

# THE BOSSIER BANNER

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## THE FRUIT WE GATHER.

Perhaps a necessary result of the strenuous existence which marks the present age is the growing restlessness of the individual. At no stage of the world's history has the desire to achieve been so strikingly illustrated as at present; at no time has there been keener competition in all lines of endeavor or a greater demand for those creature comforts which we believe are necessary to our well-being. Much has been written on the subject of the world's extravagances and, in general, we speak with contempt of almost everything that is not characterized as strictly up-to-date. The old fashioned ways of the past are either referred to with a more or less kindly tolerance or else openly ridiculed and the simple life has long ago run its course save in a few exceptional cases. The great world war, of course, has served to check in part the tendency toward an extravagant existence upon which men had embarked and very probably the terrible conflict will leave its impression deeply etched upon men's souls for generations to come, but as yet the change to more normal conditions is not widespread and we in this country are throwing away many opportunities which would lead to a sane and wholesome method of living. So long as we keep up the pace which we believe that others set for us, whether they do or not, just so long will we cheat ourselves of many of the highest and best aspects of life and keep our minds securely upon the wild chase after position and wealth and fame. It sometimes seems as though we are never satisfied no matter how much we have to make us happy. We are always looking out for something else, stretching out our hands, as it were, to grasp anything that comes along in order that we will be certain to get our full share.

Such a spirit reflects itself in our lives and often turns otherwise happily constituted natures into restless, roving spirits. The ordinary things of life fail to satisfy us; we look for more than we get and gradually our restlessness makes us a misery to ourselves as well as to others. In some way we lose our grasp upon things, our common sense fails to manifest itself, and before very long we become irritable and nervous and hard to please. Sometimes we even begin to pity ourselves and to talk about our craving to be "understood," and about the little sympathy we receive from those about us. We imagine many causes for our non-success and sometimes we even attribute our "peculiarities" of disposition to what we like to call our "artistic temperaments" which seem to demand a different treatment from the ordinary, everyday, matter-of-fact temperaments of the average man and woman. The only cure for such conditions, it would seem, is that of cultivating a more common-sense view of life in general. We may have our trials; indeed, we must have them in time, but as a rule, the time of trouble is the best period in which to put our hard, common sense into practice for our individual benefit. If we are not able to achieve for ourselves just what we wish the most; if we are threatened with disaster of any kind; if we see our hopes falling about us and realize that disappointment has set its hand upon us—these are the times when we must exert our common sense to its utmost and accept with as good a grace as possible whatever is in store. Disappointment is not a legitimate excuse for that restlessness which marks so many men and women of to-day. If we cannot succeed in one way we probably can in another. The fact that we are not satisfied with anything we do is the real cause of our restless spirit, and the reason why we are never satisfied is that we have never tried to understand our life conditions nor to adapt ourselves to them. We cannot change the course of our lives no matter how hard we try; all we can do is to make them work as easily as possible and to get the most out of them that we can. The restless dissatisfaction with what fate brings us is not a sign of true development; but on the contrary, of an unworthy resentment. A too active life, coupled with the big drains which such a life makes upon our physical strength, unfits us for the more serious side of life, a side which for all its responsibilities and obligations yields a far better return in every way than the more hazardous and strenuous worldly existence. Even if we meet with success in our fight for place and prominence it is not always to our best interests viewed as a whole, and it often happens that he who wins fame is really less contented than he whose ambitions are humbler and more in keeping with the conditions of his individual existence. Viewed from the giddy heights which the world persists in calling life, the quiet existence of long ago in the valleys which he have outgrown, seems hopelessly dull and uninteresting, but on the whole, it yielded richer, better fruit than the forced hot-house varieties that perish in our hands.

