

**Moheak Tribe No. 33, Improved Order of Red Men, held an enthusiastic meeting last Monday night and formally installed the officers recently elected for the ensuing term. At the conclusion of the impressive ceremonies a delicious cold lunch was served.**

**Robert Henderson, D. B. Showalter, R. N. Slaton and E. A. Thibodeaux, leading members of Ascension Chapter No. 40, R. A. M., went to Baton Rouge Sunday to assist the Royal Arch chapter of that city in conferring degrees on several candidates, returning home Monday morning.**

**Owing to the difficulty the road is experiencing in maintaining its right of way and operating its trains on account of high water, the Louisiana Railroad Commission has granted an additional thirty days to the Louisiana Railway and Navigation Company within which to complete the depot at Gonzales.**

**Charles Langbecker, who recently sold his barber shop to George LeBlanc, left Thursday forenoon for Boulder, Colorado, where he contemplates embarking in business. While regretting Mr. Langbecker's departure from Donaldsonville, the chief joins his many friends in wishing him unlimited happiness and prosperity in his new home.**

**Dr. Raoul S. Himel, the talented young son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Himel, has located near Whitehall, St. James parish, for the practice of his profession. Dr. Himel recently graduated with high honors from the New Orleans College of Dentistry, and has before him the promise of a bright and prosperous future in his chosen sphere of endeavor.**

**Essault & Boston, the enterprising proprietors of the Plaquemine saw, shingle and planing mill in Fabourque is Pipe, recently received a mammoth raft containing approximately 800,000 feet of pine, cypress and poplar timber, and are now better prepared than ever to give prompt and satisfactory attention to orders for dressed or undressed lumber of any description, size or quantity.**

**After spending several weeks here as the guests of relatives, Mrs. Arthur Crowover and her little son, Arthur, left Tuesday morning for their home in Winchester, Tenn. They were accompanied by Mrs. R. N. Sims, Sr., and Katherine and Klone Sims, the two stalwart young sons of Dr. and Mrs. E. K. Sims, who will remain until early fall as guests of the Crowovers and at Winchester Springs, Tenn.**

**One would hardly have known that last Saturday was the one hundred and thirty-second anniversary of American independence if he had relied upon the celebration in Donaldsonville to enlighten him of the fact. Business was suspended at the banks and stores there, as usual, but none of the stores closed and there was no demonstration over the great American day—not even the popping of a few firecrackers by the ubiquitous small boy.**

**Prof. D. B. Showalter, parish superintendent of education, announces that the regular semi-annual examination of teachers desiring certificates of qualification to teach in the public schools of Ascension parish, as well as of teachers desiring to raise the grades of their certificates, will be held at the Donaldsonville high school on Thursday and Friday, July 31 and August 1. The examination of white and colored applicants will be conducted at the same time, but in different rooms.**

**Parish Superintendent D. B. Showalter, at the request of State Superintendent J. B. Aswell, devoted Tuesday and Wednesday of last week to missionary work in the interest of a campaign for a local school tax in East Feliciana parish, speaking on Tuesday night at Wilson, Wednesday morning at Norwood and Wednesday night at Clinton, returning home Thursday morning. The East Feliciana school board is endeavoring to carry a 2 1/2 mills tax throughout the parish for 3 years for the purpose of building and equipping schoolhouses.**

**The many friends of Mesdames J. L. Violet and Elton Brown, of Hope Villa, sympathize with them in the bereavement occasioned by the death of their father, C. W. Toppel, a prominent and highly esteemed citizen of St. Francisville, who passed away at his home in that town on Friday night, June 26, at 8:45 o'clock. The funeral took place at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon and was largely attended, interment being made in the Episcopal cemetery after services at Grace church. Mr. Toppel was a Confederate veteran and a Mason of high standing.**

**Carl Leche entertained very delightfully at eucure last Tuesday evening at his parents' home in Chetumaches street, in honor of his guests, Miss Margaret Grace and her brother, Tom Grace, of Plaquemine. Several highly enjoyable games of eucure were played and at their conclusion the first prizes were presented to Miss Elma Dehon and Delmayne Hanson, while the lucky winners of the second awards were Miss Gertrude Cook and Franz Hindermann. During the game cooling beverages were passed and at the close of the evening delicious refreshments were served. Those who enjoyed the pleasures of the occasion were: Misses Aline and Lillian Dossat, Alice Koch, Lillian Lange, Yolande Himel, Miriam Blum, Margaret Grace, Elma Dehon and Gertrude Cook, and Leon Fortier, Charles Koch, Tom Grace, Charrest Thibaut, Louis and Lee Maurin, Franz Hindermann and Charles Maurin.**

