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SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 1908

ANNOUNCEMENT FOR CONGRESS

To the voters of the Seventh Congressional District of Louisiana:
I respectfully announce my candidacy for re-election as the Representative of this District in the Congress of the United States, subject to the action of the Democratic primary, and solicit your support.
A. P. PUJO.

We are authorized to announce HON. WM. POLK of Rapides parish, as a candidate for the office of Member of Congress from the Seventh District of Louisiana, subject to the action of the Democratic Party.

FOR DISTRICT JUDGE

We are authorized to announce HON. E. T. LEWIS, present incumbent, as a candidate for Judge of the Sixteenth Judicial District of Louisiana, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

We are authorized to announce HON. W. C. PERRAULT as a candidate for the office of Judge of the 16th Judicial District Court subject to the action of the Democratic Party.

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY

We are authorized to announce HON. PEYTON R. SANDOZ as a candidate for District Attorney for the Sixteenth Judicial District subject to the action of the Democratic party.



PLATFORM OF WM. POLK

To the Democratic voters of the Seventh Congressional District of Louisiana:
Believing that the people should know how those asking for public positions stand on the leading questions of the hour, I issue the following platform of principles, and if elected to Congress from the Seventh District of Louisiana, will do my utmost to carry out the ideas expressed herewith.
1st. I favor and will give my unvarying support to the first utterance of the platform of the National Democratic party announced at Denver, "The People Shall Rule," the cardinal point in the political creed of our peerless national leader and Democratic nominee for the Presidency WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN.
2nd. I stand for ALL of the plank in the National Democratic platform as set forth by the party at Denver.
3rd. In order to relieve as much as possible the heavy burden imposed upon the people living in the sections subject to overflow, I shall strongly favor and advocate Federal supervision and control of the levees, and for the betterment of the Red River and other navigable streams.
4th. Realizing the importance of the shipping interests of the construction of the inter-oceanic canal between the Sabine and Mermentau Rivers, I shall energetically advocate the construction of such canal at all times.
5th. I shall support and advocate such legislation as is needed and asked by the citizens of Washington, La. for the navigation of Bayou Courtaulieu, in order that they shall be relieved of present onerous freight rates, and ship their products and receive their goods upon the basis of water rates for freight.
6th. I shall zealously support such legislation as will conduce to the benefit of the great farming interests of this State and District.
7th. I condemn the interference by corporation influence in the State with our political policies, and believe that persons and corporations should accept such legislation as operates for the common good.
I do not believe in legislative persecutions of corporations, but stand by the warnings of the National Democratic party against the interference with legislative acts by the corporations, and demand equal rights to all, regardless of the size of any business, or whether it be large or small.
WILLIAM POLK.

She Likes Good Things.

Mrs. Chas. E. Smith, of West Franklin, Maine, says "I like good things and have adopted Dr. King's New Life Pills as our family laxative medicine, because they are good and do their work without making a fuss about it." These painless purifiers sold at all druggists. 25c.

A TIMELY TIP TO BUSINESS MEN.

If you're a merchant you favor Home Trade.
If you favor Home Trade you'll fight for it.
If you fight for it right you'll get it.
If you get it you'll be helping yourself.
If you help yourself you'll hurt the Mail Order Trade.
If you hurt the Mail Order Trade you'll be wise.
If you are wise you will advertise.
If you will advertise in your Home Paper you'll get Home Trade.
No "IF" about this last one—it's a CINCH.—Baton Rouge State.

The Missouri primary law is being bitterly assailed by the politicians, while the Louisiana abortion is defended by the machine. Perhaps the true test of a primary law is whether it suits the machine.—Crowley Signal.

STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION.

A Fair Statement.

There has been going on the rounds of the press an open letter from Senator Perrin of Catahoula, in which he purports to make specific charges against the State Board of Equalization. He makes six specific charges. The first charge he makes is that they assessed the pine timbered lands in Calahoula for less than half their cash value.

The second, that they raised the assessment on cattle in that parish to \$7.00 per head.

