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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1916.

P. V. Blanchard spent Tuesday in New Orleans on business.

Mrs. F. E. Lemann is enjoying a delightful visit to relatives in New Orleans.

Dr. J. S. Thibaut was in New Orleans for a brief stay during the current week.

Mrs. Walter Lemann is spending a few days in New Orleans as the guest of relatives.

Miss Stella Haas, of Salsburg plantation, was a visitor to the Crescent City this week.

Dr. E. K. Sims went to New Orleans Wednesday afternoon, returning home the same night.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Gondran returned Wednesday evening from a two days' stay in New Orleans.

H. Payne Breazeale, of Baton Rouge, was in town last Sunday as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. Donnaud Bentley.

Miss Nita Sims left Tuesday for New Orleans, where she will spend a while as the guest of Miss Ford Stockell.

J. C. Klos, of Belle Helene, paid a business visit to Donaldsonville yesterday and was a welcome caller at this office.

Mrs. Joseph Oubre left yesterday afternoon for Morley, where she will spend a week or so as the guest of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Oubre.

The members of Post 1, Travelers' Protective Association, are requested to attend an important meeting to be held at the Hotel Donaldson at 11 o'clock tomorrow forenoon.

Rodolph P. Landry, one of the progressive and popular citizens of upper Ascension, was a business visitor to Donaldsonville Tuesday and complimented The Chief with a pleasant call.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolphe Netter and their baby daughter, Bobette, went to New Orleans Tuesday noon. Mrs. Netter having been called to the bedside of her mother, Mrs. A. Maurin, who is seriously ill in that city.

Mrs. A. L. Greenwood and her daughter, Miss Inez Greenwood, of Belle Alliance; Miss Clara Park, and Kittredge Sims and Lionel Greenwood motored to Baton Rouge last Saturday afternoon and returned home the following day.

A special meeting of the parish school board was held Thursday in the office of Supt. H. P. Broussard at the courthouse. The official proceedings have not been submitted for publication, but will doubtless appear in next week's issue of The Chief.

The birthday anniversary of the "Father of His Country" was observed here Tuesday by the closing of the banks and postoffice. Pupils of the Donaldsonville High School and the Catholic parochial schools were given a half-holiday in honor of the event.

Mrs. Joseph Casso and children, Evan and Coy, and her step-son, Joseph Casso, Jr., of Port Barrow, returned last Sunday from Algiers, where they went to attend the marriage of Mrs. Casso's sister, Miss Hester Babin, to Charles Lucien, which was solemnized at that place on the 9th inst.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. McCall and children motored up from their home in New Orleans last Saturday and remained over until the following day as the welcome guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. Leo Blanchard and family. They were accompanied on the return trip by Mrs. P. V. Blanchard, who was a visitor to the Crescent City until Tuesday night.

A leap year dance will be given at the Elks' Home next Tuesday night, with a number of socially prominent ladies of the community as hostesses. The date was chosen because it emphasizes the leap year idea, being the 29th of February, and every detail of the function will be supervised by the fair sex. A large number of invitations have been issued and the affair is expected to prove a most successful and enjoyable one.

The second Democratic primary will be held next Tuesday, Feb. 29, when nominees will be selected for the offices of representative and justice of the peace of the fourth and ninth judicial wards. The candidates are as follows: Representative (two to be nominated)—Joseph Gonzales, H. Arthur Morgan, Achille I. Picard. Justices of the peace—Fourth ward, A. F. LeBlanc and Joseph P. Oubre; ninth ward, H. F. Bateman, Sr., and J. Paul Bourgeois.

Joseph Oursu has moved his dance hall in Brusly McCall from its former location to a site in the yard of his residence, about half a mile distant, and has thoroughly overhauled and renovated the structure. A grand ball will be given therein next Monday night, preceded by speechmaking in the interest of Messrs. H. Arthur Morgan and Joseph Gonzales, candidates for representative. Music will be furnished by an eight-piece orchestra from St. James, and refreshments of various kinds will be served. The public is invited to attend and a good time is promised everybody.

Vigilant Fund Growing.

The sum of \$16.90 was added to Vigilant Hose Company's auto hose wagon fund as the net proceeds of the benefit given at the Grand Theatre last Tuesday. Thanks to the energetic efforts of the committee in charge of the project the fund is growing right along, a total of nearly \$600 having been raised to date. There is every prospect that the balance of the required amount will be secured in the near future.

Church Notice.

The Methodist congregation is to have a special treat tomorrow in the form of a visit from Van Carter, of New Orleans. Mr. Carter is lay leader for the Methodist churches of the New Orleans district, and will address the local congregation at 11 o'clock. His message will deal with the layman's place in the church, as related to the extension of the kingdom of God, and the public generally is invited to attend and hear the address. P. O. LOWREY, Pastor.

