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CARNIVAL PLANS FOR MARDI GRAS ARE COMPLETED

Executive Committee Makes Report to Carnival Association Detailing Finances and Program.

Donaldsonville will have a splendid Mardi Gras celebration next year, February 13, if the plans and arrangements of the committees of the Donaldsonville Carnival Association are carried out as prepared. At a general meeting of the association, held Wednesday night at the Knights of Columbus hall, reports from the various committees were read and accepted. The meeting was most enthusiastic and expressions were made to the effect that there was no doubt, that Donaldsonville would go over the top in raising funds enough to carry out the plans of the committees.

The most important report was that of the executive committee, which in detail gives a complete statement of the present finances, and what sums are needed to consummate the carnival plans, and also outlines a part of the program for Mardi Gras day. The report reads as follows:

"Your executive committee appointed some time back, acting under the authority given us, beg leave to report our actions and transactions as follows:

"Our work according to the authority given us by the association is to map out a program for the 1923 carnival, coupled with the raising of the necessary funds to meet the expenses of the project.

"From the very first meeting held by your committee it was decided that whatever our program would consist of, that the necessary funds had to be on hand before work would be contracted for, and with this aim in view we have been working along those lines.

"The king and the queen have been selected, and they have accepted, all the dukes and maids have also been selected, and they have all accepted, that part of the program is now completed, as the necessary costumes have all been contracted for.

"It has been decided to have the queen ball on the night of Mardi Gras, and we have taken it up with the Donaldsonville Lodge of Elks for the use of their lodge room for the occasion, and we are glad to report that they have kindly consented to loan us their spacious hall for the occasion.

"We have not yet completed the program for the festivities of the day, therefore we cannot report more than that we are making satisfactory progress, and we can assure you that the program when completed will be satisfactory to you and the people of our little city and surrounding country.

"We propose to have six floats in the parade if funds justify, it is our aim to have them but so far we have not yet the fund for the six, but we have good prospect of being able to secure what is lacking, so that our decorated floats will number six at least.

"The actual work of constructing the floats, that is the cribbing and the wood work began this week, and we are now actively trying to secure the services of an experienced decorator to do the painting, we have inserted an ad in the N. O. papers asking for correspondence on the subject.

"We have also taken with the cities in our surrounding, inviting them to have their merchants enter appropriate advertising floats, and we are glad to say that the Chamber of Commerce of the city of New Orleans assured us that we could depend on a number from the Crescent City. In order to make it more attractive to the merchants we will assign places in the parade in the order in which application for entry are received by the committee. We feel sure that our home merchans will join us in having beautiful advertising floats in the parade as some of them have already signified heir desire to join in.

"Regarding the finances of the association, we are pleased to give you a condensed statement of our standing, and the sources from which our revenues have been received:

"Popular subscriptions and fair, $491.62.

"Entertainment, Barn Dance, $120.32.

"Collections, $88.

"We have now on hand the sum of $699.94.

"Any suggestion that any of the members of the association would like to offer would be gladly received by your committee and considered at our next regular meeting. Your committee meets regularly every week, and would be glad to act on any advice or suggestion of any member or citizen of the city.

"In conclusion we want to assure you that we will continue our efforts and we are sure that we will give you a celebration that will surpass anything that has ever been staged in our little city. All we ask is for everybody to boost, and boost, and boost."

The report is signed by H. F. Vulliamy, chairman, V. A. Rodrigue, J. L. Messina and F. L. Trepagnier, who compose the executive committee. Upon the reading of same much satisfaction was manifested by the members on the present condition of the the association.

It was reported at the meeting that the Jefferson College band had been secured for Mardi Gras day. The committee appointed to secure music said Jefferson College had planned a festival of its own for Mardi Gras, but upon learning that Donaldsonville was to celebrate the event, the college postponed its program and will send its band to take part in the local festivities. Claiborne Williams' has also been engaged for the day and it is expected that several other bands will be in the parade.

OFFICERS ELECTED BY LOCAL MASONS

Installation Ceremonies to be Held on Friday, December 15.