Third, that they made a trip through Catahoula looking over the Tensas Delta Land Company's property on a boat chartered by that company, and that they reduced the assessment of that company's land \$100,000 as a result of that trip.

Fourth, that they have lowered the valuation of property owned by corporations and raised the assessments on the farmers.

Fifth, that mules in the City of New Orleans were assessed at one price, and in the country at a higher price.

Sixth, a general charge as to timber lands owned by speculators.

These charges, coming just at the meeting of this Board in its annual sessions, are causing some to think that there is no necessity for such a Board, and we would never have written a line, except to say that we know the necessity for such a Board in the State, as every effort, by the parish assessors, has failed to make the assessments equal to the State.

We will make the contention of the Senators first charge which shows the necessity for a Board of Equalization. Should Catahoula and Winn property owners (let them be millionaire corporations or private citizens) pay more taxes in the State treasury than the property owners in the parishes of Grant, Rapides, Sabine, Vernon, Calcasieu, and in fact every other parish in the State where pine timbered land exists? The Board is not authorized to assess property. That is the duty of the assessor, and where a majority have assessed their lands the Board could not do otherwise than have those in the minority reduce their assessment to conform to that of the majority. Hence the Board of Equalization would have violated the sanctity of their oaths had they not reduced the assessment in Winn and Catahoula.

As to the trip these gentlemen made on a steamboat as the guests of the Delta Land Company. The Board has no fund for traveling expenses and we are informed the Delta Land Company was of the opinion that when the assessor and members of the police jury, as well as the Board itself, should see the conditions of a great area of their lands, that they would not be classed as high as good hard wood timber or alluvial lands, when the price paid for these same lands was seven cents per acre. They invited the Board to make the trip with the above named officers who accepted with the consent of the Governor first obtained.

The Board of Equalizers have not as yet acted on the assessment of any character of property at this session of the Board, therefore, the charges numbered two and three fail of their own inaccuracies.

The fourth charge is a general one and the records of the Board do not show the facts charged therein.

The fifth charge applies to the live stock and personal assessments of the Board and the records show that the Board was not unanimous on that assessment.

The sixth is a general charge without specification and could not be held against the Board.

The only remedy is to require property assessed at its actual cash value and if that assessment produces more money than is necessary for the economical administration of the government of the State and parish, reduce the rate of taxation.

The reprehensible system of assessing property for less than the cash value is a relic of reconstruction days when the rate of a State taxation was twenty-one and one half mills and the parish taxes were the same, making a total of forty-three mills. It was then that our citizens to prevent confiscation, assessed their property for one-third or less than that.

We will venture to say that should the property of the State be assessed at the actual cash value, that the revenues at two mills on the dollar would produce to the State treasury more than the five mills do now.

There is no reason why one section should pay more for the support of the government of the State than another. That being a fact the only way around that proposition is to have a State Board of Equalization to adjust the matters, and it was not expected that the Board, at its first session, could get every class of property equalized. The Board is now in session and we have every confidence in the personnel of the Board and are satisfied that they will do the best that can be done.—Winnfield Sentinel.

THE "SHEATH GOWN."

In a show window in Shreveport there is a waxen figure of a woman on which is displayed that recent remarkable French creation, the "sheath gown." This wonderful departure in feminine wearing apparel may be described as being not unlike other gowns, except that it opens at the side, displaying a portion of the lower limb. This display, or exposure, is governed by the moral sensibilities of the wearer. A little strap and buckle form the apex of the opening, which, for effect, the wearer tries to maintain in a V shape. As before stated, moral sensibility or licentious daring is the meter which runs the buckles high or low. In gay Paris the buckle is near the hip. So far in America, it ranges above the knee. Hundreds of men and women have stood before this window studying the remarkable creation. We heard women ask each other concerning the probable destiny of the gown in this country. Without any desire to be proud, we will venture the prediction that this last appeal to the baser side of man, imported from a land where the passions run riot, will quickly find its steady votaries and look—the very women whom we would expect a better example will be first to set the pace! Why not? Almost every sense of propriety has been outraged by fashion. But let them come! With the adoption of the sheath gown the whole world will be one vast leg show.—Vivian Sun.

