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ANNOUNCEMENT.

We are authorized to announce LEVEN L. HOPE, a candidate for the Democratic nomination from Rapides parish, as a delegate to the Constitutional Convention.

If you have a good property to insure, go to J. W. Alexander and get a good policy on it.

The son of his deceased father was scarcely heard of in the mayoralty contest for the control of Greater New York.

The newsmongers declare that President McKinley is perfectly satisfied with the result of the elections, especially that of Ohio. Well, if he is, he must be a veritable Mark Tapley.

Now that the Ohio election is over and their appointments cannot disastrously affect the result in that State, Wimberly and his hungry Louisiana following may be accorded presidential recognition.

The fact that Maryland and Kentucky have wheeled into the Democratic column again, furnish es conclusive evidence that the recently discordant Democrats in those States, have recognized the folly of division and have concluded to follow the old ensign in the future.

Judge Robert A. Van Wyck, the Tammany nominee, was elected over his competitors by a plurality of more than 80,000 votes. He will, therefore, enjoy the distinction of being the first Mayor of Greater New York, the second largest city in the world, London only being ahead of it in population.

SHOULD BE REPEALED.—The investigation into the killing of Jack Cummings several weeks ago in New Orleans, was an entirely unnecessary proceeding. It was known all the time that Griffin killed him in the prize ring and that it would be pronounced a purely accidental and therefore non-criminal, if not actually justifiable homicide. The proper remedy is the repeal of the law which permits these so-called gentlemanly glove contests and from which death ensues about as frequently as it did in the now prohibited pugilistic arena.

No National Significance.

The elections of last week, while upon the whole favorable to the Democracy, will have no national significance and exert no direct influence upon the result of the national campaign of 1900, unless it be that of Ohio, where it is claimed by both parties and where the result is so close, that it will require the official count to determine the result.

If it should be finally determined that the Democrats have carried the State and elected a majority of the Legislature, which will destroy the roseate ante-election expectations of Mark Hanna for re-election and assure the election of a Democratic United States Senator to succeed him, it can be construed in no other light than as an intentional rebuke to President McKinley, because of the corrupt influence which Mark Hanna is popularly supposed to exercise over his administration of national affairs.

It, as they claim, the Republicans have a small majority on joint ballot, Hanna will probably succeed himself. But if the Democrats should happen to be in the ascendancy, it is quite possible that John R. McLean will capture the Senatorial prize. McLean has accumulated the fortune which he now possesses, by pandering in the columns of his paper—the Enquirer—to the worst, most vicious, abandoned, depraved and debauched classes of Cincinnati hoodlums.

In our opinion, they are equally corrupt and dangerous demagogues, between whom we could make no selection even upon the principle of the "two evils, choose the least."

Candidates Should be Required to Declare Themselves.

The article of Judge Blackman which appeared in the LOUISIANA DEMOCRAT of last week, under the caption, "The Constitutional Convention," should commend itself strongly to the better judgment and meet with the approval of the people of this parish, especially the clause relative to the ineligibility of the Governor and other officers for re-election.

The Judge is eminently correct in every position assumed by him in this article, not only as to the paramount importance of holding the convention, but as to the imperative necessity of requiring all candidates who offer themselves as delegates for the suffrages of the people, to declare themselves positively and unequivocally upon the suffrage, judiciary, one term tenure of office and all other questions affecting the rights of the people which can or may come before them for determination.

The old Democratic doctrine of rotation in office was good enough for our fathers and should be good enough for us.

No candidate should be either nominated or elected unless he pledges himself in advance to vote for the incorporation of an article in the constitution, rendering certain State and parish officials ineligible to succeed themselves, the prohibition to extend only to the first election at which their terms of office will expire, they being, in common with other citizens, eligible to another election after their successors shall have served one term. A four year's tenure of office is long enough and ought to satisfy the ambition of any man.

As Judge Blackman very pertinently observes, it is essential that the people should know how their delegates stand, as the constitution will be adopted and so declared, without submission to them.

We shall have occasion to revert to this subject again as the campaign progresses.

The True Remedy.

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DISTRICT COURT PROCEEDINGS.

TUESDAY, NOV. 2.

District Court convened this day in regular jury term, His Honor, Judge E. G. Hunter, presiding. Joseph Sterxx vs Charles & Moore. Amended petition filed by plaintiff.