## REFORMS FROM ABOVE.

From press reports it would appear that State Superintendent of Education T. H. Harris is preparing a legislative program in the matter of educational reforms in Louisiana. Without questioning the ability of the State Superintendent or the ultimate wisdom of his reform program, it is suggested that the inspiration for measures adopted by our legislature should come direct from the people and that, as between the people and their representatives in the law-making body, no middle man is provided for in our Democratic scheme of government. The State Superintendent is the servant of the people and his duties are clearly defined by the law that brought his office into being. Suggesting the course of legislation is provided for as one of the duties of the Governor, but from the State Superintendent it is wholly voluntary and of recent and unwarranted origin. In our scheme of government, say the economists, reforms must come from below—must originate among the masses of

the people—to be properly assimilated by the body politic. Maybe it is upon the principle that what the human body craves is what does it good, and that for which it has not formed an appetite but serves to clog the human organs. It might be well for Superintendent Harris to go down among the people and tell them how good these reform measures are. If he is a good describer of the reform measures, the people might be made to water for them and then the folk would demand of their elected representatives that this wisdom be fed to them in the forms of law; and thus healthy assimilation would follow naturally.

## THE ADDITIONAL SCHOOL TAX.

Not the least gratifying of the results of the election last week in Bossier Parish was the handsome way in which the people voted the additional 1-mill tax upon themselves for the benefit of their schools. The various taxes in this parish already aggregated so heavy a burden that a minimum of blame could attach to the voting down of proposed new taxes. But the measure was necessary and the additional burden was shouldered so cheerfully that one has reason to be proud of one's fellow citizens. What is written in the foregoing paragraph is particularly applicable to that portion of the parish embraced within the Bossier Levee District, where an expensive levee system must be kept up. And the reader will note from the published returns that in Ward One, where there is a continuous string of levees to be maintained, the tax was voted by an overwhelming majority. The proposition was also carried in Wards Three and Four by large majorities, and voted by overwhelming majorities in Wards Six and Five. Also, at three of the larger towns of the parish where high schools are located the vote shows that the sentiment of the people is strictly for the tax. In fact, the returns as a whole indicate that the larger taxpayers, who necessarily pay the greater share of taxes, and particularly those who are best familiar with the benefits to result from better schools and longer school terms, are almost solidly for the tax.

The schools will be better, the old debt will be wiped out in a few years, and then, without additional taxation, the schools will increase in efficiency.

## THE DEMOCRATIC VICTORY.

Col. R. G. Pleasant, Democratic nominee for governor, carried forty-nine out of sixty-four parishes of the State, receiving a net majority of 33,124. Pleasant's total vote in the State is 80,238, Parker's 47,440. Parker, the Bull Moose candidate, carried fifteen parishes, eight of them comprising the Third Congressional District, which he carried by the following vote: Parker, 11,177; Pleasant, 7,196; Parker's majority, 3,981. Following are the seven parishes outside of the Third District carried by Parker: St. Charles, St. James, St. John, St. Landry, Acadia, Jeff Davis and Evangeline. The vote was uncomfortably close in "Sweet Iberville," but Pleasant won by two majorities, receiving a total of 552 to Parker's 550. But best of all is Bossier's proud record—660 votes for Pleasant and 13 for Parker. "Can you beat it?"

Instead of trying to save the taxpayers from additional burdens, the men who have managed the General Assembly of Louisiana for the last eight years have been wanting in their waste and disregard for the interests of the taxpayer. New offices have been created without regard to cost, and for the sole purpose, in some instances, of strengthening political fences and taking care of the "faithful." There are a number of sinecures that should be abolished, and an urgent need for economy in the management of State offices and institutions, and it is to be hoped that the next General Assembly will give the people a more economical administration of affairs.

The Philadelphia Record says Roosevelt and Congressman J. R. Mann, of Illinois, are "a pair of self-seeking traitorous demagogues." We suppose the omission of Blatherskite Bryan's name was an oversight on the part of the Record.

## LATE NEWS PARAGRAPHS.

The Louisiana cane crop situation could hardly be better. Indorsement of Woodrow Wilson was given Friday by the Illinois Democratic Convention. Nine civilians were killed Monday in Trieste, Austria, by seven Italian aeroplanes dropping bombs. Government officials have ruled that an Italian deserter who came to Boston as a stowaway must go back to meet his fate. A cotton compress, between 10,000 and 12,000 bales of cotton and twelve freight cars were destroyed by fire Tuesday at Decatur, Ala. Estimated loss, \$1,000,000. Bordeaux, France, April 21.—An explosion in the powder branch of a grenade factory here to-day resulted in the killing of twenty persons and injury to a number of others.

