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ANNOUNCEMENT

FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT.

To the Voters of Ascension Parish:
I hereby announce that I am a candidate for the office of associate justice of the Supreme Court of the state, from the fourth supreme court district, of which the parish of Ascension forms a part, at the second Democratic primary election to be held for the nomination of a candidate for that office on October 8, 1912.
ROBERT R. REID.

THE SACRAMENTO SCHOOL AFFAIR.

In last week's Chief editorial comment was made on the reported invasion of the Sacramento school-house in the second ward by a party of picnickers from this city and neighborhood, who were alleged to have committed certain depredations within the building and about the grounds, resulting in damage to the schoolroom furniture and appliances, and causing annoyance to the teachers and pupils of the institution.

The information on which this editorial was founded was furnished by the parish superintendent of public education and the member of the school board from the second ward, who requested that the attention of the parents of the picnickers be directed to the alleged unseemly conduct of their children on this occasion.

The allegations made by the school officials are denied by the members of the picnic party, who declare the incident has been exaggerated and ask for an official investigation into the matter by the parish school board or any other body with jurisdiction in the premises.

To the end of righting whatever wrong may have been done the picnickers and their parents by the publication of ill-founded accusations, and seeing that the matter is presented to the public in its true light, the Chief tenders the use of its columns, within reason, for the promulgation of any statements or explanations which either party to the controversy may care to make.

Vox populi, vox Dei, when it talks on our side.

The Mexican revolt seems to be steadily declining.

Wednesday, Oct. 9, will be "fire prevention day" in Louisiana.

A premature report obtained circulation to the effect that Italy and Turkey were about to sign a peace treaty.

The bottom has fallen out of the Nicaraguan revolution and Gen. Mena, the rebel leader, has been captured.

The Iberville South accuses Gov. Hall of dabbling in the local politics of that parish after promising to keep hands off. The South threatens to prove the charge, in which case it will be in order for the governor to call for soap and water.

Former United States Senator Hernando DeSoto Money died at his home at Fairhaven, Miss., Sept. 19, as the result of injuries sustained in a fall down stairs. He was feeble from age and nearly blind, and his vitality was not sufficient to survive the shock of a broken hip and other hurts.

Sam Johnson, the half-witted negro who killed Percy Alexander, a prominent young lawyer, at Shreveport, was taken from deputy sheriffs by a party of masked men and hanged the night of Sept. 25. Johnson was apprehended at Alexandria and was being taken back to Caddo parish when the lynchers got in their work.

The First State Bank of Leesville, La., has been closed by order of State Bank Examiner W. L. Young, bad loans having placed the institution in a precarious position. It is estimated that the losses will approximate \$50,000, but confidence is expressed that the depositors will be paid in full and that the bank will probably resume business.

M. B. Trezevant, the capable and energetic secretary-manager of the New Orleans Progressive Union, has been unanimously elected president of the American Association of Commercial Executives for the ensuing year. James Bell of Saksaton, Canada, was chosen first vice president. Next year's meeting of the association is to be held in New Orleans.

The Donaldsonville Chief has attained the age of 42 years. The Chief is an excellent local paper and offers an exemplification of the fallacy that the good die young.—Monroe News-Star.
Only 41, neighbor, going on 42. Ticked by your good opinion, "cause why, there aren't many better judges of "an excellent local paper" than the Monroe News-Star, which is one of that kind its ownself. Both of us are good enough to live and too good to die.

THE NEW ORLEANS CITY PRIMARY.

The Democratic primary election held in New Orleans last Tuesday for the purpose of nominating candidates for mayor and four other members of the board that will have control of municipal affairs under the new commission form of government, resulted in a decisive victory for the ticket of the regular party organization, headed by Martin Behrman. The other candidates on the regular ticket were W. B. Thompson, Edward E. Lafaye, A. G. Ricks and Harold W. Newman.

The candidates on the opposition ticket, selected by the Democratic Good Government League, were Chas. F. Claiborne for mayor, Andrew McShane, Oscar Schumert, George M. Leahy and Louis Pfister.

