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Boost the inter-parochial fair, Oct. 10, 11, 12.

Kansas City received 100,000 cattle in the first day of the current month, exceeding any previous record for a like time.

J. T. Austin, president of the Monroe, La., gun club, carried off two trophies in a trap-shooting contest at Houston, Texas, breaking 98 targets out of 100 one day and 48 out of 50 the next day.

San Domingo is wrestling with a new revolution and the United States gunboat Des Moines has been sent to Puerto Plata to look after the safety of American residents of the city, who are said to be endangered by the fighting going on between the government forces and the rebels.

The alleged Castro revolution in Venezuela seems to have been an exceedingly small affair, and President Gomez is accused of having fomented and magnified the disturbance as a means of booming his own campaign for re-election. It is doubtful if Castro has even set foot in Venezuela.

Last night's papers stated that the great and distinguished New York lawyer, Jerome, had been lodged in a Canadian jail charged with gambling on the public highways. He must have thought he was in Plaquemine.—Plaquemine Champion.

Before he was pinched, perhaps, but not afterwards.

The latest theory advanced in connection with the mysterious disease, pellagra, is that the malady is communicated through the sting of the buffalo gnat. This is the belief of Prof. Louis Sambon, head of the School of Tropical Medicine in London, who is now in South Carolina investigating the subject.

F. Drew Caminetti was found guilty at Sacramento, California, on one of the four counts of the indictment under the Mann white slave law charging him with inducing Lola Norris to accompany him to Reno, Nevada, for immoral purposes. The maximum penalty that can be exacted of Caminetti is four years' imprisonment and \$5000 fine.

The Echo is of the opinion that if a constitutional convention is called, it should be for the purpose of making an entirely new instrument. It seems that we have outgrown the old one, and there are so many patches on it, that its most intimate friends cannot recognize it.—St. Helena Echo.

We'll have to wear the patched garment a while longer, neighbor, for there won't be time to make a new one and provide for the state debt before January 1.

The Morgan City Chronicle gracefully acknowledges Donaldsonville's precedence in the buzzard-exterminating crusade, and attributes the presumption that its town was in the van of the movement to the alleged fact that the buzzard usually marches at the head of the procession in almost everything appertaining to civic betterment. Yea, ho! Morgan City may be close behind the band-wagon, but Donaldsonville is generally in the wagon and making the music for the rest of the parade to keep step with.

Jug-Handled Reciprocity.

Whenever the country newspapers find foreigners invading the field of home merchants with goods and merchandise and selling them to farmers, they are asked to arise and whack the intruders and advise the farmers to buy their goods of the home merchants. And when foreign printing presses send their representatives among the merchants and business men, many of these same merchants give them their orders. That's reciprocity.—Alexandria Democrat.

Yes, jug-handled reciprocity—all on one side. If the unfair custom has prevailed among any of the business men or institutions of this community, we trust they will consider the advisability of "cutting it out" henceforth, so far as it involves work which the local printing offices are prepared to handle. An essential part of the pending movement to develop and promote the resources of this section is to encourage home industry and enterprise, and if we preach the doctrine we must practice it also, else we cannot consistently claim a share of its advantages nor expect our arguments to command respect or influence.

A Little Republican Victory.

What may be called the preliminary pogon of the next national campaign was popped off last Monday in the third congressional district of Maine, where a special election was held to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Congressman Godwin. An interesting three-cornered campaign was conducted by the Democratic, Republican and Progressive parties, and several speakers of national prominence participated, including Secretary of State Bryan and Speaker Champ Clark. It was quite generally believed that the Democratic candidate would win by a good-sized plurality, but the expectation was not realized. The vote of the district, excepting one small precinct, placed the Republican nominee, John A. Peters, in the lead with 15,197; Wm. A. Brewster, Democrat, second with 14,553, and Edward M. Lawrence, Progressive, a close third with 6487. At the presidential election last November the district gave Wilson 14,692; Roosevelt 12,236 and Taft 7159. A Washington press despatch says that President Wilson and other administration leaders sat up Monday night awaiting news from the Maine election and were much disappointed by the result.