The checks which pass through the clearing house in London and New York in one month, in normal times, are said to exceed the value of all the existing gold and silver coin in the world. Deming, N. M., April 24.—The seven Villa followers, who were captured after the raid on Columbus and convicted of murder in the first degree, were to-day condemned to die May 19th. The flourishing condition of the leather industry has caused a great demand in Pennsylvania for hemlock bark, which is used for tanning purposes, and it is estimated that at least 100,000 cords of bark will be peeled this summer, its value being in excess of \$1,000,000. Washington, April 22.—Sugar will not go on the free list May 1st next, the Senate late to-day yielding to the House measure providing for a straight repeal of the free sugar section of the tariff law. By a vote of 59 to 10 the Senate receded from its amendment which would extend the existing sugar duty of one cent a pound for four years only.

## FROM OUR STATE EXCHANGES.

**Bastrop Enterprise:** It is a pity that so much strife was kept up about the governorship as to obscure, if not lose sight altogether of the legislative branch, which after all is the mainspring of government. Louisiana Democrat: As an economic proposition it does seem to us that the various elections should be consolidated. Why not? If the time spent in these numerous campaigns and elections was devoted to business and the upbuilding of the country, times would be more prosperous and improvements more noticeable. Louisiana Democrat: Encouragement is something we naturally look for. A little praise, a word of hope or a cheerful smile—something for the hungry soul to grasp and the weary mind to rest upon as we climb the toilsome mountain of life. How many poor hearts have sunken into a despondency, when a little encouragement has reassured them.

**Assumption Pioneer:** Gov. R. G. Pleasant is one of Louisiana's brilliant sons, who has every quality of mind, character and heart to make an ideal chief executive. Thoroughly experienced in governmental affairs, a man of judgment, based on a pure conscience and clean life, the people of the State can look for real service from their governor.

**Assumption Pioneer:** We have had our fill of politics, and it is time that every man who thinks something of his community and parish, turn his thoughts into other channels. There is nothing that tends to stagnate the business of a people than too much politics, and without in the least wishing to criticize anybody, we believe that Assumption Parish can do better if her people will get their minds off of politics, politicians and public office.

Replying to the dirty doggerel called the "New Dixie," purporting to be a substitute for the old popular "Dixie," the New Orleans Chronicle and Democrat says: No people in the world exhibited either more "courage" or more "nerve" than did the people in the South after the surrender at Appomattox and during the dark days of reconstruction. No nobler, truer, braver, better band of patriots ever lived than those who laid aside the sword and musket in 1865 and stored away the old gray uniform.

**Mansfield Enterprise:** A great many of the opportunities that come to men to acquire wealth lie in the simple matter of taking pains. The man who will take pains to look after the farm, to plant at the right time, to cultivate carefully, harvest promptly, and market judiciously, will make farming pay. The man who takes pains to raise a few head of stock, to have his own meat and bread and a few fat porkers to sell, will find farming profitable. Much of the success in life in any line is found in the simple art of taking pains.

**New Orleans Chronicle and Democrat:** No man, however learned, and however good his intentions may be as Governor of Louisiana, can succeed without the cooperation of the people. No man can till our farms, operate our factories, conduct our stores, run our railroads and public service corporations. The success of Louisiana is with the people themselves. A Governor can help and can hinder, but he can not perfect nor destroy. A government is supported by the people, and no government can support the people. It is splendid to be a citizen of a republic, but it is still better to sustain a wise and beneficent free government.

## Amos.

And I will smite the winter house with the summer house; and the houses of ivory shall perish, and the great houses shall have an end, saith the Lord.—3, 15.

And the songs of the temple shall be howlings in that day, saith the Lord God: there shall be many dead bodies in every place; they shall cast them forth with silence.—8, 3.

And the Lord God of hosts is he that toucheth the land, and it shall melt, and all that dwell therein shall mourn: and it shall rise up wholly like a flood; and shall be drowned, as by the flood of Egypt.—8, 5.

And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, and shall not find it. In that day shall the fair virgins and young men faint for thirst.—8, 12-13.

And I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; and I will bring up sackcloth upon all loins, and baldness upon every head; and I will make it as the mourning of an only son, and the end thereof as a bitter day.—8, 10.

Then answered Amos, and said to Amaziah, I was no prophet, neither was I a prophet's son; but I was a herdman, and a gatherer of sycomore fruit: And the Lord took me as I followed the flock, and the Lord said unto me, Go, prophesy unto my people Israel. Now therefore hear thou the word of the Lord.—7, 14-16.