Recovering from Painful Illness.

The friends of Dr. H. Vernon Sims, (and that means the entire community) will be gratified to learn that there has been an encouraging improvement in his condition during the past few days, and that hope is entertained by the physicians in attendance that the patient is now on the road to recovery and will soon be fully restored to health. Dr. Sims is one of the skillful young internes of the Charity Hospital in New Orleans, and the grave illness from which he has been suffering for the past three weeks was contracted while in the discharge of his duties in that capacity.

Jewish Society Hears Address.

Bertrand L. Cahn, of New Orleans, delivered an able address to an appreciative audience at Ebur Cholim Synagogue last Sunday afternoon, discussing the principles and purposes of the Jewish society known as the Independent Order B'nai B'rith. Mr. Cahn reviewed the accomplishments of the organization in the way of promoting the social uplift, as well as in maintaining and assisting the various Jewish eleemosynary institutions for the benefit of widows and orphans, the sick, and the old and infirm. The lecture was under the auspices of Ascension Lodge No. 543, I. O. B. B.

Lemann Sales Corps Enjoy Feast.

In accordance with an annual custom, salesmen of the Lemann store entertained the lady employees of the establishment and a few invited guests at a macaroni supper Wednesday night, the pleasant affair being given at the home of Mrs. Ida Duhon. Dancing was enjoyed after the gastronomic feast. Those present were Misses Alma and Ida Klos, Nathalie Dominique, Marie Rybiski, Bella Landry, Ollie LeBlanc, Domesthilde Comeaux, and Ollie and Nita Duhon; Messrs. Jules Leumas, J. S. Blanchard, George Fortier, L. J. Blanchard, Rumsey Landry, George Rodallat, Sam. Richard and Charles A. Gaudin.

School Fund Apportioned.

The regular February apportionment of the current school fund was made last week by the state department of education, a total of \$731,841.18 being disbursed. There are 536,119 children of educable age in Louisiana under the census compiled during the past year, hence the per capita allowance for the present quarter is \$1.36. The amount apportioned this February is \$329.32 greater than that distributed in February of 1915, but the allotment per child is three cents less, since there are 9851 more children to participate in the apportionment this quarter than during the same period a year ago. Ascension's share of the fund was \$9549.92.

Answers Last Roll Call.

Andre Surez, a native of Assumption parish, but a resident of Ascension since infancy, died at his farm in A-Bend Friday, Feb. 18, at 1 o'clock a. m., aged 73 years and 18 days. Deceased enlisted in the Donaldsonville Artillery Sept. 21, 1861, for the war, and served gallantly in that command until paroled with the Army of Northern Virginia in April, 1865. Members of Major Victor Maurin Camp No. 38, U. C. V., of which organization Mr. Surez was a member, attended the funeral, which took place Saturday forenoon with services and interment in the Donaldsonville Catholic church and cemetery, Rev. Minor Chauvin officiating. Mr. Surez is survived by his wife, to whom sincere sympathy is proffered.

Teachers' Examination.

The next examination for teachers' certificates will be held April 3, 4, 5, (white); 6, 7, 8, (negro). The conditions governing the issuance of certificates to applicants remain the same as in the last examination.

Examination questions in special high school subjects will be prepared and forwarded only to those parishes which make application for them prior to March 27.

Examination questions for institute credits under the books of the reading course will be forwarded to parish superintendents upon application only, the examination to be held April 10, 1916.

A printed circular of instructions governing the conduct of the examination has been mailed to parish superintendents.

Hohen Solms Notes.

J. B. Heriard, of Union, resumed the field management of A. Hymel & Co.'s rice crop on Germania plantation. The first rice was sown Thursday.

Mrs. G. B. Reuss went to New Orleans Tuesday, to stay there over carnival.

Miss Sophie Bloch, of Donaldsonville, is a charming guest at the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. L. Schuster.

J. C. Klos, of Belle Helene, was here Thursday, and his many friends were glad to see him.

A jolly crowd of young people, chaperoned by Mrs. L. Schuster, motored to White Castle Tuesday and Thursday nights, to enjoy the moving picture shows.

Sheriff E. C. Hanson and E. Dugas were here on business during the week.

Echo from the High School.

For some reason the boys have not been seen out for practice during the cold days of this week. Wonder why?

HIGH SCHOOL HAPPENINGS.

Institutional and Student Activities Interestingly Reported.

By ROLAND BINNINGS.

