

Victor Sachse, of Baton Rouge, was in town during the week on business.
Rub-My-Tism (antiseptic) relieves rheumatism, sprains, neuralgia, etc.

Mrs. Sam Kessler has returned from a delightful visit to friends in New Orleans.

Miss Laurie Colomb spent a few days in New Orleans during the week as the guest of relatives.

Jas. Von Lotten went to New Orleans Monday morning on business, returning the same night.

Mrs. L. Conner Randolph, of Bayou Goula, was in town for several hours' stay Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Lula Poirrier returned last Saturday from an enjoyable visit to relatives at Kentwood, La.

Dr. A. W. Martin spent Sunday afternoon and evening with friends in New Orleans, returning home Monday morning.

Peaches, plums, pears, and persimmons—a collection of four large trees of each for \$2. Griffing Nurseries, Port Arthur, Texas.

Roses and flowering shrubs—six 25-year old budded roses; two crepe myrtles and two Altheas, all assorted colors; also two cape jasmines. All for \$1.50. Griffing Nurseries, Port Arthur, Texas.

Mrs. Sol Applebaum and her interesting children, Sarah, Rosalind and Emanuel, of Lexington, Miss., are spending a couple of weeks here as the welcome guests of relatives.

Mrs. G. B. Reuss and her daughter, Miss Ethelyn Reuss, of Germania plantation, with their house guest, Miss Lucille Troendle, of New Orleans, were in town Tuesday afternoon with friends.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ulysses P. Acosta and baby daughter, Alice, visited relatives in Plaquemine and vicinity last Sunday, and are spending the weekend with relatives and friends in Brusly Maurin.

The Chief's sanctum was honored Friday by a visit from two of our good friends, J. Wesley Evans, of Galvez, and H. Arthur Morgan, of Burnside, who were in town on business.

Mrs. Charles Daigle and children, Mabel, Heloise, Hazel and George, of West Baton Rouge parish, motored to Donaldsonville last Sunday and spent the day here very pleasantly as the guests of the Misses Daigle at their home in Lessard street.

Is it too late to plant trees? Will they grow if planted now? The best time to plant trees is after they begin to bud. Let us prune them ready for planting, and then follow our planting instructions sent with order. Griffing Nurseries, Port Arthur, Tex.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Bergeron have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Beulah, to Paul C. Landry, the ceremony to be performed at the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic church in Smoke Bend Wednesday, April 18, at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Relatives and friends in this community of the Flandry family, erstwhile residents of Donaldsonville, will be interested to learn of the births of a bouncing baby boy to Mr. and Mrs. "Junior" Flandry, of Labadieville, the happy event having occurred last Saturday.

Mrs. Mary Kahn and her daughter, Miss Rhoda Kahn, of New York city; Mrs. H.L. Cohn, Miss Caroline Farnbacher, and Selon Farnbacher, of Baton Rouge, motored to Donaldsonville and Napoleonville last Sunday, and en route to the latter town paid a visit to the Newman dairy farm on Bayou Lafourche. During their stay here the visitors were the guests of their relatives, the Alex. Bloemestiel household.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Allen, who have been conducting the Gem Theatre in this city for the past several weeks, relinquished their lease of the house Tuesday night, and the following afternoon departed for Baton Rouge, where they may decide to locate. During their stay here Mr. and Mrs. Allen made many friends who regret to see them leave, and whose good wishes for unbounded success will accompany them in their future ventures.

Tragic Death of Young Woman. Many friends here were saddened by the tragic death of Miss Garnett Maurin, the lovely 18-year-old daughter of Mrs. Joseph R. Maurin, of New Orleans, who was killed in an automobile accident at Violet, six miles below New Orleans on the Pointe a la Hache road, at 6:50 o'clock Tuesday evening. Details of the deplorable tragedy were published in the New Orleans papers Wednesday. The young woman was a native of Donaldsonville, where she spent the early years of her childhood here. She was a grand-daughter of the late Major Victor Maurin, and a niece of Messrs. Charles Maurin, Sr., Edmund Maurin, and Mrs. J. N. Colomb, of this city. The latter, together with Charles Maurin, Jr., and Miss Laurie Colomb, cousins of the deceased, attended the funeral, which was held in New Orleans Thursday forenoon.

Distinguished Ascensionite Dead. Rear Admiral Vincendon Lazarus Cottman, United States navy, who died in Washington Friday of last week, was a native of this parish, having been born on a plantation near Donaldsonville in 1852. He was the son of Thomas Cottman and Marie Louise de Tournillon Cottman. The father of Admiral Cottman was a practicing physician in Ascension parish in ante bellum days. After the war he moved with his family to New York city.

DISTRICT COURT.

Various Civil Matters Considered at Session Thursday.

