

# The Donaldsonville Chief

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## A POSTAL LABOR UNION IMPOS- SIBLE.

It seems that Senator LaFollette is taking up the cudgels in behalf of those members of the United States railway mail service who want to form a labor union affiliated with the Knights of Labor.

The Chief has always sympathized with the labor unions. It realizes and has never hesitated to affirm that these organizations are absolutely necessary, not alone for the laborers themselves, but for the welfare of the community. There is probably no one element that has worked more for the making of what is good in twentieth century civilization than has the existence of the labor unions.

There is a vast and vital difference, however, between an organization amongst the employees of private individuals or corporations, and one of like character formed of employees of the government, whether federal, state or municipal. An oath-bound secret society amongst the employees of any governmental branch is absolutely intolerable. It cannot be understood how any one imbued with the true spirit of our institutions can conceive such a thing possible. It strikes at the root of government and order and spells anarchy in its worst, because most insidious form.

In the first place every individual in the public service is a sworn officer. He has taken an oath to observe and enforce the law and obey the constitution. The moment he joins an oath-bound society whose aim is to coerce the government he has forsworn himself, because he has commenced to lay plans to usurp the authority of those over him and by threats or force in some form to compel them to do that which otherwise they would not do.

In considering this class of questions it is good to go back to first principles. The very fundamental thesis of our system, the life by which it exists, is that the people confer together and from time to time, by means of elections, express their opinions upon men and measure and select those who are to wield the prime authority for execution. Any oath-bound secret society for any purpose is a violation of the principles of our system and is of itself revolutionary.

This is exactly the kind of thing that leads up to the lack of system that for a hundred years has made the so-called governments of South and Central America a stench in the nostrils of the civilized world. Those countries happily show a disposition to put away such methods. Is it possible that any sane man in this country thinks we have retrograded so far as to go back on the road they have abandoned? It is to be hoped that justice has been done Senator LaFollette by the report that he is preparing to champion the right of sworn public servants to violate their oaths and repudiate their obligations to the people.

The police jury of Ascension parish has been called to meet in special session at the courthouse at 11 o'clock a. m. next Thursday, the 22nd inst., for the purpose of organizing a drainage district in the upper portion of the parish on the west bank of the river, and also to act as a board of reviewers in passing upon the assessment rolls of the parish for the current year as compiled by Assessor A. A. Kling. All persons not satisfied with the valuation placed upon their property by the assessor have the privilege of appearing before the board of review and seeking a reduction, which, under the law, must be agreed to by the assessor.

Hon. Ferd. Claiborne, a brilliant young lawyer of New Roads who has a host of friends in this community as well as throughout the state, passed through Donaldsonville last Monday on his way home from Thibodaux, where he addressed an enthusiastic Good Government League meeting Sunday forenoon. Mr. Claiborne is a tentative candidate for lieutenant governor, subject to the endorsement of the Good Government League. He favored the Chief with a pleasant visit during his stay in town.

Mayor and Mrs. Charles Maurin, Miss Leona Maurin and Master Henry Maurin attended the commencement exercises of Jefferson College, from which institution Mr. Maurin's bright young son, Charles, Jr., graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Young Maurin took a prominent part in the closing exercises and captured one of the gold medals for scholarship. Patrick Kearney, a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Teasney of McCall, was also a medal winner.

Ladies' corsets, with supporters, worth 75 cents per pair, only 25 cents at Tobias's big sale.

## MEAT AND MILK INSPECTION NEEDED.

One of the things urgently needed to protect the health and raise the sanitary standard of this community is the appointment of a competent veterinary inspector to supervise the butchering and sale of the meat furnished to the people through the local public and private markets.

Under present conditions there is nothing to prevent stock dealers from supplying the local butchers with tuberculous cattle and hogs, and it is to the interest of both the butchers and their patrons that the suggested system of inspection be adopted.

It could also be made the duty of the proposed official to inspect the cows milked in the various dairies, to regulate the establishment and style of public drinking troughs so as to prevent the spread of glanders, and to exercise general supervision over and safeguard the public health in so far as it is menaced by the sale of diseased or impure meat or other foodstuffs of an animal nature.

