

# The Donaldsonville Chief

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"What's become of Bruce Anderson?" promises to be as much of a mystery as "Who struck Billy Patterson?"

Among the supplies forwarded to American forces at Vera Cruz were 800 coffins. A gruesome reminder of what war means.

It is quaintly suggested by the St. Helena Echo that now the Dunbar case is out of the way the Mexican war can proceed in peace.

An explosion in a coal mine of the New River Collieries Company at Eccles, W. Va., April 28, imprisoned and killed 178 miners. Sixty-seven were rescued alive.

The St. Helena Echo boasts that a Kentwood citizen who recently renewed his subscription declared he would rather have the Echo in his home than the mail-pouch. Truly, there's no accounting for taste.

Dan. D. Moore, managing editor of the New Orleans Times-Picayune, was elected vice president of the Associated Press at the annual meeting held in New York city two weeks ago. A nice compliment to a first-class man.

The United Confederate Veterans are holding their annual reunion at Jacksonville, Fla., and are having the kind of a big time which nobody knows better how to enjoy than the old boys who wore the gray a half-century ago.

If a Democratic congress is elected next fall, it is stated that President Wilson and Postmaster General Burleson will take strong ground at the next session in favor of placing all postmasters under the civil service.

A persistent report comes from Mexico City that Gen. Huerta is about to resign the presidency. It is to be hoped the old sinner will carry out the good resolve and thus demonstrate that he possesses at least one virtue—that of resignation.

A professional tango dancer at Vicksburg filled up on tangefoot whiskey and broke his leg trying to exhibit some of his fancy steps. "Too much mustard" may be all right for one-stepping, but too much tangefoot isn't conducive to safe tangoing.

The Loner system has been inaugurated in the Texas state prison at Rusk. Nearly all the guards have been discharged, the prisoners sleep in unlocked cells and will be permitted to work on the state farm, a mile from the prison, without armed supervision.

The Pointe Coupee Banner began its thirty-third year with its issue of April 4, and Editor Conrad Lecong says the paper has never been in better shape than now. That listens well, neighbor, and The Chief wishes you many happy returns of the anniversary and repetitions of the statement.

Jose Lopez Portilla y Rojas resigned as foreign minister in the Huerta cabinet and Licentiate Esteban Ruiz has been appointed to fill the vacancy. Señor Ruiz has been in public life in Mexico many years, but has not affiliated with any faction, and he is in line for promotion to the presidency.

Clarence McCullum and Will Hudgens were found guilty of manslaughter for the killing of Albert Sholars near Dodson, La., March 13. The young widow of Sholars, who was thought to have been in some measure responsible for the tragedy because of improper conduct with her husband's slayers, proved a valuable state witness and earnestly advocated her marital faithfulness.

The Plaquemine Champion jumped in ahead of the jury in the Dunbar case and returned a verdict to the effect that Walters proved an alibi and the boy called Bobbie Dunbar is Bruce Anderson. The St. Helena Echo, per contra, finds there are no grounds whatever for changing the jury's verdict that the boy is Bobbie Dunbar and Walters kidnaped him. So there you are.

Huerta a Poor Prophet. On the 18th of February, 1913, Gen. Victoriano Huerta telegraphed from Mexico City to President Taft at Washington as follows: "I have the honor to inform you that I have overthrown this government. The forces are with me, and from now on peace and prosperity will reign." "What a weather forecaster old Vic. would make!"

Suit to Oust a Sheriff. District Attorney T. R. Hodges has filed proceedings in the district court at Rayville for the impeachment and removal from office of Sheriff Wm. T. Oliver of Richland parish for alleged non-fee-fiance, malfeasance, corruption, favoritism, extortion, oppression and gross misconduct. Is the district attorney sure he hasn't overlooked anything?

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## MARKING TIME IN MEXICO.

No startling developments have occurred in the Mexican situation during the past week. Owing to the importance of protecting the water supply of Vera Cruz, Gen. Funston has been given permission to extend his lines as far out from the city's suburbs as he deems proper and necessary, and formidable batteries of artillery have been stationed in the vicinity of the waterworks. Vera Cruz has almost resumed its normal aspect, and the good conduct of the American garrison has created a very favorable impression among the Mexican inhabitants.

The meetings of the commissioners who are to represent the United States and the Huerta government in the peace negotiations set afoot by the ambassadors from Argentine, Brazil and Chile, are to be held at Niagara Falls, on the Canadian side, and the promoters of the movement still feel confidence in its success.

