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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

For Mayor.

We are authorized to announce H. H. WHITE, as a candidate for Mayor, at the approaching municipal election.

One hundred citizens and qualified voters of the city of Alexandria, having nominated the present incumbent, THOS. CRAWLEY.

He has consented to become a candidate for Mayor, at the election to be held January 4th, 1897.

For Comptroller.

We are authorized to announce A. B. RACHAL, as a candidate for Comptroller, at the approaching municipal election, Jan. 4th, 1897.

For Treasurer.

We are authorized to announce JAMES T. FLINT, the present incumbent, as a candidate for re-election to the office of City Treasurer, at the municipal election on Jan. 4, 1897.

We are authorized to announce B. C. DUKE, as a candidate for the office of City Treasurer at the municipal election on Jan. 4, 1897.

For Councilman.

We are authorized to announce R. W. BRINGHURST, as a candidate for the office of Councilman for Ward 5, at the municipal election on Jan. 4, 1897.

We are authorized to announce JOSEPH STERKX, as a candidate for the office of Councilman for Ward 3, at the municipal election on Jan. 4, 1897.

We are authorized to announce H. W. S. LUND, as a candidate for the office of Councilman for the Third Ward, at the municipal election, January 4, 1897.

The basis of all prosperity rests on the success of agricultural development and thrift.

Correct. But thousands of people in this country have been taught to believe that it rested solely upon the free coinage of silver.

NOTICE.—Mr. James T. Flint requests us to say, that he wants all who reside in Alexandria, both white and colored, who may not be able to enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner, to come to his office, or his residence the day before and get a sum of money sufficient to secure a good dinner.

"Phunny!" Isn't It?

A representative of the DEMOCRAT casually accosted several candidates for councilmanic honors last week and endeavored to impress upon them the necessity and importance of public announcement, if they expected the "dear people" to take their several claims into consideration.

The next query addressed to them, was: "Well; what do you want with such an undesirable office?" One of them replied, that "he was running to save the people," but from whom, he did not condescend to enlighten us, a second one, that "he was running for vindication" and the third that "the position was sought by him on account of the honor and glory connected with it."

"High Hat Law."

The "High Hat Law," enacted by the Louisiana Legislature at the last session of that Body, was tested for the first time in Alexandria at the Opera House last Thursday night, the occasion being a performance of the Barlow Bros., Minstrels.

We are advised that it went into operation with but little friction or resistance, the ladies, with but two or three exceptions, as soon as they were notified of the existence of such a statute, readily yielded to the majesty of the law and removed their head gear, whether of high or low degree.

It will be remembered that Dudenhefer, a member of the legislature from New Orleans for seven years, had never been heard of beyond the limits of his own little electoral bailiwick, but suddenly sprang into public notoriety and immortalized himself at a single session by the introduction and subsequent passage of this bill, prohibiting the heretofore supposed indefeasible and inalienable rights of the ladies of Louisiana to wear hats in theatres and opera houses.

"Dude's High Hat Law" will be submitted to here, as elsewhere, because the ladies are all law-abiding at all times and will never attempt to avail themselves of prohibited rights.

Railroad Election.

The Police Jury was in session several days last week and transacted all business that came before it. A petition having been presented with the requisite number of signatures of property tax payers, an election was ordered to be held in the Alexandria Ward on the 28th of January, 1897, for the purpose of giving the people of said ward an opportunity to determine whether or not they will vote a five mill tax for ten years in aid of the construction of the Baton Rouge and Central Louisiana Railway.

This is a road projected by Mr. F. M. Welch from Baton Rouge via Markville to Alexandria and thence to connect with Texas railroads. The entire line will pass through one of the most fertile sections of the State and will no doubt be a paying enterprise in a very short time after construction.

We can't have too many railroads. They always develop the latent resources of every country through which they pass and thereby invite prosperity, by bringing within its midst, capital and its necessary concomitant, population. As the conditions are not only stringent against the railroad, but favorable and advantageous to Alexandria, we can conceive of no valid reason why the taxpayers should hesitate to vote the tax.