Pursuant to adjournment on the 15th inst., district court convened at 10 o'clock Thursday forenoon, with Judge Philip Gilbert presiding. Following is a summary of the business transacted:
Cecelia Boudreaux vs. Picard & Geismar, Ltd.; exception referred to merits and case fixed for Friday, March 30.

American African Baptist Church vs. Amedee Butler et al.; rule returnable March 22 continued to Monday, March 26.

Irene Hooper vs. Camille Rome; fixed for Friday, March 30.

Interstate Bank & Trust Company vs. Picard & Geismar, Ltd., et al.; default entered against Picard & Geismar.

Gibbons, Finney, Gordon et al. vs. A. J. Schroeder; exception submitted and overruled; default entered.

Consumers' Brewing Company vs. Paul Fontana; exception continued indefinitely.

Weber & Peterson vs. Gano W. Robertson; motion for new trial overruled; exception to jurisdiction of court rationae personae maintained, and plaintiffs' suit dismissed at their cost; appeal granted to plaintiffs, suspensive or devolutive, returnable to court of appeals at its next sitting in Donaldsonville, upon bond being furnished in sum of \$50, according to law.

Court adjourned to Monday, March 25, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Bessie Barriscale in "The Last Act." Bessie Barriscale, one of the screen's most magnetic and versatile stars, will be seen at the Gem Theatre tomorrow in "The Last Act," supported by a cast of competent players which includes Clara Williams and Robert McKim. This notable Triangle play, a Thos. H. Ince production, tells the story of Ethel Duprey, who, out of work and funds, wanders about a park thoroughly discouraged. Mrs. Hale, wife of an attorney, slips a bill into the hands of Ethel who refuses to accept it. Later Ethel gets an engagement in a small part in a play called "Retribution." The star surrenders her ankle and Ethel takes her place. She makes a hit on the opening night. At a supper given in honor of her triumph, Ethel meets Lewis Hale, the husband of the woman who has befriended her. A warm affection springs up between the pair. Lewis wants Ethel to elope with him, so he can marry her after getting a divorce. Mrs. Hale comes heavily veiled to Ethel's apartment. Not recognizing her, Ethel refuses her plea. The married woman faints. On tearing off her veil, Ethel recognizes the woman who had befriended her. When Hale comes for his answer, he meets his own wife dressed in Ethel's clothing and made to look as she did in the days when they were first married. Ethel is soothed in her heart-broken condition by her faithful maid and companion, Suzette.

Catholic Mission. A two weeks' mission will be opened at the Catholic church tomorrow, continuing until Easter Sunday, April 8. The sermons will be preached by Rev. Fathers Matthew and Eugene, distinguished missionaries of the Passionist order. There will be a mass every morning, followed by instruction and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament every evening at 7:30 o'clock, with a sermon. Special services for children will be held in the afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. During Holy Week all the religious exercises appertaining to that solemn period will be scrupulously followed in connection with the mission. A cordial invitation to attend the services is extended everyone, irrespective of creed or religious affiliation. Both Fathers Matthew and Eugene are eloquent, and eminent speakers, and a great treat is in store for all who hear their inspiring sermons.

Steve Weber, who is employed at the Standard Oil plant near Baton Rouge, was operated on at the sanitarium in that city Thursday morning for appendicitis. C. C. Weber went from here to be at his brother's bedside, and upon his return Thursday afternoon reported that the operation was an entirely successful one, and that the patient had rallied from the effects of the operation and was resting quietly. Mr. Weber is a young man in his thirties, and his many friends here will be glad to learn that the cause of the trouble has been successfully removed, and will join in wishing him an early recovery.

Anonymous Obituaries Received. An obituary poem enclosed in an envelope postmarked St. Francisville, and a prose composition of the same character mailed locally, have been received by the Chief. The writers of both contributions conceal their identity beneath the generic signature, "A Friend." As it is an inviolable rule of the Chief not to publish anonymous communications, the contributors in question are informed that their names must be forthcoming if they expect their effusions to receive consideration at our hands.

A letter from J. Ward Poche, dated at Los Palacios, Cuba, instructs us to place his name on the mailing list of the Chief. "If possible," writes Mr. Poche, "I would thank you to send me copies of back numbers since February 10, for since then, due to the uprising, I have not seen any. I am now out of the war zone, practically speaking, being in Pinar del Rio province, where there has been little or no trouble." Mr. Poche is filling a position in the employ of the Cuban Sugar Mills Corporation at the Central Virginia factory, Los Palacios.

The host of friends of "Willie" Hanson will be delighted to learn that he will return to Donaldsonville today from New Orleans, where he was operated on at the Presbyterian Hospital several weeks ago. Mr. Hanson will be accompanied by his wife, who has been a devoted attendant at his bedside. He is steadily recuperating from the effects of the operation, which was a most difficult and serious one, and hope is entertained that he will soon be restored to his former robust health.

