

The Donaldsonville Chief

Entered in the post office at Donaldsonville, La., as second-class mail matter.

JAS. VON LOTTEN & G. DONAUD BENTLEY
Publishers and Proprietors

Official Journal of Ascension Parish, Town
of Donaldsonville and Parish
School Board

SATURDAY, JAN. 13, 1912.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR SENATOR.

CHARLES A. MAURIN
hereby announces himself as a candidate for the office of senator of the ninth senatorial district of Louisiana, comprising the parishes of Ascension and St. James, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

DR. J. E. DOUSSAN
hereby announces himself as a candidate for the office of senator of the ninth senatorial district of Louisiana, comprising the parishes of Ascension and St. James, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

HENRY L. HIMEL
hereby announces himself as a candidate for the office of senator of the ninth senatorial district of Louisiana, comprising the parishes of Ascension and St. James, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE.

CHRISTIAN KLINE
hereby announces himself as a candidate for the office of representative in the lower house of the Louisiana general assembly from the parish of Ascension, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

JOSEPH GONZALES
hereby announces himself as a candidate for the office of representative in the lower house of the Louisiana general assembly from the parish of Ascension, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

FOR SHERIFF.

LOUIS A. LANDRY
hereby announces himself as a candidate for the office of sheriff of the parish of Ascension, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

FOR CLERK OF COURT.

H. ARTHUR MORGAN
hereby announces himself as a candidate for the office of clerk of court of the parish of Ascension, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

FOR CORONER.

DR. D. C. BRUMFIELD
hereby announces himself as a candidate for the office of coroner of the parish of Ascension, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

FOR POLICE JUROR.

C. H. LANDRY
hereby announces himself as a candidate for the office of police juror of the fourth ward of the parish of Ascension, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

A. E. TRUXILLO
hereby announces himself as a candidate for the office of police juror of the fourth ward of the parish of Ascension, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

LUCIEN W. ARMITAGE
hereby announces himself as a candidate for the office of police juror of the fifth ward of the parish of Ascension, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

EDMUND MAURIN
hereby announces himself as a candidate for the office of justice of the peace of the fourth ward of Ascension parish, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

FOR STATE COMMITTEEMAN.

J. HOWELL PUGH
hereby announces himself as a candidate for the office of Democratic State Central Committeeman from the Sixth Congressional District, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

It will be 23 for a good many hopeful candidates on the 23rd.

Jim Bailey and Bill Polk have both come out for Michel. It isn't known how the original Jonah stands.

According to the pronouncements from campaign headquarters all three of the candidates for governor are going to win in the first primary.

President Taft is said to have informed friends of his intention to appoint Judge Hook to succeed the late Justice Harlan on the bench of the United States supreme court. Senator Owen of Oklahoma will try to "put the hook" on Judge Hook by preventing his confirmation by the senate.

Notwithstanding The Chief's emphatic expression in favor of the appointment of Dr. J. H. White as surgeon general of the United States Public Health and Marine Hospital Service, President Taft has chosen Dr. Rupert Blue for the place. If the president isn't careful how he disregards our wishes in such matters, we'll be tempted to let him run his administration by himself, and how will he like that we'd like to know?

ASCENSION'S SENATORIAL CANDIDATE.

It has been pertinently suggested that the Democratic voters of Ascension may well guide their course at the primary election of the 23rd instant, with reference to the choice of a state senator from this district, by considerations of civic pride and good-will for a "home man," without regard to factional alignments or differences of opinion as to other candidacies.

It is a matter of more or less common knowledge that there are four aspirants for the senatorship, three of whom are from St. James and one from Ascension.