Mayor Behrman led his ticket with 23,365 votes, a majority of 9371 over his competitor, whose total was 13,994. As the mayor was a third-term candidate and the opposition made him their central point of attack, the fact that he received the highest vote cast is justly regarded by his friends and himself as constituting a public vindication and indorsement of the course he has pursued in the direction of the city government during the past eight years. In all of his speeches in the ten-day campaign preceding the primary he announced that he placed his claim for re-election squarely upon his record, and a large majority of his constituents declared by their ballots that they regarded this record as creditable and entitled to approval.

The vote for the other eight candidates for commissioner was as follows: Regulars—Thompson 22,987, Lafaye 22,473, Ricks 21,968, Newman 21,422; Good Government Leaguers—McShane 16,234, Schumert 14,646, Leahy 13,879, Pfister 13,479. The total vote cast was 37,359 and the average majority of the regular candidates over their opponents, exclusive of the aspirants for mayor, was 7653, a gain of over a thousand as compared with the primary of September 3.

Nothing daunted by these two defeats, the Democratic Good Government League will maintain its organization, and has adopted resolutions pledging co-operation with the new administration to make the commission form of city government a success, indorsing Wilson and Marshall, the Democratic nominees for president and vice president, and promising the best efforts of the league membership toward securing the adoption by the people of the proposed constitutional amendment reforming the state's taxation system.

COL. ROOSEVELT IN NEW ORLEANS.

Col. Theodore Roosevelt addressed 5000 people in the Winter Garden at New Orleans on Friday of last week, and made a strong plea for southern support of the Progressive party. He laid special stress upon the interest of Louisiana and New Orleans in the Panama canal, Mississippi river improvement and protection of the sugar industry, claiming that his own course and the Progressive platform gave better assurance of friendship for this section and its people than do the declarations and performances of either the Republican or Democratic party. He said "We are through with the Republican party," and made it clear that the Progressive movement is standing on its own merits and that its leaders regard the usefulness of both the old parties at an end.

Gen. W. J. Behan called the Roosevelt meeting to order and John M. Parker acted as chairman. The Bull Moose candidate reached the city at 10 a. m., was taken on an automobile tour, entertained at luncheon at Antoine's, made his speech late in the afternoon and left at night for Montgomery, Ala., where he spoke the following day.

The second primary election for the nomination of a candidate for associate justice of the supreme court, and the fourth for congressman in the sixth district, will be held next Tuesday, the 8th inst. Judge Robert R. Reid of Tangipahoa and Judge Charles A. O'Neil of St. Mary are contesting for the nomination for associate justice, and Messrs. Ferd. C. Claiborne of Pointe Coupee and Lewis L. Morgan of St. Tammany are the rival aspirants for the congressional nomination. Each of the candidates professes to be confident of defeating his opponent.

After a deal of jockeying and skirmishing on the part of Campaign Managers Conrad Lecoq and Caleb Weber, the much-talked-of joint debates between Candidates Ferd. C. Claiborne and Lewis L. Morgan have at last been arranged, and will take place at Plaquemine and Baton Rouge on the 6th and 7th insts., respectively. Mr. Claiborne selected Plaquemine as the scene of his verbal encounter with Mr. Morgan, and the latter designated the capital city as the place where he desired to engage with his opponent in a joint discussion of the issues of the campaign.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

The Chief is not responsible for the views expressed by correspondents.

As to Donaldsonville's City Park.

Editor Chief:
What do you know about the rumors going the rounds as to the reason why the toboggan slide was removed from the City Park and placed in an out-of-the-way corner of the town? One report has it that the grieved cries of the children were irritating to the sensitive nerves of some; another claims that the pattering feet of these obnoxious young Arabs were playing havoc with the tender blades of grass. What do you know about that? Won't some kind citizen have the swings removed, under the first reason, and have the band cease giving concerts because it attracts the little tots, who, in playing "Ring Around the Roses," tramp on the beautiful grass, and whose singing disturbs the older heads in their efforts to absorb every note of music. Why not buck and gag the kids, or, better still, keep them at home, and we will be sure none of our particular citizens will have anything to irritate them.