**Richmond News-Leader:** But there is another phase of Prussian militarism which does concern the interests of the United States, because it vitally affects the peace of the world. That phase, in a word, is the cult of Hohenzollernism. To believe in that system is to perpetuate the conditions which have made the Prussian officer the most offensive animal that walks this world; has been to create a great gulf between the classes, on one side of which are heaped the cannon fodder for the Verdun slaughter pens, and on the other are paraded the Junker overmen, who, being the friends and favorites of the divinely chosen kaiser, can do no wrong, can make no mistakes, and cannot be punished like ordinary men for crimes no ordinary man would commit. So long as this system continues; so long as the social differences of Imperial Rome, with its omnipotent emperors and blindly devoted legions, continue in Germany, Prussian militarism will inflict its punishment on the world. Of course, the favored class that depends on the Hohenzollerns for place and power will struggle desperately to prevent a change.

**Mobile Register:** Birmingham button day realized nearly \$2,500 for the anti-illiteracy campaign. That's good!

## School Board Proceedings.

The Parish Board of School Directors of Bossier Parish met in regular session at their office in Benton on this, the 20th day of April, 1916, with the following members present, to-wit: W. E. Connell, Ward One; J. W. Wallace, Ward Two; A. J. Demoss, Ward Four; L. R. Bumgardner, Ward Five; L. C. Biggs, Ward Six.

After roll call, the minutes of the three last meetings were read and approved. This being the date set to canvass the returns and promulgate the result of the special tax election held in Bossier Parish on the 18th, the board at this juncture went into a committee of the whole and proceeded to open the boxes and tabulate the returns of said election, which resulted as follows:

For the Tax:		Against the Tax:	
Votes.	Amount.	Votes.	Amount.
Atkins	18 \$5780 00	0	0
Curtis	13 20570 00	0	0
Taylortown	6 3090 00	13 39340 00	
Bossier City	18 7530 00	34 28900 00	
Manassville	0 0 00	14 14970 00	
Benton	31 40420 00	12 17400 00	
Alden Bridge	10 9760 00	11 5300 00	
Plain Dealing	41 37100 00	20 12880 00	
Cartersville	33 20350 00	22 8090 00	
Mot	24 11000 00	14 5410 00	
Ivan	30 12080 00	6 2380 00	
Rocky Mount	30 6830 00	21 5580 00	
Linton	30 12180 00	4 1040 00	
Belleve	6 3420 00	0	0
Haughton	51 58020 00	12 10530 00	
Adner	9 6020 00	0	0
Koran	11 5280 00	2 2000 00	
Totals	351 \$311530 00	193 \$151870 00	

The majority in both vote and amount being in favor of said tax, the School Board Directors of Bossier Parish, declared the election duly carried.

In accordance with law, a promulgation of the aforesaid result was prepared and the Secretary of the Parish Board of School Directors was ordered to have a copy of the same signed by its president and published in one issue of the official journal, and that one copy be kept in the records of the School Board.

This done and signed by the undersigned members of the Parish Board of School Directors of Bossier Parish,  
W. E. CONNELL,  
J. W. WALLACE,  
A. J. DEMOSS,  
L. R. BUMGARDNER,  
L. C. BIGGS.

## PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, on April 18, 1916, at an election held throughout Bossier Parish, Louisiana, after thirty days' advertisement, to take the sense of the qualified voters and taxpayers on the proposition to vote a special tax of 1 mill on the dollar per annum on the assessed valuation of all property situated in Bossier Parish for a period of five years, beginning with the year 1916 and ending with the year 1920, said tax to be used for general school purposes, and

Whereas, said election, duly and legally held, and the returns legally made, the property taxpayers voted in number and amount for the 1-mill tax, thereupon  
I, W. E. Connell, Vicepresident of the Bossier Parish School Board, by virtue of the authority vested in me by law, do hereby publicly announce and proclaim that the result of said election is favorable to said tax in Bossier Parish, and that the Parish Board of School Directors do hereby levy a tax of 1 mill on the dollar for five years, beginning with the year 1916 and ending with the year 1920, according to law.

Thus done and signed officially at Benton, La., on this, the 20th day of April, 1916.  
W. E. CONNELL,  
Vicepresident School Board.

