

Of all the candidates the best equipped and most deserving; an experienced lawyer; a devoted worker in the cause of public education; one whose whole life has been identified with the best interests of his people. All Ascensionites should vote solidly to place another Nicholls on the State's highest tribunal; by thus honoring him, they will honor themselves.

The Donaldsonville Chief

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 1912.

Miss Marie Aldige, of New Orleans, is the guest of Miss Marjorie Hanson.

J. O. Melancon and his little daughter, Jeanne, spent the day in New Orleans Sunday.

Dr. Sidney Vega went to New Orleans Thursday afternoon on business, returning yesterday.

Ernest Barton, of St. Elme plantation, returned Wednesday night from an enjoyable visit to Asheville, N. C.

Shirley Braseman, of New Orleans, spent a couple of days here with friends during the early part of the week.

Miss Violet Sachse, of Baton Rouge, is here on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Bloomenstiel and family.

Miss Stella Achee, of Labadieville, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Auguste Douglas and family at their home in Port Barrow.

Dr. and Mrs. Paul T. Thibodeaux and family returned Thursday evening from a delightful two weeks' sojourn at Biloxi.

Ernest Ganel, of Alexandria, spent several days here with relatives during the early part of the week, and was cordially greeted.

Misses Lucille and Carmen Landry, of New Orleans, are the guests of Miss Armande Bouchereau at her home on Palo Alto plantation.

Misses Donnie and Noemie Becknel, of New Hope plantation, are spending a few weeks at Gelsmar as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ulysses Barber.

Mr. John F. Landry and her daughter, Miss Lucille Landry, are spending a week at Gramercy with Mr. and Mrs. Stark L. Davis and family.

Representative A. I. Picard, of Gonzales, was a prominent business visitor to Donaldsonville on Monday last, returning home the following morning.

Dr. Amedee Mary will leave for New Orleans tomorrow morning to spend a week with his wife and family, who are visiting relatives in that city.

Mrs. Emile Oswald, of Thibodaux, and her little niece, Miss Jacqueline Thibodeaux, of New Iberia, spent the Sunday here with Mr. and Mrs. A. Thibodeaux and family.

Misses Marie, Bertha and Goldie Pons and Marie Schloss, of Baton Rouge, are spending a while here as the guests of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Jasmin Tobias.

After an extended visit to Evan Hall, the lovely McCall country home in upper Ascension, Mrs. H. G. McCall and her children left Monday afternoon for their home in New Orleans.

Hon. Henry C. Brand, of Burnside, returned Wednesday from Shreveport, where he spent a few days very pleasantly as the guest of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bates.

Leon Fortier, after spending several weeks here with his parents, left last night for Shreveport, where he has accepted a position as pharmacist in one of the leading drug stores of that city.

Mrs. E. C. Wathen and her little daughters, Winnifred and Ruth, left last week for Monticello, Tenn., where they will spend the remainder of the heated term. They were accompanied as far as New Orleans by Mr. Wathen.

Mrs. J. L. Rusca and children returned from an extended visit to relatives and friends at Thibodaux and Fardoeche. They were preceded home by Mr. Rusca, who arrived last week after a short stay in Natchitoches.

After a visit of three weeks to relatives in New Orleans, Misses Ella and Lisa Melancon returned home Sunday. They were accompanied by their cousins, Misses Judith and Genevieve Lorel, who will be their hosts for a week.

Following Sunday morning from a honeymoon trip to New Orleans, Mr. and Mrs. Don J. Guillard were the guests of Mrs. Charles E. Burges and family until Tuesday night, when they left for their home at Mincola, Texas.

Thy Schloss, of Baton Rouge, is visiting Donaldsonville in the interest of the Schloss cotton and moss raising at Baton Rouge, the largest in the south, and during his stay will be a guest at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Jasmin Tobias.

Under Kittredge Sims went to New Orleans yesterday afternoon and will return this evening. He will be accompanied home by his mother and brother, Mrs. C. Sims, and Master Kline Sims, who have been spending a couple of weeks at Biloxi.

