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Fire Department Praised.

Donaldsonville, La., Aug. 5, 1910.

EDITOR CHIEF:
I beg leave to submit herewith my report of two recent fires, which, but for the promptness and excellent service of our efficient fire department and the fine water pressure furnished by the municipal waterworks system, might have resulted in disastrous conflagrations.

On Friday, July 29, at 5:30 o'clock p. m., a fire started at the residence of J. T. Viala, No. 514 William street, caused by a furnace containing burning charcoal being carelessly placed under the house near a pile of old shingles. The latter became ignited and the flames soon gained considerable headway, but they were discovered and extinguished with buckets before much damage had been done. No alarm was turned in, but Vigilant Hose Company was telephoned for and responded with its usual degree of promptitude. The building is insured in the Teutonia Insurance Company.

On Monday, Aug. 1, at 2 o'clock a. m., an alarm was turned in from box 34 for a fire which destroyed two small frame houses in lower St. Vincent street owned respectively by D. Israel, Jr., and M. & J. Tobias. The fire originated in or outside of the building at No. 716 St. Vincent street, belonging to D. Israel, Jr., and the flames quickly spread to the adjoining Tobias building. At this fire indisputable proof was given of the value and worth of our gallant fire fighters, whom the community has a full right to be justly proud of. The Tobias building was one mass of flames when the department reached the scene, and had it not been for the splendid work of our volunteer firemen the devouring element might have communicated to the adjoining structure and the entire row of adjacent buildings might have been destroyed. The Tobias building was insured for \$350 in the National Fire Insurance Company, of Hartford, through the local Sims agency, and the loss was promptly adjusted through the courteous representative of that office, R. N. Sator. The Israel building, which was totally destroyed, was not insured.

I hope the good work accomplished by our fire department in the past will be continued in the future and that harmony and good fellowship will always prevail among these gallant protectors of life and property. Very respectfully,
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Crop and Weather Notes.

The weather of the current week has been as similar to that of last week as "two peas in a pod," the brand of meteorology recorded during both seven-day periods having consisted of copious showers sandwiched in between intervals of clear skies and rather unusually high temperatures. The frequent rains are of much benefit to the cane crop, which has received all of the cultivation it is possible to give it at this late date, and the outlook in the sugar belt, while by no means indicative of a record-breaking yield, is considerably more encouraging than was the case some weeks ago, when the incessant rains put a stop to all work in the fields and threatened first to drown out the cane and then to permit it to be smothered by a luxuriant growth of grass, which gained headway as a result of the necessary suspension of cultural operations. An interval of some ten days or two weeks of dry weather between the continuous daily downpours of June and July and the present period of occasional showers, however, afforded the sugar planters an opportunity to go over their fields and remove what grass and weeds it was possible to reach with the cane standing so high, and now, with the crop laid by and being blessed with an entirely sufficient quantity of moisture and plenty of hot sun, the stalks are simply springing out of the ground and are fast reaching a splendid stage of development.

Corn is also maturing rapidly under the influence of the present favorable atmospheric conditions and is expected to return a fair yield. The harvesting of this crop will probably be commenced about the latter part of the month.

Cow peas, while nothing to brag about, have not been hurt by the rains as much as was feared, and a sufficient quantity of hay will probably be gathered to keep the stock supplied for some months.

Rice harvesting is under way, practically every place in the parish on which the golden grain is grown having inaugurated the cutting and threshing campaign last Monday morning. The yield is not quite up to expectations, ranging from thirteen to sixteen sacks per acre, although at least one planter in lower Iberville is reported to have obtained as high as eighteen sacks. This is the exception rather than the rule, however, and it is believed that the general average for the crop in this section will be in the neighborhood of fifteen sacks to the acre. Hands are plentiful and no complaint is heard from the planters on this subject.

NEW BILL PASSED.

State Legislature, in Special Session, Revises Proposed Amendment to Constitution Levying Tax to Aid Panama Exposition Project.

The Louisiana general assembly convened in extraordinary session at Baton Rouge last Monday, responsive to the call issued by Gov. Sanders, and among other matters of business transacted in the course of a brief term extending from Monday to yesterday adopted the revised amendment to the constitution to be submitted to the voters of the state for their approval, authorizing the levy of a tax in aid of the Panama exposition project.

When, in order to call the bluff made by San Francisco it became necessary to raise the guarantee fund to seven and one-half millions, it was proposed that the extra session should amend the joint resolution submitted by the recent session of the legislature in such a way as to limit the amount to be paid by the country to one million dollars and to require New Orleans to raise the six and one-half millions, extending the time of the tax until the necessary amount should be realized. The duty of preparing the amendment was imposed upon the law committee of the Exposition Company, and that committee submitted the amendment which was adopted this week by the general assembly.