Let us admit there are some boisterous children who frequent this playground. Are we going to submit to them and cause all the balance to suffer for the wrongs of these few? Let the police take care of this and I feel sure that, with the co-operation of the better element, this condition can be easily remedied.

When the park was first laid out, some stray animal was frequently seen browsing on the tender foliage and the cry was that they could not be kept out of the grounds. This theory was soon blasted and it is a very rare thing that a stray animal ever gets his hoof across the dead line now.

Our park should be a pride to all alike and there should be concerted action by every individual citizen and the municipal authorities toward its conservation. Don't let us have any sore-heads. No city in this or any other state, with the small population of Donaldsonville, can boast of a more attractive City Park. Let it be a misdemeanor for anyone to destroy, or disfigure in any manner, any bit of shrubbery or fixture, useful or ornamental, that belongs to our City Park. Let the authorities give this matter their attention. Let the embellishment and conservation of the City Park be one of our campaign issues. Let's not be fossilized; let us be up to date in this issue. Let those of us who are inclined to be a little prejudiced and narrow-minded overcome these shortcomings and boost the game from first to last. Bury your little hatchet and put your shoulder to the wheel of progress and help drag the good old wagon out of the rut of stagnation. Let "Civic Pride" be our watchword, and up-to-date-ness our battle cry.

Now, Mr. Mayor, have that sliding arrangement put back in the City Park where it rightfully belongs, and see what can be done toward the conservation of the park by yourself and the council.

E PLURIBUS UNUM.

Dudley Weber Elected City Judge of Baton Rouge.
Dudley L. Weber, a talented young Donaldsonvillian who for several years past has resided in Baton Rouge, where he is engaged in the practice of law, was elected city judge of Baton Rouge in a spirited primary election held last Wednesday, defeating his opponent, D. D. Cline, by a majority of 41 votes in a total poll of 1207. Mr. Weber's vote was 624 and Mr. Cline's 583, the successful candidate carrying three out of four precincts in the city. Mr. Weber's many friends here were delighted to learn of his election, and are confident that he will make a first-class official.

Speaking of the election, the Baton Rouge News Advocate says:
"The primary of yesterday was one of the warmest that Baton Rouge has witnessed in some time. The result was in doubt until the last vote was counted."
"The friends of Mr. Weber were rejoiced at his nomination, and paraded Third street with a band."
"Mr. Weber, the newly-elected city judge, is one of the popular young lawyers of Baton Rouge. He is a graduate of the Louisiana State University, both in the literary and law departments, and has taken a prominent part in city affairs since his graduation."

Hon. John Marks Stricken on Train.

While en route from Fordoche to Donaldsonville Thursday afternoon, via train No. 60 on the Texas and Pacific Railroad, due here at 6:08 p. m., ex-State Senator John Marks, of Assumption parish, was taken violently ill shortly after the train had pulled out of Addis. Dr. E. K. Sims, of this city, was telephoned to meet the train upon its arrival here, and he diagnosed Mr. Marks' illness as an attack of acute indigestion. A special train was immediately made up on the Thibodaux branch of the T. and P., and the patient was rushed to his home on Nellie plantation, being accompanied by Dr. Sims and several friends. The train left Donaldsonville at 7 p. m., and upon returning a few hours later, Dr. Sims reported, though still quite weak, and stated that there was every indication the attack would not prove as serious as was at first apprehended.

Mr. Marks is interested largely in sugar lands in the vicinity of Fordoche, and was returning from a visit to his property there when he was prostrated.

The Local Theatrical Season will be Opened Monday Night, Oct. 7, with the production of "Seven Days" at the Grandra Theatre. The following attraction will be "The Goose Girl," on Oct. 17.

Feast of Tabernacles.