A MATTER OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO DONALDSONVILLE.

Announcement has been made in this paper of the ninth annual convention of the Interstate Inland Waterway League of Louisiana and Texas, to be held at Orange, Texas, October 17 and 18, and in the proceedings of the Donaldsonville commission's monthly session of Sept. 1, published in our last week's issue, appeared the report of Mayor Lemann that he had appointed the following gentlemen to represent this city at the convention: Edward N. Push, John S. Thibaut, H. C. White-man, J. J. Lafargue, C. Kline, R. N. Sims, F. B. Lemann, C. M. Odell, K. A. Aucoin, James Tobias and Chas. A. Maurin.

This is an excellent delegation of representative citizens and it is greatly to be hoped and desired that all of its members will be able to attend the convention. The matter is too important to be neglected or left to chance, however, and the delegates should be asked to indicate definitely whether they accept the assignment and expect to make the trip to Orange at the time designated for the meeting. In the event that these citizens are not in a position to pay their own expenses as well as to contribute their time to the public service, provision should be made for a fund to defray the necessary cost of transportation and maintenance for an effective delegation. The Assumption Pioneer has suggested that the police jury of that parish make an appropriation to pay the expenses of two or more delegates to the Orange convention, and the Assumption police jury and Donaldsonville council could well do likewise.

The principal object of the convention is to promote the completion of the interoceanic canal. According to the original survey of that waterway, Donaldsonville is its eastern terminus, and we must bestir ourselves to have this route adhered to. An absolute essential to the success of this effort is the construction of locks to replace the dam that now shuts off the connection between Bayou Lafourche and the Mississippi river at Donaldsonville. Therefore, our first and greatest interest in the Orange convention is to obtain its approval of the original survey, which prescribes decidedly the best route for the eastern section of the inland waterway, and its approval involves five pledges, including the demand that locks be substituted for the Donaldsonville dam.

The larger and stronger the delegation sent from this section the better will be its chances for success, and there is probably no purpose to which a little money can be more profitably applied at this time than to insure the participation of such a delegation in the convention to assemble at Orange next month.

A SUCCESSFUL LAUNCHING.

Every interest and everybody in this community has reason to be gratified by the unqualified success of the initial step in the movement to establish a fair association and inaugurate a series of annual exhibitions of the products and resources of the five parishes represented at the meeting held in this city Monday evening last.

The gathering was exceptionally well-attended and interesting, and the spirit displayed was the best noted here in many a day. The talks of the speakers were all timely and direct, the plan of organization adopted is practical and efficient, and the personnel of the officers chosen to guide the association through its initial year most satisfactory. To borrow Father Massardier's expression, our best foot has certainly been put forward in this fair association movement.

Fairs are better boomers than perhaps any other enterprise that can be devised, and they pay large dividends in the long run in stimulating ambition and effort for better stock, better farm products, better business and farming methods and better citizenship.

Ascension, Assumption, Iberville, Lafourche and St. James have plenty to show, and if the people of these five parishes will take a proper interest, there is no reason why the projected fair should not be made a big event and one of great value to this section of the state.

Cordial greetings and unbounded success to the South Louisiana Fair Association. May its opening annual exhibition on October 10, 11, and 12, 1913, be a red letter event in local history and the precursor of many others still more pretentious and successful!

THE SENATE AND THE COTTON TAX.

The Democratic senatorial caucus at Washington voted on the 5th instant to add to the tariff bill the provision introduced by Senator Clarke of Arkansas imposing a tax of one-tenth of a cent per pound on cotton future sales, the tax to be refunded in all cases where actual delivery of the cotton is subsequently made. The purpose of the amendment is to discourage gambling in cotton, and the author of the provision denounced the practice severely, characterizing the New York and New Orleans cotton exchanges as the biggest gambling houses in the country.