There is little room to doubt that much of the meat offered for sale in the local markets is diseased and that a great deal of the milk consumed here is impure, and it would only be in line with modern sanitary ideas and methods to create the position of public veterinary inspector and select a capable veterinarian to fill it. The officer could be employed jointly by the town council and police jury, and a canvass of representative citizens and the physicians of the community will show that the position is one of vital importance and that public sentiment is overwhelmingly in favor of its creation.

The protection and preservation of the health and lives of the people is a governmental function of the first importance and nothing can justify its evasion or neglect.

## PROMINENT LOCAL FRA- TERNALISTS.

The elevation of Hon. Paul Leche of Donaldsonville to the position of state deputy of the Knights of Columbus for Louisiana adds one more to the already numerous list of citizens of this town and parish who have attained stations of eminence and distinction in the ranks of fraternalism.

L. E. Bentley, who founded the Donaldsonville Chief forty years ago this summer, has just concluded his second two-year term as supreme dictator of the Knights of Honor, which is next to the oldest fraternal protective or insurance order in the United States.

Dr. Felix Gaudin, who practiced dentistry in Donaldsonville several years and found his charming wife among the belles of our community, has been for several years at the head of the Catholic Knights of America.

Dr. John S. Thibaut, vice president and cashier of the Bank of Ascension and an almost lifelong resident of Donaldsonville, is serving a second yearly term as worshipful master of the Louisiana grand lodge of Masons.

Sidonius Goette, James Fortier and Frederick Landry of this town have all been officers of the Louisiana grand lodge, Ancient Order of United Workmen.

Alfred G. Whidden, formerly of Donaldsonville and an attaché of the Chief, was great sachem of the Improved Order of Red Men for Louisiana, and Louis Boston of Donaldsonville's eastern suburb now occupies the same position.

Robert Henderson, a well-known Donaldsonvillian, is one of the most prominent and successful field workers and officials in the Woodmen of the World of this state, and Prof. D. B. Showalter, the present head consul commander of this order for Louisiana, was formerly parish superintendent of public education here and consul commander of the local Woodmen's camp, Olive No. 18.

Mrs. W. D. Park of Donaldsonville is first vice president of the United Daughters of the Confederacy for Louisiana, showing that our ladies as well as our men are capable of winning distinction.

R. N. Sims was formerly president of the Louisiana Bankers' Association; Jasmin Tobias has been an officer of the Louisiana Firemen's Association; Henry L. Well is a member of the grand tribunal of the Knights of Pythias; the late J. Elphege LeBlanc rose from the ranks in Donaldsonville Lodge No. 2639, Knights of Honor, to be grand dictator for Louisiana.

No doubt other citizens of this community whose names are not here given have held positions of honor and note in the fraternal organizations of the state and nation, but the list above cited is enough to demonstrate that Donaldsonville has quite a remarkable record for supplying material for such stations.

## To the Public.

I take this means of informing my friends and the public that I have purchased the half interest of my partner, E. Lolan, in the Market Restaurant, and will hereafter conduct same on my own account. The restaurant is open daily from 4 o'clock a. m. to 10 p. m. and on Saturdays all night. The continued patronage of my friends and the public is earnestly solicited. Good service and polite treatment to all. Respectfully, LEO BLOUIN.

At a special meeting last Sunday forenoon of Ascension Council No. 1087, Knights of Columbus, W. D. Park, a past grand knight of the council, was unanimously elected grand knight to fill out the unexpired term of Judge Paul Leche, who recently retired from that position in view of his elevation to the exalted office of state deputy.

## Parish Politics.

While the political campaign has not been formally opened in Ascension and presumably there is nothing doing on the part of the various candidates, it is a well-known fact that the political pot has had fire under it for many moons and is fast approaching the boiling-over stage. Much activity is evident among local leaders, and it is confidently expected that various announcements will be made in the near future.