The refusal of Gen. Carranza, the Constitutional leader in Mexico, to agree to an armistice pending the deliberations of the peace conference, has caused the intervening diplomats to withdraw their invitation to him to be represented therein, and the deliberations will proceed without the participation of anyone delegated to speak or act for the revolutionists.

The rebel forces are displaying renewed activity at various points and their commanders express confidence that within a month they will be laying siege to the capital city of the republic. The attempts of President Huerta to inflame the Constitutionalists against the United States because of the occupation of Vera Cruz by American troops seems to have failed completely, and there appears to be no chance for the defiant dictator that must soon sweep him from power.

Foreign residents of Mexico are being brought out of the disturbed country as rapidly as possible, and those who remain will do so of their own volition and choice. Over a thousand refugees have landed at New Orleans during the past ten days.

## NEW ORLEANS AS A COTTON PORT.

A long step is being taken toward restoring the prestige of New Orleans as a cotton port and placing it in the forefront of the cities of the United States in that regard.

The Board of Port Commissioners, commonly called "the dock board," acting under the authority granted by the late constitutional convention, has floated a bond issue of \$3,000,000 at a premium, and is preparing for the erection of six big eight-story fireproof warehouses on the river front for the storage of cotton under a system that will enable the producers or other owners to obtain loans on the product and hold it until market conditions warrant its sale at satisfactory prices.

The sites for several of the proposed warehouses have already been purchased and expropriation proceedings are to be instituted without delay for the additional ground needed. Cotton warehouses at Memphis and The Port of New Orleans are being visited by competent agents and plans prepared that will include the construction of buildings embodying the latest and best ideas in modern architecture for the safety and preservation from damage or deterioration of the staple to be stored in the structures.

Nothing that has taken place in recent years bears a closer or more valuable relation to the future growth and prosperity of the southern metropolis than this movement for the erection of these great warehouses, and every friend of Louisiana, New Orleans and the Mississippi valley generally will rejoice that the project has been launched under such favorable auspices and is assured of early and full fruition.

## Bird Day Exercises.

"Bird Day," commemorating the birthday of Audubon, the great student and painter of birds, who was born and spent much of his life in Louisiana, was observed Tuesday by the students of the Donaldsonville High School, appropriate exercises being held in the auditorium at the morning assembly. The program was opened with a song, "Voices of the Woods," by the school children, after which an address on "Ornithology" was delivered by George S. Guion, a prominent young attorney of Napoleonville, who is an expert on the subject. Mr. Guion told of the value of certain species of birds as destroyers of insect life injurious to agricultural crops, and described some of the services they perform in the economy of nature. He related many interesting incidents of bird life that have come under his own observation, and his remarks throughout were of a most entertaining and instructive nature. Miss Ethel Werner sang "Listen to the Mocking Bird" in a pleasing manner, and Principal R. S. Vickers gave a brief but highly interesting talk on the subject of Audubon and his life. The exercises were concluded with a song by the students.

## Arranging for Catholic Fair.

Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, May 30 and 31 and June 1, have been selected as the dates for the annual fair for the benefit of the Catholic church, and active preparations for the big event are now under way. The committee in charge of the arrangements is composed of Pat Stakeum, L. B. Mattingly, John Schaff, Richard Melancon and James Von Lottan, and as these are all earnest workers who have had much experience in undertakings of this kind, there can be no doubt that the forthcoming festival will present many original and attractive features and prove a brilliant success in every particular. At a meeting of the committee recently John Schaff was chosen to act as manager, and he is now engaged in making up the sub-committees of ladies and gentlemen who will be assigned to conduct the different departments of the fair. The entertainment will be held in the spacious Vega building at the head of Railroad avenue, which is admirably suited for such a purpose, both as regards location and facilities for accommodating the attractions of the fair.

Atlanta expects to entertain 30,000 visitors next week during the national convention of the Shriners.

## PARISH ASKED TO HELP.

Small Appropriation Wanted to Continue Farmers' Demonstration Work in Ascension—Has Accomplished Fine Results.

Mayor Walter Lemann, President Adolph Netter of the police jury, and Jurors C. H. Landry and L. W. Arnitage on Wednesday visited the demonstration farms in the seventh and eighth wards conducted under the supervision of the farmers' co-operative demonstration bureau of the United States department of agriculture. They were accompanied on the trip by Mason Snowden, of Shreveport, state agent of the demonstration work, and L. D. Perrin, of Opelousas, field agent. In addition to the demonstration farms, which are under the management of Milton Cannon and James B. Marchand as local agents, the party visited and inspected the farms of Charles Borneau, Vincent Dabbs, Oak Grove Agricultural High School, F. Edw. Babin, E. D. Dixon, S. H. Rheans and L. P. Bourgeois, on all of which demonstration methods are followed in the planting and cultivation of the crops with invariable success.