Ascension lodge, No. 251, F. and A. M., held its regular communication meeting on Friday, December 1, at which meeting officers for the ensuing year were elected. The following were selected to serve for the year:

D. B. Doran, worshipful master; John Pfister, Jr., senior warden; Marcel Himmler, junior warden; Jacob Blum, treasurer; A. H. Hunley, secretary and Louis Ohlmeyer, tyler.

The worshipful master elect, D. B. Doran, made the following appointments:

Nic Eris, Sr., senior deacon; Loen Bloch, junior deacon; A. D. Schmalzrid, master of ceremonies; George H. Chapman, chaplain, Joe Barthet, and Marcel Bloch, stewards; Henry L. Weil, Sam J. Samuelson and D. Ohlmeyer, finance committee.

On Friday, December 15, at the Masonic hall, the officers elected last Friday will be installed with appropriate ceremonies, after which a luncheon will be served. The program for the occasion has not been announced.

New York Once Under Water.

Though many people have a general idea that large parts of the United States have at times in the past been covered by the ocean, it is perhaps not so generally known that the contnent is even now rising in some places and sinking in others. Not so very long ago, in a geologic sense, the Hudson River flowed through a deep canyon or gorge at New York City. Soundings show that this ancient gorge extends through New York Harbor and far out to sea. The land surface in this region has evidently been lowered, allowing the ocean to creep in on the land, fill the old river channel, and in places wholly submerge it. The ocean at one time submerged more of the land about New York than it does now, for in excavations made for some of the skyscrapers the remains of oysters and other saltwater animals have been found. By the nature of fossils thus found the paleontologists of the United States Gelogical Survey have been able to tell approximately when and how far the orean invaded the land. They have found evidence of a subergence that was wider and older than that which now floods the ancient Hudson River gorge. New Yorkers need not, however, feel alarmed about the ups and downs of their ishland, for though this submergence is not so very old geologically, geologists think and speaks in terms of thousands and even millions of years.

Next Week's Bill at the Grand.

Sunday—Wallace Reid, Lila Lee and Walter Heirs in "The Ghost Breaker" and a comedy.

Monday—Wm. Farnum in "Moonshine Valley" and Pathe News.

Tuesday—Rodolph Valentino, Nati Naldi and Lila Lee in "Blood and Sand." His latest production. Music by Claiborne's orchestra.

Wednesday—Pola Negri in "Devils Pawn."

Thursday — Grace Darmand in "The Song of Life," a production of exceptional merit. Added unit, "Trip Through Film Land."

Friday—Thomas Meighan, Lois Wilson and Theodore Roberts in "Our Leading Citizen" and a comedy.

Saturday—Concluding number of "Adventures of Tarzan," first episode of "Speed," Chas. Hutchinson's latest serial, Pathe Review and a comedy.

Woodmen to Elect Officers.

A meeting of the Olive Camp, No. 18, Woodmen of the World, will be held on next Wednesday, December 13, at which the election of officers for the coming year for the camp will be held. It is urged that a special effort be made by the members to attend this meeting and take part in the election. Light refreshments will be served.

Advertise in the Chief. It pays!

EDWARD P. RAMIREZ DIES SUDDENLY ON MONDAY MORNING

Well Known Young Business Man and Highly Esteemed Here Has Passed to Beyond.

This community was greatly shocked last Monday when the news was received that Edward P. Ramirez, cashier of the Netter department store, had suddenly died at his home in Port Barrow. He was 36 years, 11 months, and 3 days old at the time of his death.

On Monday morning, while on his way to the Netter store, he had reached the postoffice and felt sick. He at once returned to his home in Port Barrow and upon arriving there told his wife that he was not feeling well; that he had a pain in his chest. He chatted and played with his children for some time and finally went into the garden, where he spoke with a man employed as gardener and told him he was not feeling well. He shortly returned to the house and drank two glasses of water and then went to bed about 9:30 a. m. Shortly thereafter he was seized with a convulsion, which was followed by another and then he expired at 10:30 a. m.

The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the family residence with services at the Catholic church in Donaldsonville, Rev. Father Chambon officiating. The internment took place in the Catholic cemetery. A large concourse of citizens from all walks of life attended and the order of Red Men, of which deceased was a member, conducted services at the grave.

