

# Donaldsonville Chief

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## Newman Farm Changes Hands.

A. S. Crawford, prominent citizen and rice and sugar planter of the first ward of this parish, has purchased from J. K. Newman the property situated on the east bank of Bayou Lafourche, about one mile below Donaldsonville, the magnificent and most desirable property known as the Newman Farm.

The place comprises 348 acres of cultivated land and includes all of the improvements, including a large barn, a large house, and all the necessary implements, and is provided with all the conveniences and comforts of a large plantation. The Newman farm is situated on the east bank of Bayou Lafourche, about one mile below Donaldsonville, the magnificent and most desirable property known as the Newman Farm.

The sale did not include the thoroughbreds, and in their number some of the best bred cows and bulls in the parish. It is reported that the whole of these fine cattle was sold to the estate of H. C. Minor, owners of the plantation in the parish Terrebonne. Mr. Crawford is to be congratulated upon his good fortune in acquiring so fine a residence and property at such a reasonable price. He expects to take charge of the place and remove there with his family in the early future. He intends to cultivate the entire farm in alfalfa, oats and corn this year, and next year, about half of the land will be planted in rice and the remainder in forage crops.

## New Grocery Store Opens.

Sidney Harp, the hustling young clerk of the Lafourche Mercantile Company, and Robert Carriere, a well-known young business man of Napoleonville, under the firm name of Harp & Carriere, opened their new grocery store last Monday under most favorable auspices. The store is located in Mississippi street, in the building formerly occupied by the Home Mercantile Company, and is under the management of Mr. Carriere. The store is well stocked with all kinds of fancy and staple groceries and presents a most inviting appearance. The proprietors are well pleased with the measure of patronage accorded them so far, which they hope will continue to increase in the future. Their purpose will be at all times to handle only the best and freshest groceries and to dispense them at the lowest market prices.

Sigur Martin, a young attorney of Convent, St. James parish, visited Donaldsonville yesterday on legal business.

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## POLICE GRAFT IN NEW ORLEANS

The arrest some time ago by members of the police force of New Orleans of a respectable married woman, and mother of several small children, during the absence of her husband from home, because she refused to pay them "graft" money, caused a great popular upheaval and precipitated an investigation which has established the fact that the police force of that city is steeped in corruption.

As a result of the probe instituted in response to the united clamor of the press and people, several of these so-called guardians of peace and protectors of the lives and liberties of the people, including a sergeant and a corporal have been summarily dismissed from the force.

The four policemen, namely: John Schenermann, George Roussel, Louis Anderson and James Hart, who illegally and without warrant, arrested the woman referred to and the Times-Picayune reporter who was at her home at the time, sent there by his newspaper to investigate reports of alleged police persecution upon the woman, were found guilty of the charge of false imprisonment in the Second City Criminal Court Thursday, and will be brought to trial before the district court next week, under indictments by the grand jury, under the charge of bribery.

Thursday in its report to the district court, the grand jury, referring to the police force, uses this language: "We are firmly of the opinion that a number both of the police and detective forces are incompetent—corruptly influenced in the non-performance of duty, and frequently guilty of unauthorized and gross usurpation of power, resulting in intimidation and abuse, and this number is large enough seriously to impair the efficiency of the police and detective departments." It is indeed a sad commentary upon the government of a city, that the very persons whom it employs and pays to safeguard the lives and property of its citizens and residents, and visitors as well, and to protect them in the enjoyment of liberty and the pursuit of happiness, should be highwaymen and use, the power of the law to oppress, persecute and rob the defenseless and the weak.

The officials of New Orleans owe to the people of this city, as well as to the people of the entire country, whose eyes are now turned upon it, to rid its police force of the grafters and leeches with which it seems to be infested, if they wish to preserve the fair name of a metropolis of the south and make it a desirable place for strangers to visit as well as a safe place in which to live.

## Distinguished Guest.

Louis Geismar, a prominent merchant and planter of Geismar, and member of the firm of Ward & Geismar, had as his guest recently his nephew, Lieutenant Marcel Bloch, of the French army, hero of many thrilling episodes in the great war, in Russia as well as in France, and wearer of many crosses of honor—awards for conspicuous and meritorious service. In a recent issue, the Jewish Ledger, published in New Orleans, has the following to say of Lieutenant Bloch:

"Five of the highest decorations for bravery, one of them the croix de guerre with seven palms—each a separate citation—are evidences of the war record of Lieutenant Marcel Bloch of the French army, who arrived in New Orleans Friday on his way to visit his uncle, Louis Geismar of Geismar, La.

