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SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 1915.

The hunting season closes Feb. 15.

Walter Fontaine of Vicksburg, Miss., aged 58 years, ran back into the burning home of Charles Seay to save his children's toys and was burned to death.

Five firemen were killed and nine engine-room workers injured by the explosion of a boiler tube on the United States cruiser San Diego off Lapaz, Mexico, January 22.

According to two estimates by experts which have been made public by the government census bureau, the population of the United States will pass the hundred-million mark between February 1 and April 2.

The mother of Mary Phagan, the factory girl for whose murder Leo M. Frank is under sentence of death at Atlanta, has entered a \$10,000 damage suit against the National Pencil Co., in whose factory the girl was killed.

P. C. Allen, a well-known railroad promoter, is looking into the feasibility of connecting New Orleans and Kansas City with a direct line that would reduce the travel and traffic distance between those cities to about 750 miles.

Here is a pertinent query from the Jena Times: "Jena has a number of stantial banks, but the town is a tell it by the columns of the What's the matter, gentle? In you know there is lots of this community lying idle, do you know you should be through these columns to advantages your banks and depositors?"

The jury commission of Ascension parish met at the courthouse today and drew up a venire of grand and petit jurors for service at the term of district court to be convened here the fourth week in February. In view of the unusually large number of cases on the docket of the court, petit juries were drawn for two weeks, beginning March 1 and 8, respectively. The venire will be published in official form in the next issue of this paper.

Indiana Election Stealers Confess. Of 114 Terre Haute politicians indicted in the federal court for election frauds, eighty have pleaded guilty. Mayor Roberts is one of the thirty-four who are demurring to the indictments on the grounds that the federal court is without jurisdiction, that the facts are not sufficient to constitute a public offense, and that the indictment is vague. "His honor" and the rest of the minority had better "fess up" like their eighty comrades, take their medicine and reform.

John Marshall, founder and editor of the Lake Charles Times, which paper was recently absorbed by the Lake Charles American-Press, has located in New Orleans and become associate editor of Ed. O. Wild's Gulf States Farmer. Mr. Marshall is not only a fluent and forcible writer, but a general subject, but is particularly well qualified to treat of agricultural topics and conditions appertaining to Louisiana and this section of the southern states, hence his addition to the staff of the Gulf States Farmer is one upon which that already admirable publication is to be cordially congratulated.

Charles Ledowsky, president of the Fox River Distilling Company of Chicago, shot and killed himself on a morning train entering that city, after telegraphing ahead to an undertaker to meet the train and take care of his body. The deed was prompted by imminent exposure of the forgery of warehouse receipts of Wathen & Co., Louisville distillers, to a large amount. Attorney Sidney Stein of Chicago states that Ledowsky confessed to forging receipts to the extent of \$500,000 and disposing of them through the banks. E. B. Wathen has declared \$55,000 worth of these documents purporting to emanate from his firm are forged.

Louisiana State Woman's Suffrage Association. At the annual meeting of this association, held at Alexandria Jan. 17 and 18, the following officers were chosen to serve for the ensuing year: Miss Jean M. Gordon of New Orleans, president; Mrs. George Wesley Smith of Rayville, first vice president; Mrs. James Wooten of Monroe, second vice president; Mrs. L. J. Hakenjos of Alexandria, third vice president; Mrs. Celeste Claiborne Carruth of New Roads, corresponding secretary; Miss Lois Janvier of New Orleans, recording secretary; Mrs. S. B. Hicks of Shreveport, treasurer; Mrs. M. H. Wadsworth of Garden City, and Miss Annie Wolfson of Coushatta, auditors.

PROGRESS OF THE PROBE COMMISSION.

The legislative probe commission met at New Orleans on the 18th inst., pursuant to the Rayville adjournment, and after electing Hon. Chas. A. Byrnes of Orleans to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Hon. Jos. E. Generally, resumed and completed the investigation of the Tensas land case.