Deceased was held in the highest of esteem and loved by hundreds of citizens of this city and the surrounding country. For seventeen years he had been a valuable attache of the Netter department store, serving as cashier of that institution. He was industrious and attended to his work faithfully caring attentively to every detail. His employers and co-employes of the Netter store were greatly affected at his sudden death, as he was loved by all with whom he was associated. His employer expressed great sorrow on hearing the news and said Mr. Ramirez was considered almost as a brother in the store. He was a devoted husband and an affectionate father and a good neighbor. His untimely death is mourned by all who knew him and came as a great shock, although deceased had been more or less ailing for some time, it was not thought his condition was serious. His death is attributed to fatness about the heart.

Deceased is survived by his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ramirez; his widow and two little daughters, Winona and Margery; two brothers, Fred and Morris Ramirez, and six sisters, Mrs. Richard Walsh, Mrs. T. Thibodaux, Misses Genevia, Onita, Lacy and Selma Ramirez. He was a son-in-law of Captain M. F. Bradford, of the Bradford Transportation Company of New Orleans. He was a member of the Ascension Council, Knights of Columbus; Mohawk Tribe, I. O. R. M.: Olive Camp, W. O. W., and was active in many social and civic organizations of this community.

The Chief, with hundreds of others in this ctiy, extends its deepest sympathy to the family and relatives of deceased in their bereavement.

CARPENTER AND PLUMBING WORK.

When you are in need of carpenter or plumbing work give me a trial. My prices are reasonable and all work is executed in a neat and workmanship manner. If you contemplate having any work done just tell me to call and I will be glad to discuss the matter with you. No job too large, none too small. CAMILLE ESNEAULT, Carpenter and plumber, Donaldsonville, La.

Pay your poll tax now so as to be eligible to vote in 1924 elections.

DAVID ISRAEL'S AVENUE STORE
Donaldsonville, La.

NEW ENTERPRISE LAUNCHED HERE

Mutual Benevolent Association Opens for Business This Week.

A new enterprise was launched this week in Donaldsonville which will be known as the Mutual Benevolent Association. It will conduct a general mutual insurance business. Its main offices will be in this city, with R. J. Chauvin, president, H. P. Broussard, vice president and R. Melancon, secretary-treasurer. All of the officers are prominent citizens of this parish, Mr. Chauvin benig secretary of the police jury, Mr. Broussard, superintendent of public education and Mr. Melancon, clerk of the district court of this parish.

The objects of the new association is to furnish insurance to its members at actual cost. Any white person, both men or women, in good health, between the ages of 12 and 60 years are eligible for membership. The association will be divided into different leagues and a membership of 2000 is limited to each. The initiation cost to join the association is placed at $4.75, and the assessments thereafter, are fixed at sixty-five cents upon the death of a member.

The organization is purely mutual and benovolent in character. Its purpose is to afford protection to those dependent upon its members. It is the cheapest and most satisfactory protection that can be obtained, declare the promotors of the new association.

CERTIFIED POTATO SEED.

Tiebout Tells How Nebraska Seed Can Now Be Obtained.

G. L.Tiebout, horiculturist of the department of agriculture, is anxious that farmers in this state plant good seed for their crops. He insists that it will pay any farmer to get only the best of seed as a better product always results and consequently higher prices for the crop are to be obtained.

Mr. Tiebout has just sent out a letter regarding potato seed, in which he explains how the Nebraska certied stock can be obtained. The letter reads:

"From all indications, parties in Louisiana who are in the market for carload lots of certified Triumph Irish potato seed should place their orders with Nebraska growers immediately, since the stock in first hands is being rapidly depleted

'Those wishing some fine certified Triumphs at $2 to $2.50 per hundred weight at Nebraska loading points should seemingly act at once as there are only about fifteen cars left at these prices. Our circular of November 10 gives the names, (omit Gadeken who has sold) of all the growers whose stock according to our information can be had at such prices. Recent quotations of about fifty cars range from $3 to $3.35 per hundred weight, showing that the trend of the market is rapidly upward. Right now seems to be the time to place orders for late delivery at a very substantial saving. Interested parties should not try to trade by letter, preferably use telegrams.

