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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FOR COLLECTOR

**ROBERT E. DILL** hereby announces himself as a candidate for the office of Tax Collector of the city of Donaldsonville, subject to the action of the Democratic primary election to be held Monday, April 3, 1911.

**HENRY C. DUKE** hereby announces himself as a candidate for the office of Tax Collector of the city of Donaldsonville, subject to the action of the Democratic primary election to be held Monday, April 3, 1911.

Sarah Bernhardt's bad play is not the good Samaritan.

Miser, I was company. All the other dirty towns in the state will find satisfaction in the fact that the president of the State Board of Health roasted Baton Rouge as severely as he did any of us.

The convention of the Louisiana Press Association to be held at Lake Charles April 25-27 promises to be the largest for years. Alexandria is already in the field as a candidate for the 1912 meeting.

T. "Panama" Thompson of New Orleans is to be presented with a silver service tonight in recognition of his services as chairman of the executive committee of the World's Panama Exposition Company. He deserves it and lots more.

According to the New Orleans Picayune, Mayor Behrman of that city has declared "that he should never while he was mayor permit anything that would offend the morals of any portion of the community." Of course he shouldn't, but will he?

A gas well in the Caddo field has been closed after running wild six years and wasting approximately 5,000,000 feet of gas. But what's the use? Just about the time the kibosh was to be put on the reckless well two new newspapers were started in Shreveport—and Cosgrove's Weekly is still running wild.

Arthur H. Browne, a well-known young New Orleans lawyer, has been appointed United States commissioner by District Judge Rufus E. Foster to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Henry A. Chiappella. Mr. Browne is a capable and popular attorney and should make an excellent commissioner.

That attack on the Recollection and Reminiscence Department of the Weekly by the Donaldsonville chief indicates that the contemporary merely wants to cultivate a new school—Cosgrove's Weekly.

There wasn't any attack on the R. & R. D. by the Donaldsonville Chief. We enjoy the D. thing too much to attack it. Our knock was a boost. Furthermore, we emphatically don't want to cultivate any such new fangled arrangement as Editor Jim suggests. What is it, anyway?

E. S. Whitaker, the debased creature in human form who was made chief of the New Orleans police by the political powers that be, presumably because he was not afraid of Dominick O'Malley, and who was compelled to relinquish the office for an outrageous and murderous assault on Editor Joe Leveque of the erstwhile Morning World, is in jail on several charges of debauching poor young girls whom he enticed to his office in the Godchaux building. The details of Whitaker's crimes are unprintable and indicate that he is a moral pervert of the lowest order.

John A. Wogan qualified as assistant United States treasurer at New Orleans last Monday and succeeded Clarence S. Hebert in that office. Mr. Hebert was presented by his former subordinates with a pair of diamond-studded cuff-buttons as a testimonial of their esteem and affection, and in acknowledging the gift paid a high tribute to the integrity and efficiency of the entire force that had helped to make his administration successful. On Saturday next, April 1, Mr. Hebert will assume his new duties as collector of customs for the port of New Orleans, to which office he has been appointed by President Taft to succeed Hon. Henry McCall of this parish, whose second term of four years expired on the 1st of February.

### La Mauvaiso Samaritaine.

The great French actress, Sarah Bernhardt, is to fill a week's engagement at a New Orleans theatre, beginning tomorrow night, but Rostand's play "La Samaritaine," which was advertised as the initial number of the repertoire, has been cut out in deference to hostile public opinion and in anticipation of the mayor's order to the police inspector to forbid the production of the play. The "Divine Sarah" contends that the play is particularly appropriate for Lenten presentation in a religious community, and that it has excited the admiration and praise of preachers and theologians in New York, Chicago, Boston, St. Louis and other cities, but other commentators characterize it as sacrilegious, obscene and immoral. This fresh illustration was scarcely necessary to demonstrate the wide difference between Mme. Bernhardt's ideas of morality and those of most other people.

## NOBODY TO BLAME.

On a river steamboat carrying a crowd of passengers to New Orleans for Mardi Gras, a man of some prominence, with a weakness for getting drunk and raising a rumpus, indulged in his favorite propensity, much to the alarm of the women, children and other non-combatants among his traveling companions.

A number of the men passengers endeavored to quiet the rioter and succeeded, after much scuffling and strenuous effort in getting him under control.