Demonstration work has been carried on in the seventh and eighth wards since February, 1909. The first year the United States Department of Agriculture paid all the expense of agents' salaries, training, etc. Beginning with 1910, the police jury has paid two-fifths of the salaries of the agents, and the federal government has provided the balance and also defrayed all expense incurred in training the agents, supervising the work and supplying literature to carry it on. The agents work three days a week for nine months in the year at a salary of \$35 per month each.

The points stressed by the farm demonstration work have been: The growing of more and better corn; the growing of cotton under weevil conditions; the raising of oats, lespedeza and other forage crops; the production of all home and farm supplies; the raising of hogs, cattle, horses, poultry, etc., with a surplus to sell; better plowing and cultivation, better seed, better farm implements, etc. All these points are bearing fruit in more and better live stock, more products to sell and less to buy, and general prosperity. Numbers of farmers in the territory where the farms are located will bear witness to the effectiveness and value of the demonstration work.

The Department of Agriculture is paying for the current year \$360 in salaries to the two local agents. This has floated a bond issue of \$3,000,000 at a premium, and is preparing for the erection of six big eight-story fireproof warehouses on the river front for the storage of cotton under a system that will enable the producers or other owners to obtain loans on the product and hold it until market conditions warrant its sale at satisfactory prices.

## Smoke Bend Drainage District to be Created.

The meeting held in the Smoke Bend schoolhouse Sunday evening to formulate plans for organizing a drainage district in that community was attended by a large number of property owners and taxpayers, and the results aimed at were accomplished in a harmonious and expeditious manner. After a general discussion of the subject, it was decided to proceed with the organization of the district along the lines prescribed by law, and C. C. Weber, of Donaldsonville, was engaged as attorney and empowered to take the necessary legal steps in the premises. Messrs. Paul LeBlanc, Camille Rome, Schuyler Brasset, Felix Acosta and Thomas Bradford, leading citizens of the community, will be recommended to the police jury to constitute the first board of commissioners of the district. E. P. Melancon was appointed a committee of one to employ an engineer to make a preliminary survey, for the purpose of determining the route of the drainage canal to be constructed.

It is proposed to issue bonds to the amount of about \$10,000, to be secured by an acreage and ad valorem tax on all the property within the district, which will extend from the lower line of the Lemann Company's Souvenir plantation to Bayou Lafourche, taking in the Smoke Bend and Port Barrow settlements. The district will be known as the Smoke Bend Drainage District, and a petition for its creation will be presented to the police jury at once.

## Rescued from River for the Movies.

A company of moving picture performers who are engaged in the production of a film depicting the famous story of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" arrived here Tuesday to stage some of the scenes incidental to the photoplay. The thrilling incident of "Little Eva's" fall into the river and her rescue by "Uncle Tom" was pictured Tuesday afternoon, and proved a bit more realistic and exciting than was contemplated when "Uncle Tom" waded off a shelf of the river balfour into deep water and had to be himself rescued by his fellow actors. Wednesday the members of the company left for Gonzales, in the seventh ward of the parish, where scenes were taken in and about the old log cabin formerly occupied by the late Judge J. M. Lusk, which is a splendid type of this quaint style of architecture, now so rapidly disappearing.

## Change of Schedule of Steamer Virgie.

An important change of schedule in the time of departure of the steamer Virgie from this city on several of her trips to connect with Mississippi Valley passenger trains at Burnside will go into effect Monday, May 11. The amended time card will be found on the fourth page of this issue, and should be consulted by patrons of the line. An announcement of interest in connection with the change in schedule is that the fast south-bound morning train will hereafter carry a dining-car, enabling passengers to obtain breakfast on the train between Burnside and New Orleans, which city will be reached at 8:30 a. m. This is a convenience that is sure to be appreciated by the traveling public, and particularly by passengers from this city.

We buy at home. How about you?

## RESPONSIBILITY OF GOOD CITIZENSHIP.

HOW YOU CAN HELP BUILD UP YOUR COMMUNITY.

A community is as progressive as its average citizen—no more and no less.

Every individual is reckoned with in arriving at the average. No one is exempt.

You are responsible for the spirit of your community. You are, whether you know it or not. You cannot place yourself out of the calculation.