The race for sheriff promises to prove particularly spirited and interesting, since there are at this time three candidates in the field, with plenty of time for dark horses to enter the running. E. C. Hanson, a candidate in the office, is a candidate for re-election. S. H. Martin, who served as sheriff for upwards of twenty years prior to Mr. Hanson's election in 1908, and who is the present registrar of voters of the parish, has announced his intention of seeking the nomination, and Louis A. Landry, Jr., of the fourth ward, formerly assessor of the parish, has also made known to his friends that he will be in the race. With such experienced campaigners and all "round good fellows in the field as Eddie Hanson, "Old Man Sam" St. Martin and Louis Landry, it may be taken for granted that the three-cornered fight for sheriff will be a not one all the way through.

For clerk of court no formal announcements have been made, but it is understood that "Jim" Barman will be a candidate for re-election, and that H. Arthur Morgan, of Burdette, is likely to oppose him for the nomination. The same thing is true of the assessorship, for which office the present incumbent, A. A. Kling, of Dutchtown, is expected to stand for re-election, with Sidney St. Amant, of the seventh ward, as a rumored opponent.

For the legislature several names have been mentioned. It seems a settled fact that Hon. Joseph Gonzales, one of Ascension's representatives in the lower house of the general assembly, will be a candidate for re-election, but no announcement has yet come from Hon. R. J. Chauvin, of Donaldsonville, the other member of Ascension's contingent in the state's law-making body. John A. Marchand, Jr., of Sorrento, a son of Postmaster John A. Marchand of Gonzales, is reported to have announced to his friends that he will be a candidate for the legislature, opposing Mr. Gonzales.

For district attorney Hon. Phillip Gilbert, of Napoleonville, who has held the office for the past term, will stand for re-election, and it is currently reported that he will be opposed by C. C. Weber, a well-known young attorney of Donaldsonville who is presently filling the position of parish treasurer of Ascension.

For state senator of the ninth senatorial district, comprising the parishes of Ascension and St. James, it is possible that there may be several candidates. The St. James Interim recently brought forward in this connection the name of Henry L. Hines, a lieutenant of Com. P. O. Elks, celebrated "Flag Day" with appropriate exercises at Red Men Hall last Wednesday night, and a large audience was present to participate in the entertainment and assist the Elks in doing honor to the "Star Spangled Banner." Flag day commemorates the birth of the American flag, and its observance is compulsory upon all lodges of Elks wherever dispersed.

The special program arranged for the occasion was as follows:  
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Melville Duke, one of the stalwart young sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. Rumsey Duke, returned home Sunday morning from Baton Rouge, where for some time past he has been filling a position in the employ of the capital city branch of the Swift Packing Company. Mr. Duke expects to be transferred shortly to New Orleans office of the Swift Company.

## An Expression of Appreciation.

Donaldsonville, La., June 16, 1911.  
Editor Chief:  
I take pleasure in informing you that my big 15-day bargain sale is proving a grand success, a fact which I attribute in large measure to the wide circulation your paper has throughout this section of country.

People are coming into my store daily from adjoining parishes a large number of whom state that they read my advertisement in this great sale in the Donaldsonville Chief. I am a firm believer in printer's ink, and it is my sincere opinion that if more advertising were done through the columns of your valuable paper it would have a tendency to bring to Donaldsonville trade which we would otherwise not secure.

My store has been crowded daily since the opening of the present sale on the 14th inst., and that my patrons are duly appreciative of the exceptional bargains offered for their consideration is fully attested by the volume of sales to date. I have a force of efficient competent salespeople on hand to serve the trade, and all who visit my store are guaranteed prompt attention and courteous treatment, as well as a refund of their money if not entirely satisfied.

Wishing your paper and staff all the success you deserve, I am,  
Yours truly,  
JASMIN TOBIAS,  
Proprietor New Orleans Bargain Store.

## S. J. C. I. Notes.

Last Friday the class of 1911 finished their examinations, the result being as follows: Richard Stakeful, first; Leo Gaudin, second; Samuel Richard, third; Hubert Richard, fourth; and Michael Wild, fifth. The other classes finished examinations this week. The graduates will receive their certificates next Monday at 9 o'clock a. m.