While engaged in this commendable task of helping to maintain the peace and prevent murder or maiming, one of the passengers dropped a revolver from his hip pocket. The hammer of the weapon struck the floor and a cartridge was exploded, the bullet inflicting another passing.

The matter was inquired into as a matter of legal form, but of course the usual conclusion was reached that the homicide was purely accidental and that nobody could be blamed or held accountable for it.

Therefore, the man who broke the law by getting drunk, disturbing the peace and trying to do bodily harm to his neighbors, and the other man who broke the law by carrying a concealed weapon, are absolved from all responsibility, though their lawlessness the killing of the unfortunate bystander was directly due.

If this fracas had occurred among people of a lower social grade the rioter and the pistol totter might have been called upon to pay a fine or serve a short term in jail as a penance for their violation of the law, but who expects a "good fellow" or a "gentleman" to be subjected to such humiliating penalties?

## PROGRAM FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION.

The sole object for which President Taft has convened congress in extra session is the ratification of the reciprocity treaty with Canada, which passed the house at the regular session but failed to reach a vote in the senate.

It is within the province of congress, however, to take up any other matters it pleases, and there has been some expectation that a complete revision of the tariff system would be proposed.

There is really little likelihood that this herculean task will be attempted, and any effort of the more rampant revisionists to impose it upon congress at the extra session will doubtless be squelched by the cooler and wiser heads of both political parties.

The announcement is made that the Democratic members of the ways and means committee have decided, after several secret meetings and much discussion, that only a few necessary committees shall be appointed for the extra session; that tariff revision will be confined to the cotton and woolen schedules, and that this work and the consideration of the Canadian treaty will comprise all the legislation of the session, unless the situation on the Mexican border and the movement of troops thither seem to require inquiry and action on the part of congress.

## Notice to Teachers.

Those teachers who contemplate attending the meeting of the State Teachers' Association at Lake Charles, April 6, 7 and 8, will find it convenient to either go to Baton Rouge the evening of the 5th and take the special through train which will be run from that point by way of Opelousas, or to take the "Early Bird" in Donaldsonville at 7:10 o'clock the morning of the 6th and buy a through round-trip ticket to Lake Charles, getting off the T. and P. train at the Frisco crossing—Livonia station—and there taking the special from Baton Rouge which will stop to take on teachers.

The railroad fare will be one and one-third rate plus twenty-five cents; in other words, the fare from Baton Rouge will be about \$5.50 or \$6.

Please write me at once if you intend going. Respectfully,  
J. L. RUSCA, Supt.

While Mr. and Mrs. Ross Murrell, of Bayou Goula, were driving down Railroad avenue Friday afternoon of last week with a party of relatives in Mr. Murrell's Mitchell touring car, the steering knuckle of the machine gave way suddenly at a point near the corner of Railroad and Nicholas avenues, with the result that the car became unmanageable and swung into the curbing in front of the X-Ray Pharmacy. Mr. Murrell quickly shut off the power and brought the machine to a standstill, none of the occupants being injured. The disabled car was hauled to Allen's Foundry, where the broken steering knuckle was repaired by the competent automobile mechanic employed at that shop, the car being returned to its owner the following forenoon.

## Mr. Automobile Owner!

When your car needs repairs would you not like to have it repaired by one who knows the trouble and does not have to guess at it? If so, send it to Allen's Garage. We have the man: one who has probably helped to build your car, one who has assembled, tested and operated cars in the greatest factories of the country. To keep this man we must have work. Show your appreciation of our efforts to help you by sending us your repairs.

Lucien Cassa, the oyster king, is the place to go when you wish to enjoy raw and salty Bayou Cook oysters, raw and cooked in any style, fresh boiled river shrimp and soft shell crabs. Orders for oyster leaves given special attention. Short order meals a specialty. Everything the best and always relished.

## DISTRICT COURT.

**Joseph Daniels Found Guilty of Murder in Second Trial—Sentences Passed Upon Prisoners Convicted at Recent Term—Two to Pay Death Penalty.**

The regular February-March jury term of district court was brought to a close with an all-day session last Saturday, at which the following business was transacted:

**CIVIL MATTERS.**  
J. Achille Landry vs. C. L. Babin; judgment rendered decreeing partition of property.

Henry Nabor et al. vs. Annie Nabor et al.; judgment rendered on confirmation of default decreeing partition of property.