Mrs. Elizabeth Atwood, et als., vs St. L. I. M. & S. R. R. Co. Amended petition filed by plaintiff.

The list of jurors for the first week was called and the following jurors excused from further attendance, viz: Jack Rollins, C. C. Carter, Paul Barron, J. D. Johnston, L. P. Marshall and T. Miles.

State vs G C Moseley, concealed weapons. Plead guilty, sentenced to pay a fine of \$15 and costs and in default of payment to be confined in jail for 30 days.

State vs Milton Phillips, larceny. Nolle pros entered.

State vs Geo Anthony, assault and battery. Tried by jury and convicted. Remanded for sentence.

State vs Geo Anthony, assault and battery. Nolle pros entered.

State vs James Anderson, concealed weapons. Plead guilty, sentenced to pay a fine of \$25 and in default of payment, 30 days in jail.

State vs James Anderson, shooting at, etc. Nolle pros entered.

State vs Richmond Carroll, failure to work roads. By request tried by Judge and acquitted.

State vs E L Chandler, concealed weapons. Failed to appear for trial and Judgment Nisi rendered.

State vs Babe Strother, failing to work road. By request tried by Judge and acquitted.

State vs Lem Pugh, failing to work public road. Tried by jury

and convicted.

State vs Henry Sweat, et al, assault with dangerous weapon with intent to kill. Henry Sweat, Geo. Yuby and C Hunt, the three accused, were present. The jury from their box rendered a verdict of not guilty.

State vs Lem Pugh, failure to work road. Accused was sentenced to pay fine of \$10 and costs and in default ten days in jail.

State vs George Anthony, assault and battery. Sentenced to pay a fine of \$25 and costs, and in default of payment, 30 days in jail.

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

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 3.

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

The Grand Jury came into Court and presented nine indictments. The following cases were set for trial:

State vs Fred Alexander, shooting with intent to murder. Set for Tuesday, Nov. 9th.

State vs Ransom Bazile, murder. Set for Wednesday, Nov. 10th.

State vs Jake Hankins, murder. Set for Tuesday, Nov. 9th.

State vs Baptiste Brandy, murder. Set for Monday, Nov. 8th. Judge Andrews appointed by the Court to defend him.

State vs John Salyer, assault with intent to rape. Set for Monday, Nov. 8th. Mr. W. W. Whittington appointed by the Court to defend him.

State vs Abe Kennedy, larceny. Plead guilty and remanded for sentence.

State vs Ed. Miller et als, burglary and larceny. Ed. Miller, Octo Moton and Dave Thompson were brought before the Court.

Ed. Miller and Dave Thompson being without counsel, Mr. L. J. Hakenyas was appointed by the Court to defend them. Case set as to Ed. Miller for Monday, Nov. 8th, and as to Octo Moton and Dave Thompson for Tuesday, Nov. 9th.

State vs Jeff Owens, concealed weapons. Plead guilty and sentenced to jail for 48 hours.

State vs Aleck Buckner, shooting with intent to kill. Case set for Tuesday, Nov. 9th.

State vs E. L. Chandler, concealed weapons. Plead guilty and sentenced to pay a fine of \$15 and costs and in default of payment, 20 days in jail.

State vs Jim Brent, violating contract. Set for Monday, Nov. 8th.

State vs Sam Draper, selling liquor without a license. Nolle pros entered.

State vs Martha Hill, larceny. Plead guilty and remanded for sentence.

State vs J. W. Dixon, murder. Motion filed by defense for continuance. Motion overruled and case assigned for Tuesday, Nov. 16th.

Mrs. Salina B. Smith, wife, vs Conrad H. Smith, husband. Wife authorized to stand in judgment and prosecute this suit.

Joseph Sterxx vs Thos. McCoy & Co. Answer filed by defendant. Stirling S. Boatner vs Rich Hill Milling Co. Answer to intervention filed by plaintiff.

Wm. F. Hays vs Mrs. M. Levy et als. Exception filed by defendant.

Mrs. Luey E. Rutledge, wife, vs J. M. Rutledge, husband. Wife authorized to stand in judgment and defend this suit.

David Lehman vs Frank Taylor. On motion of plaintiff action on account and sequestration dismissed. Default against defendant as to action on note.

A. A. Goodwin vs Mrs. Martha E. McManus. Answer filed by defendant.

J. E. Walker vs Benj. Weil. Answer and reconventional demand filed by defendant.

There being no further business Court adjourned until Thursday, at 10 a. m.