The action of the caucus was quickly followed by a drop in cotton prices amounting to \$2 a bale, and it is thought this slump in the market had much to do with influencing the Democratic majority to agree to an amendment offered by the finance committee deferring the operation of the Clarke provision until Sept. 1, 1914.

Senator Sheppard of Texas no doubt gave voice to the prevalent opinion among the senators favoring the cotton tax when he said, speaking of the postponement of the date when the tax is to become effective: "That's a good thing to do. It gives the exchange people a year to arrange their business so that they will not be in violation of law."

Cotton prices jumped up as quickly as they had tumbled down after the news of the year's grace reached the markets, and the delay encourages many dealers in futures to believe the tax proposition will never be carried into actual effect.

The latest development in favor of female suffrage is the declaration of Senator Pitchfork Tillman of South Carolina that he is against it. He admits it is coming, however.

THE TARIFF BILL PASSES THE SENATE.

The prolonged tariff contest in the United States senate was brought to an end last Tuesday afternoon, when the Underwood-Simmons bill, amended by vote of 44 to 37, announcement of the result being greeted with loud applause in the galleries and on the floor of the senate.

The affirmative vote was cast by 42 Democrats, 1 Republican (Senator LaFollette of Wisconsin) and 1 Progressive (Senator Poindexter of Washington). Voting in the negative were 35 Republicans and 2 Democrats (Senators Thornton and Ransdell of Louisiana). Senator Newlands of Nevada was the only unpaired senator absent, hence it is assumed he did not care to record himself as either in favor of or opposed to the bill.

Earnest and determined efforts were made to amend the bill in a number of particulars, such as abrogating the free sugar and free wool clauses, expunging the tax on bananas and cotton futures and changing many of the rates of duty on other articles, but the Democratic majority held together in opposing any changes except the few that had the imprimatur of the Democratic caucus and approval of the finance committee. Recognizing the futility of further opposition, the minority agreed to a final vote on the measure, with the result as stated above.

The next step in order will be to refer the bill to a conference committee of the two houses of congress, and by the time this article appears in print this committee will doubtless be at work on the problem of harmonizing the differences of opinion between the bodies involved in the changes made by the senate in the bill as it came from the house. The senate conferees, appointed immediately after Tuesday's vote, are Senators Simmons, Shively, Williams and Johnson, Democrats, and Penrose, Lodge and LaFollette, Republicans. The house conferees were expected to be Representatives Underwood, Kitchin and Rainey, Democrats, and Payne and Fordney, Republicans. It is thought the conference committee will be ready to report within two weeks and that only a few days will then be consumed in the final passage of the completed bill by both houses.

President Wilson has expressed his great pleasure at the outcome, and warmly praised the firmness and loyalty of the party leaders who so successfully conducted the tariff contest in house and senate. The president is confident that business will revive and show great forward strides under the new tariff, which he regards the best and most equitable the country has had for many years.

It is to be hoped his estimate will prove correct, but the people of Louisiana and other states whose principal industries have been attacked and discriminated against cannot be expected to coincide with this optimistic and gleeful view of the situation.

AN EXTRAORDINARY EXTRA SESSION.

The extra session of the Louisiana general assembly held at Baton Rouge this week promises to establish a new record for brevity, speed and harmony in the despatch of legislative business. The governor's call was for a session of twelve days, extending from Sept. 8 to 19, inclusive, but unless some unforeseen obstacle has arisen since this article was prepared the work for which the assembly was brought together was accomplished in five days and adjournment taken yesterday.

