

# THE BOSSIER BANNER

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Some editors in our State write as though public education will go to the bow-wows when State Superintendent Aswell resigns, but we don't believe a word of it, because just as good a man can be found to head the department of education as Mr. Aswell has shown himself to be.—*Mansfield Journal*.

You are right, brother McClanahan. Mr. Aswell is not the only pebble on the beach. The State of Louisiana is not an intellectual bankrupt, and her educational advancement is not dependent on any one man, notwithstanding the alarming hysteria and folly emanating from some quarters. Mr. Aswell knew the salary of the office of State Superintendent before he sought the position. If the goods were not delivered, he has no just cause of complaint, for the voters of Louisiana refused to increase the salary of the State Superintendent. He has honestly and faithfully discharged his duty, as have all of his predecessors, but it by no means follows that Mr. Aswell is the only man in Louisiana capable of serving the people as their Superintendent. Heaven knows we've taken him at the Baton Rouge Press Agents' face value, and paid him in full for all his services.

This is to be a fight among Democrats—this race for the nomination—intelligent, inquiring men, voters who are able to see the right and to judge the ability of every man who offers for political preferment. The Democratic voters of Louisiana will select the best man for Governor, and for all the minor offices, and if they are permitted to do so without being subjected to a campaign of filth and fury, it will be thoroughly appreciated. The best way to insure such a campaign as this is to assure all the candidates that the first one who injects personalities into the running will be a sure loser.—*Shreveport Journal*.

We heartily endorse the above paragraph. If any candidate essays to play either the bully or slanderer in this campaign, we hope an indignant press and public will drive him out of the race. Let every candidate—from Governor to Constable—run on his own merits, and not on the alleged demerits of his opponents.

Life is not a tragedy, but a great privilege. It is not a vale of tears, but an upward climb to the mountain top, from which it is but a step to success and glory. Do your work nobly, then, and if time slips away it brings a smile as well as a tear, accept the tear, but do not ignore the smile. Determine to be happy, to find enjoyment wherever it is hidden, as the bee finds honey in the flowers. We can laugh as well as weep. Life is like music, which has notes in the major as well as the minor key. Be as cherry as your circumstances allow, and let no day go by without a search for the happiness which it may possibly conceal under the guise of a hardship.

Next year Parish School Boards will become elective by the people. After that time it will be impossible to run and direct parish school matters from Baton Rouge. The Parish Boards will look to the people for instruction and direction instead of to autocrats at the State Capital.—*Claiborne Guardian-Journal*.

"A consummation most devoutly wished for," which will be a great improvement on the arbitrary and undemocratic methods of the past few years.

June 3rd next will be the ninety-ninth anniversary of the birth of Jefferson Davis. There is less known about the history and ideals of Jefferson Davis by the youth of both North and South than any other of the great men of the period in which he lived. It is proposed to have a celebration of his hundredth birthday in many places in the South next year.

## Immigration.

[*Claiborne Guardian-Journal*.]

We need immigration in Louisiana and need it badly; that is, the right sort of immigration; but there is immigration and immigration; and none is better than the worst kind of immigration. We have no sympathy with the efforts some are making to flood the country with the scum of Europe. We believe in restrictions upon foreign immigration. We have never been enthusiastic over Col. Schuler's efforts to attract foreign immigration to Louisiana, for the reason that we have not been sure that the right sort of people would be procured. Some foreign immigration is good, but much of it is not good.

On this subject the Crowley Signal, one of the progressive papers of the State, says: "Commissioners Schuler has completed arrangements to bring immigrants to work on the plantations and relieve the labor congestion. His immigrants are Huns, Slavs and Levantine lazzaroni who, as soon as they acquired enough money to buy a bunch of bananas and a cart, will blossom out as captains of industry. Probably not one per cent. of Col. Schuler's immigrants are capable of being taught the elementary principles of citizenship."

## COMMENT OF LOUISIANA EDITORS.

**Assumption Pioneer:** A person who enjoys good health and who occupies himself with his own business, knows what it is to be happy.

**Mansfield Enterprise:** We don't know who we want to bunk with as yet, as it depends entirely upon the political birds they flock with, when the campaign develops.

**Grand Cane Beacon:** The Democratic party in its history and in its traditions is a party of the people. It was set for the welfare and safety of the plain people of America. It was established for the abolition of privilege, the dethronement of aristocracy, the rebuke of corruption, the destruction of concentrated power. It was formed for the enthronement of liberty and the economic and personal prosperity of the people.