Under some circumstances, in view of the fact that the last senator from the district—the late lamented R. M. McCulloh—was a citizen of Ascension, it might be regarded in the line of political comity and fair play to concede the selection of the senator this time to St. James; but there is such utter lack of unanimity and such wide division of sentiment in the neighboring parish as to the fitness and claims of the several local aspirants, that it is more than probable the Ascension candidate will be preferred and supported by a liberal proportion of St. James voters. A situation of this kind would seem to offer full justification to the Democrats of our parish to give united support to their co-parishioner, who is quite the equal of any of his competitors in point of character and capacity, and perhaps better qualified than any of them from the standpoint of such experience in the public service as appertains to the functions and duties of a state senator.

The Ascension candidate is Chas. A. Maurin, mayor of Donaldsonville, who has held that office for a period of nearly seven years, having been re-elected last May for his fourth consecutive term of two years. He is one of our most progressive and popular citizens, a ready speaker and skilled parliamentarian, well-informed on public affairs, interested in large commercial enterprises, a property-holder and tax payer, imbued with a commendable degree of civic pride and good-will for all classes of law-abiding people, and claiming the indorsement and confidence of his fellow citizens on an admirable platform.

He has declared himself in favor of reforming the present system of taxation so as to distribute its burdens more equally and justly; segregating state and local taxation; approving the pending constitutional amendment which provides for a federal income tax; conserving fish, oysters and game along practical lines, vesting ward constables with the functions of game wardens and increasing their compensation commensurately; local option on the liquor question; better facilities for the care of the state's insane; liberal appropriations for Confederate veterans and their wives, and the application of state and parish resources to the construction of good roads.

This declaration of principles, which undoubtedly accords with the best public sentiment on the questions involved, is supplemented by Mr. Maurin's statement that he is a candidate as a native and lifelong resident, always a consistent Democrat, who pledges his record in guarantee of his future course as a public servant and solicits the support of all his Democratic fellow-citizens.

Political Meetings.

Political rallies were held at the Donaldsonville courthouse Saturday night, Jan. 5; Thursday night, the 11th, and last night, in the interest, respectively, of Candidates Aswell, Foster and Sanders. The Aswell meeting was the best attended of the three, weather conditions having been much more propitious on that date than for the Foster and Sanders rallies. Indeed, it may be regarded in the light of a signal tribute to the last-named candidates that the scheduled meetings in their behalf were held at all, since the weather was so inclement on both occasions as to keep nearly everybody indoors. Particularly was this the case last night, when the coldest weather of the season prevailed. Despite this fact, however, upwards of one hundred voters were in attendance at the Sanders meeting, and something like one hundred and fifty were present at the Foster rally the night before.

The chairman of the various assemblies were: Alex. Bloomensiel, for the Aswell meeting; Dr. E. K. Sims, for the Foster meeting; and Col. A. D. Vega, for the Sanders meeting.

The political rally held at the courthouse last Sunday afternoon under the joint auspices of several of the candidates for state senator and member of the house of representatives, was attended by a crowd which filled the court-room to its capacity. The meeting was called to order at 4:15 o'clock by Mayor Charles Maurin, who presided as chairman and introduced the various speakers. Addresses were made by Dr. J. E. Doussan, of Litcher, and Mayor Maurin, candidates for state senator, ninth senatorial district, and Messrs. S. A. Marchand and V. A. Rodriguez, both of Donaldsonville, candidates for the house of representatives from Ascension parish. A brass band furnished music for the occasion.

"COUSAN BOB" AND THE GOVERNORSHIP.

In a recent speech before an assemblage of Democratic voters in New Orleans, "Everybody's Cousan Bob" Broussard, candidate for United States senator in competition with Governor Sanders and Congressman Pujol, is quoted as having made the following declaration:

"No man in this city needs to inquire where Bob Broussard stands when there is a fight between the forces of organized plunder and the people themselves. Your chairman and I stood together four years ago battling with Theodore Wilkinson for good government and the rights of the people."