A collective event of the past week was the leap year dance given at Donaldsonville Tuesday evening by the members of the community's most popular girls. The attendance compared nearly two score couples, and everybody present had an enjoyable

Of Interest to the Ladies.

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Miss Blima Wutke, after spending a couple of weeks here with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wutke and family, returned last Saturday to her home in Plaquemine. She was accompanied by Misses Mabel and Hilda Wutke, who will be her guests for a short while.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Krieger's little family circle has been increased by the arrival of another fine boy, who made his appearance at their home Wednesday forenoon. Congratulations about the joyous event are being showered upon the happy parents by their many friends.

On account of the fact that the state firemen's association will convene at Plaquemine tomorrow, the meeting of the local fire board called for tomorrow afternoon has been postponed to Sunday, Sept. 8, at 2 o'clock p. m. At this meeting officers for the ensuing year will be elected.

Mrs. Carrie Curtis, of New Orleans, arrived here yesterday for a brief visit to Mr. and Mrs. E. Thibodeaux. She will return home tomorrow morning, and will be accompanied by Mrs. Thibodeaux and her small daughters, Dorothy and Caro, who will remain in the Crescent City a week or so.

Robert J. Broussard, a prominent young business man of Cornivert, passed through Donaldsonville Monday with the party of relatives and friends who accompanied the remains of Mrs. L. J. Landry from Cornivert to their last resting place at Plattenville. Mr. Broussard returned home Tuesday.

After spending several days here very pleasantly as the guest of relatives and friends, Miss Rowena Gigny, of New Orleans, left Tuesday afternoon for Waggaman, where she enjoyed a brief visit to Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Landry and family, subsequently proceeding to Patterson to visit her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brand.

Mrs. Obie Wookam, nee Noelle Guedry, died recently at her home in Plaquemine, aged twenty years. The remains were conveyed to Paincourtville, where interment was made in the Guedry family tomb in the Catholic cemetery, after services at St. Elizabeth church. Deceased was a native of Assumption parish, and a sister of J. E. Guedry, of this city.

Among those from upper Ascension who went to Gelsmar Sunday before last to attend the dance given by the Woodmen of the World were Misses Fanny LeBlanc, Donnie and Noemie Becknel, Pauline Badaeux and Carrie Schuster, and Messrs. Guy and Norman Parker, Noah and George LeBlanc, Vives Ramirez, Pierre Becknel, Dudley Hanagiff, Badaeux, Frank and Lynn LaRose and Sabin Dolron.

D. B. Showalter, superintendent of public education in Rapides parish, passed through Donaldsonville recently on his way to Baton Rouge. Mr. Showalter was formerly superintendent of the public schools of Ascension parish, and has a host of friends in this community who were delighted to see him again, and to learn that he and his estimable family are enjoying the blessings of health and happiness.

The stock of goods contained in the jewelry store of the late R. L. Smith, a well-known colored citizen of Donaldsonville who died recently at the Charity Hospital in New Orleans, was sold at auction Thursday and Friday by Jasmin Tobias. The event attracted a great deal of attention, and under the influence of Mr. Tobias' persuasive "line of talk," the bidding on many of the articles was quite spirited. Mr. Tobias is a first-class auctioneer, as well as a successful merchant and all round business man.

Mrs. L. J. Landry, nee Theresa LeBlanc, wife of the manager of Picard & Gelsmar's plantations near Cornivert, died at 10:30 o'clock p. m. Sunday night from the effects of pneumonia poisoning, after an illness of only a few days. Funeral services were held in St. Elizabeth church at Paincourtville at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon, and interment was made in the Catholic cemetery at Plattenville. Mrs. Landry was a native of Paincourtville, and had a large number of relatives and friends throughout this section who were shocked to learn of her untimely demise. Besides her husband, she leaves seven children—three boys and four girls, ranging in age from two to twelve years.