**St. James Interim:** In these days of strife between political parties or factions, we must remember that, after all, we are just as a band of brothers here on earth, traveling from the cradle to the grave. We live side by side, attend the same church, our children mingle together at the same school and, after the smoke of the battle has cleared away, we should still be friends and neighbors. Let the bitter things go unsaid. At best, life is short, and we get out of it a full measure of sorrow. Let us live as one big, good-natured family.

**Mansfield Journal:** That was a hard jolt Gov. Blanchard gave Land Register Crandall, when he said on the witness stand in the trial of a land case at Baton Rouge that he had to communicate with the chief clerk in the land office most of the time on official matters, as the register spent about two-thirds of his time in New Orleans. A number of our citizens have visited Baton Rouge on business connected with the land office, but they never found the register. Register Crandall should resign. He does not attend to his official duties as he should. The office of land register is too important to be occupied by a figure head, even if he does belong to the "royal family."

**Claiborne Guardian-Journal:** We hope the campaign will be conducted upon a high plain and will be a real campaign of education. There is no occasion for criminalizations and recriminations. Not one of the three candidates would make a bad Governor. Let them all stand upon their merits and rely upon the wisdom and soundness of their principles for success. We have advised our readers, and we repeat it, not to be in haste to commit themselves to the support of any candidate for Governor. Wait until you have read and studied their platforms and heard them on the stump before making a choice; and then support the candidate that you honestly believe will best serve the public and the State. This, seems to us is the only wise and sensible course to pursue.

## LATEST NEWS IN PARAGRAPHS.

The past month was the coldest April in twenty-six years.

A wind and electrical storm did \$10,000 damage at Lexington, Ky., on April 30.

A combined hotel and theater is to be built at Chicago at a cost of \$5,000,000.

The New York Christian Herald on April 30 sent \$200,000 to the famine sufferers in China.

New York City pays in salaries to its more than 50,000 servants \$132 each minute in the day.

Famine prevails among the natives of German East Africa; many of them live like cattle, on leaves and roots.

Ernest W. Huffcutt, former dean of the Cornell law school, committed suicide on a Hudson River steamer.

The congregation of the First Methodist Church at Shreveport subscribed \$14,325 Sunday for Centenary College.

Ten inmates of the Soldiers' Home at New Orleans will be sent to the Confederate Veterans' Reunion at Richmond, Va.

Engineer Stevens declares the project for deep water from Chicago to the Gulf is of more importance than the Panama Canal.

A heavy storm wiped out several villages in northern Texas Monday. At least two persons were killed any many others injured and the property loss is heavy.

The process of manufacturing silk made from wood pulp is one which in Europe is jealously guarded from inspection. The imitation silk sells for considerably less than real silk, but at a higher price than mercerized cotton.

Mr. John H. Gilliland died suddenly in Shreveport Saturday night from an attack of indigestion, aged 61 years. For a number of years he was engaged in newspaper work, first as editor of the Shreveport Times, and later as one of the founders of Judge, now the Shreveport Journal.

**Philadelphia North American:** The North Carolina decision is the latest demonstration that the rule of law for American railroads has at last begun. It clinches and fixes all that has hitherto been done to make the railroad corporation the subordinate, rather than the superior, of the public. Not one step backward along that course will ever be taken. The American people intend to rule this land, absolutely and without rivals.

## WHAT THE PAPERS ARE SAYING.

**Bonne Terre Democrat Register:** Zeal without wisdom is work without wages.

**Clarksville Piker:** Truth, mercy and charity give peace and long life to the good citizen.

**Neosho Times:** A whole lot of men who are always taking about their willingness to die for their rights won't even take the trouble to go to the polls and vote for their rights.

**Philadelphia North American:** There is a poverty which passes that of the pocket—a poverty of the heart or the spirit which is more galling than pauperism in its commonly accepted sense.

**Grenada Sentinel:** The farmer bends the knee to none, and is less disturbed by the world-wide reign of graft and greed than any of his fellows. May he live long and prosper—this son of the soil, who is the balance wheel of the universe.

**Richmond News Leader:** In regard to peace conferences, a rough-and-ready Kentucky Colonel tears off this often demonstrated proposition: "The best way to get peace is to show the other fellow that you don't give a hurrah whether you get it or not."

**White County (Mo.) Democrat:** The life of no political party depends on electing incompetent or unworthy men to local offices. It is more important that public business be conducted with a due regard for the people than that any set of men should be rewarded with the places.