THURSDAY, NOV. 4.

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

The Grand Jury came into Court and reported the following no true bills, viz:

Ed Hobbs, selling liquor without a license; John Taper, entering with intent to murder; Jeff Williams, assault with intent to rape; John Williams, assault; Charles Warner, larceny; Henry Dairs and "Chuck" Davis, assault with intent to murder; Jeff Owens, accessory to murder; John and Liss Walker, rape; Ebenezer Kelso, shooting with intent to murder;

Jesse Newman, concealed weapons; Joe Matthews, violating contract; Elijah Webster, larceny; Fletcher Gray, assault with intent to kill; Norah Baker, larceny; Bun Bush, larceny.

After presenting six indictments the Grand Jury retired.

State vs J. T. Timberlake, murder. Accused was arraigned, plead not guilty and asked for trial by jury. Motion and affidavit for change of venue filed by accused. Motion set for Monday, Nov. 8th.

State vs Jim Wells et als, murder. The two accused, Jim Wells and Stella Brent, present in open Court. Jim Wells was represented by counsel, but Stella Brent being without counsel, Col. R. P. Hunter was appointed by the Court to defend her. Case set for Wednesday, Nov. 8th.

State vs Jim Jones, assault with intent to commit rape. Set for Tuesday, Nov. 9th.

Court then adjourned until Friday at 10 a. m.

FRIDAY, NOV. 5.

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

Mr. John C. Blackman was introduced to the Court as a practicing attorney and his name ordered to be placed on the roll of attorneys.

E. W. Bringhurst and C. E. Roberts vs Wm. Dittmer. Answer filed by Curator ad hoc.

Sterling S. Boatner vs Rich Hill Milling Co. Answer filed by Curator ad hoc.

The Grand Jury came into Court and reported no true bills in the following cases, viz: John Bennett larceny; Banum Basday, larceny; Ida Sedinten, larceny; Jim New, larceny; Fred Hall, embezzlement; Lorenzo Layssard, entering with intent to commit rape; Joe Gidney, assault and battery; Tobe Johnson, assault with a dangerous weapon; John Fisher, false pretenses; Slick Miller and Virginia Raymond, violating contract; Win Harris, assault with a dangerous weapon; Gabe Bobeout, horse stealing; Geo Morrow, false pretenses.

The Grand Jury also reported eighteen indictments.

Court then adjourned until Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

SATURDAY, NOV. 6TH.

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

Robert A. Hance vs J. M. Milton. Answer filed by defendant. Minnie Lindsay, wife, vs Chas Lindsay, husband. Answer filed by defendant.

The Grand Jury then came into court and reported the following no true bills, viz: Kenneth Pugh, selling liquor; W E Watkins, assault with a dangerous weapon; Allen Johnson, larceny; James Wade et als, whipping Martin Fields; Geo Wade shooting into house; Stephen Bettison, violating contract; Henry Roberts, et als, larceny; Chas Taylor, failure to work the road; Henry Jones, false pretenses; Naunie Johnson, larceny; James Poe, assault with dangerous weapon; Joe Keys, assault with a dangerous weapon; Julia Jackson and Leah Herbert, violating contract; Polly Winfield, vulgar language; Ben Wolfe, et als, assault and battery; Howard Barker, assault with a dangerous weapon; Lizzie Ploche, indecent language; Phillip Baker, assault and battery; Wm James, assault with a dangerous weapon; Joe Geunty, concealed weapons. Israel Johnson, larceny; Abe Norris, concealed weapons; Henry James, violating contract.

The Grand Jury then reported twenty indictments and retired.

State vs Hayden Estrada, murder. Set for Thursday, Nov. 11th.

State vs Lige Robinson, concealed weapons. Set for Nov. 11th.

State vs Oliver Jefferson, trespass. Set for Nov. 11th.

State vs Lonny Henderson, concealed weapons. Plead guilty and sentenced to pay a fine of \$10 and costs and in default of payment, 30 days in jail.

State vs Lonny Henderson, assault with a dangerous weapon. Nolle pros entered.

State vs Lonny Henderson, concealed weapons. Nolle pros entered.

State vs Kingston Jasper, willfully shooting at. Plead guilty and remanded for sentence.