This was quite generally construed as indicating that the eloquent and popular third district congressman had committed himself to an alliance with the Democratic Good Government League and to the support of Judge Hall for governor, but his campaign manager, Col. Wm. H. Price of Lafourche, who is personally favorable to the gubernatorial candidacy of John T. Michel, controverted this presumption in a formal statement to the effect that Mr. Broussard had made no entangling alliances and was prosecuting his senatorial campaign on his own merits and claims without regard to other issues or other candidacies.

Now there is some disposition in Good Government League quarters to criticize "Cousan Bob" and his manager for not definitely stating the former's attitude with relation to the gubernatorial contest, but such criticism is manifestly unfair and unreasonable.

Senator Foster, Congressman Ransdell and Governor Sanders, candidates for seats in the national senate, have not made any announcement of their preferences for gubernatorial candidates, and there has been no appreciable demand that they should, and no adverse criticism because they haven't. Congressman Pujol is the only one of the five senatorial candidates who has proclaimed his support of a particular aspirant for governor. That is his own affair and privilege, and a matter that should be left wholly to his own discretion. He is no more to be condemned for it than are the other senatorial candidates for choosing to adopt a different policy.

It would be very foolish politics on the part of Mr. Broussard to alienate his Michel and Aswell friends from his own candidacy by becoming a partisan advocate and supporter of the Hall ticket for state offices. Those who blame him for not pursuing such an injudicious course do so unthoughtfully and without good cause.

Henry L. Himel.

Under the proper heading in today's issue of The Chief will be found the formal announcement of Henry L. Himel, of Convent, as a candidate for state senator from the ninth senatorial district of Louisiana, comprising the parishes of Ascension and St. James. Mr. Himel is a prominent and successful lawyer, and is the junior member of the well-known law firm of Pugh & Himel, domiciled at Convent, the senior partner of which is Hon. E. N. Pugh, of this city. He is a progressive and public-spirited citizen and a gentleman of most excellent qualities, with a wide knowledge of public affairs and the influence and ability to put that knowledge to practical use for the benefit of his constituents. That Mr. Himel is qualified to fill the exalted position to which he aspires is conceded by all, and that he has many friends throughout the district who will do their utmost to elevate him to the office toward which his ambition is directed is likewise certain, as the result of the primary on the 23rd will doubtless show.

Miss Pamela Duplessis, the talented young daughter of Postmaster L. A. Duplessis, of Duplessis, left last Saturday for Ruston, where she matriculated as a student of the Louisiana Industrial Institute. Mr. Duplessis accompanied his daughter as far as Baton Rouge, and the following morning came to Donaldsonville, remaining here until Tuesday to attend the meeting of the Democratic parish executive committee, of which body he is a member from the eighth ward. He left Tuesday afternoon via the steamer Virgin and Mississippi Valley route for Garyville, from whence he returned to Duplessis over the L. R. and N. Railway, this roundabout route being his shortest way home in view of the almost impassable condition of the public roads as a result of the prolonged wet spell. Mr. Duplessis reported everything quiet in his section except politics, which is decidedly lively.

Several pieces of desirable real estate located in this city were sold at public auction last Saturday by Sheriff E. C. Hanson, in conformity with orders issued by the district court in the suit of Angèle Bailey et al. vs. Octavie Bailey et al., and the succession of Lucy Butler. The Genazzini property in Railroad avenue, consisting of a lot 60 feet wide by 120 feet deep, and two large frame buildings, was adjudicated to Attorney Walter Lemann for \$1300, and another piece of property belonging to the Genazzini estate, being a lot of ground at the corner of La. fourche, Chetmaches and Charles streets, together with several small cabins, was sold to A. D. Vega, Jr., for \$400. The property in Crescent Place adjoining the store of the Lemann Company, owned and for many years occupied by the late Lucy Butler, a negress, was adjudicated to the Lemann firm for \$1000.

Pujo a Winner for Senator!

FOR U. S. SENATOR, 1915 TERM. STAMP THE NAME IN THE CENTER

Reasons why he should receive your vote:

Eminence in his chosen profession proves his ability and mental equipment.

