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A crying nuisance: Somebody else's baby.

What's in a name? "Seven Days," running at the New Orleans Tulane this week, is not a weak comedy.

Not content with pulling off badger fights and cock fights, Monroe is now venting its sporting proclivities in a red hot Democratic city committee fight. First round for Forsyth!

Advocates of universal peace will be vastly encouraged by the fact that the Democratic dinner at Baltimore on Jackson Day and the caucus of Democratic members of the next congress at Washington both passed off without a fight. Does this presage the dawn of the millenium or only the calm that precedes a big storm?

If New Orleans gets the Panama Canal exposition we will all know where to bestow the credit. Says the St. Helena Echo: "Mrs. Holland received a letter from her son, Wilson S. Holland, written from Washington city, where he is a member of a committee from the trades union of New Orleans working in the interest of the exposition. He writes like he had the thing by the tail and a downhill pull."

Oh, the ingratitude of republics! Alas, the insufferable tyranny of Democratic majorities! Congressman Robert F. Broussard—everybody's "Cousan Bob"—has been metaphorically spanked and incontinently kicked off the ways and means committee by his fellow Democrats merely because he posed as a Democrat in Louisiana and voted as a Republican in Washington. Are such things to be borne in silence? Shades of Sam Randall and Sam McEnery forbid! Beware the ides of 1912!

Chairman R. J. Chauvin and Secretary F. L. Trepagnier of the Democratic City Executive Committee have issued a call for a meeting of that body to be held at the courthouse on Saturday, Feb. 4, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of ordering a primary election to nominate candidates of the Democratic party for municipal offices, to be voted for at the regular bi-ennial election to be held on Saturday, May 6, 1911. The meeting of the committee will mark the formal opening of the municipal campaign, and will in all probability be followed by some interesting developments and announcements.

Thomas Landry, a succesful sugar planter and well-known citizen of upper Assumption, has purchased from Jas. S. Barman the residence property at the corner of Iberville and Lafourche streets, in this city, and will shortly remove to Donaldsonville with his family. Mr. Landry recently disposed of his Elmira plantation on the east bank of Bayou Lafourche, in the rear of Plattenville, for a consideration of $14,000. It is his intention to establish a first-class transfer and dray service in this city, and as there seems to be quite a promising field for the development of an enterprise of this kind the success of the project is practically assured from the outset. The Chief takes pleasure in welcoming Mr. Landry and his estimable family to Donaldsonville, and wishes this worthy citizen a liberal measure of success in his business venture and unbounded happiness in his new home.

Historic Building Being Demolished.

The old Catholic church building in Mississippi street, one of the community's most ancient and historic landmarks, is being torn down, pursuant to a suggestion made by Archbishop J. H. Blenk, who on the occasion of his recent canonical visitation to this city advised that the structure be either renovated or demolished, since in its then state it was of no practical use and was a detriment to the property in the neighborhood. The cypress rafters and sills of the building are said to be in a remarkable state of preservation, as is usually the case with material of this kind taken from buildings erected in the good old days of long ago. This lumber, together with the bricks of which the walls and towers of the church are built, will be used in the construction of an annex to St. Joseph's Commercial Institute, the well-known educational institution conducted in this city by the Brothers of the Sacred Heart.

The old Catholic church was erected nearly 100 years ago, and was in active use as a house of worship up to 1896, when the new church was completed and dedicated. Since that date the old church has been used as a location for the annual Catholic fairs and formerly as a meeting place for the local Knights of Columbus council, but the great storm of 1909 damaged the ancient structure to a considerable extent and rendered its further occupancy out of the question without extensive repairs being made. As there were no funds available for this purpose, it was deemed best to demolish the building and utilize as much of the material as possible in the construction of the proposed annex to St. Joseph's Institute.

EXPOSITION CONTEST TO BE DECIDED TUESDAY.

Announcement comes from Washington that the question as to whether the proposed Panama exposition of 1915 is to be held at New Orleans or San Francisco will be voted on by the lower house of congress next Tuesday, the 31st instant, and the supporters of both cities profess confidence that the result will be a victory for their side of the contention.

The house committee on industrial arts and expositions has made a strong majority report in favor of New Orleans as the logical point for the big show, nine of the fifteen members signing this report. The other six members of the committee have signed a minority report favoring San Francisco, and it is on the issue raised by these opposing documents that the house will give its decision.