No material facts were developed which had not been previously known, and the summary of the matter presented in The Chief of Jan. 2 may be accepted as substantially correct and complete.

Governor Hall and Attorney General Pleasant were witnesses before the commission, and there was considerable fencing between them over their relative connection with and responsibility for the compromise of the land suit by the present Tensas levee board, but personal and factional animus apparently played a greater part in this dispute than any really important issue of facts or morals. The members of the board not only freely assumed all responsibility for accepting the \$100,000 offered in compromise, but defended the action as justifiable under conditions then existing and approved by their constituents.

Nobody impugns the honesty or good faith of the levee commissioners in the transaction, and Chairman Bule indignantly repudiated any idea of such an attitude on the part of the probe commission.

What's the use, then, of splitting hairs as to whether it was the duty of Gov. Hall or Mr. Pleasant, or of either or neither of them, to advise the levee board against doing what the members and the people they represent wished to be done?

Having disposed of the state bond sale and Tensas land case, at least so far as the taking of evidence is concerned, the probe has divided themselves up into twenty-one subcommittees for the purpose of investigating court procedure, state institutions and a lot of other things.

THE WAR. The principal events of the past week in the great European war were a spirited race and fight between British and German submarines on the North Sea, in which the German fleet was decidedly worsted; some more than ordinarily severe fighting at two points on the western battle line in France and Flanders, which resulted more to the advantage of the German forces than their French and British antagonists, and preliminary fighting in the region of the Suez Canal between invading Turkish forces and the British defenders of the Canal.

LOCAL VITAL STATISTICS. It is desirable and important that each parish and community in Louisiana, and in every other state as well, should have an accurate record kept of its vital statistics—its births and deaths—and The Chief urges the physicians, housewives and citizens generally of Donaldsonville and Ascension to give their co-operation to this work by furnishing information of all births and deaths coming under their notice to the local registrars.

Dr. Paul T. Thibodaux has been designated by the Louisiana State Board of Health as registrar of vital statistics for Donaldsonville and vicinity, and we believe he enjoys the distinction of being the only health officer assigned to such duty, the practice being to appoint the postmasters as local registrars. The diligent attention which Dr. Thibodaux has given to the duties of health officer led to the additional designation being conferred upon him, and he is giving his best to collect, file and accurately report. These are to be published in The Chief from week to week.

Communities that feel an interest in attracting immigration and the investment of outside capital will find it a matter of advantage, if not necessity, from the standpoint of the well-being of both present residents and prospective newcomers, to have reliable compilation and publication made of their vital statistics. We cannot impress too strongly upon our local readers the advisability of giving this movement their cordial support.

FREE TRAFFIC BRIDGE AT DONALDSONVILLE. There is much to commend in the ordinance adopted by unanimous vote of the police jury of this parish at its meeting on the 13th inst., making traffic over the Bayou Lafourche bridge at Donaldsonville free from and after the expiration of the present lease, providing the commission council of the city concurs in the measure.

This may be well classed as judicious and progressive legislation, and we are gratified to learn that it is considered certain the municipal authorities will give it their approval. Doing away with the tolls now charged to cross this bridge will no doubt mean much to Donaldsonville and have the result of substantially stimulating travel into the city on the part of the people of the parish and vicinity residing on the west side of the bayou.

CARRANZA'S CAUSE LOOMING UP

Latest news from Mexico seems to indicate growing strength on the part of the supporters of Gen. Carranza and to forecast a fierce struggle between them and the combined forces of Villa and Zapata for control of the unfortunate republic.

The newest provisional president, Garza, is reported to have followed the example of his several predecessors in fleeing from the City of Mexico, and the capital is expected soon to be in the possession of the Carranzistas, who hold Vera Cruz, Tampico and other important places in central and southern Mexico.

Gen. Alvarado, formerly post commander at Mexico City, is in command of the Carranza army about to occupy the capital, and Gen. Obregon is reported near at hand with another army of Carranza troops.