"Succoth," the Feast of Tabernacles, falls on the 15th day of the 7th month, Tishri, which this year occurred on Thursday, Sept. 26. The festival lasts eight days, the final day being known as the Feast of Conclusion. Only the first and last days are regarded as days of sacred character whereon public assemblage and worship are held.

"Succoth" is in character a harvest festival. Scripturally it is known as the "Feast of Ingathering," and is ordained in Exodus XXIII-16 and XXXIV-22. Historically it is associated with the journey of the Israelites through the wilderness, when they lived in tents, or temporary habitations. In Leviticus XXIII-42 it is commanded that the Israelites shall "dwell in booths seven days," in commemoration of the fact that Israel dwelt in booths when God brought them up out of Egypt, hence the name, the Feast of Tabernacles, or Booths.

After the destruction of the national existence of the Jews, the festival gradually assumed the character of a modern harvest festival of a religious nature, in which stress is laid upon the Providence of God as evidenced in the richness and bounty of nature. Here again the high ideal of Judaism is taught in the conception of God as the Supreme Lord of all, and in contrast to the idolatry, whether ancient or modern, that defies the forces of nature or nature itself. The fruitfulness of the soil, the teeming bounty of the earth, the Jew is reminded, are the gifts of the great Giver and Author of all life. Hence gratitude is due to him alone. Man, in the midst of his many blessings, is to rejoice before, and to give praise to Him, the supreme and all-governing Creator.

The synagogues are decorated with fruits and flowers and products of the field, and the whole service of the festival is redolent with the joyous, grateful recognition of the divine goodness and blessing.

Divine services in honor of this notable festival were held in the Chikur Cholim Synagogue at 7 o'clock last Sunday evening. Rabbi H. Rosenwasser, of Baton Rouge, delivered a discourse on "The Soul's Receptiveness for the Divine," and beautiful music was rendered by an augmented choir.

St. Elmo Booming.

In a letter to the editor of The Chief dated at New Orleans Sept. 4, E. P. Brady, the enterprising young president of the Alluvial Land Purchase Company, writes as follows:
"I am glad to inform you that all matters have been satisfactorily arranged for the rails for our new railroad, and active work on same will commence next week. This road, in connection with the proposed electric road from Donaldsonville to the Cut-Off, should make Donaldsonville grow very rapidly."
"After moving quite a number of houses in our town, we now have an active building crew renovating, remodeling and constructing dwellings in St. Elmo. We have contracted to build over forty houses for families between now and January, 1913, and they will be put in order just as fast as our crew can do the work. We have one of the ablest carpenters and architects we could secure, and the work he is doing will be a credit to our community. We have already established a wagon factory, which bids fair to be one of Ascension's valuable industries. A well-known concern has promised to establish a factory in St. Elmo as soon as the railroad to Belle Helene has been completed, and two or three other smaller factories are figuring with us. We feel certain that within the next six months we will have a number of small manufacturing plants in operation, in addition to the canning factory, which is co-operative and belongs to the town of St. Elmo."

Committees Named to Conduct Tax Reform Campaign.
The committees to conduct the tax reform campaign under the general supervision of the executive committee of the Tax Revision Association of Louisiana have been named by Governor L. E. Hall, chairman, and John T. Michel, vice chairman, as follows:
Finance—Edgar H. Farrar, chairman; J. Zach Spearling, Theodore S. Wilkinson, Jos. Voegtle, Leon R. Smith and Bertrand Well.
Speakers—Gov. L. E. Hall, chairman; John T. Michel, Walter J. Burke, Robert B. Butler and Leon R. Smith.

On Address to the People—George Wesley Smith, chairman; John T. Michel, Newton Crain Blanchard, Marion Swords and Walter J. Burke.

To Confer with Organizations of New Orleans—W. O. Hart, chairman; Edgar H. Farrar, Jos. Voegtle, Martin H. Manion and Morton A. Aldrich.
On Rules—Gov. L. E. Hall, chairman; John T. Michel, N. C. Blanchard, Theodore S. Wilkinson and W. O. Hart.