New Orleans has maintained a tactical advantage from the inception of the struggle before congress, and several attempts on the part of the San Francisco managers to steal marches and complicate the parliamentary status have been skillfully met and checkmated, hence in the event New Orleans loses out there can be no reasonable complaint that her cause has not been ably defended.

The Louisiana metropolis ought to be chosen as the exposition site, and we shall not forego confidence in her success until there is no further room for hope or doubt, but in view of the powerful influences being brought to bear for San Francisco, it is well not to be cocksure of the outcome. It is also well to bear in mind that New Orleans can far better afford to lose the exposition than can San Francisco. The Pacific coast is greatly overbuilt, with a vast number of empty hotels, residences and business houses. New Orleans is in no such condition, and her proximity to the canal assures her of a large share of the benefits to arise from its construction, even though she may be denied the privilege of conducting the exposition which is to commemorate the achievement.

WM. ADLER AGAIN CONVICTED.

The second trial of William Adler for misapplication of the funds of the late State National Bank, of which he was president, was concluded in the United States district court at New Orleans on January 20, and the jury brought in a verdict of guilty on eighty counts. It was quite generally thought the outcome would be either a mistrial or an acquittal, hence the accused and his friends were greatly taken aback by the contrary result. The jury was out less than two hours, which indicated that there were no serious differences of opinion among them as to the proper finding in the case.

District Attorney Charlton R. Beattie and National Bank Examiner J. M. Logan conducted the prosecution in a masterly manner and were more than a match for the array of eminent counsel employed by the defense. Attorney General Wickersham telegraphed his congratulations to Messrs. Beattie and Logan, and many similar assurances of appreciation and commendation were tendered the able young district attorney from other sources.

Mr. Adler is at large on an appearance bond of $40,000, and it is to be presumed his attorneys will exhaust every legal right and expedient to save him from the ignominy of imprisonment. The first step will doubtless be to move for a new trial, and when this is overruled an appeal taken to the United States circuit court of appeals will be next in order.

It will be recalled that shortly before the failure of the State National Bank in 1907, Mr. Adler chartered a steamship, loaded it with merchandise and sailed for Central America. The ship was wrecked off the coast of Honduras, but the crew were rescued and reached Belize in safety. After remaining nearly a year in Honduras and Nicaragua, where he had extensive mining interests, Adler returned to New Orleans, was tried and convicted receiving a sentence of six years' confinement in the federal prison at Atlanta. The circuit court set aside the verdict on appeal, and this encouraged the belief of the accused and his friends that he would go scot free or at least escape conviction on a second trial. His downfall is attributed to speculation in railroad and mining stocks, and it is conceded that he saved nothing from the wreck of his financial fortunes.

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TOWN COUNCIL IN SESSION.

City Fathers Hold Regular Monthly Meeting—Expert to be Employed to Estimate Cost of Sewerage—Other Important Business Transacted.

(Official Proceedings.)

Donaldsonville, La., Jan. 25, 1911.

The council met this day in regular session, at the powerhouse, and was called to order at 8 o'clock p. m., with Mayor Chas. Maurin in the chair and the following aldermen present: James Von Lotten and Frank Milano, first ward; David Israel, Jr., and T. H. Hanson, second ward; J. E. Blum and W. D. Park, third ward.

The reading of the minutes of the last preceding meeting was dispensed with.

The finance committee submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

Donaldsonville, La., Jan. 22, 1911.

To the Common Council of Donaldsonville:

Gentlemen:—Your finance committee respectfully report that they have this day examined the books of the collector and treasurer, checked off and cancelled the vouchers of the latter officer, finding all correct:

General Fund.