**CRIMINAL MATTERS.**  
Henry Glover, carrying concealed weapon; tried and found guilty; \$100 or three months in jail.

Nestor Mire, Sullivan Walker and Emile Rodriguez, carrying concealed weapon; continued indefinitely.

Calogero Napote, charged with breaking and entering a railroad car in the nighttime with intent to steal, and convicted by a jury of larceny of goods to the value of \$100, was granted a new trial, the court sustaining the plea of defendant's counsel that the verdict of the jury was contrary to the law and the evidence. The accused was granted bond in the sum of \$300. District Attorney Gilbert then filed an information against Napote for receiving stolen goods, and bond on this charge was fixed at \$200. The Italian will be tried at the next term of court.

Joseph Daniels, murder; tried by jury and found guilty. The jury was composed of Willie Guedry, Guy Landry, Paul Gissard, Sidney Harp, O. A. Cullot, Gabe Blanchard, Charles Corbo, Sr., Louis Rome, Auguste Dugas, Leon Alonzo, L. A. Flanery and Edward Ramirez. This was Daniels' second trial, the jury in the first trial having failed to agree after remaining out from 6 p. m. Tuesday, March 14, to 2 o'clock the following morning. Eleven of the jurors are reported to have voted for a verdict of guilty as charged, while one held out for a verdict of guilty without capital punishment. In the second trial the jury agreed upon a verdict after being out about one hour.

A brief session of court was held Thursday morning of the current week, at which sentences were imposed upon the prisoners convicted during the past term. John Bird and Joseph Daniels, convicted of murder, were sentenced to death by hanging; Adrien Williams, alias "Hitter," and Adam Bernard, who pleaded guilty to murder without capital punishment, were given life terms in the state penitentiary, and Henry White, who entered a plea of guilty to breaking and entering a railroad car in the day-time, was sentenced to two years' imprisonment in the penitentiary. All of the prisoners are negroes.

## Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Napoleon Martinez, highly esteemed residents of the fifth ward of Ascension parish, celebrated the golden anniversary of their wedding on Sunday last, the 19th inst., and the notable event was made the occasion for an enjoyable jollification on the part of their host of friends and acquaintances. The religious ceremonies arranged in honor of the occasion were carried out in the forenoon at St. Ann's chapel, which had been attractively decorated with flowers and ferns. The marriage vows assumed by the happy pair fifty years ago were repeated and reaffirmed, an interesting feature of this pretty ceremony being the presence, in the capacity of witness, of Mrs. John Breux, of Donaldsonville, formerly Miss Marie Ramirez, who attended Mrs. Martinez as maid of honor at her marriage half a century ago. Rev. J. B. Delepine, curate of the local Catholic church, officiated at this impressive service, and delivered an eloquent address appropriate to the occasion, pointing out the manifold virtues and merits of the estimable old couple and terming their lives an inspiration in faith and charity, well worthy of emulation.

At the conclusion of these ceremonies dinner was served at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Martinez and was attended by relatives and friends to the number of forty-eight. The venerable couple were the recipients of many elegant gifts, among the most handsome being a wedding ring presented to them by their youngest son.

Mr. and Mrs. Martinez were united in the holy bonds of matrimony March 19, 1861, the bride being then only fifteen years of age and the groom thirty-one. The union was blessed with thirteen children, of whom seven survive. They are: Messrs. Napoleon Adam, Camille, Ozme, John and Joseph Martinez, Mrs. John Martin, and Miss Camilla Martinez. All of them reside in the fifth and sixth wards of the parish, and all were present last Sunday to do honor to their worthy parents and wish them many happy returns of the day.

Mr. Martinez, although eighty-one years of age, is as active and capable as many men of fifty, and still works his own land. He has never worn glasses, which of itself is a tribute to his clean life and exemplary habits. His devoted wife, at the age of sixty-five, is in the best of health, and is the possessor of a happy, cheerful disposition which has made her a favorite with all who have the pleasure of her acquaintance.

The Chief takes pleasure in congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Martinez upon reaching the golden milestone along the pathway of their married life, and joins their host of friends in wishing them many more years of conjugal felicity as happy and prosperous as those which have gone before.