Provisions are scarce in the city and prices have risen enormously, hence there is much suffering among the poor. The only hope of early relief seems to be in the resumption of traffic on the railroad to Vera Cruz, Mexico line, Europe, is surely in the middle of a very bad fix.

JITNEY BUS SERVICE.

Up-to-Date Enterprise to be Launched by Local Company. Always in line with every progressive movement, Donaldsonville will soon be able to boast of a jitney bus service between this city and points on Bayou Lafourche. A company composed of Alex. Bloemestiel, president of the Lafourche Mercantile Co., Ltd.; Jasmin Tobias, proprietor of the New Orleans Bargain Store, and R. S. Vickers, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, has been formed to operate the enterprise, and the order has already been placed for motor bus capable of accommodating from twenty to thirty passengers.

For the present a service will be maintained between this city and Napoleonville, and as soon as gravel roads are constructed in Lafourche parish the route will be extended to Thibodaux. At the start at least three round trips a day will be made, and the fare to be charged will be in the neighborhood of three cents per mile, or approximately the same as is charged by the railroad.

While only one car will be placed in commission for the present, others will be added as rapidly as the development of the passenger traffic may require, and in view of the advantages to be offered by the service it is confidently expressed the venture will prove a success from the start and that ultimately several cars will be in operation, maintaining a continuous schedule between Donaldsonville and all points on both sides of Bayou Lafourche as far down as Thibodaux.

The local office of the company will be in the Chamber of Commerce headquarters at the corner of Mississippi and Lessard streets. All arrangements for the inauguration of the enterprise have been completed, and the jitney line will begin business as soon as the first car arrives.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

Opportunities for Obtaining Employment Under Uncle Sam. The United States Civil Service Commission announces the following examinations to be held on the dates given below, and circulars containing further information relative thereto may be seen at the office of this paper:

Feb. 10—Aeronautical mechanical engineer, male, at entrance salary of \$2400 per annum, Signal Corps Aviation School at San Diego, Cal. Feb. 17—Shop apprentice, male, \$480 to \$540, Bureau of Standards, Department of Commerce. Feb. 23—Chauffeur, male, \$660, Bureau of Mines, Washington, D.C. Special agent in civil education, male, \$10 a day, Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C. Feb. 24—Laboratory helper, male and female, \$600, Bureau of Chemistry, Department of Agriculture. Biological assistant, male, \$900 to \$1200, Bureau of Biological Survey, Department of Agriculture, for service in the field.

Feb. 25—Hull draftsman, male, \$1800, Office of Chief of Engineers, War Department, Washington, D. C. The examination for sanitary engineer scheduled for Feb. 2 has been cancelled.

Enjoyable Card Party.

A festival for the benefit of St. Vincent's Institute, under the auspices of the Auld Lang Syne Club, will be held at the K. O. C. Hall Sunday and Monday, Feb. 7 and 8. As the good Sisters in charge of the institute are anxious that the entertainment should be a success, all who are interested in the welfare of the worthy school are earnestly requested to aid the deserving cause by contributing to the solicitors, and especially by being present at the festival on the dates mentioned. Super will be served both evenings.

Steamer Owens Lost. The steamer F. M. Owens, belonging to the Bradford Transportation Company, sank last night in Bayou Long at a point about 20 miles from Morgan City. News of the accident was brought to Donaldsonville this morning by Capt. M. F. Bradford, president of the Bradford Company and master of the Owens, who arrived here in an automobile in time to catch the steamer Virgle at 6 o'clock a. m., en route to New Orleans. No details of the accident have been learned.

OLD CITIZEN PASSES AWAY.

Felix Braud, After Life of usefulness, Answers Final Summons. The death at 10:30 o'clock Tuesday forenoon of Felix Braud, one of Ascension's oldest and best-known citizens, cast a spell of sadness over this community, where he was universally known and esteemed.