Death of Little Louis Ohmeyer. Louis Irvin Ohmeyer, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ohmeyer, of Burton, died at 8:30 o'clock a. m. Tuesday, Aug. 27, after a four weeks' illness, aged three years, eleven months and eight days. The body was brought to Donaldsonville Tuesday on the 7:38 p. m. T. and P. train, and was conveyed to the residence of D. Ohmeyer in Railroad avenue, from whence the funeral took place at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, with services and interment in the Catholic church and cemetery. The heartbroken mother and father are tendered the profound sympathy of a wide circle of friends in their sore bereavement.

Death of Mrs. Santiago Truxillo.

After months of suffering from an incurable disease, Mrs. Santiago Truxillo, nee Corlune Arceneaux, passed away at her husband's home in Houmas street at 1 o'clock a. m. last Monday, aged forty-one years, seven months and twenty-six days. Practically every heart in Donaldsonville experienced a keen pang of sorrow when the announcement of the death of this estimable young woman was made, and the pall of grief that shadows the community is the unconquered tribute of respect which the living are paying to the memory of one so worthy of remembrance and regard.

Every resource at the command of medical science, supplemented by the most skillful and tender nursing, was employed in an effort to check the ravages of the dread disease, to which Mrs. Truxillo had fallen a victim, but the most earnest efforts of the physicians and nurses proved unavailing to avert the end ordained by the Omnipotent Ruler of the universe. Although her sufferings at times were of a most excruciating nature, Mrs. Truxillo bore her burden of pain with true Christian fortitude and bravery, and no murmur of complaint was heard to pass her lips. She was taken to New Orleans some months ago in the hope that something could be done by the eminent physicians of that city to alleviate her condition, but the hope proved futile and recently she was brought back to her home to await the end.

The final scene in the drama was enacted Monday afternoon, when all that was mortal of the lamented young matron was tenderly laid to rest in the Catholic cemetery, after impressive services at Ascension church. Rev. J. M. T. Massardier officiated at the obsequies, and the size of the funeral cortege testified to the esteem and admiration in which the deceased was held in this community, and indicated the degree of sorrow and regret occasioned by her untimely demise.

Mrs. Truxillo is survived by her husband and nine children, the eldest of whom is only sixteen years of age. They are: Misses Stella, Corinne, Cecile, Lucille, Della and Emily, and Masters Harvey, Clarence and James. She also leaves three sisters, Mrs. Arthur Veron, Mrs. Sim Rousseau, and Miss Laura Arceneaux, and two brothers, Messrs. Florian and Laurent Arceneaux, all of whom reside in Smoke Bend.

To those afflicted ones the Chief tenders its warmest sympathy.

Ponder Well Received.

Hon. Amos L. Ponder addressed a meeting at the courthouse last Sunday night in the interest of his candidacy for congress, this being the second time Mr. Ponder has spoken at Donaldsonville during the pending campaign. A fair-sized crowd was present, including a number of ladies, and much enthusiasm was manifested.

Representative Sidney A. Marchand of this parish, who with Frank M. Edwards of Amite City is managing Mr. Ponder's campaign, called the assemblage to order and introduced the Tangipahoa candidate in a well-worded and eulogistic address. Mr. Ponder was warmly greeted, and his remarks were given close attention. He made an excellent speech, replete with effective arguments and clever anecdotes, and told in a convincing manner what he stood for and what he would endeavor to do if sent to congress. He paid his respects to Mr. Morgan and the latter's campaign manager, C. C. Weber, for some particularly caustic comments and criticisms. He declared that "Keelbe" Weber, Mr. Morgan's campaign manager, had caused a report to be circulated in Ascension and other sugar parishes that he (Ponder) was a free-trader, and that some of Mr. Morgan's friends in another section of the district, notably in St. Helena parish, had proclaimed him to be a protectionist. He roundly denounced this method of political campaigning, and pointed out that his views on the tariff were plainly set forth when he announced his candidacy and later in a speech at Amite City, and are the same in the hills or in the valleys, in the cotton country or in the sugar district.