Levee Board to Meet Here Oct. 10.

Much interest is felt here in the forthcoming meeting of the board of commissioners of the Lafourche Levee District, to be held in this city Thursday, Oct. 10, since it is expected that at this session steps will be taken to conform with Attorney General Pleasant's ruling to the effect that Donaldsonville is the legal domicile of the board, and the only place at which meetings of the body can be held. The records and archives will have to be removed from New Orleans, and quarters will have to be engaged here for the storing of these documents, and for the future meetings of the board. It is not anticipated that the board will seek to contest the ruling of the attorney general, since it concurs with the opinion given the board by its regularly constituted legal adviser, District Attorney Philip Gilbert, and is based on a decision rendered by Judge Paul Leche of the twenty-seventh judicial district court.

Borrowed Items of Interest.

A. C. Henderson has left his home at Forest Hill and gone to the Belle Alliance central factory, where he will be during the coming grinding season.

A. M. Andino, after completing his campaign in Porto Rico, has gone to the Tally Ho plantation of the Geo. M. Marrell Planting and Mfg. Company, for the Louisiana campaign.—Louisiana Planter.

An Ascension boy is being talked of all over the state just now more than a newly elected congressman. This boy is prominent because of his raising a 340-pound hog. We are learning every day to appreciate the things that really count.

For genuine, simon-pure civic spirit, Donaldsonville's municipal officers take the pink ribbon. In order to permit the putting in of modern improvements in its waterworks and electric light plant, the officials willingly stood a cut in their salaries, the mayor giving up all of his.—Assumption Pioneer.

Mrs. H. H. Waters has returned from her home on the lake near Orilla, Canada, where she annually spends the summer season. Her sons-in-law and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Smithers of New York and Dr. and Mrs. Wm. Forester Miles of Burnside, La., were among her guests there.

Mrs. Walter Gulon is back from Blowing Rock, N. C., where she spent the summer. The husband of Mr. and Mrs. James P. Kock and family have been in New York city recently. Miss Alice Kock and Charles Kock are among a party of Orleansians who are being entertained for the week-end by Mr. and Mrs. Caswell P. Ellis and Miss Nellie Ellis, at their summer home on Long Island.—Times-Democrat, Sept. 29.

In the latter part of the coming month will be celebrated at West Point, Miss., the marriage of Miss Janie Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Miller, to Edwin Thibodaux, the highly-esteemed and efficient assistant engineer of the Armat factory. Miss Miller and Mr. Thibodaux number their friends in the seventh ward by the number of their acquaintances. Miss Miller's father was for a number of years manager of the Back Armat plantation. He left here two years ago to manage his own plantation near West Point, Miss.

Mr. Thibodaux, only son of Mrs. Blanche Thibodaux, is a young gentleman of excellent habits, who enjoys the happy faculty of making friends and of retaining them. His numerous friends and those of the bride-elect join The Interim in extending their congratulations in advance.—St. James Interim, Sept. 28.

Candidates Attend Catholic Fair.

Judge Charles A. O'Neil visited Donaldsonville last Saturday in the interest of his candidacy for associate justice of the supreme court, and while here complimented The Chief with a pleasant call. Judge O'Neil attended the Catholic fair Saturday night, and left the following morning to complete his canvass of the fourth supreme court district.

Ferd. C. Claiborne attended the fair Sunday night and mingled among the voters present. He expressed himself as confident of defeating Lewis L. Morgan for the congressional nomination, and stated that he is receiving favorable reports from all sections of the district concerning his candidacy and the outlook for his success. Mr. Claiborne carried this parish in the first primary, and there is every indication that he will again defeat Mr. Morgan in Ascension in 'the second trial of strength.

Cane Planting Begun at Angola.

The colossal task of planting 1200 acres in cane on the state penitentiary farm at Angola was begun the latter part of last week. The seed cane to be used will be supplied from the Monticello and Oakley plantations in Iberville parish, and twenty carloads a day for thirty days will be required. It is figured that the freight charges alone for transporting this cane to Angola will amount to over \$7000, and the total cost of replanting the big farm is estimated at \$30,000. An army of labor will be required at Monticello and Oakley to load the cane on the cars, and another big force will be employed at Angola to place the stalks in the ground.