Bryan will open the campaign for 1900 at Denver, Colorado. The people of Denver will no doubt give the silver orator a grand reception.

Unless Bryan is the possessor of more money than he is popularly credited with, he had better remain at Lincoln, resume the practice of his abandoned profession, from which he never reaped a greater harvest than \$1500 per annum and leave the campaign of 1900 severely alone.

DISTRICT COURT PROCEEDINGS.

MONDAY, NOV. 16TH.

District Court met pursuant to adjournment, His Honor Judge Hunter presiding.

List of Jurors for the third week of court was called and the following excused from attendance: John Savage Jr., C S Kay, John Andrews, A C Stafford, W T Baynard, G Gugenheim and Salie Jackson.

The Grand Jury came into court and presented the following report: They presented no true bills in the following cases: Sate vs Jennie Antee, assault and battery; Julien Bennett, concealed weapons; Louis Baruhard, concealed weapons; Pierce King, assault dangerous weapon; Win. McAnze, concealed weapons and assault and battery; Robt. Boniol, concealed weapons; J M Sinder, larceny; Ed Williams, lying in wait; Silas Miller, lying in wait; Sam Lee and Dennis King, assault and battery; Robt. Barton, concealed weapons; Mat Short, concealed weapons; John Martin, assault dangerous weapon; Joseph Dyces, burning fence; J Speras failing to work road.

The Grand Jury then presented four true bills and retired.

State vs James Grayson, et al, malicious mischief. Tried by jury and acquitted.

State vs Spencer Armstrong, concealed weapons. Accused plead guilty and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$25 and costs and in default of payment 30 days in jail, subject to labor on public works and not subject to be hired out.

State vs Webb Harden et al. Nolle pros. entered as to defendant, Webb Harden. Defendant, Wm Chapman waived trial by jury and asked for trial by court. Tried convicted of trespass and sentenced to be confined in parish jail for 60 days, not subject to be hired out.

State vs James Hampton Diffe, false pretenses. Tried by jury and acquitted.

State vs Alex Duke, willfully shooting at. Accused failed to answer to his name, and judgment nisi was rendered as to accused and his bondsman, W O Blackman, for \$100.

State vs Alex Duke, concealed weapons. Accused failed to answer to his name and judgment nisi rendered as to accused and his bondsman, W O Blackman, in the sum of \$50.

State vs McHenry Ballard, concealed weapons. Tried by jury and convicted. Sentenced to pay a fine of \$25 and costs, and in default of payment to be confined in jail for 30 days, not subject to being hired out.

Court adjourned until Tuesday, Nov. 17th, at 9:30 a. m.

TUESDAY NOV. 17TH.

District Court met pursuant to adjournment, His Honor, Judge Hunter, presiding.

State vs Geo Conley, larceny. Accused asked for trial by the Court. Tried and acquitted.

State vs Mary Rauey larceny. Tried by jury and convicted.

State vs Dave Welton, concealed weapons. Accused plead guilty and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$25 and costs, and in default of payment, 30 days in jail, not subject to being hired out.

State vs Alex Brent, willfully shooting at. Tried by jury and convicted of assault. Sentenced to be confined in jail for 60 days, not subject to being hired out.

State vs Alex Brent, concealed weapons. Accused plead guilty and was sentenced to be confined in jail 36 hours.

State vs Jack Emory, et al, false pretenses. Tried by jury and acquitted.

The Grand Jury came into Court and presented the following report. No true bills in the following cases, viz: State vs Jake Rex, concealed weapons; Jake Rex, larceny; John Hopkins, murder; Joe Richie, murder; Henry Carr, playing craps; Jake Levy, playing craps; Henry Turner, assault and battery; Henry Carr, false pretenses; Thomas Carter, assault and battery; James Bax, et als, larceny Lindsey Johnson, larceny; David Washington, larceny; Sam Griffin, accessory to murder; Cupid Baker, false pretenses; Geo Griffin, playing dice; Edward Davis, trespass.

The Grand Jury also presented 20 true bills of indictment and then retired.

State vs Julien Bennett, larceny. Tried by jury, found guilty, and recommended to the mercy of the court.