When the venerable gentleman retired Monday night he was apparently in good health, and the following morning he arose as usual and commenced to dress. After serving him with his customary cup of morning coffee, his wife stepped out of the room for a few minutes to return the tray to the kitchen, and upon her return she found her husband lying upon the floor in a state of collapse.

He had suffered an acute attack of paralysis to which he succumbed an hour and a half later, after having previously regained consciousness and recognized the loved ones who gathered about his bedside, and been fortified with the final sacraments and religious consolation of the Catholic church, of which denomination he was a zealous and faithful adherent.

A native of Ascension parish, aged seventy-six years, Mr. Braud resided all his life in the Faubourg la Pipe suburb of this city, of which neighborhood he was one of the most prominent and best beloved citizens. He enlisted in the Confederate army at the outbreak of the civil war, and earned distinction on many a sanguinary battlefield as a soldier of intrepid bravery and dauntless courage. For more than a quarter of a century he was in the employ of the firm of B. Lemann & Brother at their store in this city, relinquishing that position some three or four years ago on account of advancing age. During his younger days he took a prominent part in the public affairs of the parish, and at all times he manifested a keen interest in happenings about him, his sound judgment, long experience and mature wisdom rendering him exceptionally well qualified to give valuable counsel and advice, while his kindly humor and ready wit contributed greatly toward brightening the lives of all with whom he came in contact.

There was a quiet charm, a simplicity and a gentleness in Mr. Braud that brought him into the ship and devotion of all classes and conditions of people who knew him. He held a full share of love and affection from those close to him and the warm friendship and high regard of his friends and neighbors, and when the final summons came to him, as it must inevitably come to all, it was his proud privilege to be able to bid farewell to the world without a qualm of conscience or tremor of apprehension, and enter the portals of that mysterious realm beyond the tomb clear-eyed and unafraid.

The funeral Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock was held from the family residence, interment being made in the veterans' tomb in the Catholic cemetery after impressive services at Ascension church. The large concourse of sorrowing relatives and sympathizing friends who followed the remains to their last resting place bore eloquent testimony to the esteem in which the deceased was held, and constituted a fitting tribute of respect to the memory of an upright citizen, gallant soldier, faithful friend, and devoted husband and father.

A tender, loving wife, who for nearly half a century has stood by his side through weal and woe, is left to mourn the loss of her loyal helpmate, together with seven children, who are: Paul Braud, assistant cashier of the Bank of Ascension; Sam. Braud, of Bayou Sara; Nicholas Braud, of Bertrand; and of Tela, Hondurru, Mrs. Kemp C. Smith, of Bayou Sara; Mrs. P. J. Braud, of Los Angeles, California, and Mrs. Allen T. Sandoz, of Opelousas. The entire community, as well as a wide circle of friends elsewhere, unite in extending assurances of sincere sympathy to the bereaved family.

MENINGITIS EPIDEMIC.

Physicians Urged to Co-operate in Suppressing Outbreak. The following letter, which explains itself, has been sent to every physician in Ascension by Dr. Paul T. Thibodaux, health officer of the parish: "Donaldsonville, La., Jan. 26, 1915. 'My dear Doctor: "Owing to the prevalence of cerebro-spinal meningitis of the epidemic type in this parish, and especially in the seventh ward, where the mortality has been very great, your attention is called to sections 13 and 14 of the third chapter of the Sanitary Code, which read as follows: (13). 'It is hereby made the duty of every physician to report to the local Board of Health of the city, town or parish wherein he practices, any case of a communicable disease which he has attended, or for which he has prescribed; and such report shall state the name of the patient, the nature of the disease treated, and the place where the patient is being treated; and such report shall be made by the physician within twenty-four hours of the time the physician first visits the patient.' (14). 'Not more than two reports shall be required in one week, concerning the same person.' "Any infractions of the above sections will be reported by me to the State Board of Health for prosecution. The prompt reporting of cases, and the early use of the serum, which will be furnished by the parish Board of Health gratis to those that are unable to pay for same, will go a long way in helping to stamp out this dread disease. "Permit no gathering around your sick beds, and in case of doubt stop all children from that household from attending school, or from public or private, until further notice. If you so desire you can materially assist this board in your section of the community, and I, as president of the board, respectfully ask your co-operation and assistance in the prompt observance of the above. "A copy of this letter is furnished every physician of this parish, the president of the Louisiana State Board of Health, the secretary of the police jury, and the Donaldsonville Chief. "Sanitarily yours, "PAUL T. THIBODAUX, M.D., Health Officer, Ascension Parish, La."