**Brookfield Argus:** After all, the most we can get out of life is its discipline for ourselves, and its usefulness for others. Life is divided into three parts—that which was, that which is, and that which will be. Let us learn from the past to profit by the present, and from the present to live better for the future.

**Sardis Reporter:** When President Roosevelt relinquishes his hold on the White House he will carry with him the record of having dubbed more men liars during his incumbency of the Presidency than all the other Presidents combined. We rather think, however, it is a record to be ashamed of, and not one to be proud of.

**La Belle Star:** The world is full of kindness that was never spoken, and that is not much better than no kindness at all. The fuel in the stove makes the room warm, but there are great piles of fallen trees lying on rocks and tops of hills where nobody can get them; these do not make anybody warm. Just so in a family; love is what makes the parents and children, the brothers and sisters, happy. But if they take care never to say a word about it; if they keep it a profound secret as if it were a crime, they will not be much happier than if there was not any love among them.

**Linneus Bulletin:** As a rule the world's harshest critics are people who are themselves most deserving of criticism. The man who habitually speaks evil of his neighbors deserves watching. It has been truthfully said that we often make mirrors of the people with whom we come in contact and discover in them our own deformities or virtues. It is natural for the "pure in heart" to see Good, and for the impure in heart to see the reverse of Good. It pays to discover and appreciate the good qualities in your neighbor even if you do it through self-interest. Nobody likes a pessimist.

**Richmond Times-Dispatch:** Prayer must be natural, because it is universal. Never yet has a nation been found but that in some form or other it exists. Races of men have been discovered without raiment, houses, manufactures or art, but never without prayer. It is found always where there is speech, human features and human passions. Prayer soars beyond the eagle's flight. It travels further and faster than light. Rising in the heart of the believer, it enters into the very ear of God. It is a telegraph which connects heaven and earth; the sinner and the Saviour; the humblest home of piety and the throne of grace. And the reply is on the road before the want is expressed. Hear the voice of the Lord: "Before they call I will answer, and while they are yet speaking I will hear."

## A Narrow Escape.

G. W. Cloyd, a merchant of Plunk, Mo., had a narrow escape four years ago, when he ran a jimson bur into his thumb. He says: "The doctor wanted to amputate it but I would not consent. I bought a box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve and that cured the dangerous wound." 25 cents at all drug stores.

## An Ordinance

Ordering an election within School District No. 12 of Bossier Parish, La., as established by the School Board of said parish, to take the sense of the taxpayers on the question of a 5 mill tax for ten years for the purpose of supplementing the salaries of teachers and building and repairing school houses in said district.

Whereas, the petition, signed by more than one-third of the property taxpayers of School District No. 12, as established by resolution of the Parish School Board of Bossier Parish, La., of date April 3, 1907, in regular session convened, has been presented to this body, asking that a special election be ordered in said District No. 12 to take the sense of the taxpayers upon the question of levying annually a special school tax of 5 mills upon all property within said district for a period of ten years for the purpose of supplementing the salaries of teachers and building and repairing school houses in said district, and whereas said School District No. 12 has been duly created and its boundaries defined by the School Board of Bossier Parish at a regular meeting held on April 3, 1907.

ordered, a special election to be held in and for School District No. 12, as created by the School Board of Bossier Parish April 3, 1907, for the purpose of ascertaining the sense of the taxpayers of said district on the question of levying a special school tax of 5 mills on the dollar on the assessed property of said district for a period of ten years, beginning at the earliest date possible after the said election, and according to law, for the purpose of supplementing the salaries of teachers and building and repairing school houses in and for said district, which is defined as follows:

1. Be it further Ordained, That for the purpose of holding this special election, there shall be made a regular polling place.

2. That said election be held at Ivan, the regular polling place as fixed herein, in and for said district, on Friday, May 24, 1907, and held in accordance with and under the general election laws of the State of Louisiana, except as hereinafter modified.

3. That the ballots to be used may be printed or written, and shall read: "For a 5 mill tax for ten years," or "Against a 5 mill tax for ten years."

4. That all legal voters who are property taxpayers shall be entitled to vote, provided women who are taxpayers in their own rights shall be entitled to vote, either in person or by written proxy.

5. That the following commissioners and clerks shall hold said election, to-wit: J. E. Rabb, J. B. Whittington and G. B. Coker, commissioners, and John Bundy, clerk, whose duty it shall be to make due returns to this body on or before its next regular session after said election.

