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GOV. MURPHY J. FOSTER, is a native of St. Mary parish, where he has resided most of his life. He received a good education, and broadened his knowledge by extensive reading and close observation. Devoting himself to sugar planting, he nevertheless took a deep interest in politics and was elected to the state legislature. He made his mark in the senate by his earnest opposition to the lottery measure, and it was his brilliancy as a leader, as well as to the general belief in his integrity and high principles, that he was called upon to become the standard bearer of the opposition to McEnery. He was elected and during his four years of office has increased his popularity throughout the state. His charming Franklin home has been transferred to Baton Rouge, where his wife is an ideal Louisiana hostess and his family a welcome acquisition to the state capital. Governor Foster is still a young man, only a few gray threads showing in his beard. There was desultory talk of opposition to his re-nomination, but it did not crystallize, and it was a foregone conclusion that his re-nomination would not only be certain but practically unanimous.

ROBT. S. SNYDER, who will be the next lieutenant governor, is one of the youngest men ever chosen for that place. He is 30 years of age and one of the best known, most popular and most promising of the younger public men in the state. He was born in Texas, around St. Joseph, and of course is not old enough to have had a war history. Early in his youth he went to Holcomb Institute, in Virginia, where he obtained the rudiments of his education. He came thereafter to Louisiana and underwent a course at the University of Louisiana, at Baton Rouge, then he studied law and ten or twelve years ago he was admitted to the bar. His first entry into politics was in 1880 when he was elected journal clerk of the house. In 1890, during what is known as the lottery legislature, he was elected a member of the house to fill the vacancy caused by the death of R. C. McCullough. He took an important part in the deliberations of the legislature, and being an alluvial man, supported the proposition to re-chart the lottery. He was re-elected member of the house in 1892, and was made a member of important committees and was one of the committee on suffrage. He has been the author of numerous excellent bills. He is bright, well-read and capable; is married, and is the father of a pretty daughter.

ALEXANDER V. FOURNET, of St. Martin, was born in August, 1840, in St. Martinsville. He was educated at Fordham College, New York, and returning to his home in 1868, became a planter. In 1877 he was appointed assessor of the parish. In 1880 he became clerk of the court and still hold that office. Mr. Fournet is married and has fourteen children, all living.

JOHN T. MICHEL, was born in New Orleans about 36 years ago, and secured his education in the public schools of that city. He entered the services of W. S. Bendict as an office boy, and while holding that position took up the study of stenography, soon becoming a master. He did all of Mr. Bendict's stenographic work and then was appointed by Judge H. L. Lazarus, on his accession to the bench, stenographer of division E of the civil district court.

On the retirement of Judge Lazarus, Mr. Michel opened an office and subsequently found a partnership under the name of Michel & McMurray, pursuing the professions of stenographers and notary public.

Mr. Michel has held the position of clerk and assistant secretary of the house of representatives, and in 1893 he was elected a member of the legislature from the Thirtieth and Fourteenth wards, defeating B. R. Forman.



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He was chairman of the committee on city affairs. For several months he has been acting as stenographer of division C. He is married and has five children. He was secretary of the McEnery state central committee and is a member-at-large of the present Democratic state committee. He is one of the most popular of the younger generation of political leaders, has a reputation for ability and integrity, and is generally regarded as a coming man.

WILLIAM WRIGHT HEARD was born in Union parish on April 28, 1853, and was educated in the schools around his home. He started out in life as a farmer and pursued that avocation until attaining his majority. In 1870 he was elected clerk of the court of his parish, and in 1884 went to the house of representatives, and in 1888 to the senate. In 1892 he was the candidate for auditor on the Foster ticket and has filled that position with credit to himself. He has a wife and two children. He was elected grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythias of Louisiana in 1890. While in the house he served on the committee on ways and means and appropriations.

MILTON J. CUNNINGHAM was born in DeSoto parish March 10, 1842, and was educated in Homer, where, in 1858, he began life as a school teacher. He practiced this occupation till 1860, when he entered his father's office to study law. During the civil war he served in the Second Louisiana Regiment. He was admitted to the bar in January, 1866, and began practice in Natchitoches. In 1872 he was elected district attorney, but was not allowed to take office. In 1875 he served ten months as district attorney of the Seventeenth judicial district. He was elected to the legislature in 1878, and was a member of the constitutional convention of 1879. In the latter year he was elected to the state senate for a term of four years. In 1884 he was elected attorney general of this state. He practiced law from 1888 to 1892, and was then nominated for the attorney generalship on the Foster ticket, a post to which he has been elected and still holds. He has been prominent in state politics for years and has many friends throughout the state.

PROF. JOSEPH V. CALHOUN enjoys the reputation of having been for many years an active worker in the cause of education in this state. He is a classical scholar and practical teacher. He has not limited his work to the schoolroom, but has been identified with many movements looking to the advancement of education in the city and state.

He is a native of Philadelphia, where he was born in 1839. He received his education at St. Mary's College, Perry county, Mo., to which state he removed at an early age. Six years of his life, Prof. Calhoun spent in study at this college and Saint Vincent College, Cape Girardeau, devoting himself, to an academic course, which included the classics, mathematics and science. He spent five more years in the study of philosophy and divinity. He intended at one time to pursue an ecclesiastical career and in fact on different occasions delivered sermons of some promise. The post-priest, Father Albert Ryan, was a schoolmate of his during his college days.