SUIT TO OUST BANK EXAMINER.

Proceedings instituted by State in District Court at Shreveport. Ouster proceedings against W. L. Young, state bank examiner, were filed in the district court at Shreveport last Monday on behalf of the state of Louisiana and R. N. Sims, of Donaldsonville, the latter claiming that Examiner Young's term as bank examiner had expired by constitutional limitation, but that the defendant refuses to vacate in favor of Mr. Sims, who was recently appointed to the office by Gov. Hall.

The suit is founded on the "intrusion into office" act, and the state is represented in the proceedings by Attorney General R. G. Pleasant and District Attorney W. A. Mabry of Caddo parish, who are acting under directions from the governor. H. Payne Breazeale, of Baton Rouge, is appearing as personal counsel for the petitioner.

The case will probably be given preference on the district court docket. Ten days are allowed for the defendant to file answer to the petition, and the law also permits trial by jury. It is considered likely that Mr. Young will avail himself of the latter privilege.

In the petition it is alleged that Bank Examiner Young's term of office expired August 30, 1914, four years from the date on which the act of the legislature creating the office of bank examiner, as amended, was promulgated and took effect; or, in the alternative, that the vacancy occurred December 28, 1914, which was four years from the time of the examiner's qualification. It is also set forth that Mr. Sims qualified, under Gov. Hall's appointment, January 6, 1915. Injunction proceedings filed by Mr. Young were subsequently tried before Judge Brunet in the district court at Baton Rouge, wherein the court granted an injunction restraining Mr. Sims from interfering with the incumbent bank examiner in the exercise of the duties of his office until the title could be properly contested.

It is alleged in the petition filed at Shreveport that Mr. Young, under the law, is an usurper and intruder into office, and is holding the office of state bank examiner without authority. The court is asked to rule to this effect, and that Mr. Sims is the duly qualified bank examiner.

"It is a question of law that is involved; not a question of fact," stated Attorney Breazeale, who went to Shreveport for the purpose of taking part in the filing of the petition. He consulted with Messrs. Pleasant and Mabry, and stated that he would return for the trial. The petition is in the name of the state and of R. N. Sims, and its allegations are verified by the governor.

A DIFFERENT OX.

Attitude of Bank Examiner Apparently Depends on 'Who's Who.' The New Orleans Item of Jan. 18 contains a very strong story of the alleged embezzlement, in 1912, of \$27,000 from the Winnfield bank by H. T. Pyle, who afterwards caused the failure of the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank at St. Francisville. The item shows that while this violation of law was reported to the attorney-general by the state bank examiner, he took no steps to urge prosecution of the crime, but allowed the whole matter to lapse through the inactivity of the district attorney. The argument therefore is that it is exceedingly strange that Mr. Young was so indifferent to this case, where thousands of dollars were involved, and was so active, not to say virulent, in the Capital City Bank case.

This most recent revelation does not increase Mr. Young's popularity in the Feliciana, as he permitted the people here to entrust their money to the care of a man whom he had previously charged with a serious delinquency, without uttering one word of warning. Mr. Young's friends urge in answer to this that he was not actively bank examiner at the time, as it occurred during the litigation over Mr. Sims' appointment. Nevertheless Mr. Young was de jure state bank examiner, as was afterwards determined, and it would have been a big card in his favor had he uttered a friendly warning, and it could have been in line with his contention of being the rightful examiner had he done so.—St. Francisville True-Democrat.

DIVERSIFICATION IN ASCENSION.

