave so much trouble last year. The members present were: Thos. Beary, George Lorio, J. S. Brady, and W. J. McCune, of the Lafourche board; V. M. Lefebvre, Honore Dugas and T. G. Erwin, of the Atchafalaya board.

The committee authorized the construction of a temporary mud dam across the bayou about 300 feet below the foot bridge, in order that a basin might be formed between this dam and the permanent dyke. When the small dam is completed one syphon will be placed in operation and the basin filled with water, for the purpose of removing to a point below the bridge the dredgeboat which was used last year in deepening the bayou channel and which now lies aground near the big dyke. After this has been done, and as soon as the work of strengthening the dyke has been completed, the temporary dam will be removed and the full battery of five syphons will be put to work pumping fresh water into the bayou. It is expected that in a week or ten days everything will be in readiness for the syphon battery to begin operations.

## Veterans in Session.

A regular monthly meeting of Major Victor Maurin Camp No. 38, U. C. V., was held in the rooms of the Mohawk Club Sunday forenoon, with Major S. A. Poche presiding. Adjutant Wm. J. Murphy read general order No. 26, referring to the return by the federal government of Confederate battle flags captured by Union troops during the war between the states, and general order No. 27, paying a tribute of respect to the late Gen. John H. Reagan, and both communications were ordered spread on the minutes. The following resolutions, offered by Major Poche, were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this camp hereby tenders to Congress and to President Roosevelt its unanimous thanks for their action in returning to the southern states the Confederate battle flags captured by the federal troops during the war between the states.

Resolved, That certified copies of these resolutions be forwarded by the adjutant to Congressmen John Lamb of Virginia, to congress and to President Roosevelt, and that the members of this camp be notified of the same. Lieutenant A. M. Sobral submitted the following resolution, which was duly seconded and adopted:

Resolved, That this camp hereby tenders to Major General Beahm, commanding the Louisiana Division, U. C. V., its grateful thanks, and pledges itself to assist in rendering his administration one of unparelleled brilliancy and success.

## Colored Teachers Organize.

A meeting of the colored teachers of the parish was held in the Darrow colored school last Saturday, with an attendance of eleven out of the thirteen teachers at present in the employ of the Ascension school board. A colored teachers' association was organized by the election of the following officers: D. C. Nelson, president; Edgar Merville, vice president; E. D. Wright, secretary; Maud Sperry, assistant secretary; Allen Stephenson, treasurer. April 29 was fixed upon as the date for holding the first regular meeting of the association.

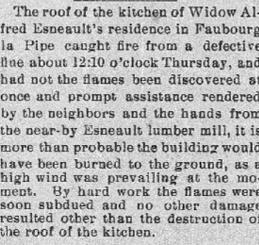
"I have been subject to stiletic rheumatism for years," says E. H. Waldron, of Wilton Junction, La. "My joints were stiff and gave me much pain and distress. My joints were cracked when I stretched up. I used Chamberlain's Pain Balm and have been thoroughly cured. Have not a pain or ache in one of the old joints for many months. It is certainly a wonderful liniment." For sale at X-Ray Drug Store.

## Donaldsonville Negro Shot in Mississippi.

Louis Jackson, J. N. Colomb's yard-boy, was shot in the right arm and painfully wounded Sunday morning while en route to Memphis in charge of a blooded mare belonging to Mr. Colomb. Jackson's assailant was an unknown negro and the shooting took place in a box-car attached to a Mississippi Valley freight train and at a point just beyond Centerville, Miss. Three negroes boarded the train at Centerville, one of them entering the car occupied by Jackson and the mare, while the others stationed themselves at each end of the car and in positions from which they could command the interior. At the point of a revolver the negro in the car forced Jackson to divest himself of a pair of new tan shoes and a jersey, turning over his own shoes and jersey in exchange. The man behind the gun incidentally secured all of Jackson's money, part of which was in his shoes and the remainder in the jersey. After he had complied with the negro's demands, Jackson went to the door of the car and attempted to open it, when the desperado leveled his pistol and fired one shot, the bullet striking Jackson in the hand and ranging upward, making four wounds in the arm. The train crew heard the shot and brought the train to a stand-still, giving the three negroes an opportunity to jump off and make good their escape. The train was backed into Centerville and Jackson's wounds were dressed without delay, after which the railroad people provided the young negro with a ticket to Donaldsonville and placed him aboard a south-bound train. He arrived here without mishap and is getting along nicely. The mare was not harmed in the melee and reached Memphis in due time and in good condition.

