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Senator Platt wants it mentioned that at least he was never mixed up in an insurance scandal.

Mrs. Herbert Parsons might follow up her book on "Trial Marriages" with one on "Marriage Trials."

Calve, Caruso and Count Bont have succeeded in getting more free advertising during the recent past than any other three celebrities of modern times.

Fun is being poked at Gov. Blanchard because he signed a proclamation calling a special election on a Sunday to fill the vacant district judgeship in East Baton Rouge. Editor Holland of the St. Helena Echo says: "The next time we go to Baton Rouge we think we shall carry along a calendar for the benefit of the governor's office."

It isn't often that William R. Hearst says or does anything in connection with politics and public affairs that elicits our approval, but he has just made one declaration with which we are in perfect, hearty and unanimous accord, namely, that he will never be a candidate for the presidency nor any other office.

The Chief is indebted to Joseph Boudreaux, the talented young son of Mr. and Mrs. Baptiste Boudreaux, of Darrow, for a copy of the November issue of the Ozona Pelican, a literary magazine edited, printed and published by the students of St. Joseph's College, located at Covington. Mr. Boudreaux's name appears among the list of associate editors of the interesting publication.

Joseph T. Caffero, the well-known "put-up-and-take-down" man, is in a position now to give all orders his usual careful and prompt attention. He has a large force of competent employees who thoroughly understand their business, and who can respond to calls in cases of accident at a moment's notice. Anyone having work in his line should call up Mr. Caffero—'phone 81—and he will give quick service and guarantee satisfaction.

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Thomas Tircuit, formerly of Ascension, but for the past several years a resident of Iberville, has sold his Iron plantation in that parish to the Wilbert Planting and Manufacturing Company and will retire from the planting business at the close of the current year. The mules and agricultural implements were not included in the transfer, and Mr. Tircuit is advertising these for sale separately, delivery to be made at the close of the pending grinding season.

The way the newspapers all over the state are appealing to the people to pay their poll tax, you would imagine they are getting a "rake-off" out of the poll tax fund. But the truth of the matter is they get nothing, and they want nothing, although they furnish their labor and space free of charge. A good newspaper does more for the benefit of its community than any other institution, and its liberality cannot be counted in dollars and cents.—Assumption Pioneer.

Ideal Thanksgiving weather prevailed Thursday, the skies being clear and smiling and the temperature delightfully cool. The time-honored fast was observed in this locality with the usual ceremonies, and poultry dealers and grocers report an unprecedentedly heavy sale of turkeys, cranberries and other edibles associated with the proper celebration of the day. Services were held at the various local churches in the forenoon, and business was suspended at the post-office, banks and other public institutions in honor of the occasion.

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Senator Morgan of Alabama wants the declaration embodied in the Democratic platform that "The Democratic party is and always has been a white man's party," and he will try to get some delegate from other than a southern state to offer it in the next national convention. We suggest that the introduction of the plank be entrusted to the delegation from Oklahoma, the new state that the Democrats were enabled to carry by Indian votes. Doubtless the redskins will enthusiastically support the proclamation that the Democracy is exclusively a white man's party.

Even if you don't wish to buy, call at Linder's and mingle with the crowd that is buying.

## Sensible Adjustment of the Ferry Problem.

After prolonged consideration and discussion of the complicated river ferry question, the police jury of Ascension parish and town council of Donaldsonville have agreed upon a plan of adjustment which The Chief cannot do otherwise than endorse and commend, since it is precisely in line with the course which this paper has advocated as the proper one to pursue in the premises. At a joint meeting of the two bodies named, held last week, it was decided to appoint a committee of six members, three from the police jury and a like number from the council, with authority to revise the ferry tariff and advertise the lease for sale for a term of years. Messrs. L. W. Armitage, S. Goette and Albert Esnault were designated as the police jurors to serve on this committee, with Aldermen D. Israel, Jr., J. E. Blum and W. D. Park as the representatives of the town. Pending the revision of the tariff and sale of the franchise, the bondsmen of the present defaulting Lessee, Dr. E. K. Sims and J. Rumsey Duke, will undertake to maintain and operate the river ferry under the specifications of the existing tariff and contract.