## POLICE JURY MEETING.

**Parochial Lawmakers Assemble in Regular Bi-Monthly Session—Generous Appropriation Made to Assist Donaldsonville Fire Department in Buying New Hoses.**

(Official Proceedings)

Donaldsonville, La., March 8, 1911. The police jury of Ascension parish met this day at the courthouse, in regular session, and was called to order at 12 o'clock m. Present: Henry L. Weil, president pro tem, fourth ward; K. A. Aucoin, second ward; Adolphe Netter, third ward; L. W. Armitage, fifth ward; Oreal Gonzales, seventh ward; H. A. Webb, eighth ward. Absent: Geo. B. Reuss, president, first ward; J. C. Klos, sixth ward.

The minutes of the last preceding meeting were read, approved and signed. The following petitions were read and received:

St. Amant, La., Feb. 25, 1911. To the President and Police Jury of Ascension Parish, La.

Gentlemen:—We, the undersigned owners of land in section 28, T. 9 S., R. 3 E., S. 6 E. of St. Helena meridian in Louisiana, hereby donate for a public road thirty feet wide each from the present Part Vincent and New River road two hundred or more feet south of Black Bayou bridge to run nearly west to join present road upon land of Louis Guedry, and we hereby ask that the police jury of this parish make this donation a public road. Elphege Temple, thirty feet; J. Edward Gonzales, thirty feet; Louis Guedry, thirty feet.

To the Honorable President and Members of the Police Jury of the Parish of Ascension.

Gentlemen:—We, the undersigned, respectfully petition your honorable body to grant us a public road from the west end of the Carpenter road, beginning at the place of Geo. Parker, to place of B. F. Broussard on the Galvez road, on the lands of L. U. Babin, Geo. W. Parker, F. E. Babin, F. H. Miller, E. Dixon, J. D. Johnson, H. D. Stephens, J. L. Stephens, A. N. Marchand, B. F. Broussard, Thos. Vallery. Said road to cost the parish nothing for clearing and draining.

The finance committee submitted the following statement of the parish finances from July 1, 1910, to February 1, 1911, which was, on motion of Mr. Armitage, seconded by Mr. Netter, ordered read, received and approved:

Statement of Finance Committee from July 1, 1910 to Feb. 1, 1911.	
Receipts	
July 1, balance	\$ 452 71
From all sources	72457 31
Total	\$ 72910 02
Disbursements	
Bills payable (including school note of \$2000 and interest to date)	42740 00
Public roads 1st district	3646 11
Public roads 2nd district	358 10
Public roads 3rd district	1520 00
Public roads 4th district	1100 00
Public roads 5th district	1450 00
Martin school	460 00
St. Louis Park L. commission	250 00
Balance regular pay road	957 15
Feb. 1, balance cash on hand	348 06
Total	\$ 72910 02
Parish indebtedness	\$ 2000 00
Note due March 1, 1911, to St. of Louisiana	8000 00
Estimated bal. of monthly disbursements for six months, Feb. 1 to July 1, 1911	6000 00
Interest on \$2000 note	120 00
Total	\$ 16920 00
Balance of indebtedness estimated to July 1-11	11740 88
Total	\$ 10620 00
Respectfully submitted,	
C. U. WEBER, Parish Treasurer.	

Mr. Armitage offered the following resolution:

Be it resolved, That the donation of land by residents of the eighth ward, as per petition hereto annexed and made part and portion hereof, be and the same is hereby accepted without cost to the parish, and the said road from the west end of the Carpenter road, beginning at place of Geo. Parker, to the place of B. F. Broussard on the Galvez road, over the lands of L. U. Babin, Geo. W. Parker, F. E. Babin, F. H. Miller, E. Dixon, J. D. Johnson, H. D. Stephens, J. L. Stephens, A. N. Marchand, B. F. Broussard and Thos. Vallery, be and the same is hereby dedicated as a public road.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Webb, and on roll-call was adopted by a vote of six yeas and no nays.