State vs Mike Clarke, concealed weapons. Plead guilty and sentenced to pay a fine of \$15 and costs and in default of payment, 30 days in jail subject to public work.

State vs John Lattimore, shooting, etc. Accused failed to appear and judgment Nisi rendered.

State vs Arcady Powell, willfully shooting at and carrying concealed weapons. Accused failed to appear and judgment Nisi rendered.

State vs Z M Jackson, concealed weapons. Accused failed to appear and judgment Nisi rendered.

Court then adjourned until Monday at 9:30 a. m.

Wanted.

Solicitors for the Egnitable Debiture Co., Lim., of New Orleans. Capital \$100,000. For particulars, address, Co., 630 Gravier street. City references required.

Meeting of Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees of the Alexandria public School met at the school house at 4 p. m., last Friday, pursuant to adjournment, with the following members present: B. T. Moseley, C. A. Schnack, G. O. Watts, Rev. H. C. Duncan, Dr. Alex Rosenspitz, Rev. B. L. Price, John J. Ferguson and W. G. Mobley.

The Board was called to order by President Moseley.

On suggestion of Mr. Price that the Secretary, Dr. J. A. Johnston, was absent, Professor S. A. Myers was requested to act as Secretary pro tem.

Dr. Duncan in behalf of the visiting committee submitted a verbal report. He stated that the committee, composed of Rev. B. L. Price, Dr. Rosenspitz and himself had visited the schools twice during the month and had remained several hours each time. The substance of the report was to the effect that the discipline, while mild, was sufficient to maintain good order and decorum, as well as a proper respect on the part of the pupils for the teachers and that upon the whole, they found the schools in a prosperous condition, progressing harmoniously and with but as little friction as could be expected under the circumstances. The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

A visiting committee was then appointed for the month of November, composed of John J. Ferguson, Chairman; B. T. Moseley and W. G. Mobley.

The suggestion that it would be well to definitely define the power and authority of the Board in the premises, elicited remarks from President Schnack and Superintendent Watts, of the School Board, as well as other members of the Board of Trustees. The conclusion arrived at was, that it was an advisory Board appointed for the purpose of conferring with and giving advice to the School Board in all matters pertaining to the regulation and conduct of the Alexandria public schools, whose recommendations would receive all the consideration which they merited.

Professor S. A. Myers then submitted the following report, which after being read and discussed, was adopted as a part of the proceedings:

To the Honorable Board of Trustees:

In accordance with the Rules and regulations, I have the honor to submit the following report of the condition and progress of the Alexandria Public School:

There has been steady, though slow increase in the enrollment, which during October reached 182, an increase of 12 over the previous month. Eleven pupils withdrew during the month, making our net enrollment 171. A number of these have re-entered for November. The average attendance for the month was 140. This low average is due in part to the Jewish Holidays, there being no less than four; then too, there has been a great deal of sickness. The average attendance for the first week in November has been 152.

The incidental account up to the present date stands as follows: Seventy-seven patrons have paid and the amount netted from the sale of the old cistern was \$2.50, making the total receipts \$79.50. The amount expended to date is \$44.75, leaving a balance of \$34.75. Perhaps ten or fifteen dollars can yet be collected. Some recent patrons have not yet been notified. The principal expenditures have been for putting up the new state black board, for the reports, for coal and for janitor's salary.

Considerable inconvenience was caused by the sickness and consequent absence of Mrs. Crawford and Mr. Johnston, both being absent from their work about a week.

Very few complaints from parents have come to me for investigation, and in those brought, it was found that, as usual, the parent got only one side of the case, and in that the truth was more or less distorted.

There has been a decided improvement in the discipline of the school since the beginning. Pupils who were at first inclined to be willful and unruly, have come to respect the authority of the teacher and principal, and yield a prompt obedience to their requests.

The progress of the school in the various branches of study has not been satisfactory to me. The irregularity of so many pupils, as before noted, interfered very much with the class work. Much better results are hoped for during the present month.

The visiting committee of the Board of Trustees visited the school twice during the month. These visits are very encouraging to both teachers and pupils. In the eyes of all connected with the school, as well as of the general public, they must impart to the school a dignity and importance which can not but be of the greatest benefit in its upbuilding.

Superintendent Watts also visited the school twice during the month, spending considerable time in each department.

There have been very few visits

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E. E. GALIGAN, Notary Public, Justice of Peace, Real Estate Agent and Collector. FOREST HILL, LA.