The graduation exercises are to be held on Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, at the Grand Theatre. A very interesting and simple program has been arranged. Only those who have received invitations will be admitted. The lower floor is reserved for the graduates' parents and friends.

The orchestra and choir will furnish the music and singing at the St. Francis of Assisi church in Smoke Bend tomorrow, when the feast of Corpus Christi will be observed. The orchestra and choir will disband for the vacation months, as most of the members will spend their vacation out of town.

The S. J. C. I. baseball team will round out a most successful season tomorrow by crossing bats with the Alumni Association team. The game promises to be a very interesting one, for although the alumni have not practised much lately, still they have not forgot their cunning. The game will be pulled off at Cleveland Park and will start at 3:30 p. m. It is hoped that all the friends of the school will be present.

## Flag Day Exercises.

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## QUARTERLY REPORT

—OF THE—  
Bank of Donaldsonville

Report furnished to the state examiner of state banks at the close of business on June 7, 1911.

RESOURCES.  
Demand loans.....\$14,827 00  
Loans secured by mortgages..... 136,296 94  
Other loans and discounts..... 386,112 45  
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured..... 10,327 98  
Real estate, stocks, securities, etc..... 37,782 90  
Banking house, furniture and fixtures..... 9,623 21  
Other real estate owned..... 6,250 00  
Due from banks and bankers..... 48,453 55  
Bills, payable and other items..... 2,879 27  
Gold coin..... 400 00  
Silver, nickel and copper coin..... 6,314 70  
National bank notes and all issues of U. S. government..... 5,211 00  
Total.....\$664,879 71

LIABILITIES.  
Capital stock paid in.....\$50,000 00  
Surplus..... 40,000 00  
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes..... 44,915 90  
Individual savings deposits..... 202,162 48  
Individual deposits subject to checks..... 144,643 58  
Time certificates of deposit..... 8,000 00  
Certificates of deposit for borrowed money..... 31,263 74  
Bills payable and other items..... 107,000 00  
Amount due to persons not included in foregoing..... 24,115 60  
Amount set aside for building fund..... 3,600 00  
Total.....\$664,879 71

Total of Louisiana, Parish of Ascension—J. W. McAllister, president, and I. W. D. Park, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of June, 1911. CALBERT W. WELLS, Notary Public.

## HIS HONOR DISAPPROVES.

Mayor Maurin Makes Generous Use of Veto Privilege—Turns Down All Appointments Made by a Majority of City Fathers.

Mayor Charles Maurin on Tuesday last forwarded the following communication to Town Clerk Landry: Donaldsonville, La., June 13, 1911. "To the Honorable Town Council of Donaldsonville, La.  
"Gentlemen:—In conformity with Section 10 of the town charter, the town clerk submitted to me a certified copy of the minutes of the special meeting of the council held June 6, 1911.

"I am advised by counsel, with whom I agree, that the requirement of the charter that every resolution and ordinance must be submitted to the mayor for his approval or veto.

"Acting therefore by virtue of the authority conferred upon me by the town charter I shall consider the resolutions and ordinances, and will proceed to discuss them, serially.

"First—The resolution or ordinance introduced by Alderman Milano, seconded by Alderman Ohlmeier, and adopted by a majority of the aldermen, appointing a power-house committee composed of Aldermen Schroeder, Ohlmeier and Wathen, is hereby returned with this my veto for the reason that the council is without authority to name this or any other committee; that its action, in addition, is ultra vires, in this: that section 49 of the code of ordinances adopted by the town council June 19, 17, Aug. 21, Oct. 16, November 27 and December 18, 1901, and promulgated in the Donaldsonville Chief, official journal of the town, Dec. 28, 1901, and Jan. 4, 1902, enacts that the committee on power-house shall be appointed by the mayor, who shall be ex-officio chairman thereof.