A central high school building at Guey-das at a cost of \$20,000. The contract for the building calls for its completion by January 1.

FOUR GOVERNORS INVITED

Texas, Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana Will Be Represented at The Great Manufacturers' Exhibition to be Held in New Orleans in September—How Visitors Will be Cared For.

New Orleans, Aug. 21.—The Governors of Texas, Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana have been invited to attend the great Manufacturers' Exhibition which will be held in New Orleans during the entire month of September and President Philip Werlein of the Progressive Union, has advised Governor Thos. M. Campbell that Tuesday September 15 has been set aside for Texas Day; Governor J. Y. Sanders that Monday September 14th has been designated as Louisiana Day; Governor E. F. Noel that Tuesday, September 22 has been christened Mississippi Day, and Governor B. B. Comer, that Saturday, September 26th has been reserved for Alabama Day. From each of these States the railroads have granted a rate of one fare plus 10 percent for the round trip, with a five day limit and inquiries from all sections are pouring in. These are taken care of by the Progressive Union's free information and rooming bureau, where all visitors will be located without charge. The booths are being erected in readiness for the gala opening September 1, and music and vaudeville will be given day and night in addition to the Manufacturing demonstrations. It is conceded that the affair is the biggest commercial event of its kind ever undertaken in New Orleans.

STRONG CONFIRMATION

The Alexandria Democrat denounces the treatment of the supposedly tuberculous cows by the health authorities of New Orleans as "legalized robbery." It is undoubtedly true that these scientific fads and theories are very decided humbug.—Abbeville Meridional.

We are glad to be confirmed in our views relative to this matter, by our friend, Dr. Edwards, the talented editor of the Abbeville Meridional, who is an erudite scholar, reputable physician and authority on any subject pertaining to the medical profession. It requires a scientific skill to discover the existence of a sick cow in a dairy herd. Any man of common sense can do it without the application of a dangerous test. Besides, how is it that so many cows are afflicted with consumption now?

In the good old days before the war, when everybody in Dixie had the finest herds and the healthiest and most nutritious milk and butter in the world, not even excepting Goshen, no such thing as a consumptive cow was ever heard of. But it will likely be retorted that scientific knowledge had not then reached its present high state of development, and we were consequently, in a beighted condition, from which it is now endeavoring to extricate us.

Dr. S. Buckley, veterinarian of the Bureau of Animal Industry of the United States Department of Agriculture who was sent here by Secretary Wilson, at the request of Congressman Pujot to investigate the recent outbreak of charbon in Acadia, Calcasieu and Rapides, arrived in Crowley Sunday night, after visiting Lake Charles, Alexandria and Opelousas. Dr. Buckley found that charbon had recently existed at Lake Charles, but he discovered no cases while he was there. He found that an alleged case of charbon at Alexandria was not charbon. None was found at Opelousas. He left this morning for Iota to examine a case reported today. He will make a thorough investigation in Acadia parish, where the disease created great havoc this season and will probably make recommendations relative to the disease before his departure.—Crowley Signal.

Leon V. Guillotte, another of the New Orleans ringsters, appears to have strayed from the straight and beaten path of moral rectitude. As Register of Conveyances, he has been found short in his accounts and indicted for embezzlement. Guillotte was also a candidate on the ring ticket for Judge of the City Court. It is to be assumed that this disgraceful condition of affairs will continue to be a stench in the nostrils of the good people of New Orleans, until they rise up in their majesty and power, overthrow the unscrupulous gang, even if they have to do it with shot guns and winchesters and fill their places with clean and honest men.—Louisiana Democrat.

It occurs to us, that the Governor and Board of Pardons, are opening the doors of the penitentiary to too many convicts, some of whom are murderers and rapists. Such wholesale and injudicious exercise of executive clemency, not only casts a halo of discredit and disrepute over the administration of justice, but has a tendency at the same time to stimulate into energetic activity the courts of Judge Lynch. There should be no divided responsibility in the matter of pardons. The Pardoning Board should be abolished and the entire responsibility for the annulment of the sentences of the courts thrown upon the Governor.—Louisiana Democrat.