The four objects specified in the governor's call have been covered by three bills and a concurrent resolution, all passed by virtually unanimous votes in both houses, except the bill appropriating \$25,000 to rebuild the State Training Institute at Monroe, which met with some opposition. The four measures may be briefly indicated as follows:

1. An act providing for the calling of a constitutional convention, composed of one delegate from each parish of the state and each ward of the city of New Orleans, for the purpose of amending the provisions of the present constitution appertaining to the bonded debt of the state and the authority of the New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board to issue bonds.

2. An act making provision for the rebuilding and improvement of the State Training Institute at Monroe.

3. An act providing for the expenses of the extra session.

4. A concurrent resolution authorizing the governor to fill vacancies in the United States senate pending an election for that purpose.

A more extended and specific review of the proceedings of this extraordinary extra session will be given in next week's Chief.

THE NEW YORK IMBROGLIO.

The rival claimants to the governorship of New York are still standing pat and going through the motions of doing gubernatorial business. Both houses of the legislature have formally recognized Lieutenant Governor Glynn as the acting governor, but Gov. Sulzer holds on to the executive office at the Albany capitol and declares he will not let go unless compelled to do so by competent legal authority.

This condition of affairs is likely to continue until the conclusion of the impeachment trial which is to open in the state senate on September 13. The legislature has adjourned until the 17th.

Friends of Gov. Sulzer are reported to be making efforts to have criminal indictments found against four of the legislators who have been most prominent and active in the movement for the impeachment of the governor. These men are Senator Robert F. Wagner, majority leader; Senator James J. Frawley, chairman of the committee which laid the foundations for the impeachment, and Speaker A. E. Smith and Majority Leader Aaron J. Levy, of the assembly. Levy and Frawley are accused of bribery and other offenses, while Wagner and Smith are charged with perjury for having falsely certified to a quorum. They all declare their intention to seek redress through civil and criminal actions for the publication of the damaging accusations.

Mexico and New York were comparatively quiet at last accounts.

CIVIL SERVICE PRINCIPLE UPHELD.

An attempt was recently made to displace R. E. Redfern, United States commissioner of immigration at New Orleans, and to have a Democrat appointed in his place, there being no other apparent reason for seeking the change than the circumstance that the incumbent commissioner is classed as a Republican. Having performed the duties of his office with marked efficiency and manifested untiring zeal in the cause of the establishment of the model immigration station with which the port of New Orleans is now supplied, Mr. Redfern was strongly backed for retention by the Louisiana senators and congressmen, by Mayor Behrman and many other prominent Democrats. The question of the status of the office was submitted to the civil service commission, which decided that the commissioner's position, only to be vacated or filled in the manner provided by the civil service act.

This quieting of Commissioner Redfern's official title is very gratifying to his large circle of personal friends and also to nearly everybody feeling an interest in the promotion of immigration through New Orleans; and it may be further said that the outcome is not at all disagreeable to the unsuccessful aspirant to the New Orleans commissionership, Lawson E. Evans of Gulfport, Miss., since his candidacy for this place led to his appointment to a more lucrative post—that of immigration commissioner at San Juan, Porto Rico.

The Redfern case, coupled with the recent announcement by Secretary of State Wm. J. Bryan, acting on the authority of President Wilson, that the civil service principle will be maintained in filling vacancies and making promotions in the consular service, supplies additional evidence of the intention of the present national administration not to countenance or permit any resuscitation of the old spoils system to satisfy the demands of patronage dispensers or the aspirations of office seekers.

PRESIDENT TAFT.

Hon. Wm. Howard Taft is both ex-president and president. He is ex-president of the United States and the newly elected president of the American Bar Association.

This eminent organization held its annual session at Montreal, Canada, during the last week in August and first week in September, and one of the best papers on the program was presented by Mr. Taft, whose subject was "The Selection and Tenure of Judges." The views to which the author had given repeated previous expression were ably reiterated in this address and met with the cordial approbation and concurrence of his hearers. The principal contentions of the argument were that judges of state courts should be appointed for life, rather than elected for limited terms, and be removable by impeachment, as the federal judges are, and that experience and comparison prove that under this system a better class of judges is secured and the efficiency and influence of the courts are promoted.