Mr. Courtney of Birmingham, who is one of the south's most progressive and ardent supporters of good roads, gave a very interesting talk to the high school students Tuesday, Feb. 15. He emphasized the benefit derived from good roads by the school children and country people.

The mock trial will be held Friday night, March 3, at 8 o'clock. Attorney B. J. Vega will act as judge, Roland Binnings as district attorney, Victor Maurin as lawyer for the defense, Archie Stuart as sheriff, and Frank Constantine as deputy sheriff.

The witnesses for the state are Vannie Stuart, Abbie Allen, and Tina Termini; for the defense, George Schmalzrid, Lillian Foise and Eunice Chandler. The prisoner is Emanuel Morgan, and he is charged with dynamiting the levee and causing much loss of life and property.

The gleo club will make its second appearance on this occasion. A jivey dance will follow, music to be furnished by Claiborne's orchestra.

A regular meeting of the Junior Literary Society was held Friday, Feb. 25. The question for debate was, "Should the United States Prepare for War." The affirmative with good points and the negative with points equally as strong made this question one of interest. All the members took an enthusiastic part in the discussion and showed that they were well presented.

On Tuesday, Washington's birthday, school was held only during the morning. When the students returned after the dinner hour the following program was rendered: Song, "America," school. Talk on the greatness of Washington, by Mr. Vickers.

Song, "Hail Columbia," gleo club. Recitation, "Ship O' State," Abbie Allen. Song, "Star Spangled Banner," school.

The basketball team of the D. H. S. will journey to White Castle to play a game there Sunday.

READING CLUB FLOURISHING.

Many New Members Enrolled and Interesting Programs Rendered.

A regular weekly meeting of the Reading Club was held in the Donaldsonville High School library Thursday evening, Feb. 17. Five new members were enrolled and the following program enjoyed:

Victrola selection, "Rigoletto," sung by Bori, Jacoby, McCormack and Werrenath.

Poem, "The Man with the Hoe," (Edwin Markham), Miss Freda Singer.

Jokes, Walter Lemann. Short story, "The Lady or the Tiger," (Frank Stockton), Miss Annie Laurie Pujos.

Discussion of "Preparedness," led by R. S. Vickers.

Victrola selection, "Ave Maria," sung by Melba, with violin accompaniment by Kabelek.

At the meeting on Thursday night of this week three new names were added to the membership list. The program rendered was as follows:

Victrola selection, "Oh, That We Two Were Maying," sung by Alma Gluck and Louise Homer.

Jokes, Otto Mestayer. Short story, "The Black Cat," (Edgar Allan Poe), Mrs. H. P. Broussard.

Poem, "The Revenge of Hamish," (Sidney Lanier), Miss Dorothy Israel.

Continued discussion of "Preparedness," led by Walter Lemann.

Victrola selection, "Angel's Serenade," sung by Alma Gluck, accompanied by Zimbalist.

The public is cordially invited to join the club.

The next meeting will be held in the high school library Thursday, March 2, at which time it is hoped many new members will be enrolled. ALMA J. KLOS, Acting Secretary.

R. N. Sims Residence Ransacked.

In the absence of the inmates, all of whom were in New Orleans at the time, the R. N. Sims residence in Chetmaches street was broken into Thursday night and ransacked from top to bottom, but so far as is known at present nothing of value was taken. Every room in the dwelling was entered by the nocturnal prowler, and the contents of desks, drawers, cupboards and other receptacles were disturbed, the intruder obtaining light for his nefarious investigations by striking matches, remnants of which were found in quantities all over the house. An axe belonging to the premises was found on a lounge in the drawing-room. Entrance to the building was effected by forcing open a rear window, and discovery of the depredation was made the following morning when a neighbor noticed this window open and informed a relative of the family. It is assumed that the thief was in search of money or jewelry, since other articles of value were not carried away. The local authorities are working on the case.

The River Situation.

The river at this point has risen only two-tenths of a foot during the past week, and has been stationary for the last twenty-four hours. The gauge reading of 33.4 feet recorded Saturday remained unchanged until Thursday morning, when a stage of 33.5 feet was indicated. Friday's level was 33.6 feet, and this was also the reading at 7 o'clock this morning.

Alarm was caused Sunday by the subsidence of a portion of the South-west levee on the east bank of the river in this parish. The alarm, but a force of nearly 1000 men was rushed to the scene, together with a big levee machine, and by prompt and efficacious work the sloughing was stopped and the threatened crevasse averted. Reports from Southwood this morning are to the effect that the situation is well in hand, and the engineers express confidence that the threatened dike will withstand the crisis.

Parker to Speak Here March 12.