Mrs. H. J. Many, of Belle Helene, spent Thursday very pleasantly as the guest of Miss Cecile Melancon.

Break up your cold or lagrippe with five or six doses of 666.

Kill the FLY.

Chatham Dairy Farm.

Beginning next Monday, March 26, the Chatham dairy farm will deliver daily in Donaldsonville pure, wholesome and sanitary milk and cream. This will be good news to the housekeepers of the community, who have long felt the need of an adequate supply of these commodities, and it may be taken for granted that the new service will be cordially received by the patrons. The Chatham farm is located at Hohen Solms, and is stocked with high-class cattle secured from the leading dairy centers of the United States. None but healthy, tubercular tested cows are to be found on the place, and barns, surroundings and attendants conform in every respect to the most rigid sanitary regulations. Visitors to the farm will be welcomed at any time. In fact, the management cordially invites everybody interested to call and inspect the property. Orders for the products of the farm placed through telephone No. 294-J will receive prompt and careful attention.

St. Joseph's Day Celebrated.

The feast of St. Joseph was celebrated here Monday with a solemn high mass at the Catholic church at 9 o'clock a. m. Rev. C. M. Chambon officiating. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon members of the St. Joseph Society to the number of several hundred—men, women and children—formed a parade at the church hall and marched through the principal streets of the city, headed by the Clairborne Williams brass band. The religious rites arranged in observance of the feast concluded with a solemn benediction pronounced by Father Chambon at 5 o'clock. Many of the Italian storekeepers of Donaldsonville and vicinity closed their places of business in honor of the day, and the occasion was made one of rejoicing and celebration by the Italian population generally. A mission for the Italian members of the congregation has been in progress at the church throughout the week, sermons being delivered in that language twice daily.

Levee Board Offices Moved.

The offices of the Lafourche basin levee board, which have heretofore been located in the suite of rooms on the second floor of the Nicholls Cafe building in Mississippi street, were moved Wednesday to the building at the southwest corner of Nicholls avenue and Chetimaches street. This structure, formerly occupied by the furniture store of the late E. L. Weber, has been virtually rebuilt, having been shortened to about half its original length, provided with an ornamental shed of galvanized iron, divided into several large offices and meeting rooms on the inside, repainted and an attractive shade of green with light grey trimmings, with a red roof, and otherwise renovated and improved. The building is owned by C. C. Weber, secretary of the levee board, who will have his law office there. The one-story cottage which formerly adjoined the corner building has been demolished.

Expert Mechanic Engaged.

Dr. Sheard Moore, proprietor of the Donaldsonville Auto Co., has recently employed an expert mechanic to take charge of the repair department of the garage, and announces that the establishment is now prepared to do repair work of any kind on all makes of cars. The new mechanic has demonstrated a degree of efficiency and knowledge of the business that prompts the claim by Dr. Moore that jobs of any nature can be successfully and expeditiously handled, no matter how difficult. Automobile owners who may have occasion to need the services of an expert repair man are invited to put this claim to the test, and are assured in advance that they will be entirely satisfied with the manner in which the work is done and the scale of prices charged.

Bech-Erato.

Miss Emily Erato, of Donaldsonville, and Arthur J. Bech, of New Orleans, were quietly married in the latter city Monday evening last. Miss Lena Erato served as maid of honor and George Miller as best man. The bride was given in marriage by her brother-in-law, Ray Cary. Only relatives and a few close friends were present. Mr. and Mrs. Bech will reside in New Orleans.

Abe and Mose Bloemestiel visited New Orleans on business last Saturday.

Fight the FLY.

Big Fire at Plattenville.

Sparks from a passing boat carrying lumber from the Baker-Wakefield cypress mill at Plattenville shortly before noon Wednesday caused a serious fire, two residences being destroyed and six others damaged. The sparks, driven by a high wind, first ignited the residence of George W. Edmondson, which, with its contents was destroyed. The flames spread to the home of Numa Aucoin, nearby, and it was also consumed with contents. The buildings were valued at about \$1000 each. Hard work by the volunteer firemen stopped the progress of the blaze after two other houses had been heavily damaged and four slightly damaged.

During the height of the conflagration the fire department of Donaldsonville was appealed to for aid and the big motor truck of the Vigilant Hose Company was dispatched to the scene. The twelve-mile run to Plattenville was made in about twenty minutes and the local fire-fighters were able to render valuable assistance in suppressing the blaze, the chemical tank with which the Vigilant truck is equipped proving of particular service in preventing a spread of the flames. Appreciation of the aid given by the local firemen was expressed by citizens of Plattenville.

Big Fair Next Month.