"As an officer of the French Aviation Service Lieutenant Bloch saw service in France and Russia from the opening of the war, and besides the croix de guerre wears the decoration of the Legion of Honor, the military medal, the English cross of the Distinguished Service Order which was pinned on him by the Duke of Connaught, and the Russian Order of St. Ann.

"Six enemy balloons and two airplanes were brought down by Lieutenant Bloch single-handed. The award of the croix de guerre followed his wrecking of a balloon ten miles behind the German lines; when he was forced to follow the dirigible less than 100 feet above ground under constant fire from all sides. In spite of two severe wounds he destroyed the balloon and escaped to the British lines.

"Lieutenant Bloch has been sent to America on an official mission concerning the manufacture of airplane engines. After visiting Washington, New York and Detroit he came south to visit his relatives at Geismar, La.

Sergeant Major Paul Thibodaux, Jr., of this place, who was recently discharged from Camp Beauregard, after returning from overseas, left Wednesday night for Shreveport, where he has accepted a position as chief clerk in the office of the Texas Oil Company. Before enlisting into the army he was employed as bookkeeper in the branch office of the company at this place. While regretting his departure from Donaldsonville, the Chief wishes its young friend unqualified success in his new field of labor.

Frank S. Constantine, of this city, spent several days in New Orleans last week on a pleasure trip.

Subscribe to the Chief.

## INCOME TAX RETURNS.

Representative from Collector's Office Here to Aid Tax Payers.

J. D. Murphy representative of J. Y. Pauntleroy, collector of internal revenue at New Orleans, arrived here yesterday and will remain until next Tuesday, making his headquarters at the courthouse. The purpose of his visit to Donaldsonville is to give to all persons and corporations any information and assistance they might desire in the preparation of their income tax returns. Every person, partnership or corporation requiring help in this matter should call on the office, who will cheerfully give, without cost, every aid possible. Mr. Murphy will also be at his headquarters all day tomorrow. He is supplied with blank forms for making returns for those whose incomes were less than \$5000; but all those whose incomes exceeded this amount will be given all information and assistance they may desire.

The collector especially urges every person and corporation not thoroughly familiar with their income tax liability to confer with one of the government's representatives in an effort to straighten out any tangles and complications which may exist. Due to the urgent necessity of the government for funds no general extension of time will be given, but every return should be completed and filed in the office of the collector of internal revenue by March 15. In every case where it is possible a full remittance of the tax will be appreciated and in any event provision must be made to pay at least one-quarter of the tax on the filing of the return.

## Juvenile Car Thieves.

Last Monday morning, J. T. Auerburn, special officer in the employ of the Texas and Pacific Railway Company, while making his rounds of the cars parked in the company's yards in this city, discovered that one of the box cars had been broken into and some articles of freight stolen. On Monday night, believing that the thieves might return, he lay in wait for them. At 7 o'clock in the evening he discovered two boys in the act of breaking into another car and promptly arrested them. They proved to be Dacie Smith, aged 12 and Fred Irwin, aged about 13 years. On Tuesday morning, Dacie Smith made a confession, in which he admitted robbing the car the previous night of seven pairs of shoes, one box of antiseptic and a box containing advertising matter, such as whistles and thimbles, and he implicated Fred Irwin, and an Italian boy named George Capice, aged 10 years, in the robbery. The Capice boy told the officer that he had sold the antiseptic to Mrs. Frank Gendusa, and one pair of the baby shoes stolen to an Italian woman. The culprits were turned over to Sheriff Hanson, who together with Mr. Auerburn and local officers Ernest Dalferes and R. A. Lawless, visited the residence of Mrs. Gendusa and searched the premises, but failed to find the antiseptic. The pair of baby shoes were turned over to Mr. Auerburn by the woman to whom they had been sold. Five pairs of the shoes and the box of advertising matter were recovered. George Capice also entered the local express office last Monday night and stole a box containing a suit of boy clothes and a sweater. Owing to the extreme youth of the offenders they were not imprisoned.

## HOME BOY IN NAVY.

Member of Crew of "Mystery Ship" Writes Interesting Letter.