Mr. Gonzales offered the following resolution:

Be it resolved, That the donation of land by residents of the eighth ward, as per petition hereto annexed and made part and portion hereof, be and the same is hereby accepted without cost to the parish, and the said road from the west end of the Carpenter road, beginning at place of Geo. Parker, to the place of B. F. Broussard on the Galvez road, over the lands of L. U. Babin, Geo. W. Parker, F. E. Babin, F. H. Miller, E. Dixon, J. D. Johnson, H. D. Stephens, J. L. Stephens, A. N. Marchand, B. F. Broussard and Thos. Vallery, be and the same is hereby dedicated as a public road.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Aucoin and on roll-call was adopted by a vote of six yeas and no nays.

Mr. Netter offered the following resolution:

Be it resolved, That the finance committee of the police jury of the parish of Ascension, Louisiana, be and is hereby authorized and empowered to borrow from any one or the three banks of the town of Donaldsonville, as said committee may see fit, and as the needs of the parish require, such amount or amounts of money as may be required to pay the running expenses of the parish; and said committee is further authorized to issue certificates of indebtedness in representation of said loan, provided that the amount so borrowed does not exceed the sum of twelve thousand dollars in the aggregate. Said certificates to be made payable on or before January 19, 1912.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Aucoin, and on roll-call was adopted by the following vote: Yeas—Aucoin, Netter, Weil, Armitage, Gonzales, Webb; nays—0; absent—Reuss, Klos.

Mr. Armitage offered the following resolution:

Be it resolved, That the sum of two

hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the use of Jurat K. A. Aucoin, in his portion of the first road district of the parish. The said sum above mentioned having already been expended by Mr. Aucoin out of his regular portion of the appropriation for the said first road district.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Netter and on roll-call was adopted by a vote of six yeas and no nays.

Mr. Netter called the jury's attention to the severe disaster which the town of Donaldsonville suffered by the fire in the business district of the city, at which time the fire department of the city lost several hundred feet of hose, and, the town being in need of new hose, moved that the sum of five hundred dollars be appropriated to assist the town in the purchase of said hose. He thereupon offered the following resolution:

Be it resolved, That the sum of five hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated by the parish of Ascension to aid and assist the town of Donaldsonville in the purchase of new hose for its fire department.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Aucoin, and on roll-call was adopted as follows: Yeas—Aucoin, Netter, Weil, Armitage, Gonzales, Webb; nays—none; absent—Reuss, Klos.

On motion of Mr. Netter, duly seconded and carried, a committee of one with the president pro tem was appointed to confer with the city authorities in the purchase of the new hose. President Weil appointed Mr. Netter to serve as said committee.

Messrs. Mason Snowden, assistant to the state agent in the United States Agriculture Department, and L. E. Perrin, connected with the same government service, appeared before the jury in advocacy of a renewal of the appropriation of \$225 made last year for the purposes of farm demonstration work in the seventh and eighth wards of the parish. The matter was discussed at considerable length by Messrs. Snowden and Perrin, and also by Mr. Gonzales, who opposed the appropriation on the ground that the farm demonstration work was not desired by his constituents. Mr. Aucoin then offered the following resolution:

Be it resolved, That the sum of two hundred and twenty-five dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to supplement a like sum from the United States Agriculture Department to aid and assist in the farm demonstration work in the seventh and eighth wards of this parish.

On roll-call the resolution was adopted by the following vote: Yeas—Aucoin, Netter, Weil, Armitage, Webb; nays—Gonzales; absent—Reuss, Klos.

The jury adjourned. C. C. WEBER, Clerk.

## Delegates to W. O. W. Convention.

Messrs. R. Henderson, Louis Boston, Aramis Melancon and Jos. N. Gissard attended the annual convention of the Louisiana head camp of Woodmen of the World at Lake Charles this week as delegates from Olive Camp No. 18, of this city. Ascension Camp No. 539, of Hobart, was represented by C. S. Stuckey. The delegates left for Lake Charles last Sunday and Monday, and returned yesterday evening. D. B. Showalter, the efficient superintendent of public education in Rapides parish, was elected head consul commander for the coming year, and Baton Rouge was selected as the 1912 meeting place. Mr. Showalter was superintendent of education in this parish a few years ago, and during his residence here was an enthusiastic member of Olive Camp, serving as consul commander of the organization and filling other positions of honor and responsibility. His many friends here and throughout the state will be delighted to learn of the high honor conferred upon him by the W. O. W. head camp, and will unite in wishing him a successful administration of the affairs of the office.

Wilfred Guigou went to New Orleans this morning on business, and will return tonight.

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