"Two hundred dollars per car at the time the order is given and balance sight draft, bill of lading attached, seems to be about the usual terms given by growers. There are some exceptions however, and this information is usually on file at this office.

"It should be remembered that this office does not undertake any business arrangements. They must be made between the buyer and seller direct.

"About eight to ten cars of certified seed have already been sold to Louisiana parties. Trading has begun.

"Let's go. Better seed, better crops."

RULES FOR HUNTERS.

Nature Writer Lays Down Several Pertinent Injunctions.

A nature writer who sets the rules for Long Island hunters has given out at request the following injunctions to members of the sportsmens' club of which he is a member, he says:

"Although I have never believed it a good policy to give advice to persons older and more experienced than myself, I have been requested by a prominent Long Island conservationist and sportsman to prepare a set of rules for hunters who do gunning on the great stretch of land this fall and winter.

"The following are the rules that I have prepared, which I believe will serve the purpose:

"Don't fire at anything until you are certain that it is a game bird or animal.

"When firing at ducks in grassy places, make sure that there are no other persons in the vicinity whom you might accidentally hit.

"Never walk through heavy thickets with a loaded gun cocked.

"When you have fired a double barreled shotgun make certain that both shells exploded.

"Before starting a fire make sure that there is nothing about that might ignite.

"When you have finished cooking and find no further use for your fire, extinguish it, using sand or mud to put out the embers.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the Mother's Favorite.

The soothing and healing properties of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, its pleasant taste adn prompt and effecual cures have made it a favor-effectual cures everywhere. It is especially prized by mothers of young children for colds, croup and whooping cough, as it always affords quick relief and is free from opium and other harmful drugs.—(Adv.)

Pay your poll tax before January 1, 1923.

COMMISSIONERS ARE SUSTAINED BY UPPER COURT

Court of Appeal Reverses Decision of Judge LeBlanc in City Election Case.

The Court of Appeals, on Thursday sitting at Baton Rouge, through Judge Leche as the organ of the court, reversed the judgment of the lower court in the case of K. A. Aucoin and others against Joseph N. Gisclard and others. The court in its opinion, sustained the exception of no cause or right of action, filed by the defendent to the suit.

The court in its opinion saying: "It is an axiom adopted by all the courts of this country, that the contesting of votes and that is precisely what this suit has for its purpose, is not a judicial function, except in so far as it is so ordained by statute. We can find no law authorizing an elector to institute an action to oust another elector from office, whether it be for the reason that the latter was elected in an election, which is voidable, or for any other reason. Ouster proceednga against a public officer are provided for in special statutes and must be brought under certain forms and in the name of the state."

The suit was filed in the district court on May 13, 1921, by K. A. Aucoin, Henry Goette and L. J. Escheverrie, republican nominees for the offices of mayor, commissioner of finance and commissioner of streets and parks, respectively, in the election held May 7, 1921, against the victorious democratic candidates, Jos. N. Gisclard, Charest Thibaut and D. Ohlmeyer. The prayer of the suit was that the election be held null and void, based on the alleged error made by the Secretary of State in printing on the official ballot used on the occasion, the name of L. J. Escheverria as republican candidate for commissioner of finance, when in fact he was the nominee for the office of commissioner of streets and parks, and name of Henry Goette as candidate for the office of commissioner of streets and parks, when in truth he was the nominee for commissioner of finance.

In the hearing of the case before Judge LeBlanc of the district court the contention of the plaintiffs was upheld and an appeal was taken by the defendants of the Court of Appeal, with the result of the decision rendered Thursday, reversing the decision of Judge LeBlanc..

Unless an appeal is taken by the plaintiffs to the supreme court, the election on May 7, 1921, will stand as final. It is not likely the case will be taken to the higher court.

GET CONTRACT FOR ROAD

Picard Construction Company to Build Chacahoula Highway.

The Picard Construction Company of Geismar, has been awarded the contract for building of the highway between Thibodaux and Morgan City, better known as the Chacahoula road. The contract price is $141,-685.52. Construction work will begin within six months and four and seven-eights miles will be built, which will shorten the route between Thibodaux and Morgan City about twenty-five miles. The specifications call for surfacing a road eighteen feet wide, covered with two layers of clam shells. The clearing for the road will be 150 feet wide.