President A. E. Truxillo of the local Parker club announced this morning that Mr. Parker and the other candidates on the Progressive-Independent Democratic ticket will deliver addresses here Sunday, March 12. Further information concerning the meeting will be announced in due time.

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"MEN AND RELIGION" RALLY.

Gospel Team Organized to Promote Movement in This Section.

Following the addresses at the courthouse last night, according to the announced program, by O. B. Webb of New Orleans on "The Bible's Message to the Everyday Man;" by J. G. Suttles of Vacherie on "Men, the Moulders of the Social and Religious Ideals of Our Boys;" by H. L. Baker of Plattenville on "The Returns from a Man's Service Invested in the Church of God;" and by E. T. Champion of Burton on "The Call to the Men of America to Become Disciples of the Man of Galilee," a gospel team in the "Men and Religion" movement was organized for South Louisiana, with the following officers: E. T. Champion, sales agent for the Burton-Swartz Cypress Co., Burton, president; H. L. Baker, president of the Baker-Wakefield Cypress Co., Plattenville, vice president; J. G. Suttles, Y. M. C. A. secretary, Vacherie, secretary-treasurer.

In addition to these officers, the following were named on the executive committee: A. H. Hunley, Donaldsonville; C. A. Smith, Burton; G. W. Edmunston, Plattenville; Dr. W. F. Bolton, Vacherie.

The charter members of the team as enrolled last night, representing various denominations of christians, were as follows: A. H. Hunley, C. V. St. Amant and Thomas Q. Chapman, Donaldsonville; J. G. Suttles and Dr. W. F. Bolton, Vacherie; C. A. Smith, E. T. Champion, Elmo Burt, A. L. Barham and H. C. Gibson, Burton; G. W. Edmunston, Mary Hendrix, T. E. Crews and H. L. Baker, Plattenville.

The president proposed to call a meeting of the executive committee at some near future date to plan a gospel campaign for the south Louisiana river parishes, looking into the question of "What's the matter with Louisiana religiously?" and to devise such plans for enlisting men and boys in religious and social betterment as may seem practical.

Belle Helene Notes.

Roland Russell spent the early part of last week in New Orleans.

Mrs. Athos Hebert and children are the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Berteau, and family.

Mrs. A. Gauthreaux entertained the Sewing Circle Thursday. Those present were: Mesdames L. Geismar, L. Levy, J. C. Klos, Ed. Steinhaus, E. Schexnayder, B. J. Binyag, J. A. Lorio, J. W. Russell, Wm. Angier and Eugene Melancon, and Misses Sadie and Carrie Newman, Elsie Steinhau, Nita, Schexnayder, Wilhelmina and Hilda Klos, and Lillian Writen.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Steinhau and daughters, Misses Elsie and Selma, spent Sunday in Gonzales.

Several extra large turnips grown here were displayed at the postoffice. One weighed one pound and ten ounces, with a circumference of fifteen inches. Another weighed two pounds and six ounces, the circumference measuring eighteen inches. Another tipped the scale at two pounds and eight ounces, and was twenty inches in circumference, while the largest weighed two pounds and fifteen ounces, and was twenty and one-half inches in circumference.

New Veterinarian.

Dr. C. S. Wisard, a graduate veterinary surgeon, has located in Donaldsonville for the practice of his profession, and has established his office at the Truxillo stable in Railroad avenue. Dr. Wisard comes well recommended, having had considerable practical experience, and is prepared to treat diseases of all domesticated animals. Of late he has been in the employ of the European allies, supervising the transportation of cargoes of mules from this country to England. He will give prompt attention to all calls, day or night, and can be reached at any time through telephone 101, (office), or 151, (residence). The Chief welcomes Dr. Wisard to Donaldsonville and wishes him success.

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LOST-REWARD.

ON MONDAY, FEB. 14, A LIVER AND WHITE POINTER HITCH, two years old, answering to name of "Lucky" Strayed from Pelico plantation in Ascension parish, and last seen near Belle Rose, in Assumption. A suitable reward will be paid for the return of the animal, or for information leading to her recovery. Communicate with DR. T. H. HANSON, Donaldsonville, La.

WANTED.

A SETTLED WOMAN about 20 years old to cook and do general house work for a good, small southern family living in Philadelphia, Pa. Must speak both French and English. Salary, \$25 per month. Will receive the same case as my own family. Correspond with JULES A. COOK, S. E. Cor. 17th and Fairmount Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa.

LOST-REWARD.

IN MISSISSIPPI STREET, between Chetmaches street and Catholic church, on Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 26, a LADY'S WRIST WATCH, monogrammed with initials N. D. S. Finder will please return to office of this paper and receive reward.

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