Representing the Seventh Congressional District, the largest in Louisiana, for ten years, he is thoroughly familiar with every agricultural, mineral and manufacturing interest Louisiana will expect her Senator to safeguard.

Has obtained nearly a million dollars for federal improvement work in his district.

Has won his way through sheer ability to a commanding position in the House of Representatives.

Has always fought for clean, economical government, local, state and national.

Although always a contender for Louisiana interests, he is in line with Democratic policies and leaders in Congress.

"Pujo has always been a favorite of mine and has done exceptionally efficient work in Congress. He has been a bulwark to his state and to his party in all matters of importance before the House."—Champ Clark, Speaker of the House of Representatives, in an interview at Lake Charles, Oct. 18, 1911.

FAVORS A REVENUE TARIFF.

"I am in favor of a tariff for revenue upon all importations coming in competition with the products of a like kind in the United States equal to the difference in the cost of production in the foreign country plus transportation and the cost of production here."—A. P. Pujo on the tariff at Ruston, July 4, 1911.

The dividing line between a protective tariff and a tariff for revenue only seems to me to be very clearly marked. A revenue tariff can never go above the difference in cost of production at home and abroad, because when it goes above the difference in cost of production at home and abroad it protects the profits of special interests and dams back competition."—Oscar Underwood, Chairman Ways and Means Committee, in an interview in New York World, Dec. 5, 1911.

SUGAR SQUIBS.

Close of the Grinding Campaign in Ascension and Elsewhere—Items of Interest from Field and Factory.

"Same old story—nothing new." This sounds like, and is, the title of a popular ditty, but in the present instance it has reference to the weather of the past week, which was in every detail similar to that of last week, and the week before, and the week before that, and so on, almost ad libitum. Nothing to compare with the present brand of climate has ever been experienced in this locality—that is, so far as the memory of the oldest inhabitant goes, or the records of the local weather observer show. Rain has fallen on four to six days of every week since the beginning of December, and throughout that entire period there have not been more than ten entirely clear days. The incessant downpour has made quagmires of the public roads, and travel over them is almost impossible except by horseback.

The coldest weather of the season prevailed yesterday, the temperature having been several degrees below the freezing point throughout the entire day. Sleet fell in the afternoon and evening, and the indications pointed strongly to snow, but fortunately this visitation was avoided. Last night the mercury in Weather Observer Park's government thermometer registered a temperature of 20 degrees, and it is likely that in the country, where there were no buildings or other obstructions to break the sweep of the biting north wind, a minimum of 15 to 16 degrees was recorded. Thanks to the timely warning sent out by the weather bureau, ample precautions had been taken to protect crops and live stock, as well as water pipes, and it is not expected that any material damage will result from the blizzard in this section. Today the weather is cold and sparkling, and it begins to look as though the backbone of the wet spell has been broken for keeps. So mote it be!

Growing tired of dragging along at a fraction of their capacity, many of the factories in this section which have not yet wound up the campaign shut down entirely at the close of last week and announced that they would wait until the weather settled before resuming operations. Instilled with renewed hope and energy after two clear and rainless days, several of the mills took a fresh start Thursday morning. Needless to add, every possible effort is being exerted to get the cane out of the fields while the climatic conditions are in a measure favorable.

Among the houses which started up again Thursday after several days of idleness was the Lemann Company's Palo Alto, which at that time had about three days more work in sight. Fred Werner, Sr., Palo Alto's capable chief sugar-boller, turned over the pans and proof-ticks to his brother, Joe Werner, yesterday morning, and left for New Orleans, from whence he will sail today on one of the Southern Pacific steamers for Cuba. For a number of years past Mr. Werner has been filling the position of head sugar-maker of the big Cape Cruz central factory at Eusebio de Moro, and he will again officiate in that important capacity during the present Cuban grinding season. Joe Werner, who replaces him at Palo Alto for the wind-up of the campaign, recently finished taking off the crop of M. J. Kahao's Attalende plantation in West Baton Rouge parish.