The address and fores of Mr. Taft's address on this important subject doubtless had something to do with the spontaneity and unanimity of his election as president of the bar association. Whether this be so or not, the fact remains that the organization and the man were alike honored by the choice.

THE MEXICAN SITUATION.

There have been no new developments in the Mexican situation in the past two weeks. Mr. Lind, President Wilson's personal representative, has withdrawn from Mexico City to Vera Cruz, where he is expected to remain until it becomes apparent either that the Huerta administration will or will not agree to further negotiations looking to the pacification of Mexico and the establishment of an orderly government by constitutional methods which the United States can consistently recognize.

A good many Americans residing in Mexico have taken the advice of President Wilson and made their way out of that country, but a good many more have refused to abandon their interests and property, and are being encouraged by the Huerta government to remain.

Reports as to the progress of the rebellion are conflicting, as usual, but the preponderance of opinion seems to support the claims of the Huerta partisans that the Constitutionalists are losing ground.

James Maurin, the efficient chief engineer and superintendent of the big Los Mochis and Agula sugar factories at Ahome, Sinaloa, Mexico, returned home this week, after an absence of several months, and is meeting with a cordial reception from his many friends. We hope to obtain some facts and figures from him as to the past season's grinding operations at these two big mills, for publication in next week's Chief.

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Fighting Whiskey.

The Kansas City Star perpetrates a slight variation from the familiar fable of a brand of red liquor so full of the spirit of combativeness that one slug of it would make a rabbit sit on his hind legs and spit in a bulldog's face. According to the Star's veracious chronicle a grasshopper that took a drink of Kansas whiskey kicked a rooster in the face, spit tobacco juice in his eyes and chased him under the barn.

Miss Virginia Elizabeth Dollar was recently married in Virginia, and here's hoping that her husband will never want to change her.—Hot Springs Sentinel-Record.

However, we hope in time there will be some small change about the house.—Arkansas Gazette.

Two bits, at least.—Monroe News-Star.

And some baby bonds.

There will be services at the Methodist church tomorrow at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.—Rev. T. D. Lipscomb officiating. Seats are free and everybody is welcome.

FAIR ASSOCIATION FORMED.

Stock Company Launched at Enthusiastic Mass Meeting Monday Night—Active Preparations for Inter-Parochial Exhibition Already Under Way.

At one of the largest and most enthusiastic mass-meetings ever held in this city, the South Louisiana Fair Association was organized Monday night and the preliminary steps taken for the holding of an inter-parochial fair in Donaldsonville on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 10, 11 and 12, with the parishes of Ascension, Assumption, Iberville, St. James and Lafourche participating. The meeting took place at the courthouse, and was called to order by Mayor Walter Lemann who introduced President Charles Maurin of the Chamber of Commerce as the presiding officer. The large audience was a most representative and intelligent one, and included a number of prominent citizens from neighboring parishes, notably Assumption and Iberville. There were also many ladies present.

Mr. Maurin in a brief talk stated the purpose of the meeting and outlined some of the benefits to accrue from the holding of an inter-parochial fair. Interesting addresses were delivered, in the order named, by the following speakers: Louis B. Brueggerhoff, secretary of the Louisiana State Fair Association; Glen Fleming, secretary of the Southern States Fair at New Orleans; Donald C. Welty, agricultural commissioner for Louisiana of the Texas and Pacific Railroad; George L. Rockwell, and Representative Charles E. Schwing of Iberville. All the addresses were forceful, interesting and to the point, the speakers telling of the great good to be derived from a fair in the way of educating the farmers and the people of a community generally, resulting in better products and better citizenship. Messrs. Brueggerhoff and Fleming, from their store of practical experience, offered some valuable information and suggestions as to the best method of procedure in organizing the fair association and preparing for the festival to be conducted under its auspices. Mr. Brueggerhoff, who during the day had inspected the A-muz-u Park half-mile race course and grounds, said the site was an admirable one in all respects for the holding of a fair.