1910		
Nov. 13	Balance cash on hand	$ 1067 29
" 19	Collector's report No. 12: Light bills ($46.90), delinquent taxes ($18.68), taxes 1910 ($4.50)	100 08
" 19	Payments on meters	14 00
" 25	Cash from market lessee	150 00
" 26	Collector's report No. 13: Light bills ($46.84), delinquent taxes ($11.39), taxes 1910 ($145.30)	203 53
" 26	Payments on meters	12 00
Dec. 2	Cash from wharf lessee	41 67
" 3	Collector's report No. 14: Light bills ($137 37), licenses ($5), taxes 1910 ($75.90)	218 27
" 10	Collector's report No. 15: Light bills ($739.53), taxes 1910 ($83.80)	823 33
" 12	Collector's report No. 16: Light bills	4 14
" 17	Collector's report No. 17: Light bills ($130.67), delinquent taxes ($1.80), licenses ($25), taxes 1910 ($199 90)	357 37
" 24	Collector's report No. 18: Light bills ($14.20), delinquent taxes ($4.38), taxes 1910 ($385.91)	404 49
" 23	B. Lemann & Bro., supplies	9 90
" 23	Cash from bridge lessee	25 00
" 31	Collector's report No. 19: Taxes 1910 ($2941.91), licenses ($45)	2986 91
" 31	Cash from market lessee, 1911	183 33
" 31	Cash from wharf lessee, 1911	86 76
1911		
Jan. 3	Burnside & Donaldsonville Packet Co., for 4 years' landing privilege at $30 per year, less their bill for dredging suction pipe of waterworks, $30	90 00
" 7	Collector's report No. 20: Light bills $378.14, delinquent taxes $2.88, licenses $2025, Taxes 1910 $1255.43	3661 45
" 7	Payments on meters	4 00
" 10	Payments on meters	5 00
" 10	Light bill, street fair company	6 25
" 10	Collector's report No. 21: Light bills	580 22
" 14	Collector's report No. 22: Light bills $73.83, taxes $220.35, licenses $4630	4924 18
" 21	Collector's report No. 22: Light bills $73.58, water dues $72, licenses $100, taxes 1910 $190.16, Don. Ice Co., rent $36, Don. Bottling Works, rent $36	507 69
	Total cash receipts since last report	$ 16916 85

Disbursements:

Nov. 28	Appropriation to fire department	$ 450 00
Jan. 10	Bills payable: 1 note Texas Oil Co., 1-10-11, $166.09, interest from 1-19-10, at 6 per cent, $112.49	2008 58
" 15	1 note West Ky. Coal Co., 1-15-11, $1857 61, interest from 2-15-10, at 6 per cent, $103.43	1961 04
	1 note Ft. Wayne Electric Co., $760.59, interest from 6-1-10, at 6 per cent, $28.92	789 51
	1 note West Ky. Coal Co., 1-15-11, $500, interest from 2-15-10, at 6 per cent, $27.85	527 85
	1 note West Ky. Coal Co., 1-15-11, $1815.97, interest from 2-25-10, at 6 per cent, $98 05	1914 02
" 15	Paving certificates: Bank of Donaldsonville $2000, Bank of Ascension $1333.33, People's Bank $1000, interest to Jan. 15, 1911, $216 66, interest paid to Jan. 15, 1911, on balance of certificates due Jan. 15, 1912, $216.66	4766 65
" 15	Certificates payable: Interest on 8 certificates of indebtedness held by Bank of Donaldsonville aggregating $2077.11, from July 29, 1910, to Jan. 15, 1911, at 5 per cent, $697 52, certificate No. 1 due Jan. 15, 1911, $1277.11	1974 63
" 22	Audited accounts current to date	4224 28
	Total disbursements	$ 18686 66
	Receipts as above	16916 85
Jan. 22	Overdraft, due Bank of D'ville	$ 1769 81

Bond Redemption Fund:

1910		
Nov. 13	Cash on hand	$ 8732 79
" 19	Collector's report No. 13: Delinquent taxes $26.34, taxes 1910 $2.25	29 09
" 26	Report No. 13: Delinquent taxes $7.07, taxes 1910 $72 65	79 72
Dec. 3	Report No. 14: Taxes 1910	37 95
" 10	Report No. 15: Taxes 1910	41 90
" 17	Report No. 16: Delinquent taxes $5.95, taxes 1910 $99 95	100 90
" 24	Report No. 18: Delinquent taxes $2.94, taxes 1910 $442.95	445 89
" 31	Report No. 19: Taxes 1910	1470 97
1911		
Jan. 7	Report No. 20: Delinq. taxes $1.44, taxes 1910 $627.81	629 25
" 14	Report No. 22: Taxes 1910	140 4
" 21	Report No. 23: Taxes 1910	49 45
	Total	$ 6774 29

Disbursements:

Jan. 6	Semi-annual interest coupons on bonds $56000	1400 00
Jan. 22	Balance cash on hand	$ 5374 29
" 22	Cash on hand, bond redemption fund	$ 5374 29
" 22	Less overdraft, general fund	1769 81
" 22	Balance cash on hand	$ 3604 48

Respectfully submitted,
J. E. BLUM, Chairman;
DAVID ISRAEL, JR.,
W. D. PARK,
Finance Committee.

The chief of police submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

Donaldsonville, La., Jan. 25, 1911.

To the Hon. Mayor and Members of the Town Council:

Gentlemen:—I submit this my report of arrests made since last report:

From Nov. 18 to date, 16.