As a sequel to the spring flood, the mammoth Angola refinery will not be operated this year. The crops planted since the high water have done remarkably well, a large yield of corn and hay having been obtained.

An Appreciated Compliment.

The Chief doffs its hat to its esteemed contemporary, the St. Elmo Bi-Weekly Bulletin, for the following cordial "send-off" given us by that sprightly journal ament the completion of our forty-first year of existence: "Recently our excellent contemporary, The Donaldsonville Chief, celebrated its forty-first birthday anniversary."
"The press of Louisiana and neighboring states united in congratulating The Chief on the splendid record of its forty years of service. To this chorus the Bulletin adds its humble voice, and joins with its fellows most heartily in wishing The Chief continuation of its already long life and its undoubted popularity."
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"The Goose Girl."
The same elements of interest and strength that went to make Harold MacGrath's well-known novel, "The Goose Girl," one of the "six best sellers" of fiction, are present in even greater measure in the dramatization of the book by George D. Baker. "The Goose Girl," which will be seen here Thursday, Oct. 17, is full of heart interest, royal love-making, plotting and intrigue, and few plays, even of the romantic school, have as many dramatic situations crowded into the space of their unfolding as has this successful production.

Think of a girl who was kidnapped by a band of gypsies when an infant, released to become the attendant of geese, wins the love of a king who is masquerading as a vintner, finds that she is really a princess, and then becomes a queen by marrying and you have the story of "The Goose Girl."

The scenes are laid in a mythical German kingdom and admit of elaborate stage adornment. A massive production is carried by Baker & Castle, the producers, painted by the well-known New York scenic artists, Dodge & Castle, from whose studio came such successes as "The Rose Maid," "The Merry Widow," "The Spring Maid," etc.

F. B. Lemann went to New Orleans yesterday to attend a meeting of the Lafourche Basin Levee Board.

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Donaldsonville, La., Sept. 28, 1912.

JURY VENIRE.
State of Louisiana—Parish of Ascension—Twenty-Seventh Judicial District Court.

LIST of thirty (30) petit jurors drawn to serve at a special session of this court for the week beginning the second Monday of October, 1912, all in accordance with compliance with an order issued by the Honorable Paul Leche, Judge of said court, on July 18, 1912, and according to the following:

BUDGET		
Estimated Expenditures of the Town of Donaldsonville for a Period of 12 Months, from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1913:		
Mayor's salary	\$ 500 00	
Secretary's salary and making assessment rolls	85 00	
Treasurer's salary	500 00	
Aldermen's salary	2400 00	
Official printer	125 00	
Chief of police	720 00	
One policeman	540 00	
Two scavengers, each \$600	1200 00	
Jailer's salary	100 00	
Fire department	450 00	
Collector's commission	225 00	
Bridge work and improvements	2000 00	
Interest account	2500 00	
Street paving certificates	3000 00	
Street sweeper's salary	180 00	
Bonus Don-Jarrow ferry	300 00	
Certificates of indebtedness to Bank of D'ville	3600 00	
Other notes	1102 33	
Appropriation for light and water plant	2000 00 = \$19622 33	
Estimated Revenues		
Liquor licenses	7000 00	
City tax	2300 00	
Municipal tax, ten mills	8000 00	
Wharf lease	1200 00	
Bridge lease	187 50	
Market lease	1500 00	
Rents	72 00	
Virgin landing franchise	30 00 = 20499 50	
A surplus in general fund		\$ 562 11
Special Bond Fund		
Special tax on \$50,000	\$ 4000 00	
Disbursements		
5 per cent coupons on \$50,000	2500 00	
A surplus in the bond fund		1200 00
Grand total surplus		\$ 1762 11
Respectfully,		
W. D. PARK, Chairman;		
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Finance Committee.		



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