The esteemed Times-Democrat takes its editorials very seriously at times. As an instance, we learn from the T-D's editorial columns that the Cuban election returns have been slow coming in for the reason that the Cubans have not had much experience in counting ballots. They ought to open a correspondence school in New Orleans and teach the poor benighted Cubans how it is done by the ward boss and his gang.

The Monroe Star says: "The registration now being made by the registrar of voters is not a new registration and it is not necessary to re-register. It is for those who have newly acquired the right to vote—new residents and those arriving of age. An entire new registration will begin January 1, 1909, when all voters will have to register to be able to exercise the franchise."

In a number of states, particularly in Illinois and Kansas, the direct primary system has recently been tried for the first time, all parties nominating by primary election on the same date. It will be noted that the only people who are dissatisfied with the workings of the primary system are the old-line convention tricksters who have lost their grip under the new order of things.—Shreveport Journal.

Six Baltimore belles, summering at a Maine resort, have been arrested for playing in the sand upon the beach while clad only in their bathing suits. Where are the "Ibotties of the people!"

WHY SO WEAK?

Kidney Troubles May Be Sapping Your Life Away.—Louisiana People Have Learned This Fact.

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EPISCOPAL CHURCH

There will be services in the Episcopal church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, morning prayer and sermon; S. S. at 9:30. Strangers welcome at all services.

POLITICAL MORALS—AND OTHER KINDS.

There is no middle ground in morals. To every moral proposition there are two just sides—the right side and the wrong side—and the man who endeavors to compromise at any point between these two sides is in reality upon the wrong side.

Of late years, however, there have come upon the stage of public events a number of men who have endeavored to set up two different standards of morals—one to fit personal matters and the other to be used in the treatment of political questions.

Not a few of these double-standard men have appeared, but they are being eliminated from public life as rapidly as the people are given an opportunity to express their opinions of them at the polls. They are being driven from the halls of congress, already, and the time is coming when they will be driven from the lesser stations as well.

Men, claiming to be irreproachable personally, men whose personal morals have never before been questioned, have attempted to keep that private record clean, while engaged in dirty political work—but the time for such double dealing is now past and gone. There is no reason why a public man should not be as clean politically as he is in private life—there is no such thing as a double standard of morals—no more than there can be a compromise between the wrong side and the right side of a moral proposition.

The day of the single-standard moral man is at hand, the day of the man who is clean personally and clean otherwise. The day of the double-standard of morals is no longer with us.—Shreveport Journal.

SPECTACULAR POLITICS

It's pretty tough on the Republican managers to have their powder wet by the United States Court sprinkling the Standard Oil fine so that the anti-trust issue will not even fizz. No wonder President Roosevelt denounced the Court looking at the matter from his partisan standpoint. There is no doubt the Standard Oil is guilty of accepting rebates, but the Republican attorneys and Judge Landis were so anxious for a spectacular fine that they overplayed their hands and did not allow the jury to know the whole truth.

A SOFT SNAP

The Aldrich Monetary Commission consisting of nine Senators and nine Representatives in Congress has been having a good time at Narragansett Pier and have now arranged to visit Europe all at government expense. No limit is set to the amount they can expend, neither can any Auditor of the Government dispute the bills they send in. If that is not a cinch which could be turned into a fine field for grafting, what is it?

EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

There will be services in the Episcopal Church, Sunday August 23, at 11 o'clock; morning prayer and Holy Communion. Sunday School at 9:30. Strangers welcome.

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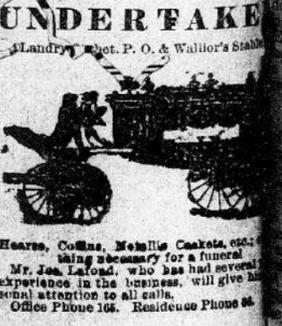
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