Louis Delatte, son of Mr. and Mrs. Justilien Delatte, esteemed citizens of this place, recently sent the Chief a long article clipped from the Journal, published at Newport, R. I., and which contains a graphic account of the thrilling experiences of the schooner Charles Whitmore, the United States navy's "mystery ship," which recently arrived at that port. The article tells how the ship, commandeered and fitted out at Newport with local boys and officers, fought U-boats and dodged the allies, and wandered the seas for four months as a U-boat decoy, and was hit by seven shots from British warships and threatened by American vessels. Young Delatte was a member of the crew of this boat. His letter is as follows:

"Editor Chief:  
"Newport, R. I., Jan. 27, 1919.  
"Having just obtained a correct write-up about our craft, I thought possibly you would appreciate the favor of my mailing you a copy. There have been a few stories in the eastern papers, but to this date all have been incorrect.

"The experiences can be appreciated more now than ever as we are all of us arrived back safely, and I can assure you that the enclosed article describes as fully as possible the cruising of the 'mystery ship.'

"My rating, O. M., first-class listener, as you will note in the clipping. Listening devices were used to good advantage, and proved very interesting work. But the hardest work, was the extra duty in the way of battling the storms on high seas aboard the four-masted vessel. All hands were in civilian clothes and officers as well as enlisted men worked as one, but in spite of the hardships which we experienced, it seems that all on board gained in weight, and every member of the crew is the picture of good health.

"I expect to be discharged real soon, so I am looking forward to seeing the old home town in the early future."

Since receiving the above letter, Mr. Delatte arrived here last Tuesday to visit his parents. He has been discharged from active service and placed on the reserve list, subject to call at any time during the next four years. Before being assigned to duty on the "mystery" ship, he was on the monitor Ozark for a short while. After sojourning here for about two weeks, he will leave for Houston, Tex., to resume the position which he held at the outbreak of the war in a large cotton export house at that place.

Pat Stakeum, the well-known local bootmaker, has shown to a representative of the Chief a pair of miniature wooden shoes, which were recently received by his little daughter, Agnes, from D. C. Mattingly, son of L. B. Mattingly, local agent of the Texas and Pacific Railway Company at this place, who is serving with the United States army, now stationed in Germany. The tiny shoes are made of hard wood, beautifully shaped to fit the foot and taper almost to a point, and are provided with small heels. They are artistically hand carved and are very pretty. They are of the pattern extensively worn by the peasants of Germany, France and Holland.

# BIG SELLING OUT SALE

## The Entire Stock of the New Orleans Bargain Store to Be Disposed of, Commencing Tuesday, March 4, and Continuing Daily Until Sold Out

Having decided to retire from the dry goods business to engage in the sale of FURNITURE AND HOUSE FURNISINGS exclusively, we offer at a BIG SELLING OUT SALE our entire stock of Dry Goods, Millinery, Hatters', Children's and Misses' Shoes, and everything in Ladies' Wear, to make room for our BIG FURNITURE STORE.

It will be to your interest to attend this big sale and take advantage of the bargains offered, which are of a nature never before seen in Donaldsonville. Every purchase will be a money-saver. The sale starts NEXT TUESDAY and will continue until the stock is sold out.

## New Orleans Bargain Store

JASMIN TOBIAS, Proprietor

DONALDSONVILLE, LA.

622-624 Railroad Avenue,

## LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

The Chief is not responsible for views expressed by correspondents.

### To suppress Young Thieves.

To the Mayor and Citizens of Donaldsonville:

As a taxpayer and having the interest of our most worthy community at heart, I deem it my duty to make known certain conditions which confront us and which exist in our city, and I fear, if immediate steps are not taken to suppress this existing evil, our homes, properties and businesses will not only be unsafe, but our lives will be endangered by an organized gang of juvenile thieves. These youths are operating unmolested, and are allowed to break in and pilfer at will, box cars, stores and residences, and there being no means to resort to for punishment, owing to the fact of their being too young for criminal prosecution. These young thieves are well aware of the fact that nothing can be done to them, which makes them bold in their operations. Being a sufferer at the hands of these young burglars, on several occasions, almost having direct proof of their guilt, with confessions which I have secured, which fully convince me as to who the perpetrators are, yet when brought face to face with the evidence, they lie themselves out of it. I have also received complaints to the effect that these youthful vandals are tearing up steps, floors and posts from vacant buildings and selling them for whatever they can get—from 5 cents to 25 cents—and to persons who know that the lumber has been stolen.