The selection of the Picard company as the builders of the new road is received with much satisfaction by the people in this parish, as the members of the Picard company reside here and it is one of the progressive home concerns.

To Give Musical Recital.

The regular uarterly recital given by Mrs. W. A. Poche's pupils will take place at the studio on Saturday, December 16, at four o'clock. Owing to mourning in Mrs Poche's family, the invitations will be limited to the parents of the pupils. Following is the program:

Estudiantina, (Lacome), by chorus; duett, Marching in the Parade, Anna Ourso and Mrs. Poche; Morning Praise, (Johnson), Therese Robert; trio, After School March, A Dugas, Therese Robert,M. Dupeire; Rose, (Lacome), by chorus; Spanish Dance, (Behr), Anna Ourso; trio, at the school festival, E. and M. Poche and O. Schmalzrid; Songs, (Mr. Dowel), speech, (arditti), Mrs. W. A. Poche; The Little Wanderer, (Gurlitt), O. Schmalzrid; The Little Coquette, Etude, Margaret Poche; Aida, Etude, Elizabeth Poche; Lily of the Valley, Aline Boudreaux; Wonderous Night Song, chorus; "In the Gondola," Perpetual Motion, Mrs. W. A. Poche.

Trappers Invade Terrebonne.

A report from Houma is to the effect that many trappers coming from Lafourche parish are invading Terrebonne parish to trap during the winter. The report says over ten families from Lafourche have pitched their camps on the ridge on the Bayou Black section near Orange Grove plantation. The fur-bearing animals in Terrebonne parish will have little or no rest, when faced with the large army of trappers who have recently gone out trapping. Fur dealers claim that the fur business this season is better than it has been in several years as the demand for hides and furs is increasing by leaps and bound.

W. R. Hirsh, secretary-manager of the Louisiana State Fair in a report to the board of directors of the organization states that this years event showed a profit of $5,921.57. A new record for attendance was also set with 107,937 admissions to the fair. This showing is considered excellent, especially in the face of the fact that an epidemic of dengue fever prevailed in the state at the time of the fair.

TO CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS!

The Big Mid-Winter Sale Will Continue All Next Week!

This is an opportunity for you to get your Christmas gifts, for young and old, at prices which will astonish you. Everything marked at Special Sale prices

Never Before Has This Store Offered the Public Such An Assortment of Quality Goods at Such Low Prices

DON'T FAIL TO VISIT THIS SALE BEFORE MAKING YOUR XMAS PURCHASES

THE FASHION AND BANNER STORES
DONALDSONVILLE, LA.

Burnside Notes and Leaks.
By Henry C. Braud.

With the coming of the New Year, Joseph and Thomas Waguespack, successful cane tenants for the past five years on the Conway plantation, will move to Dutchtown to continue the cultivation of cane on lands belonging to Picard & Geismar. Our loss will be the gain of Dutchtown. They are industrious, hardworking men, surrounded by younger brothers and other relatives of the same class. They will undoubtedly make a success in their new home.

The fight against the boll weevil, the cattle tick, the bootleggers, the K. K. K. and all the infernal eternal nuisances that plague us will have to be fought to a finish. "Lets go get them."

The postmaster at Burnside received notice on November 29, the postoffice at Brewerton would be abolished. Later he received advice that the order had been recinded. While J. H. Brewerton has resigned as postmaster at Brewerton the office will be continued.