You either stand above or below the average; if below, you are a community liability; if above, a community asset.

In one case you are pulling down; retarding the advancement and progress of the community. In the other you are pulling up and promoting advancement and progress.

There is a responsibility resting upon every citizen of this town—the responsibility of good citizenship.

What makes one a good citizen? What constitutes good citizenship?

Is it paying your bills and taxes? Yes, partly, but more. It is lending your aid and co-operation in all movements for the betterment and advancement of your city and section; it is patronizing home industries, your merchants, your bankers, your bakers, your butchers, your printers, your factories, your shops, and supporting your home concerns who pay the taxes for the maintenance of your government, who help to support your schools, your charities, your good roads; who pay the salaries on which many families depend, and on whose prosperity rests in large measure the welfare of your city.

Mail order catalogs are sent you by houses which bear none of the burdens of taxation in your community, which are in no wise interested in the growth of your city, and when you order from them you are aiding and abetting unfair competition for your home merchants.

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KEEP YOUR MONEY AT HOME AND HELP BUILD UP YOUR OWN COMMUNITY.

DONALDSONVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,  
By R. S. VICKERS, Secretary.

## Local Truckers Plan New System for Marketing Crops.

A meeting of the Donaldsonville Truck Growers' Association was held at the courthouse Sunday forenoon, with a number of members in attendance. E. W. Ellis, of the American Refrigerator Transit Company, delivered an interesting address, in the course of which he told of the excellent results that had been accomplished by truck growers in the vicinity of Ama, on the line of the T. & P., and recommended that the same system be adopted by the Donaldsonville truckers. He exhibited receipts to show what uniformly good prices the Ama farmers have obtained for their shipments of produce this season, and declared that by co-operation and the employment of business-like methods in shipping and marketing equally satisfactory results can be secured by the local growers of truck.

Mr. Ellis' statements and figures were so convincing that it was agreed to let him take complete charge of the marketing of the vegetables raised by the members of the association, the crops to be grown in the extent which he suggests, and the entire operation of supplying seed, plowing, cultivating, harvesting and shipping to be under his general direction. Mr. Ellis will tell the farmers just what to plant, when to plant it, how many acres of each crop to cultivate, and will attend to purchasing and distributing the seed. When the products are ready for shipment, he will be on hand to direct the packing and marketing of the consignments.

In this way vastly better results can be secured than by each grower working independently, and the arrangement is expected to result in a largely increased acreage devoted to truck in this neighborhood. A number of land-owners besides members of the association, among them Arthur Lemann, Thos. D. Cox and others, were present at the meeting and agreed to cultivate a certain number of acres each in truck crops, and the scope of the movement will doubtless assume considerable proportions as soon as the definite results obtainable by Mr. Ellis' methods have been demonstrated.

George W. Reese, of the Alluvial Land Purchase Company, was in attendance and told of the beneficial results accomplished through co-operation at St. Elmo, across the river from Donaldsonville, as exemplified in the operations of the St. Elmo Poultry Association, St. Elmo Producers' Association, and other organizations for mutual aid and community upbuilding established in the thriving new townsite.

## J. D. Gaskins Reported to Have Killed Himself.

In the New Orleans Times-Picayune of yesterday morning appeared the formal announcement of the death of Joseph D. Gaskins at Alhambra plantation, near Whitecastle, on Thursday, the 7th inst., at 7 o'clock a. m. It is reported here that Mr. Gaskins committed suicide by shooting himself in the head with a 44-calibre revolver, as a result of mental worry caused by heavy financial losses in the Bank of Donaldsonville failure. The fatal shot was fired at 4 o'clock a. m., it is said, death ensuing three hours later. Report has it that Mr. Gaskins had made two previous attempts to take his life within the past fortnight, both of which were frustrated.

Deceased was sixty-eight years of age, and a native of North Carolina. He had resided in Louisiana for many years, and was associated with Joseph Rolling in the ownership and cultivation of the Pike's Peak plantation in St. James parish, which property they disposed of some time ago, subsequently acquiring the Alhambra place in Iberville. The remains of Mr. Gaskins were taken to New Orleans yesterday morning for interment.

## Pessou Gets Eleven Years.

Alphonse O. Pessou, of New Orleans, convicted of forging the name of Banker J. E. Dunlap of Plaquemine to a note of \$244 for premium on a life insurance policy, was sentenced to serve ten years at hard labor for the forgery and to an additional year for uttering the note as true. Pessou was Louisiana agent for the Union Central Life Insurance Company and is alleged to have embezzled a large amount of the concern's funds.