That this is the most sensible and equitable solution of the pending difficulty must be apparent to every reasonable mind. As we said some time ago, there is neither rhyme nor reason in attempting to compel anybody to maintain an adequate ferry service at a pecuniary loss, and if it appears that the present tariff does not afford sufficient revenue to defray the cost of operating such a steamboat as the contract calls for and the convenience and safety of the traveling public demand, manifestly the right thing to be done is to so revise the tariff that the ferry will be placed upon a self-sustaining basis.

Purchase there may be some criticism of the action taken by the parochial and municipal authorities, but we feel confident the consensus of opinion among the people most interested in the matter of providing safe, sufficient and reliable means of crossing the river at Donaldsonville, will justify and support the plan adopted for solving the present complication and preventing its recurrence in the future.

## The Bayou View of the Lock Question.

It has been erroneously asserted in certain public prints that a majority of the people of the Lafourche valley are opposed to the building of a lock at Donaldsonville—that public welfare and public sentiment in this region alike favor the retention of the dam that presently shuts off connection between Bayou Lafourche and the Mississippi river; and these unfounded statements are used to back up the preposterous argument that the Atchafalaya and Lafourche levee boards have the right and authority to disregard the obligation imposed on them by their own voluntary agreement and contract, reinforced by a specific resolution of the general assembly of the state, to replace the dam with a lock. That the views and wishes of the Lafourche people have been misrepresented in this matter is quite clearly indicated by the following quotation from the editorial columns of our esteemed contemporary, the Thibodaux Sentinel:

Our people are interested in having locks at Bayou Lafourche at Donaldsonville. There are some people above Donaldsonville engaged in trying to stir up a sentiment against the locking of the bayou. Their motive may be pure, but there is just a suggestion that they may be actuated by interest. Locks at Donaldsonville may eventually divert the contemplated canal east to the town as the point of connection with the Mississippi, through Lake Verret and Bayou Lafourche, and it is well known that there are many people up the river who would prefer to see that canal enter the Mississippi through the locks at Laqueune. But whatever may be the course of the contemplated canal we want locks at Donaldsonville, and the locks are necessary to the public health of the Lafourche valley and to navigation, and we should have them.

The levee board should lose no time in taking the necessary steps to secure the locks at Donaldsonville. The Lafourche Comet was temporarily misled into a quasi indorsement of the fallacious up-river view of this important question, but quickly righted itself and is now aligned with all of its neighbors in support of the demand that the levee boards shall perform their plain and unquestionable duty by providing for the construction of the locks as soon as practicable. The Assumption Pioneer has been a consistent advocate of this course, and there is no doubt that the bayou press faithfully and properly reflects public sentiment in the Lafourche valley in the contention that the Donaldsonville dam should be replaced by a lock. It is difficult to conceive how any honest man or newspaper with adequate knowledge of the facts can take issue with this self-evident proposition.

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## SUGAR SQUIBS.

Items of Interest from Field and Factory.  
Progress of the Grinding Campaign  
in Ascension and Elsewhere.

The weather this week, while not all that could be desired, has been an improvement over that of the preceding fortnight, but there is still considerable room for betterment. Sunday and Monday were clear and warm—warm, in fact, as to be positively sultry. A fog, the heaviest of the season, prevailed Tuesday, and its wearing qualities were exceptionally well developed, as it hung around until late in the afternoon. The temperature commenced to drop Tuesday night and Wednesday dawned clear and comparatively cool, the same conditions prevailing Thursday and yesterday. Today the weather was somewhat warm and cloudy, and it begins to look as though there'll be nothing doing for the coal man for some weeks to come.