"In compliance with that ordinance I did at the meeting of the council held May 24, 1911, appoint said committee, composed as follows: Alderman Park, Ohlmeier, with myself as ex-officio chairman thereof, which committee is the only legal power-house committee.

"The law, custom and usage empowers me as chief magistrate of the town, as presiding officer of the council, to appoint all committees, and I shall exercise the power so vested in me, confident of the support and endorsement of a large majority of the citizens and taxpayers.

"Second—For like reasons mentioned above I also veto the resolution or ordinance introduced by Alderman Milano and seconded by Alderman Ohlmeier, appointing or electing a public works committee composed of Alderman Ohlmeier, Milano and Wathen. The said resolution or ordinance is herewith returned with my veto, and I hereby re-affirm my appointment made May 24, 1911, of the following public works committee: Alderman B. C. Wathen, chairman; Alderman Ohlmeier and Milano, and hereby declare that said committee is the only legal public works committee of the council.

"Third—For like reasons already mentioned I deny the power of the majority of the council to elect, select or appoint the finance committee, though the members thereof as selected by the council are the same appointed by me, and I hereby return with this, my veto, the resolution or ordinance introduced by Alderman Ohlmeier, seconded by Alderman Milano, appointing said finance committee, and I do hereby re-affirm the appointment of said finance committee made by me as mayor and presiding chairman of the council on the 24th day of May, 1911.

"Fourth—I hereby return with this, my veto, the resolution or ordinance introduced by Alderman Ohlmeier, seconded by Alderman Schroeder, and adopted by a majority of the council, providing for the appointment of Miguel LeBlanc in the place of Miguel Acosta as town cartman, and the abolition of another cartman.

"The present cartmen, Miguel Acosta, Baptiste Creoli and Armand Babin, are and have always been efficient in the discharge of their duties, and I dismiss them without cause, would be wrong and without justification.

"For years only two cartmen were employed by the town, but later at the instance of the Woman's Civic League an additional cart was placed in service with Armand Babin in charge, and having performed his duties in every particular he should be retained.

"The health of the town is paramount to all considerations, and in my opinion instead of three there ought to be six carts to gather the garbage and trash.

"The recent visit of the state health car and the president of the State Board of Health with his staff, who have pointed out the dangers resulting from insanitary conditions, should be a warning to us. We should progress and not retrograde in issues which involve the public health. Instead, therefore, of decreasing the number of garbage carts we should double the number, though our financial condition precludes such a happy consummation.

"Fifth—I hereby return with this, my veto, the resolution or ordinance introduced by Alderman Schroeder, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc, and adopted by a majority of the council, creating the office of assistant chief of police at a salary of \$50 per month, and the appointment thereto of Jno. M. Maher for the reason hereabove given and for the further reason that there is no such office as assistant chief of police mentioned in the town charter, which we have sworn to follow and obey, and therefore the town council is without authority to create such an office.

"Our funds at this time also preclude the appropriation of further funds for the police department. We have now the best police force of any town in the state, and I state it with emphasis. In no town is there so little hoodlumism and to this satisfactory condition we owe much to the present force. They have inspired a respect for the law, the public peace is preserved, of

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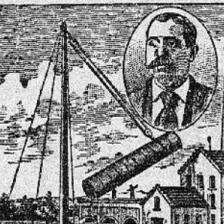
for dumping a load of coal just as you were passing. What harm did he do? It is nice clean coal. Not a bit of dirt or stone in it. By the way don't you need some for stove, furnace or open grate. We have just the right kind for every use and we shall be glad to send you as much as you need.

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COMFORTABLE HOME, No. 310 Chestnut Street, Lot 60x120. Will sell for \$1800. Apply on premises, or address MRS. ZULMA COMSTOCK Donaldsonville, La.

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### Strayed or Stolen.

FROM the premises of the undersigned in Brusly, Louisiana, Ascension parish, La., on Wednesday night, June 14, a BLACK MOLE COLE, spotted with white, and branded on the left shoulder with the letters "S. J. F." A reward of \$10 is offered for the return of the animal, or for any information leading to its recovery. Address SAUL DENOUX, McCall P. O., La.