Now, I ask the question: What is to be done under the circumstances? Are we to stand by and look on and allow such a condition to exist in our peaceful community? Shall we allow these boys to grow into manhood and become confirmed thieves and probably murderers in our midst, without making an effort to suppress them? Our sheriff is doing all in his power to apprehend the guilty and it is to be hoped that with the proper assistance good results will be obtained.

Now, the question: When caught what are we going to do with them? We have no reformatory school to place them in. Who will solve the problem? Something must be done and done at once. As a member of the police jury, I am ready and willing to meet the honorable mayor and our city officials to formulate such plans and take such action as might be deemed best for the safety of our lives, our homes and our property.

Respectfully,  
JASMIN TOBIAS.

### A Deserved Promotion.

J. C. Dabadie, who for the past eight years has successfully managed the local branch of the Swift Packing Company, and who for the past two years has been a member of the Municipal Light and Water Commission, has been promoted by the company to the management of its Baton Rouge branch, and will leave next Monday to assume charge of his new position. Mr. Dabadie's family will remain here for several weeks longer before taking their departure for the Capital city. J. C. Bilbo, a young gentleman of Jackson, will succeed Mr. Dabadie at this place. While regretting the loss of these estimable people as residents of this city, the Chief in common with his many friends tender congratulations to Mr. Dabadie upon his promotion and wish him every success possible in his new field of labor.

Mrs. Charles T. Wortham, the talented wife of former District Judge Wortham, of Napoleonville, passed through town last Tuesday on her way home from St. Gabriel, where she spent a few days on a visit to relatives.

# WRIGLEY'S

## 5 long-lasting bars in each package.

### The biggest value in refreshment you can possibly buy.

### A BENEFIT to teeth, breath, appetite and digestion.

### The price is 5 cents.



## The Flavor Lasts



## New River Citizen Passes Away.

Sylvère Babin, a well-known and highly esteemed citizen and farmer of Duplessis, died at his residence on Saturday, February 15, after a short illness, aged 52 years. The funeral took place on the following day. Services were held at the Catholic church at Prairieville, Rev. Eugene Hubert officiating, and the remains were consigned to their last resting place in the cemetery of that church. Deceased was a lifelong resident of the Calbasse settlement and reared a family of ten children, seven boys and three girls, all of whom, together with his wife, who was a Miss Mire, survive him. Three of his sons were in the army of the United States. One of whom, having been recently discharged was present at the funeral. The other two are still in camp, one in New York and the other in Kentucky.

## FOR SALE.

IRON SAFE, Master make, 92 inches high by 22 inches wide. KITCHEN RANGE, six holes. All may be bought at a bargain. For further particulars, apply to or address, MRS. G. D. BENTLEY, Donaldsonville, La.

## BIDS WANTED.

SEALED BIDS will be received by the city of Donaldsonville up to WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 1919, for the franchise of the public market and river wharf for the year 1919. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids. A. J. MELANCON, Clerk.

## STRAYED OR STOLEN.

FROM the premises of the undersigned, on Wednesday, February 19, in the Lenann Addition, A BROWN COLLIE BITCH, with white legs. If it is offered for its return, WARREN W. MS, Donaldsonville.

## FOR RENT.

LARGE SPACE in the of Building, Donaldsonville, next to the postoffice. Apply to or address, SOL. KLOTZ, Napoleonville, La.

## NOTICE.

HEREBY APPLY FOR A PAROLE WILLIE HUNTLEY.

## WANTED TO PURCHASE.

200 OR MORE of worn-out rice Address, A. B. C. Convent, La.

## LOST.

THREE-STRING PEARL NECKLACE, that besides being engaged in the second-hand bag business, I will handle and sell new sugar bags and also the famous Burlap bags for rice, potatoes and onions. Prices on any quantity will be quoted on application. Having been engaged in this business for several years, and believing that I have always given satisfaction to my customers, I respectfully solicit future patronage upon my past record for fair dealing. Phone 52. P. S. RICHARD, Donaldsonville, La.

## NEW SUGAR AND RICE BAGS.

I WISH TO ANNOUNCE to the planters that besides being engaged in the second-hand bag business, I will handle and sell new sugar bags and also the famous Burlap bags for rice, potatoes and onions. Prices on any quantity will be quoted on application. Having been engaged in this business for several years, and believing that I have always given satisfaction to my customers, I respectfully solicit future patronage upon my past record for fair dealing. Phone 52. P. S. RICHARD, Donaldsonville, La.

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