The Old Hickory Planting and Manufacturing Company's smooth-running Old Hickory mill in lower Iberville, just above the Ascension line, terminated the long-drawn-out rolling season Saturday evening, Jan. 6, the last stalk of cane having

been crushed twenty-four hours earlier. The factory, which started grinding Oct. 24, lost a good deal of time as a result of bad weather, all of two weeks being taken up at the close of the campaign to negotiate work which under ordinary conditions would not have required more than three or four days. Approximately 25,000 tons of cane were ground, and all of it was sound and sweet, a large acreage having been withdrawn immediately after the first November freeze. Figures are not obtainable as to the sugar output, which was in the form of 96-degree test and fancy white grades. S. George Poche, of Belle Rose, was in charge of the machinery, and the degree of smoothness and efficiency with which every department of the well-equipped plant operated throughout the season is a tribute to his ability and watchfulness. He was assisted by S. Laurent, of St. John parish, and David Lopez, of Westlake. Tony Rodriguez, of Brusly, MeCall, than whom there is no more capable or reliable manipulator of the proof-ticks anywhere, officiated as chief cockalorum in the pan-room, and had a zealous assistant in the person of his son, Frank. Sidney Poche, Walter Poche and Ben Falcon starred as water-tenders.

The Aleman Planting Company's Cosa Natural factory in Assumption parish closed down last Sunday to wait for the coming of better weather, and was scheduled to get under way again Friday morning. Chief Engineer Prosper Ganel, who was in town for a brief visit during the early part of the week, reported that there are something like 2000 tons of cane remaining to be ground at Cosa Natural, and added that all the cane handled to date has been in prime condition, it being necessary to cut only about an inch off the bottom of the stalks and a couple of joints off the top.

Woodmen Install Officers.

At a regular meeting Wednesday night of Olive Camp No. 18, Woodmen of the World, the following officers were installed by District Master Robert Henderson, assisted by Florian Michel, who acted as sovereign executor:

Jos. N. Gissard, consul commander.
Dr. M. F. Bloomensiel, adviser lieutenant.
A. J. Melancon, banker.
J. C. Bouchereau, clerk.
Gordon Gissard, escort.
Emile Dugas, watchman.
Jos. LeBlanc, sentry.
A. V. Temple, manager.

Immediately after the installation ceremonies a social session was held, during which the newly installed officers and all members present did justice to a splendid supper served in the lodge room under the direction of Manager Temple. Sovereigns Charles Maurin, Dr. P. Thibodeaux, Joseph N. Gissard, Dr. M. F. Bloomensiel, C. A. Ourso, A. J. Melancon, Robert Henderson, J. L. Rusca and J. C. Bouchereau responded to toasts upon the good of the order. Past Consul Commander Louis Boston presided as toastmaster.

One candidate was initiated, twelve balloted upon and elected, and seven applications received and referred to the regular committee. The camp is in a flourishing condition, having a membership of 417, which is due in large measure to the untiring efforts of Camp Clerk Bouchereau and District Manager Henderson.

Overcoats at 25 Per Cent Discount.

Our entire stock of men's and boys' overcoats and cravenettes will be offered at a discount of 25 per cent off regular prices at our great one-week bargain sale, beginning Monday, Jan. 15. Absolutely none reserved. This is your opportunity to secure a stylish, high-grade overcoat at a price that will net you a substantial saving. J. A. DALFERES, Donaldsonville, La.

HAVE YOU

Ever Stopped to Think That it Isn't Quantity So Much as Quality That Tells in Groceries?

Whether it is Staple or Fancy Groceries you want, we are always prepared to fill any order and fill it "up to the handle." Every item is worth the price we ask for it, because it is always as represented—FRESH, BEST QUALITY, LOWEST PRICES. Telephone orders given prompt attention. Free delivery.