The roof of the kitchen of Widow Alfred Esneault's residence in Faubourg la Pipe caught fire from a defective flue about 12:10 o'clock Thursday, and had not the flames been discovered at once and prompt assistance rendered by the neighbors and the hands from the near-by Esneault lumber mill, it is more than probable the building would have been burned to the ground, as a high wind was prevailing at the moment. By hard work the flames were soon subdued and no other damage resulted other than the destruction of the roof of the kitchen.

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Proclamation of Election.

MATRIALITY OF DONALDSONVILLE, DONALDSONVILLE, LA., March 16, 1905.

BY VIRTUE of the authority vested in me by Act No. 120 of the sessions of the general assembly of the state of Louisiana of 1900, I do hereby issue this, my proclamation, giving public notice to the voters of the town of Donaldsonville, state of Louisiana, that an election will be held SATURDAY, MAY 6, 1905, for the election of one mayor, one chief of police, one town clerk, and six aldermen, two to be chosen from among the residents of each ward. The polls will be open from 9 o'clock a. m. to 6 o'clock p. m. and located at the following places:

First ward—Courthouse.  
Second ward—Market-house.  
Third ward—Mrs. Dabin's residence.

Attest: H. RICHARD, Mayor Town of Donaldsonville.

Lost or Mislaid.

THREE CERTAIN PROMISSORY NOTES, numbered 1, 2 and 3, each reading as follows: \$1000. New Orleans, October 14th, 1895. Jointly and in solido two years after date we promise to pay to the order of our selves at the Citibank & Trust Co., this city, One Thousand and 00/100 dollars for value received, within three months of date a sum of five per cent per annum from date until paid. Signed and endorsed in blank by Clement Brown, Fountain Brown, René Brown, Honoré Brown, M. Robert and C. Robert, and paraphrased in various by Felix J. Dreyfous, S. F., for identification with an act of sale with mortgage passed before him on October 15th, 1895. The public is hereby warned not to negotiate the same, as duplicates thereof have been applied for.

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## Election Proclamation.

DONALDSONVILLE, LA., March 30, 1905.

NOTICE is hereby given that an election of the town council of the town of Donaldsonville, state of Louisiana, will be held on SATURDAY, MAY 6, 1905, to vote on the acceptance or rejection of the propositions embodied in the ordinance of the town council of the town of Donaldsonville, passed on the 9th day of March, 1905, and being as follows, to-wit:

First—To incur a debt of twenty-five thousand dollars for the purpose of improving the streets and sidewalks of the town of Donaldsonville for a period of thirty days, to take the issue of the said property taxpayers of the town of Donaldsonville upon the following propositions, which are to be as follows:

First—To incur a debt of thirty-one thousand dollars (\$31,000) for the purpose of improving streets and sidewalks, not of enlarging and extending the waterworks system of said town of Donaldsonville.

Second—To incur a debt of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for the purpose of erecting, constructing and equipping a public school building in the town of Donaldsonville.

Third—To authorize the town of Donaldsonville to issue \$50,000 of 5 per cent interest-bearing revenue bonds for the face value of \$100,000 and numbered from one to fifty, to run from July 1, 1905, to July 1, 1920, to mature in ten

years; \$10,000 of said bonds to mature in twenty years; \$20,000 of said bonds to mature in thirty years. The interest on said bonds to be payable semi-annually on the second day of January and July of each year.

Fourth—To authorize the town of Donaldsonville to levy, assess and collect a special tax of five mills on the dollar of the assessed value of all property in said town, said tax to be levied on the 1st day of January next, to be applied in the following manner, to-wit:

First, For the payment of the interest upon the bonds.

Second, For redeeming the bonds.

Be it further ordained, etc., That for the purpose of holding and conducting the election on May 6, 1905, it is ordered by the town council of the town of Donaldsonville that the following places be and they are hereby designated as voting places, to-wit:

First ward—Courthouse.

Second ward—Public Market.

Third ward—Robin House.

Be it further ordained, etc., That the town council of the town of Donaldsonville will in open