Fifty-six years ago, in Franklin, Tennessee, General W. B. Forrest called together a handful of war worn patriotic southern men and urged them to form an organization in the southern states, the object of which was to intimate the negroes, carpetbaggers and "scalawags" and to prevent them from controlling the political activities of the southern states, thereby preserving white supremacy. Thanks to Gen. Forrest, conditions were made secure for two generations past. Today, we in Louisiana, who elected Francis T. Nicholls governor exactly forty-six years ago, and have controlled the election of every official since, from governor to constables, are unafraid of any dire calamity happening, whether we pay or do not pay our poll tax for 1922-1923. The negroes, carpetbaggers and "scalawags" will not give us any fight. We never have any republicans (outside of the customhouse) entering our family squabbles for the spoils every four years. Then, may I ask, what is the impending crisis? The solicitous, patriotic, liberty loving, broadguaged, high minded charman of the Democratic State Central Committee of Louisiana, gives me and thousands of other voters thruoghout the state, who are neither members of the Knights of Columbus or the Ku Klux Klan the following gratitutious advice. "It is the duty of every good democrat to pay his poll tax so that the power of the electorate will be behind men who bravely proclaim the principles for which they stand and who acknowledge no invisible government." I wish to go on record, emphatically, that I do not and never will "acknowledge an invisible government," whatever it means. Governor Parker very properly refuted the existence of any such anarchy in Louisiana two weeks ago. Will Mr. Looney please be more explicit in his urgent demand and request for the payment of poll taxes now than in former years? Is it because he fears that south Louisiana, from Baton Rouge to the gulf, from Hammond to Morgan City, which will take in New Orleans, will go dry? I invite him to issue one more bulletin and omit all cuttle fish matters from it. Let him come out in the open. I beg him to ignore all questions of religion and let him come out like Senator Broussard, Governor Edwards of New Jersey, or Smith of New York, squarely, wet or dry.

When You Are Constipated.

To insure a healthy action of the bowels and correct disorders of the liver, take two of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper. They will not only cause a gentle movement of the bowels, without unpleasant effects, but banish that dull, stupid feeling that often accompanies constipation.—(Adv.)

ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS AID.

President Lewis Asks Co-operation for Raising Funds.

President Lewis of the Louisiana Anti-Tuberculosis League has sent out a letter to many influential citizens of the state asking aid for the league in the way of raising funds necessary to carry out its work. The letter reads:

"As president of the La. Anti-Tuberculosis League, I earnestly request your co-operation in removing from our state the blot now existing which makes no provision for the care or relief of indigent tuberculosis patients.

"The League has made the first payment on a property in East Baton Rouge parish which I have personally visited, and pronounce ideal, and had the governor not vetoed the $45,000 appropriation unanimously voted by the legislators, we could have now been sheltering from seventy-five to a hundred of these unfortunate citizens.

"The League is therefore forced to institute a campaign which this lack of provision makes imperative. Our goal is $100,000 and we believe there are a thousand men and women of this state who will give or raise $100 each. To reach these 1000 citizens we are asking two-hundred to act as chairmen and form a team to raise a $500 unit. Will you be one to act as a chairman to achieve this necessity as well as to promote a work of mercy? The league feels an earnest effort on the part of 200 citizens will find a ready response for such a need as a tuberculosis hospital.

"May I add to the request from the league for your aid a personal plea. When asked by the league to take its presidency, my first impulse was to decline. I had in addition to my profession served my state in various capacities and I felt that my advanced years entitled me to a well earned rest. However, when I realized how criminally negligent as a state we have been in regard to the control of tuberculosis and the relief of tuberculosis sufferers, I felt no man or woman was exempt from responsisbilty to do his utmost for a new order of things. It is for this new order I request your co-operation.

"Hoping for an early acceptance of this responsibility in behalf of the indigent tuberculosis sufferers, many of whom find them selves in a worse plight than do the lepers."

666 Cures Malaria, Chills and Fever, Dengue or Bilious Fever.

Navy Recruiting Active.

Lieutenant Kemp C. Christian of the navy recruiting station, customhouse, New Orleans, announces that the navy recruiting service is assuming large proportions in Louisiana and Mississippi with the opening of three new recruiting stations in the postoffies in Shreveport, Morgan City, and Meridian, Miss., which are in addition to those already established in New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Alexandria, Lake Charles and Hammond and Jackson, Miss. Eighteen officers and chief petty officers are doing recruiting work in Louisiana and Mississippi and four more petty officers have been ordered to this district. Young men all over Louisiana and Mississippi are awakening to the realization of the exceptional opportunities offered by the modern navy to learn a trade and become expert in it. Six men were enlisted at the local office Monday and will be sent to San Francisco for two months training before joining the Pacific fleet.

Don't forget that poll tax.