Farmers Preparing to Raise Various Crops This Year. Under the heading, "What Louisiana Farmers Are Doing," Modern Farming publishes abstracts from the weekly field reports of demonstration agents in the various parishes, as submitted to State Agent Mason Snowden. The following excerpt is quoted from a recent report by Milton Cannon, one of the agents in charge of the demonstration work in Ascension parish: "The farmers generally are preparing to diversify the coming year. I find some enlarging their pastures to have room to raise hogs for home use. Most all of the farmers are trying to have a fall and winter garden. A great many are preparing to plant potatoes for home use and a few to sell. Some are planting onions and others truck. Some are preparing to plant more hay for market and it looks as if the cotton acreage will be cut down 50 per cent and filled in with other such crops as above mentioned. As for oats, there has not been so much planted as I hoped to see, still there are more planted than in previous years."

Constipation and Indigestion. "I have used Chamberlain's Tablets and must say they are the best I have ever used for constipation and indigestion. My wife also used them for indigestion and they did her good," writes Eugene S. Knight, Wilmington, N. C. Obtainable everywhere.

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SYNOPSIS OF FEDERAL LAWS. Some of the Provisions of Statutes Protecting Migratory Birds. The United States attorneys in New Orleans and Shreveport have been furnished by the Biological Survey, United States Department of Agriculture, with a synopsis of the migratory bird law as affecting the state of Louisiana, with a view to familiarizing the public with this federal statute, and thereby simplifying its enforcement. The federal law for the protection of migratory birds prohibits the following acts: Killing migratory game birds during the closed season. Killing migratory game birds between sunset and sunrise. Killing migratory insectivorous birds at any time. Killing swans, cranes, or any birds of the snipe and plover families (shore birds) except woodcock, wilson or jack snipe, yellow-legs and black-breasted and golden plovers, until 1918. Migratory game birds include ducks, geese, rails or marsh hens, gallinules or mud hens, coots or poules d'eau, woodcock, wilson or jack snipe, yellow-legs and black-breasted and golden plovers. The open season on these birds in Louisiana is Nov. 1-Feb. 1, except on woodcock, for which the open season is Nov. 15-Jan. 1. Migratory insectivorous birds include all species of birds, chiefly of the following classes: Heron, Kingbird, Lumber Company for Injuries to Sog. In a petition filed in the civil district court of New Orleans Monday, Louis Penrow, as tutor, on behalf of her son, George Herbert, entered suit against the Opelousas-Alexis Cypress Company for \$14,500 for injuries received by the boy. The latter was employed in the defendant company's sawmill at Sorrento, in this parish, and May 6, 1914, was instructed by his superior to assist in placing a heavy belt around a revolving pulley. The boy was inexperienced in such work, says the petition, and the work was dangerous. His arm was caught between the belt and pulley, and was broken in two places, and his hand was crushed. The bones of the broken arm have never healed, and it is alleged that he is crippled for life.

Putting the Pope in the Movies. In the February American Magazine Cleveland Moffett writes the story of the remarkable adventures of a young American who persuaded the Pope to appear in motion pictures. "Doing the Impossible," and the man who accomplished this piece of work is James Sleavin, who spent eighteen months at the task. To accomplish his purpose, he learned Italian, showed the Pope all sorts of films—even made special motion pictures of the King of England to use as an argument—and finally succeeded in removing every objection. One man, a good Catholic, who tried to get moving pictures of the Pope, was excommunicated for his over-zeal. Another spent \$150,000 at the task, and failed. Mr. Sleavin succeeded because he was tactful, ingenious and persistent almost beyond comprehension. As a result of his efforts, Pope Pius X. posed for the pictures, and 250,000,000 Catholics and others can see him in the movies. Appropriate type selection, neat arrangement of wording, first-class press-work, fine ink, high quality envelopes and letter paper—that's the combination you secure when The Chief prints your office stationery. Let us have your next order. Tell 'em you saw it in The Chief.

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