The law committee was of the opinion that it was inadvisable to attempt to amend a joint resolution already enacted, and pending its ratification. Moreover, such a course would be confusing to the voters and would probably result in the defeat of both amendments; therefore, the safe way to proceed would be by the submission of an amendment supplementary to the original amendment and conveying in this supplementary amendment the required authority to the city of New Orleans. No change is made in the tax in so far as the country parishes are concerned, the tax remaining at three-eighths of one mill, or, calculated on the basis of assessed values, being as follows:

\$2000 assessment	75 cents
\$1000 "	37 1/2 "
\$500 "	18 7/8 "
\$250 "	9 3/8 "
\$100 "	3 7/8 "

The tax is to remain just as it was fixed by the original amendment until four million dollars have been realized, when it is to cease in the country parishes, and then the provisions of the supplementary amendment will become effective. These provisions require a special tax to be imposed upon the city of New Orleans to provide the additional two and a half millions needed to complete the full amount of six and one-half millions. The executive committee's proposition that the tax in the country parishes should cease when one million dollars had been realized from that source, could not be carried into effect according to the report of the law committee, which strongly advised against attempting amendment; hence, the tax of three-eighths of a mill will remain in force until the four million dollars shall be collected from the city and country, on the basis of three-eighths of a mill in the country and six-eighths of a mill in the city.

Up to the time that four million dollars shall be realized the city will be paying a rate twice as high as the country, but after four millions shall be collected the tax on country property shall cease altogether, and the remaining two and one-half millions will be raised by a tax on city property not to exceed one and a half mills. To the man who owns \$1000 worth of taxable property, is it not worth while paying 37 1/2 cents a year for a few years rather than see this monumental builder-up of the section in which it is held go to San Francisco?

Clark Lebermuth Lands a Big Fish.

Clark Lebermuth, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Lebermuth of Salsburg plantation, who is spending the summer with his parents at Orillia, Canada, sends The Chief a copy of the Orillia News Letter dated Aug. 10, from which we clip the following interesting item:

"Clark Lebermuth, of New Orleans, and Arthur Young, of Orillia, were out trolling on Monday morning and landed a big maskinonge. They brought it up to Mat. Warren's and it tipped the scales at exactly 30 pounds and measured 56 inches in length. Mr. Lebermuth was trolling for bass and off the reeds on the shoal on the southwest of Chief Island the maskinonge took the hook. Mr. Lebermuth, assisted by Mr. Young, landed the fish after a good deal of difficulty. A mild sensation was created when the fishermen came up the Main street carrying the monster between them, and a large crowd soon gathered to view it."

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Four-Cent Gas at Shreveport.

Manufacturers' Record.

Shreveport has recently organized a Chamber of Commerce, including among its members progressive business men. A first result of their vigorous campaign for Greater Shreveport is announced in the reduction of prices for natural gas to future manufacturing plants. For large scale the price goes down by a sliding scale to 4 cents a thousand feet, thus bringing the city to advantages enjoyed by other communities having such a rate for natural gas.

Shreveport is well located for industrial development. The markets to the southwest and southeast are well served from Shreveport by direct railroad service, and by moderate improvement the Red river would give cheap water rates to the Gulf and beyond.

Undoubtedly the Chamber of Commerce made use of the recent addresses of Messrs. Hayes and Day of the United States Geological Survey, in which lines of industrial development were pointed out in an alluring manner, but an equally powerful incentive was the certainty now felt in the Caddo field that natural gas will be piped to Little Rock, and even St. Louis. This outlet will take care of an enormous quantity of gas. Pipe lines are now to take the crude oil also to distant refining points and Shreveport has really and definitely awakened to the necessity of prompt action to profit by the presence of gas and oil so close at hand.

The situation is very favorable for the development of many industries at Shreveport. The city is large enough to absorb a large number of new workmen, with no necessity for the factory owner to provide a colony of dwellings. Machine shops are well developed, supplies are easily obtained through large local dealers. The town already has industrial plants, and each new one decreases the work of securing the next. It will not be surprising to see chemical industries developing rapidly from now on, and perhaps first will be a soda and chlorine plant, as an object-lesson in the production of cheap electricity from natural gas. Pittsburg experts believe it will cost less from Caddo gas than from the water-power of Niagara.

One other feature for necessary for attracting new industries to Shreveport, and which must not be lost sight of, is the closing of the two wild gas wells. Fortunately for Shreveport, a law governing the waste of gas and oil has just been passed by the Louisiana state legislature, and effective work in this direction may now be expected.

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Death of William Batts.

William Batts died at 5 o'clock Monday evening at his residence in upper Ascension, twelve miles west of this city, after a long illness. Born in Alabama eighty years ago, he moved to Louisiana in 1838 and engaged in sugar planting. He had been manager of several large sugar plantations and at one time owned Texas plantation, adjoining Whitecastle.

He was twice married, first to Miss Alice Trimble, of New Orleans, who died twenty-five years ago. His second wife, born Miss Jane Babin, survives him. Besides his second wife he is survived by one adopted daughter, Mrs. Alice Dodd, and one brother, Peter Batts, of Plaquemine.

The funeral services took place Tuesday morning at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic church in Whitecastle. Rev. Father Andrew de Maurri officiating. Interment was made in St. Raphael cemetery at Point Pleasant, La., Tuesday afternoon.

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