**A marriage of interest to the many friends of the groom in this parish was that of Miss Marguerite Swinford Bittling, of Beaumont, to Robert Wilmer Stuart, of Houston, Texas, which was celebrated recently at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Swinford in Houston. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. S. Stuart, father of the groom, who for a number of years was the Episcopal minister in Donaldsonville. The chief extends hearty congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Stuart and wishes them a long life filled with naught but happiness.**

**A merry party composed of Misses Cecile and Clara Gaudin, Clemence and Agnes Hebert, Ollie and N. Duhan, and Messrs. C. W. Hebert, Louis and M. Duhan and W. G. Gaudin came down from Bayou Goula last Sunday afternoon on the swift little gasoline launch, "Pal," and after spending a few hours here started on the return trip. On reaching a point several miles up the river the launch became disabled and the young people drifted back to Donaldsonville, where they remained as guests of the Nicholls Hotel until Monday morning, when they left via the Texas and Pacific for Bayou Goula.**

**Hon. G. Adolph Goddard, who for the past twelve years has filled with conspicuous ability and untiring zeal the important office of district attorney of the twenty-seventh judicial district, comprising the parishes of Ascension, Assumption and St. James, has been endorsed for reelection by the Donaldsonville Progress. Should Mr. Goddard decide to make the race, he will be opposed by Hon. Philip H. Gilbert, of Assumption, who announced his candidacy for the position some weeks ago. Judge Paul Leche is a candidate for reelection to the office of district judge and will have no opposition.**

**A general meeting of the stockholders of the Donaldsonville rice mill will be held at the office of the company on Wednesday, August 5, for the purpose of ratifying the action of the board of directors in selling for stock the assets and business of the company; of selling, distributing or otherwise disposing of the stock so received or of electing liquidating commissioners for that purpose in accordance with the charter, and of considering all questions incidental thereto. The call for the meeting is published elsewhere in today's Chief over the signatures of R. N. Sims, president, and E. S. Wilson, secretary of the company.**

**George LeBlanc, an experienced and capable young barber, has purchased Charles Langbecker's well-known tonsorial parlors in Mississippi street and will henceforth conduct the establishment for his own account. He has engaged as assistants his brother, Sidney, and Albert Blanchard, who has been holding down one of the chairs in the shop for some time past. Mr. LeBlanc is a son of Leonty LeBlanc, the capable manager of the Belle Alliance Company's Scattery plantation in Assumption parish, and is a young man of attractive personality and exemplary habits. The chief takes pleasure in welcoming him to Donaldsonville, and bespeaks for him a liberal measure of public patronage.**

**J. T. Guyton, the efficient president and manager of the Castagnos Care Lumber Company, visited Donaldsonville Thursday on business and was cordially greeted by his host of friends and acquaintances in this community. Mr. Guyton says the big Castagnos factory in Donaldsonville is working at its full capacity turning out lumber for delivery prior to the opening of the 1908 grinding campaign. The removal of the plant from Port Barrow to Donaldsonville and the enlargement and renovation of the equipment will enable the company to handle with comparative ease the large number of orders with which it has been favored by sugar planters all over the state, and the outlook for a profitable and satisfactory year's business is unusually promising.**

**St. Amant Notes.**  
Orden Gonzales, Alex. F. Gonzales and L. A. Ambeau, of Gonzales, were here last week on business.  
Miss Felice Bourgeois visited friends at Gonzales this week.  
Revs. J. C. Gonon of Cornerview and Ant. Sève of French Settlement were here Tuesday.  
Daniel Brand, a popular young man of Gonzales, was transacting business here last Monday.  
Oreal Gonzales and Roy C. Straub, of Gonzales, were circulating among their friends in this community on Tuesday last.  
Louis Parent, of Duplessis, spent several hours here Tuesday.  
J. P. Bourgeois made a business trip to Gonzales last Tuesday.  
Louis, Camille and Allen Bourgeois visited Gonzales Wednesday on business.