It was decided to form a \$10,000 stock company, with shares at \$1 each, to conduct the fair, and permanent organization was effected by the election of the following officers: President, J. Stone Ware, of Whitecastle; secretary-manager, Robert S. Vickers; treasurer, Charles A. Maurin. Vice presidents—St. James, E. F. Bertant; Iberville, Charles E. Schwing; Assumption, R. C. Legard; Lafourche, L. C. Roger; Ascension, F. B. Lemann. The officers, together with the following, constitute the board of directors: St. James, Dr. B. A. Colon; Iberville, E. Allen; Assumption, John F. Truxillo; Lafourche, C. Payne; Ascension, Achille I. Picard. The executive committee is composed of J. Stone Ware, chairman; F. B. Lemann, vice chairman; John F. Truxillo, Charles A. Maurin and Achille I. Picard.

At a special meeting of the commission council Wednesday night, the sum of \$250 was appropriated in aid of the fair. An appropriation of like amount was made by the police jury of Ascension parish and the Assumption police jury unanimously voted \$100 to the proposed festival. These amounts, with \$80 given by the state and voluntary contributions of \$75, make a total of \$755 now on hand, and it is expected that at least \$1500 will be raised. Premiums to the amount of \$700 will be distributed this year.

A meeting of the directors will be held tomorrow to institute active preparations for the fair.

August Weather.

Weather conditions for the month of August are thus summarized by Local Observer Park: Maximum temperature, 98 degrees, on the 6th, 28th, 29th, 30th and 31st; minimum, 69 degrees, on the 25th; total rainfall, 5.72 inches; greatest precipitation in twenty-four hours, 2.30 inches on the 29th; clear days, 23; partly cloudy, 7; cloudy, 1. Thunder storms occurred on the 3rd and 29th, a brilliant electrical display accompanying the latter disturbance.

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Crop Comment.
This has been a wet, cool week, typical of the period of the year. The rainfall comes too late to be of any benefit to the cane crop, but just in time to interfere with the harvesting of corn and hay. In the opinion of most planters, nothing will stimulate the cane to further growth at this time except a good shaking up by means of a wind storm, such as occasionally occurs in late September, and a disturbance of this kind would be welcomed if not of too violent a character. The crop is practically at a standstill, and with the opening of the grinding season only five or six weeks away there is small likelihood of sufficient development in the interim to alter the prospect now impending, which is for a light tonnage all along the line.

Considerable damage has been done to peavine hay by the rains of the past week, and the supply of this feed to be housed for winter use has not been anything like as large as had been anticipated. The yield of corn, while not up to early expectations, is yet quite the best that has been obtained in this locality, and the crop will be the largest on record.

The rice season is drawing to a close, and statistics as to yield and prices show the crop was a fairly satisfactory one, although not a record-breaker by any means. Hon. Henry C. Brand, of Burnside, visited Donaldsonville Wednesday to attend a meeting of the People's Bank board of directors, and in response to a query as to crop conditions on the Miles Company's group of places, characterized them as "so-so." Cane is not making much growth, Mr. Brand said, and corn and hay are being injured by rain to some extent.

Notice of Removal.
We have moved our branch store, (10c. department), from No. 816 Railroad avenue to No. 604 Railroad avenue, adjoining our main store in the Racket building, corner Railroad avenue and Charles street, where we will continue to serve our patrons with fair dealing and courteous attention.
HABIB SHAHEEN,
Donaldsonville, La.

"Ascension's Awakening."
The article under this caption appearing on the first page of today's Chief is from the facile pen of Charles E. Schwing, of Iberville, and is reproduced from the Plaquemine Champion of the 8th inst. Acknowledgment to this effect was hastily omitted from the proper position at the head of the splendid production.