At the completion of his course at college, Prof. Calhoun was too young for ordination, and so he was engaged as an assistant professor of the college, his first work practically as an educator. At the close of the session he journeyed to the great west and subsequently came south, just prior to the out-

break of the war. Being a secessionist he cast his lot with the south and served with the army of the west for eighteen months. A severe cold continued exposure led to an attack of consumption, and this compelled him to leave the active field. He and Lieutenant Maguire, also an invalid, were sent to Ponchatoula, where General Beale gave them a pass to New Orleans, at the time this city was in the hands of the union forces. Here in time he recovered his shattered health.

In 1863, he was an applicant for a vacancy existing in the Fillmore School and his examination papers secured for him the position. Soon after this he was made principal of the St. Philip School, and, in turn, was appointed city librarian.

In 1866 he was made professor of Latin and Greek in the Boys' High School of the upper district, and in 1872 succeeded to the place of Prof. Alexander Dimitry, principal of the school of the Hebrew Educational Society, and as a testimonial of his efficient work, the society presented him an engrossed parchment, attesting to the satisfactory character of his work in that position.

In 1873 he was made assistant superintendent of public schools, and this position he held for years. He was again put in charge of the Boys' High School in 1877 and was made professor of natural science of that institution in 1878, until he was elected principal of the institution and made professor of English literature and mental and moral philosophy, which position he still holds.

Prof. Calhoun has thus been identified with the public schools since 1863 and during that period has demonstrated amply the interest he feels in the cause of education by his work.

We are in receipt of a most encouraging report on the rice situation from Messrs. Dan Talmage's Sons, New York, and it is to be hoped that the flattering outlook which they optimistically discern may be fully realized. They state:

Spite the near approach of the holiday and stock taking period, the movement in rice is still further enlarged. Some transactions will not be finally consummated in way of delivery and billing until 2nd prox.; however, it is business concluded and is significant, indicating the confidence of operators and their evident belief that delay might be dangerous. Rice appears to be among the more favored of grocery commodities; the increasing attention of buyers undoubtedly due to the ascertainment of the following facts, i. e. that current prices are 30 per cent to 50 per cent below importing cost equal grade in foreign, while the supply is not excessive and stocks throughout the country generally light. December and depression are ordinarily synonymous terms in rice; the twelfth month recording the lowest point of the season. If the market follow the usual course, there will be a steady upward progression from now on, possibly accelerated by phenomenal activity when the trade as an entirety shall fully realize the relative cheapness of the domestic as compared to the Foreign.

In addition to the foregoing a telegram of their New Orleans house which shows that the movement up to date has been 30 per cent ahead of last year. Their house at that point is "whooping up" Oreole or red rice, and note that while it is abundant, under widening demand arm at fractional advance.

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The Old Year And The New.

The New Year,
Good morrow old greybeard,
Whither away,
Has Father Time chid thee
Lest thou should'st o'erstay?
The snows of December's
Not so white as thy hair,
Yet voices of the past tell me
Thou wert once fair.

The Old Year,
Ay, smiling youngling,
E'en so as thou,
And wilt thou one day
Be as I'm now.
Once people, too, loved me
As they will you,
And now—let Time tell thee
Old Greybeard speaks true.

The New Year,
That one day I'll be old'st thou!
The gods repudiate
And laugh with me merrily—
For mirth thou'rt too sedate
Or verily thou'dst laugh
And say thou didst but jest
To quizz little New Year,
So propitiously blest.

The Old Year,
Wait and thou'lt see the vows
Pledged at thy altar
Broken ere thou canst know
That men falter,
Thy felicity marred by
Treachery and perfidy,
Thy golden locks grayed
By the world-love's perversity.

The New Year,
Wouldst thou make me skeptic
And e'en so young,
I who am happy,
Whose good health is sung?

The Old Year,
True, thou'rt too new for a cynic,
But good Time will show
That the stream of life's constancy
Doth but waveringly flow.

The New Year,
Tut, tut! hear e'en now
The bells loudly ringing,
And voices of the future
Gleefully singing.
If thou must hence,
Then fare thee well,
Thy melancholy quell.

The Old Year,
And when next we meet,
Mayst thou as blithe be,
Ay, and as much loved and handsome—
Farewell to thee.

—K. St. James.

The Editor's Dream.

"I've just awakened from a dream—
Oh, such a crazy vision!
I dare not tell it to my wife,
She'd greet me with derision.
It serves me right to have nightmares,
I'm such a thoughtless bumpkin
To eat when bedtime's drawing nigh
A pie made out of pumpkin.
But, oh, that dream—that dreadful dream!
It fills me with cold shivers,
I feel the chills run down my back
Like small, frost-bitten rivers—
I dreamed—now this is the gospel truth,
And I am no imbibber—
I dreamed I got two dollars from
The man called "Old Subscriber."
George V. Hobart.

Funny Signs in Stores.

The humor of some of the funny notices to be seen in stores is, as a rule, quite unintentional on the part of the proprietors. A draper engaged in a clearing sale of a cheap line of shirts advertised this opinion: "They won't last long at this price." This was not so bad, however, as the suggestive advice in a restaurant window: "Dine here, and you will never dine anywhere else." A grocer one day showed his enterprising spirit by placing in his window a poster to this effect: "Superior butter; nobody can touch it."

Remember, for every quarter you invest at Favia's you get a chance on a \$7.50 Meerschaum Cigar Holder.

Another invoice of Batten and Wicker goods just received at Anderson & Swinfield's, and another one made in prices. Call and see the elegant new designs. This firm surely has the inside track on this line of goods.

The hard wheat flour of the Northwest makes the best bread. J. J. Higginson & Co. have just received two more car loads of this brand. The secret of the superiority of Higginson & Co.'s bread is principally in the flour used.