He said Col. Jones' and Mr. Claiborne's account of their record in the legislature is correct, Col. Jones practically passed all the good bills that were introduced and Mr. Claiborne killed all the bad bills. If Louisiana needs anything in the world, he said, it is somebody to pass good bills and somebody to kill bad bills; therefore he thought Col. Jones and Mr. Claiborne ought to be kept at home to best serve their people.

Mr. Ponder's speech made a most favorable impression upon all who heard it, and there can be no doubt that his candidacy has been materially strengthened here as a result of the splendid effort.

Prior to the meeting Mr. Ponder was presented with a lovely cluster of flowers by Miss Rosa Kern, in behalf of "many friends."

Catholic Schools to Open Monday.

St. Joseph's Commercial Institute for boys, conducted by the Brothers of the Sacred Heart, and St. Vincent's Institute for girls, under the supervision of the Sisters of Charity, will open next Monday morning, Sept. 2, and the outlook for a large attendance of pupils at both of the excellent institutions is unusually promising.

There will be six class-rooms at St. Joseph's Institute this session, instead of five as heretofore, and the following efficient faculty will be in charge: Brother Albert, principal; Brothers Hubert, Joseph, Adrian, Gerard and Clement.

At St. Vincent's Institute, the work of the session will be directed by the same competent corps of preceptors who have constituted the faculty for the past several years.

There will be races tomorrow at Malarech's half-mile track at Belle Rose, beginning at 2:30 p. m.

LAFOURCHE LEVEE BOARD.

Spirited Meeting of New Commissioners—E. G. Swartz Elected President, and Donaldsonville Recognized as Legal Domicile—Selection of Secretary and Official Journal Deferred.

The new board of commissioners of the Lafourche basin levee district held their first meeting at Donaldsonville Monday with a full attendance of members, as follows: E. E. Perez, Plaquemine; Charles Vierling, Jefferson; A. Champagne, St. John; George Lorio, St. Charles; E. G. Swartz, St. James; P. B. Lemann, Ascension; Robert Martin, Jr., Assumption; J. F. Wigginton, Lafourche; T. B. Thaggard, Jefferson, for the railroads. W. J. McCune, secretary of the old board, was also present.

Mr. Lemann nominated Mr. Swartz for president, and the election was made by acclamation. Upon assuming the chair Mr. Swartz made a neat little speech, thanking the board for the honor conferred upon him and expressing the hope that the members would work together in harmony and good will for the best interests of the people they represent.

For secretary, Mr. Thaggard placed in nomination Hector Hinc of St. James, a second being offered by Mr. Champagne. On motion of Mr. Wigginton, seconded by Mr. Lemann, the election of a secretary was deferred until some future meeting of the board, it being understood that Secretary McCune shall hold over until his successor is elected. Mr. McCune is a candidate for re-election, and it is understood there are several other aspirants for the position.

A heated discussion arose as to the right of the board to maintain a subsidiary office in New Orleans. The members were of one opinion that the domicile of the board is in Donaldsonville and cannot be changed except by legislative enactment, and they were agreed that they should meet here every four months, as the law requires, and also to levy taxes and transact other such important business. Col. Theo. S. Wilkinson of Plaquemine parish, who was present, suggested that the board continue to meet in New Orleans for the transaction of routine business, which could be later ratified at the quarterly meetings held in the domicile. He pointed out that the former boards had followed this method since the creation of the district, in 1882, and that it was found to be convenient and satisfactory to all concerned.

District Attorney Philip Gilbert, who was present at the request of Mr. Swartz, and who under the law is the legal adviser of the board, gave it as his opinion that the board had absolutely no right to rent an office in New Orleans, and that money so expended was illegally disbursed. He declared that all the business transacted by the board in its New Orleans office was illegal, Donaldsonville being the official domicile of the organization. Col. Wilkinson, who was formerly a member of the board, asked Mr. Gilbert if he meant to imply that everything done by the board within the past two years had been illegally done, to which Mr. Gilbert replied, "Absolutely so."