By Officer Ramirez, 6; by Officer Acosta, 10.

Respectfully yours,
H. SCHAFF, SR.,
Chief of Police.

The following communication was read and received:

Donaldsonville, La., Jan. 20, 1911.

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council, Donaldsonville, La.

Gentlemen:—I would like to put up a Fairbanks-Morse two-horse power gasoline engine in my blacksmith shop in Mississippi street to run my drill press, and would like to get your kind permission to erect same.

Thanking you in advance,
Respectfully yours,
JULES MELANCON.

On motion, duly seconded and adopted, the secretary was instructed to communicate with the Louisiana Fire Prevention Bureau and ascertain if the installation of a gasoline engine would have the effect of increasing insurance rates in the vicinity. If the rates be not increased, the mayor was authorized to issue a permit to Mr. Melancon for the installation of an engine.

The following communication was read and received:

Donaldsonville, La., Nov. 23, 1910.

To the Honorable Mayor and Council, Donaldsonville, La.

Gentlemen:—At the last meeting of the Board of Directors of this body it was ordered that your attention be respectfully called to the following:

1. That you take steps to prohibit the throwing of oyster shells and garbage in the streets.
2. That a light be placed on the town bridge across Bayou Lafourche.
3. That an ordinance be enacted and enforced, prohibiting the driving of all live stock through the principal streets of the town.
4. That the paving of sidewalks on certain streets be considered.
5. That initial steps be taken at once for the installation of a complete sewerage system.

By way of explanation, would suggest that in reference to No. 2: That this light if possible be placed in the center of the bridge, and be so arranged that it will burn, every night and early mornings, independent of the regular city lights.

No. 3 refers to the driving of cattle, and of mules in other ways than in harness, and under control.

Nos. 4 and 5—The Union will assist you in any way you may suggest to the end that these are accomplished.

Yours truly,
DONALDSONVILLE PROGRESSIVE UNION,
By ALEX. BLOOMENSTIEL, Pres.

The mayor stated that the various matters referred to in the foregoing communication had already received his attention.

The mayor submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

Donaldsonville, La., Jan. 25, 1911.

To the Members of the Town Council, Donaldsonville, La.

Gentlemen:—I hereby submit the following as the report of the mayor's court, viz:

1910		
Nov. 15	Cash balance on hand	$10 68
" 19	F. Geraci, fighting and disturbing the peace	5 00
" 28	Laura Dupre, fighting and disturbing the peace	5 00
" 28	Christine William, fighting and disturbing the peace	5 00
" 29	E. M. Winning, dangerous and suspicious (ordered to leave)	10 00
Dec. 2	Leon Bloch, fighting and disturbing the peace	5 00
" 2	Morris Snider, fighting and disturbing the peace	5 00
" 9	Jim White, fighting and disturbing the peace ... 10 days in jail	
" 19	Jessie Gordon, drunk and disturbing the peace	10 00
" 19	Mose Born, fighting and disturbing the peace	5 00
" 19	[illegible] Ford, fighting and disturbing the peace	5 00
" 21	Jim Henderson, disorderly and disturbing the peace ... 10 dys in jail	
" 26	Mose Born, fighting and disturbing the peace	10 00
" 27	Alice Nelson, disturbing the peace ... 10 days in jail	
" 31	[illegible] Fernandez, drunk, disorderly and fighting ... 20 days in jail	
1911		
Jan. 8	Frank Solar, disorderly conduct	5 00
" 16	Carmen, discharging firearms	5 00
" 18	Net proceeds sale of estrayed horse to J. C. Babin	22 50
	Total	$107 53

DISBURSEMENTS

Freights and express, police fees; labor on market square; A. Terrance, for painting in market; paint for market; Hook and Ladder Co., answering 5 alarms; Phoenix Fire Co., answering 1 alarm; feed bills Vigilant Hose Co., for months of October, November and December; telephone rental, charity, etc.	107 08
Cash balance on hand	$ 45

Respectfully yours,
CHAS. MAURIN, Mayor.

A committee composed of Walter Lemann, J. J. Lafargue, K. A. Aucoin and Dr. Sheard Moore, representing owners of property in the Lemann addition, appeared before the council and asked that a 1000-foot extension of the municipal waterworks system be constructed into the Lemann annex. After a full discussion of the matter, the mayor was authorized to advertise for bids in order to ascertain the cost of this work, both for 6-inch and 4-inch mains.