6. That thirty clear days' advertisement in the Bossier Banner be made of this ordinance before said election.

J. C. LOGAN, President Police Jury.  
R. B. HILL, Clerk.

**An Ordinance**  
Ordering an election within School District No. 11 of Bossier Parish, La., as established by the School Board of Bossier Parish, to take the sense of the taxpayers on the question of a 5 mill tax for ten years for the purpose of supplementing the salaries of teachers and building and repairing school houses in said district.

Whereas, the petition, signed by more than one-third of the property taxpayers of School District No. 11, as established by resolution of the Parish School Board of Bossier Parish, La., of date April 2, 1907, in regular session convened, has been presented to this body, asking that a special election be ordered in said District No. 11 to take the sense of the taxpayers upon the question of levying annually a special school tax of 5 mills upon all property within said district for a period of ten years for the purpose of supplementing the salaries of teachers and building and repairing school houses in said district, and whereas said School District No. 11 has been duly created and its boundaries defined by the School Board of Bossier Parish at a regular meeting held on April 3, 1907.

Be it Ordained, That there be, and it is hereby ordered, a special election to be held in and for School District No. 11, as created by the School Board of Bossier Parish, to take the sense of the taxpayers on the question of levying a special school tax of 5 mills on the dollar of the assessed property of said district for a period of ten years, beginning at the earliest date possible after the said election, and according to law, for the purpose of supplementing the salaries of teachers and building and repairing school houses in and for said district, which is defined as follows:

1. Be it further Ordained, That for the purpose of holding this special election, there shall be made a regular polling place.

2. That said election be held at Tyler, the regular polling place as fixed herein in and for said district, on Friday, May 24, 1907, and held in accordance with and under the general election laws of the State of Louisiana, except as herein modified.

3. That the ballots to be used may be printed or written and shall read: "For a 5 mill tax for ten years," or "Against a 5 mill tax for ten years."

4. That all legal voters who are property taxpayers shall be entitled to vote, provided women who are taxpayers in their own rights shall be entitled to vote, either in person or by written proxy.

5. That the following commissioners and clerks shall hold said election, to-wit: J. R. Arnold, E. M. Coyle and Houston Wallace, commissioners, and I. S. Arnold, clerk, whose duty it shall be to make due returns to this body on or before its next regular session after said election.

6. That thirty clear days' advertisement in the Bossier Banner be made of this ordinance before said election.

J. C. LOGAN, President Police Jury.  
R. B. HILL, Clerk.

**An Ordinance**  
Ordering an election within School District No. 13 of Bossier Parish, La., as established by the School Board of said parish, to take the sense of the taxpayers on the question of a 1 1/2 mill tax for ten years for the purpose of supplementing the salaries of teachers and building and repairing school houses in said district.

Whereas, the petition, signed by more than one-third of the property taxpayers of School District No. 13, as established by resolution of the Parish School Board of Bossier Parish, La., of date April 3, 1907, in regular session convened, has been presented to this body, asking that a special election be ordered in said District No. 13 to take the sense of the taxpayers upon the question of levying annually a special school tax of 1 1/2 mills upon all property within said district for a period of ten years for the purpose of supplementing the salaries of teachers and building and repairing school houses in said district, and whereas said School District No. 13 has been duly created and its boundaries defined by the School Board of Bossier Parish at a regular meeting held on April 3, 1907.

Be it Ordained, That there be, and it is hereby ordered, a special election to be held in and for School District No. 13, as created by the School Board of Bossier Parish April 3, 1907, for the purpose of ascertaining the sense of the taxpayers of said district on the question of levying a special school tax of 1 1/2 mills on the dollar of the assessed property of said district for a period of ten years, beginning at the earliest date possible after the said election, and according to law, for the purpose of supplementing the salaries of teachers and building and repairing school houses in and for said district, which is defined as follows:

1. Be it further Ordained, That said election be held at Bossier City, the regular polling place in and for said district, on Friday, May 24, 1907, and held in accordance with and under the general election laws of the State of Louisiana, except as hereinafter modified.

2. That the ballots to be used may be printed or written, and shall read: "For a 1 1/2 mill tax for ten years," or "Against a 1 1/2 mill tax for ten years."

3. That all legal voters who are property taxpayers shall be entitled to vote, provided women who are taxpayers in their own rights shall be entitled to vote, either in person or by written proxy.

4. That the following commissioners and clerks shall hold said election, to-wit: W. E. Coleman, C. G. House and E. W. Coker, commissioners, and J. R. Brandon, clerk, whose duty it shall be to make due returns to this body on or before its next regular session after said election.

5. That thirty clear days' advertisement in the Bossier Banner be made of this ordinance before said election.

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