This brought into the discussion Commissioner Perez of Plaquemine, who has served on the levee board almost since its creation, and he took exception to Mr. Gilbert's statement, declaring that such able lawyers as the late R. N. Sims and E. N. Fugh, the latter now a candidate for associate justice of the supreme court, had informed the board that it was strictly within its rights in establishing and maintaining a New Orleans office.

Mr. Gilbert persisted in his ruling, and stated if all the lawyers in Louisiana advised otherwise, he would still maintain that under the law the board would have as much authority to spend money for the rental of an office in Rome as for one in New Orleans.

The ensuing discussion was participated in by Messrs. Wilkinson, Lorio, Thaggard, Martin, Lemann and others, including Senator Emil Sundry of Assumption, who was also in attendance, and while the argument was going on Attorney Gilbert withdrew from the meeting. He said the law did not require him to attend the meetings of the board and he would not be present at any more, if any legal advice is required from him, his address is Napoleonville, he said, where the board may communicate with him should it have need of his services.

Capt. V. Mauria of Donaldsonville, president of the outgoing levee board, had been invited to be present at the meeting, and also joined in the discussion up to the right of the board to maintain an office in New Orleans. President Swartz, in view of Attorney Gilbert's opinion, desired to continue holding the sessions of the board here until the advice of the attorney general in the matter had been obtained. After a long-continued and spicy discussion, Mr. Vierling moved that the president be instructed to call the next meeting of the board to be held in New Orleans, which motion was seconded by Mr. Wigginton.

Mr. Martin moved as a substitute that the board continue to hold its meetings here, until such time as a ruling could be secured from the attorney general on the point at issue. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thaggard.

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Swing Fund. Contributions to the swing fund aggregating \$16 were received this week, bringing the total to \$144.25. Among the subscribers were Col. T. Sambola Jones, of Baton Rouge, candidate for congress, who forwarded a generous donation through his campaign manager, O. B. Steele. Another out-of-town contributor was Charles Langbecker, formerly of this city, but for some years past a resident of Denver, who, like the other erstwhile Donaldsonvillians who have aided the fund, still cherishes a spirit of affection for the old town and is glad to co-operate at long distance in promoting its welfare and advancement. The following letters accompanied Mr. Langbecker's and Col. Jones' remittances: "Denver, Colo., Aug. 21, 1912. 'Editor Chief, 'Received my paper today, and note your appeal in behalf of the little folk. Kindly accept the enclosed draft for \$1 from one who has a warm spot in his heart for Donaldsonville. 'Truly yours, 'CHARLES LANGBECKER.' 'Baton Rouge, La., Aug. 27, 1912. 'Mr. Jasmin Tobias, Donaldsonville, La. 'My dear Mr. Tobias:—Your favor of the 25th, addressed to Colonel Jones, has been received by me in his absence. 'I note the purpose for which you solicit assistance, and knowing Colonel Jones' great interest in parks and playgrounds for the children, I enclose you a check for \$5 as a little contribution to the splendid work you are doing for the good people of Donaldsonville. 'Colonel Jones is a great advocate of the work you are doing, and if I, I am sure, give him great pleasure to know that I have acted for him in this matter. 'I beg to thank you on behalf of Colonel Jones for the good wishes for his success. I am, 'Very truly yours, 'O. B. STEELE, 'Campaign Manager.' Two of the steel lawn swings arrived this week and have been erected in the park, and the others will probably be received during the coming week. The toboggan slide and iron benches are also on the way.

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HOMESTEAD NOTICE. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. U. S. LAND OFFICE AT BATON ROUGE, LA. Proof under Act June 8th, 1912. NOTICE is hereby given that Marcell P. Lee, of Assumption, La., who on July 15, 1909, made Homestead Entry, No. 29272, for 80 acres, Section 26, Township 10 S., Range 3 E., St. Helena Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Three Year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Register & Receiver, at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on the 24th day of Sept. 1912. Claimant names as witnesses: FELIX M. BOURGEOIS, of Sorrento, La.; Morris Elme, of Sorrento, La.; Louis Johnson, of Sorrento, La.; Delmas Mire, of Sorrento, La.