Vigilant Hose Company is making arrangements for a grand fair to be given in Ascension Hall Saturday, Sunday and Monday, April 14, 15 and 16, for the benefit of its truck fund. Committees have been appointed to formulate plans for the event and attend to the necessary details of preparation, and it can be said without exaggeration that the festival will be one of the most elaborate and enjoyable ever given under the auspices of this progressive organization. Several new attractions are being planned, in addition to the usual entertainment features, and no effort will be spared to make the affair distinctive in this respect and altogether worthy of patronage on the part of the public. Further announcements concerning the big event will appear in the Chief from time to time.

Style Show Next Month.

Donaldsonville will be treated to a most interesting and unique entertainment on Wednesday, April 11 when a style show will be presented at the Grand Theatre for the benefit of the Catholic church repair fund. This will be the first event of the kind ever attempted here, and that it will be awaited with pleasurable anticipation not only by the feminine portion of the population, but by the members of the sterner sex as well, is a fact that need not be stated. The show will be under the direction of Misses Amelie Cere and Ritta Co-mieux, and in addition to the sartorial display there will be excellent musical features, the whole comprising a program that cannot fail to prove extremely interesting and enjoyable.

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LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

The Chief is not responsible for views expressed by correspondents.

An Explanation.

Donaldsonville, La., March 24, 1917.
Editor Chief:
To fully protect myself, and at the same time feeling that the taxpayers of the parish of Ascension should know the exact reasons why I am no longer supervising the construction of the gravel road known as the Ascension-St. James highway, now being built in this parish, I am taking this means to make the explanation, and in connection with this, I wish to say that I stand ready to prove that my explanation is a correct one.
The board of supervisors that control the construction of the above named road is composed of the following gentlemen: Geo. B. Reuss, Jasmin Tobias, Alex. Bloemestiel, C. H. Landry, and E. N. Pugh. These gentlemen entered into an agreement with me to construct the said road for a certain compensation, knowing all of the time that I was merely supervising the work for them. The agreement was perfectly agreeable and acceptable to the committee and myself, and immediately upon acceptance of the proposition I proceeded to place an equipment on the road and then commenced actual construction of the road. I had not started more than a day or two, before I was informed there were certain objections to my doing the work. Upon learning this I became a little worried, and for a time did not know just how to proceed. In the meantime I was informed that Mr. E. N. Pugh was under the impression that it was illegal for me to proceed with the work. Immediately upon receipt of this information, I went to Mr. Pugh's office, in company with Mr. Petersen of New Orleans, and asked Mr. Pugh what the trouble was about. I also stated to Mr. Pugh that I would like to know just what course to pursue, as I did not care to undertake that I could proceed without being molested. Mr. Pugh's answer to me was, "Go ahead and build the road." Mr. Pugh being a member of the road committee and also an attorney, I lost no time in proceeding with the work. The same instructions were given to me by the rest of the committee.
I had not started good again, when the same question was again taken up concerning the legality of my doing the work. A meeting of the committee was called for by Mr. C. H. Landry, president of the committee, at the request of Mr. Pugh. At this meeting a general discussion took place as to the legality of my doing the work without same first being advertised. The district attorney was requested to be present (and this request I understand was made by Mr. Landry through the channels of Mr. Pugh) and render his opinion on the subject. He opined that it was illegal for me to do the work without same first being advertised. In connection with this opinion, I might add that the district attorney overlooked the fact that thirty miles of road construction was done on the basis that I was going to do the work in this parish, the only difference being that the work done there was by the parish and not a road district; and I also understand that more work of this nature is going to be done in his parish. However, after receiving the district attorney's opinion, the committee saw fit to disregard same and instructed me to proceed with the work, whether same was illegal or not, as they wanted the road built as quickly as possible. I proceeded again, only to be stopped once more. The matter then began to become disgusting to me and I asked the committee to relieve me of the work. This they did, and I want to thank them for it through the channels of this column.
In conclusion, I wish to state that I am a builder of good roads and not a builder of political machines. The one-half mile of road I built is open for inspection and speaks for itself as to my ability as a road builder.
H. M. WEBER.

New Home for Lemann Addition.

Mose F. Bloemestiel has purchased the lot at the northeast corner of Church and Iberville streets, in the Lemann Addition, and will erect thereon a modern stucco bungalow. The property has a frontage of 60 feet on Iberville street and 120 feet on Church street, and the purchase price was \$750. R. L. Stewart, formerly of Donaldsonville, and now located at Beaumont, at one time contemplated the construction of a pretentious dwelling on this site, and the foundations built there will be utilized by Mr. Bloemestiel in the erection of his bungalow.

T. P. A. Post-Elects Officers.

At a meeting last Sunday of Post 1 of the Travelers' Protective Association of America, Louisiana Division, the following officers were re-elected: Charles Maurin, president; D. D. Delferes, vice president; Henry D. Netter, treasurer; Raphael Singer, secretary; Messrs. Maurin, Netter, Singer and Morris Celestin were selected to represent the post at the annual convention of the Louisiana division to be held in Lake Charles, April 21 and 22.

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