Read your home paper.

## AMELIA BALL SHOWS CLASS.

Alexandria Mare Leads Cayce Jones and Billy Sam Under Wire at Amuz-a Park—Sailor Boy and May Advice Other Winners.

Scratches and bad starts spoiled to some extent what promised to be an exceptionally classy card of races at Amuz-a Park Sunday afternoon, and as a result the sport was not up to the standard established by the previous meetings at the local track. Bannie Wilkes failed to enter in the Class A event, and the three horses who competed for the purse were sent away to a poor start in the first heat, making it practically a two-horse race. Billy Sam was some yards in the rear when the flag dropped, and as Cayce Jones "broke" at the first turn Amelia Ball had no trouble winning in the slow time of 2:35½. The second round developed a pretty test of speed between the Alexandria mare and Billy Sam, the former displaying "class" by passing first under the wire in 2:17, which was within 1½ seconds of the track record established last year by Cayce Jones.

In the Class B event, Sprinting Blazes and Frances T. were scratched. The race went to Sailor Boy in straight heats, with Princess Ozma a good second and Nellie G. a poor third.

All five of the trotters entered in the Class C event faced the starter in the first two heats, but Dutton Bright, Paul Lambremont and Boca Grande were withdrawn thereafter and the deciding heat was fought out by May Advice and Lord Leroy, the former proving an easy winner. In the second heat of this event May Advice, the pole horse, broke at the wire just as the starter sent the field away and finished last, Lord Leroy winning in tame style.

The track was fast and the weather perfect, but the attendance fell short of expectations. Judges—W. C. Hansen, Emile LeRouff and J. J. Lafargue. Timekeeper—U. A. Rousseau. Starter—R. H. Shockency.

Summary:  
Class A:  
Amelia Ball, J. F. Ball owner (Millman) ..... 1 1  
Billy Sam, Mrs. J. T. Landry owner and driver ..... 3 2  
Cayce Jones, Capt. Ham. Wagner owner (Sevin) ..... 2 3  
Time: 2:35½, 2:17.

Class B:  
Sailor Boy, Ed. Ryan owner (Millman) ..... 1  
Princess Ozma, J. Stone Ware owner and driver ..... 2 2  
Nellie G., Sidney Gomez owner and driver ..... 3 3  
Time: 2:33½, 2:30.

Class C:  
May Advice, J. F. Ball owner (Millman) ..... 1 5 1  
Lord Leroy, G. A. Staple owner and driver ..... 2 1 2  
Dutton Bright, J. Stone Ware owner and driver ..... 5 2 \*  
Paul Lambremont, Bat Well owner (LeBlanc) ..... 3 4 \*  
Boca Grande, J. F. Ball owner (Stewart) ..... 4 3 \*

\*Drawn.  
Time: 2:22 1-4, 2:26, 2:22 1-4.

In the language of the day, there will be "nothing doing" at Amuz-a Park tomorrow, but a high-class program is being arranged by Manager Trullillo for the 17th inst.

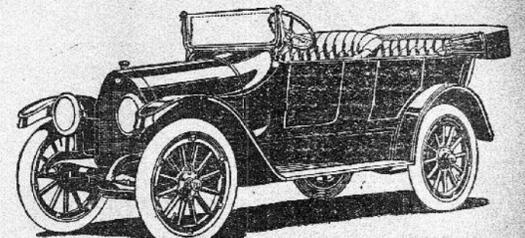
## Back from Mexico.

Wilson Montero, a well-known and stalwart young Donaldsonvillian, returned Thursday morning from Mexico, where he has been employed for the past several months as a machinist in the oil fields near Tampico. Mr. Montero tells in a graphic manner of many exciting incidents and experiences in which he had a part or which came to his knowledge following the American occupation of Vera Cruz, and he has in his possession a number of original camera views which give a vivid impression of the frightful conditions prevailing in that portion of the war-swept republic and illustrate graphically the barbarisms and atrocities practiced by both sides to the civil combat. Mr. Montero says Mexico is a great country and offers wonderful opportunities to young men of ambition and industry, and he intends to return to Tampico as soon as conditions may permit.

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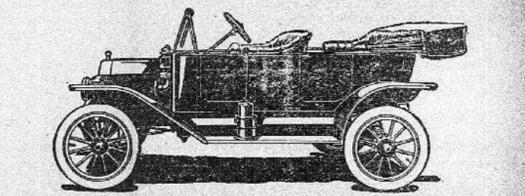
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