George Vives, a well-known young Ascensionite who officiated as chief engineer of the mammoth Willwood factory in Jefferson parish during the grinding campaign of 1905, is again holding down that responsible position with characteristic efficiency and merit. Before taking charge of the machinery at Willwood, Mr. Vives was chief engineer of G. B. Reuss's Allemania factory in the parish of Iberville, and previous to that he was at Laurel Ridge, then owned by Mrs. Tuttle. The Louisiana Planter refers to Mr. Vives as "one of the most intelligent and well-informed of our local engineering corps."

The following paragraphs are quoted from this week's Ascension letter to the Louisiana Planter: "Cane tonnage continues to be disappointingly light and the sugar yield is nothing to brag about anywhere in this section, but there has been a slight increase in the number of pounds extracted per ton of cane during the past week, primarily due, no doubt, to the fact that the planters are now grinding some of their best cane."

"Col. J. S. Webster was in town Wednesday afternoon and stated that his Point Houmas factory is working away nicely, with an adequate supply of labor for all purposes. The first stalk of cane was sent through the rollers on Wednesday of last week, the 21st prox., and it is therefore too early to obtain definite figures as to the results being obtained, but Col. Webster says the juice weighed 8 Beaumé Tuesday and 10 Wednesday, which is about as much as Point Houmas juice has ever been known to weigh at this season of the year."

**A Miraculous Cure.**  
The following statement by H. H. Adams and wife, Henriette, Pa., will interest parents and others: "A miraculous cure has taken place in our home. Our child had eczema 5 years and was pronounced incurable, when we read about Electric Bitters, and concluded to try it. Before the second bottle was all taken we noticed a change for the better, and after taking two bottles he was completely cured. It's the up-to-date best medicine and best tonic. Guaranteed. 50c and \$1 at J. J. Leche's."

## Ferry Franchise to be Sold Next Month.

As announced elsewhere in today's Chief, sealed proposals for the privilege of operating a steam ferry between Donaldsonville and Darrow will be received at 12 o'clock m. Thursday, Jan. 3, 1907, and publicly opened immediately thereafter at a joint meeting of the police jury of the parish of Ascension and common council of the town of Donaldsonville, to be held at the courthouse. The terms, conditions and specifications governing the sale of the franchise and operation of the ferry, as drafted by a committee composed of three members of the police jury and three members of the town council, are on file at the offices of Parish Treasurer R. Prosper Landry and Town Clerk R. Henderson. All proposals must be submitted by bidders in person or their duly accredited representatives.

Cyril Babin and his brother, well-known rice planters of the St. Gabriel section of Iberville parish, have leased from the Belle Helene Planting and Manufacturing Company a portion of Ashland plantation in the sixth ward of this parish, consisting of some 600 or 700 acres of back lands suitable for the cultivation of rice. The lease is for three years, with a privilege of renewal for a fourth year, and Messrs. Babin expect to take possession of the tract some time soon after the advent of the new year. Their experience and ability in the line of agricultural effort, which has engaged their attention for some years past, a satisfactory measure of success at Belle Helene, and their appearance in Ascension will be welcomed as a valuable addition to the material interests and citizenship of the parish.

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## A Strong Theatrical Combination.

Paul J. Braud's many friends in Donaldsonville and Ascension will be glad to learn that he has secured a position as press agent for the Lyric theater, of New Orleans, a position which in no wise interferes with his newspaper work and leaves him free to continue a valuable member of the Item's staff. The Lyric is one of the most popular places of amusement in the Crescent City, frequently exhibiting the S. R. O. sign. The Brown-Baker Stock Company holds the boards there this winter, and the combination presented in our young newspaper friend and this strong aggregation of players is sure to make S. R. O. tags follow each other in rapid succession during the remainder of the winter.