**The People of St. Amant are sad at heart and bowed with grief as a result of the passing away of one of the oldest and most beloved residents of the community, Mrs. John Nargassus, who departed this life last Wednesday morning. Mrs. Nargassus was a native of France, but had resided in this parish for the past thirty years. She was indeed a helpmate and a true companion to her husband, who is one of the most successful business men of this locality, possessing a large general merchandise store and a vast amount of land. She assisted him in his business affairs until the last, and was held in high esteem and respect by every man, woman and child in the community. Her death was caused by blood poisoning resulting from a wound on the right side of the head which she sustained in a fall on Thursday of last week. The injury was not considered serious at first and her condition gave no alarm until two days before her death, when unmistakable symptoms of blood poisoning developed and a physician to medical science was exhausted in an effort to combat the malady and restore the patient to health, but without avail. The funeral took place Thursday forenoon and was attended by a vast concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends.**

**A particularly sad feature of the untimely and unexpected demise of this lamented woman was the fact that her beloved husband and son, Germain, were not at her bedside when the final summons came, they having sailed from New Orleans last week for France, where Germain is to be married during the present month. To them, who are so far away from their dear ones at home, the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community is extended.**

**Meeting of Laboring Levee Board.**  
The board of commissioners of the Lafourche Basin levee district held a meeting at the courthouse in Gretna on Thursday last and received reports regarding the condition of the levees, which showed that so far the embankments are safe everywhere, with the water falling steadily. Afterwards the board convened in regular quarterly session at its offices in New Orleans, with President V. Martin in the chair, Secretary W. J. McGuire at his post, and a full attendance of members, as follows: J. S. Brady, Waggoner; D. J. Foret, Norah; Camille Temple, Labadieville; J. K. Tucker, St. James; Alfred Songy, Wallace; T. J. Sellers, Ama; R. Perez, Jesuit's Bend.

**A committee was appointed to inspect the levee at Haberville, with a view to determining whether it is necessary to construct a new embankment in front of that place to contain something like 50,000 or 60,000 cubic yards. Should it be decided to build the levee, notes will be issued to enable Contractors Herring & Ryan to erect a dredgeboat to prosecute the work.**

**Complaint was received of the presence of water lilies in Bayou Lafourche, and the executive committee was directed to give ten days' notice to all canal owners that unless lilies are excluded the canals will be kept closed in order to prevent the bayou from becoming congested with the plants.**

**Cheap Tony (Col. A. D. Vega) is rearing daily a beautiful line of lawn, organdie, baptiste, soisette and other eye dress goods. Also a complete stock of Merry Widow hats, belts and ties, including all the latest novelties. Ladies', misses' and men's shoes, notions, hats, etc. Prices cheaper than ever. Give him a call before making your purchases elsewhere.**

**LIST OF LETTERS.**  
Remaining in the postoffice at Donaldsonville, La., Saturday, July 11, 1908.  
Abelida, Kommas Jackson, Will  
Allen, Robert King, Ann  
Anson, Hanna Lewis, Raphael  
Bernard, Jodie Ligorio, Vincenzo  
Cabrea, M. Martin, Mary  
Carnell, Mary Miles, W. A.  
Coleman, Rose Noel, Fannie  
Dugas, Florence Perry, Albert  
Folendin, Adolphus Simon, Catherine  
Gonzales, Joe

**ESTRAY NOTICE.**  
TAKEN UP on June 15, on the river catture a short distance above Barrow, one red steer branded "M" on his hind quarter and with both ears marked. The owner is hereby notified to come forward within ten days, furnish title to property and Redate in ovals, in default of which the animal will be sold according to law. LEO MELANCON, Barrow, La., June 27, 1908.

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**FREEZERS REFRIGERATORS WATER COOLERS OIL and GASOLINE COOKING STOVES**  
WE HAVE 'EM IN ALL STYLES AND PRICES  
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Stylish and up-to-date hats will be sold at half their value. Call and see.  
**A. Bloch's Banner Store**  
One block from T. & P. Depot

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Fit Better! Wear Better! Last Longer!  
Made by Hand from Selected Moss  
Orders Filled Promptly on Short Notice  
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Beautiful as well as useful presents FREE with this Standard Brand of Coffee. A handsome CUP and SAUCER packed in every 4 lb lithographed pail. All other sizes contain Coupons for presents.  
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