State vs Joseph G Musgrove,

horse-stealing, nolle pros entered as to defendant, Jos G Musgrove, and case reassigned as to defendant, Shug Musgrove, for Friday, Nov. 27.

State vs Jake Kiffin, murder. J F Arial withdraw as attorney for defense.

Court then adjourned until Wednesday, Nov. 18, at 9:30 a. m.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 18TH.

District Court met pursuant to adjournment, His Honor, Judge Hunter, presiding.

Mrs. Ida Hardy vs J G Brewer. Judgment in favor of plaintiff for the sum of \$73, with 8 per cent interest from Jan. 2, 1893, subject to following credits: \$5.85 paid Dec. 20, 1893, and a like amount Jan. 5, 1895, and costs.

T O Barron and sons vs E C Gautier. Answer to intervention of Elijah Lee and M Johnson filed by plaintiffs.

The Grand Jury came into Court and presented the following report: No true bills in the following cases, viz: State vs E Crawford, larceny; Alex Buekner, assault with brass knuckles; D C Caspari, pocket picking; Geo Green, assault and battery; Robt McCabe, embezzlement; Mitchell Raudolph, false pretenses; Lewis Johnson, assault and battery; Denny Epps, obscene language; Robt Baden, larceny; George Moseley, malicious mischief; Eddy Dyal, murder; Alex Perkins, false pretenses. The Grand Jury also reported 19 true bills. They then presented their final report as follows:

ALEXANDRIA LA.,

Nov. 18, 1896.

To the Honorable Judge of the Tenth Judicial District Court of Rapides Parish.

We, the Grand Jury, do present this as the final report of our deliberations. We were given a docket of 235 cases, reported by the Magistrates arranged by our worthy Clerk of Court, with witnesses summoned for stated days, which we find a great help to our worthy Sheriff, as well as the Jury, and we recommend that our Honorable Police Jury pay him for his several days of extra work.

We have examined 302 cases and found 103 true bills, as follows: murder; 5; manslaughter, 2; lying in wait with intent to kill, 1; larceny, 19; assault with a dangerous weapon, 13; assault and battery, 3; concealed weapons, 23; violating contract, 6; trespass, 1; false pretenses, 3; malicious mischief, 1; discharging fire arms and using indecent language, 1; abusive language, 1; playing craps, 5; permitting craps, 2; trespass on public road, 1; shooting in public road, 2; selling liquor without a license, 4; violating Sunday law 7; threatening, etc., 1.

We have examined the Parish jail and found 62 prisoners who are rendered as comfortable as circumstances will permit. We would recommend a better arrangement for heating the jail in the winter season. We find the waterworks and sinks well arranged, but no sewerage beyond the center of the square, which is a cess-pool sure to breed a serious disease if not immediately remedied. We would recommend a sewerage system leading beyond the corporation limits.

We visited the public schools, (white), and find there is not enough room for the comfort of the children of our growing city. We recommend an addition to the building, or another building in another part of the city. The yard is overflowed by heavy rains and should be filled up with sand, as the health and comfort of the children is of vital importance.

We have examined the courthouse and find the walls cracked, indicating a deficiency in some parts of the foundation, and think it best that a committee of experienced workmen be appointed to make a thorough examination.

We have examined the colored schools and find they are in an excellent building, with the best of grounds. The roofs and gutters of the building are leaky and should be attended to at once. There is no water on the premises. We have examined the books of our Parish Treasurer and find them correct and neatly kept.

We, the Grand Jury, would be glad to see a new constitution of the State of Louisiana, giving jurisdiction to the Magistrates in petty cases, thereby relieving the Parish of a heavy expense, and in a manner lessening the burden of your Honorable District Court.

We have received uniform courtesy from all the officers of your Honorable Court, for which we

gladly return our sincere thanks. All of which is respectfully submitted J. M. ARMSTRONG, Foreman.

The Grand Jury was then discharged.

State vs F M Perkins, et al, larceny. Set for Nov 25th.

State vs Chas Lindsey, assault and battery. Set for Nov 23rd.

State vs J C Johnson, cruelty to animals. Set for Nov 23rd.