Charles A. Maurin, The Leading Grocer

Mississippi Street

All the Best Wishes

We might extend to you for a prosperous New Year would be of little benefit to you unless by your co-operation with us, you would allow us to assist you in realizing this wish. No better time than the New Year could be found to begin your business relations with us, either with a checking or savings account. Come in and let us make 1912 a prosperous year for you.

BANK OF DONALDSONVILLE

THE HOME OF SAVINGS

Undertaker and Funeral Director



Day and night calls promptly responded to. From the plainest coffins to the best metallic caskets can be supplied on short notice. Undertaking parlors located in the Cobb livery stable in Railroad avenue.

Fine hearse, with white and black drapery

J. J. Lafargue, Donaldsonville, Louisiana

Great Bargain Sale.

After completing a satisfactory year, the well-known J. A. Dalferes store in this city, wishing to show its appreciation of the liberal patronage accorded it by sharing with its customers a part of its profits, announces a grand bargain sale of seasonal merchandise, to begin Monday, Jan. 15, and extend one week. Real, money-saving bargains will be offered in every department, prices having been reduced from 25 to 33 1/3 per cent on all lines of goods, completely eliminating profit in many instances. Manager D. D. Dalferes expresses the hope that the patrons of the Dalferes store and the public in general will take advantage of this wonderful reduction sale to supply their wants at prices far below the usual figures, and offers the positive assurance that all the goods are up to the well-known Dalferes standard of quality and value.

FOR SALE. THREE thoroughbred horses, one stallion, two mares, will be sold at a reasonable price. Address FELIX PERAY, Klotzville, La.

FOR RENT. THE COMFORTABLE and desirably situated residence property at the corner of Berwick and St. Vincent streets. House contains four bedrooms, two bathrooms, large yard and stable. Apply to J. F. FERNANDEZ, Donaldsonville, La.

LOST OR MISLAIN. CERTIFICATES NOS. 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36 of stock of the Bank of Ascension aggregating \$2300. The public is cautioned not to negotiate or deal for said shares of stock, as duplicates have been made for new certificates to replace those lost or mislaid. G. A. GONDRAN, Donaldsonville, La., Dec. 23, 1911.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.—of the—Lafourche Valley and Gulf Railroad Company.

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that a meeting of the stockholders of the Lafourche Valley and Gulf Railroad Company will be held at the office of the Company at Donaldsonville, La., on

Tuesday, February 6, 1912, in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors adopted at a meeting held on the day of November, 1911. The said meeting was called for the purpose of considering an amendment to Article Four (4) of the Company's charter, and to consider any other matters that may be brought before said meeting.

CHAS. MAURIN, Secretary, Donaldsonville, La., Jan. 6, 1912.

FOR SALE. AUTOMATIC Lift Standard sewing machine. Almost new. Price \$40. Address MRS. M. L. RANDOLPH, Bayou Goula, La.

WANTED. SALESMEN to look after our interests in Ascension and adjoining counties. Salary or commission. Address THE VICTOR LIFT CO., Cleveland, Ohio.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.—of the—Donaldsonville Hotel Company, Ltd. Donaldsonville, La., Jan. 13, 1912. NOTICE is hereby given to the stockholders of the Donaldsonville Hotel Company, Limited, that the annual meeting will be held in the general lobby room of the Masonic Temple, in Donaldsonville, on

Monday, Jan. 29, 1912, at 11 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing a board of directors to serve for the ensuing year, in accordance with Article Five of the charter. MYER LEEMANS, Secretary.

FERRY'S SEEDS. Good gardeners are those who raise good flowers and vegetables. Good flowers and vegetables come from good seeds. We produce good seeds—the inference is obvious. For sale everywhere. 1912 SEED ANNUAL. Free on Request. D. M. FERRY & CO. Detroit, Mich.