## Death of Mrs. John H. Ayraud.

Mrs. John H. Ayraud, nee Lisa Israel, a native and life-long resident of Donaldsonville, died at her home in Houmas street at 6 o'clock last evening after a lingering illness, aged 39 years. The funeral took place this afternoon at 4 o'clock, interment being made in the Catholic cemetery after impressive services at the Church of the Sacred Heart. Mrs. Ayraud was noted for her kindly disposition and many lovable traits of character, and her untimely demise will be deeply deplored by an exceptionally wide circle of friends and acquaintances. She leaves to mourn her loss three daughters, Mrs. David Ker and Misses Olivia and Edna Ayraud; two little sons, John and Israel Ayraud; two sisters, Mrs. Andrew Gigny and Miss Louise Israel; one brother, Alderman D. Israel, Jr., and her mother, Mrs. C. Israel. To the bereaved family The Chief begs leave to tender assurances of sincere and profound sympathy.

**New Cure for Epilepsy.**  
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Hon. R. N. Sims, of Donaldsonville, has been selected to deliver the opening address at the memorial exercises of Baton Rouge Lodge No. 490, B. P. O. E., which will be held in the capitol city tomorrow afternoon. The lodge is called upon this year to mourn the loss of two of its most prominent and popular members, to-wit: Col. E. A. Pike, former assistant private secretary to Gov. N. C. Blanchard, who died last year, and Dr. R. H. Aldrich, the well-known and highly-esteemed young physician who was recently shot and killed by Congressman-elect Geo. K. Favrot. Prof. T. H. Harris, principal of the Baton Rouge public schools, will deliver the eulogy on the life of Dr. Aldrich, and District Attorney Hubert N. Wax will eulogize the memory of Col. Pike. Music appropriate to the occasion will be rendered by a choir directed by Prof. W. B. Clarke.

Work on the new high school building is progressing favorably and it is expected that the handsome structure will be ready for occupancy about Jan. 1, 1907, at which time the formal dedicatory exercises will take place. Bids for equipping the several classrooms with the necessary furniture and appliances will be opened at the regular monthly meeting of the parish school board to be held at noon Wednesday, Dec. 12.

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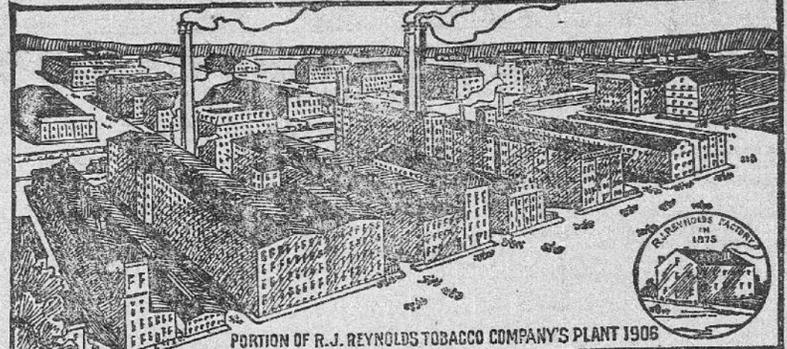
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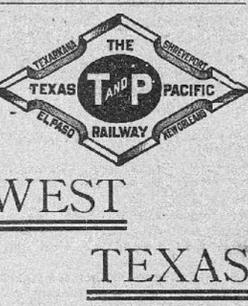
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New Orleans, La., Oct. 19, 1906.  
NOTICE is hereby given that LOREN BECHTOLD, of Gonzales, La., has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead only No. 35,882, made Oct. 24, 1868, for the 1/2 of a sec. 15, tp. 6, s. 3, E. 2d. Mer., and that said proof will be made before James S. Harman, clerk of court at Donaldsonville, La., on Dec. 24, 1906. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of the land, viz: Richard Gautreaux, Armand Bergeron, Ambrose Mire, Ed. Mire, all of Donaldsonville, La.; WALTER L. COHEN, Registrar.