State vs Wm Radford, assault with a dangerous weapon. Set for Nov 23rd.

State vs E T Thompson, indecent language. Set for Nov 21st.

State vs Wallace Brooks, disturbing assembly. Set for Nov 23rd.

State vs Wallace Antoine, concealed weapons. Set for Nov 23rd.

State vs Peter Henry, larceny. Set for Nov 23rd.

State vs Anthony Epps, retailing liquor without license. Set for Nov 24th. (Two cases same offense.)

State vs Jim Russell, selling liquor without license. Set for Nov 24th.

State vs Tobe Phoenix, et al, obscene language. Set for Nov 24th.

State vs Sam Draper, violating Sunday law. Set for Nov 24th.

State vs Wm Mitchell, larceny. Set for Nov 23rd.

State vs Mike Tillman, lying in wait, etc. Set for Nov 25th.

State vs Robt Montgomery, concealed weapons. Set for Nov 24th.

State vs Robt Raxdale, violating Sunday law. Set for Nov 24th.

State vs M W Calvit, violating Sunday law. Set for Nov 24th.

State vs J R Howard, violating Sunday law. Set for Nov 24th.

State vs J P Tarregano, violating Sunday law. Set for Nov 24th.

State vs J B Thigpen, violating Sunday law. Set for Nov 24th.

State vs T M Ward, violating Sunday law. Set for Nov 24th.

State vs Emile Antoine, horse-stealing. Plead guilty of trespass, and was sentenced to be confined in the parish jail for 30 days, not subject to being hired out. (Two cases same offense and same sentence.)

State vs Pleas Saunders, assault with dangerous weapon. Tried by jury and convicted of assault.

State vs Ike Johnson, larceny. Plead guilty and remanded for sentence.

State vs Stephen Russell, assault with intent to kill. Tried by jury and acquitted.

State vs Mark Crayton, playing craps. Plead guilty and sentenced to pay fine of \$15 and costs and in default of payment 30 days in jail, not subject to being hired out.

State vs Wm Franklin, larceny. Plead guilty and remanded for sentence.

State vs Alphonse Vonhoven guilty as charged and the other accused not guilty. He was sentenced to pay a fine of \$25 and costs and in default of payment 30 days in jail, not subject to being hired out.

State vs John Henry, larceny. Tried by jury and convicted.

State vs Walter Wilton, concealed weapons. Tried by jury and acquitted.

State vs Wm Simmons, larceny. After hearing the evidence case was continued to the 19th.

The Court then adjourned until the following day at 9:30 a. m.

THURSDAY, NOV. 19TH.

District Court convened pursuant to adjournment, His Honor, Judge Hunter, presiding.

Succession of Mrs Emma M Baillio. Provisional account. Judgment homologating provisional account, as prayed for.

State vs Farley Grey, murder. Case set for Friday, Nov 27th.

State vs Squire Hawkins, larceny. Plead guilty and remanded for sentence.

State vs Jerome Compton, playing craps. Accused plead guilty and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$15 and costs and in default of payment, 30 days in jail, not subject to being hired out.

State vs Jerry Brown, selling liquor without a license. Accused plead guilty and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 and costs, and in default of payment, 30 days in jail, not subject to being hired out.

State vs Chas Kennedy, larceny. Nolle pros entered.

State vs Will Simmons, larceny. Trial resumed and accused convicted.

State vs Mary Bennett, larceny. Set for Nov 29th.

State vs Chas McMain, et al, shooting with intent to kill. Case called for trial. Accused, Chas McMain and Geo Hendricks, present. Motion to amend indictment filed by State and same amended.

State vs Paul Saunders, assault



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Case continued by consent.

State vs Harry King, Sr, larceny. Tried by jury and acquitted.

State vs Jeff Lucas, assault and battery. Tried by jury and convicted.

State vs Mike Tillman, assault with a dangerous weapon. Nolle pros entered. State vs Mike Tillman, concealed weapons. Nolle pros entered.

State vs Frank Jones, assault with a dangerous weapon with intent to kill. Tried by jury and convicted of assault and battery.