The mayor stated that Contractor Joseph Landry, who was employed to examine the municipal markethouse and compile an estimate of the probable cost of repairing and renovating the structure, had reported the building to be in very bad condition and estimated that the repairs necessary would cost in the neighborhood of $3500. Action on the matter was deferred.

A committee from the Donaldsonville Progressive Union, composed of President Alex. Bloomenstiel, Dr. E. K. Sims, Adolph Netter and D. D. Dalferes, appeared before the council in the interest of the proposition to construct a sewerage system for the city. After a general discussion, the mayor was empowered to secure the services of a competent engineer to determine the cost of the proposed system.

There being no further business, the council adjourned.

CLEM. MOLLERE, Clerk.

Peru and Ecuador are involved in a boundary dispute and war may result.

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Death of Louis Duhon, Sr.

Louis Duhon, Sr., aged eighty-nine years, a native of Convent, died at 6 o'clock yesterday morning at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. A. Gauthreaux, in New Orleans, and his remains were conveyed to Convent this morning via the Mississippi Valley Railway and interred in the Catholic cemetery at that place in the presence of a large gathering of relatives and friends. For some time past Mr. Duhon had been residing with his son, Theophile Duhon, of Germania plantation, in this parish, but about three weeks ago he went to New Orleans to visit his daughter, Mrs. Gauthreaux. He was taken ill shortly after arriving in the Crescent City, and although everything possible was done to save his life his advanced age rendered the fight a hopeless one and after a fortnight's suffering he closed his eyes and passed peacefully away.

Mr. Duhon is survived by four sons and one daughter, who are: L. C. Duhon, of Donaldsonville; Theo. Duhon, of Germania; Audry Duhon, of Pointe Coupee; Emile Duhon, of Whitecastle, and Mrs. Gauthreaux. To these afflicted ones the sincere sympathy of an unusually wide circle of friends and acquaintances is respectfully tendered.

S. J. C. I. Notes.

This week was examination week. All the work of the last twenty weeks was reviewed, and the teachers report gratifying results. The results of the examination will be made known Monday and bulletins will be given to each pupil. These bulletins must be shown to the parents and returned to the teachers. Parents must thoroughly scrutinize these papers, as they will tell the pupil's standing in class and his proficiency or deficiency in the several branches.

The class in higher mathematics will soon commence the study of trigonometry. The literature class will study "Julius Caesar," and incidentally become acquainted with several of Shakespeare's masterpieces. During the second term a course of mechanical drawing will be taught.

This ends the first term, one of the most successful in the school's history in point of attendance and work done. The spirit of emulation is predominant and the fine accord between teachers and pupils is a great incentive to the intellectual advancement of the pupil and the material progress of the school.

Teachers' Institute.

On Saturday, Jan. 21, the Donaldsonville branch of the Ascension parish teachers' association met for a half-day session with an attendance of 21 members.

The following program was given:

Roll-call.

Opening exercises—Supt. Rusca.

(a) Song. (b) Prayer. (c) Reading of story.

"Model Opening Exercises," Miss Fannie Blackman, illustrated by pupils from fifth grade.

"School Morals," Prof. J. H. Dupuy.

"Civics and Health," Miss K. Williamson.

"Education for Efficiency," Miss Alma Klos.

Superintendent's critique, including the announcement of the following holidays: Feb. 22, Washington's birthday; Feb. 27 to March 1, carnival.

The last three days mentioned are to be made up at the close of the session.

After the reading of the program the association adjourned until its next meeting, Feb. 18.

New K. of C. Council to be Organized.

A new council of Knights of Columbus, to be known as St. John the Baptist Council No. 1514, will be instituted at a meeting to be held in the Evergreen schoolhouse at Edgard, St. John parish, at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, when officers will be elected for the ensuing year and other details of organization effected. The new council will begin its career with about fifty members, nearly all of whom have been affiliated with Ascension Council No. 1087, of this city.

The recently elected officers of Ascension Council No. 1087, Knights of Columbus, were formally installed at a rousing meeting of that organization last night. Hon. Clarence S. Hebert of New Orleans, state deputy, acted as installing officer, and a large proportion of the membership of the council was in attendance. At the conclusion of the interesting ceremonies a delicious courtbouillon prepared by John Schaff was served in the spacious dining hall of the Knights of Columbus home, and was greatly enjoyed by all who had the good fortune to be present.

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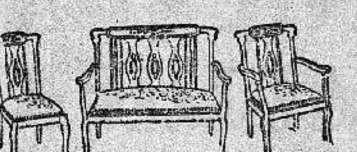

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