State vs John Pickens, willfully shooting at. Motion to quash indictment filed by defense. Tried, sustained and indictment quashed. The District Attorney filed a Bill of Information, as follows:

State vs John Pickens, concealed weapons. After hearing the evidence the District Attorney nolle prossed the case.

State vs John Pickens, concealed weapons. Tried by jury and found guilty. Sentenced to pay a fine of \$25 and costs and in default of payment 30 days in jail, not subject to being hired out.

State vs Pleas Saunders, assault having been convicted of assault was sentenced to pay a fine of \$20 and costs and in default of payment 30 days in jail, not subject to being hired out.

State vs Frank Jones, assault and battery. Accused having been convicted of assault was sentenced to pay a fine of \$20 and costs and in default of payment, 30 days in jail, not subject to being hired out.

Court then adjourned until the following day at 9:30 a. m.

FRIDAY, NOV. 20TH.

District Court met pursuant to adjournment, His Honor, Judge Hunter, presiding.

Succession of Mrs Emma M Baillio. Provisional account. Judgment homologating provisional account, as prayed for.

State vs Farley Grey, murder. Case set for Friday, Nov 27th.

State vs Squire Hawkins, larceny. Plead guilty and remanded for sentence.

State vs Jerome Compton, playing craps. Accused plead guilty and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$15 and costs and in default of payment, 30 days in jail, not subject to being hired out.

State vs Jerry Brown, selling liquor without a license. Accused plead guilty and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 and costs, and in default of payment, 30 days in jail, not subject to being hired out.

State vs Chas Kennedy, larceny. Nolle pros entered.

State vs Will Simmons, larceny. Trial resumed and accused convicted.

State vs Mary Bennett, larceny. Set for Nov 29th.

State vs Chas McMain, et al, shooting with intent to kill. Case called for trial. Accused, Chas McMain and Geo Hendricks, present. Motion to amend indictment filed by State and same amended.

State vs Paul Saunders, assault

with a dangerous weapon. Accused plead guilty, and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$25.00, and in default of payment, 10 days in jail. State vs Sharper Pierre, cutting with intent to kill. Nolle pros entered.

State vs Isiah McDaniel, concealed weapons. Continued. State vs Isiah McDaniel, assault with a dangerous weapon. Continued.

State vs Ed Washington, larceny. Tried by jury, but the jury being unable to agree were locked up for the night.

State vs J B Kitchen, assault with a dangerous weapon. Tried by jury and acquitted.

Court then adjourned until the following day at 9:30 a. m.

SATURDAY, NOV. 21.

District Court met pursuant to adjournment, His Honor, Judge Hunter, presiding.

State vs Ed Washington, larceny. The jury rendered a verdict of acquittal.

State vs Edward Davis, concealed weapons. Accused plead guilty and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$15 and costs and in default of payment, 30 days in jail, not subject to being hired out.

State vs Tom Wells et al, assault with a dangerous weapon. Continued on application of defense.

State vs Chas Mason, concealed weapons. Accused plead guilty and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$15 and costs, and in default of payment, 30 days in jail, not subject to being hired out.

State vs E T Thompson, using obscene language. Tried by jury and acquitted.

State vs F T Thompson, concealed weapons. Nolle pros entered.

State vs Robert Gilcrease, concealed weapons. Tried by jury and acquitted.

State vs Albert Kennedy, Jr., concealed weapons. Tried by jury and convicted. Sentenced to pay a fine of \$15 and costs, and in default of payment, 30 days in jail, not subject to being hired out.

State vs Harry Proctor, using obscene language. Tried by jury and convicted. Sentenced to pay a fine of \$10 and costs, and in default of payment, 10 days in jail, not subject to being hired out.

State vs Robert Montgomery, concealed weapons. Accused plead guilty and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$1 and costs, and in default of payment, 30 days in jail, not subject to being hired out.

State vs Monroe Evans, burglary and larceny. Motion in arrest of judgment filed by defense.

Court then adjourned until Monday, Nov. 23d, at 9:30 o'clock a. m.

The result of the recent election in Kansas indicates plainly that John James Ingalls, the "iridescent dreamer," is still a "statesman without a job."