On motion, duly seconded, it was agreed to let the schools remain located the same as last year, except that Waterloo, a colored school, be added to the list.

Moved and carried that teachers' salaries be the same as last year, except that first grade teachers without experience and training shall be paid \$45 per month for two years, or until they have proven their ability as competent teachers.

Moved and carried that the school term be paid for out of the general funds shall be six months during the ensuing school year.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

W. A. Fortson in account with Bossier Parish School Fund—  
Jan. 1—By amount overdrawn.....\$21908 40  
By warrants issued.....14888 80  
To amount from State.....23888 47  
To amount from Sheriff.....310 94  
To amount from 10th section fund.....743 02  
To amount from high school fund.....111 11  
To amount from other sources.....3719 43  
Apr. 1—To amount overdrawn.....\$38308 23 \$38308 23

SEVENTH DISTRICT.  
Jan. 1—By amount overdrawn.....\$1102 75  
By warrants issued.....830 00  
To amount from Sheriff.....218 75  
Apr. 1—By amount on hand.....918 00 \$218 75

EIGHTH DISTRICT.  
Jan. 1—By amount overdrawn.....\$300 02  
By warrants issued.....549 00  
To amount received.....2051 79  
Apr. 1—By amount on hand.....1182 17 \$2051 79

NINTH DISTRICT.  
Jan. 1—By amount overdrawn.....\$1331 40  
By warrants issued.....764 85  
To amount received.....\$1577 17  
Apr. 1—By amount on hand.....522 06 \$1577 17

TENTH DISTRICT.  
Jan. 1—To amount on hand.....\$964 80  
To amount received.....55 95 328 48  
Apr. 1—By amount on hand.....1234 42 \$1234 42

TWELFTH DISTRICT.  
Jan. 1—To amount on hand.....\$400 00  
To amount received.....\$ 55 95 328 48  
Apr. 1—By amount on hand.....1234 42 \$1234 42

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT.  
Jan. 1—By amount overdrawn.....\$4144 17  
By warrants issued.....848 42  
To amount received.....\$2608 02  
Apr. 1—To amount overdrawn.....\$4922 59 \$4922 59

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT.  
Jan. 1—To amount on hand.....\$511 14  
To amount received.....\$ 736 31 225 20  
Apr. 1—By amount on hand.....736 31 \$736 31

FIFTEENTH DISTRICT.  
Jan. 1—To amount on hand.....\$97 90  
To amount received.....\$ 362 00 981 81  
Apr. 1—By amount on hand.....650 80 \$981 81

SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT.  
Jan. 1—To amount on hand.....\$102 80  
To amount received.....\$ 645 90 821 49  
Apr. 1—By amount on hand.....155 93 \$821 49

NINETEENTH DISTRICT.  
Jan. 1—To amount on hand.....\$ 24 10  
To amount from Sheriff.....\$ 55 00 220 21  
Apr. 1—By amount on hand.....169 94 \$220 21

Recapitulation of Sheriff's report of collections for the quarter ending March 31, 1916:  
To amount from 3 mill tax.....\$1621 52  
To amount from poll taxes.....410 43  
To amount from special school taxes.....1948 68  
To amount from criminal fines.....18 00  
Total.....\$3600 63

There being no further business before the board adjourned to meet in regular session Thursday, July 6, 1916.  
W. E. CONNELL, Vicepresident.  
W. A. FORTSON, Secretary.

**Mobile Register:** Millions for garden seed, [and votes] but not one cent for airplanes, seems to be the motto of the House of Representatives.

# Good Results Column

**Fixall Varnish and Stains**—for spring—all colors  
Prices: 15, 25, 40 and 75 Cents per Can.—Yours to serve,  
—W. I. GAYLE Benton

**Fisk and Firestone**  
Tires, Inner Tubes and Accessories at...  
**The Brick Store**  
Benton, Louisiana

**Groceries...**  
Get our prices on Groceries. We think much of price but more of quality.  
**R. E. WYCHE**

**Just Received:**  
Another car of Mixed Feed, Flour and Meal. Prices the very lowest—  
—the House That Carries the Stock in Benton

**Hamilton Brown Shoes**  
Are the best—popular in both price and quality. Try out a pair!  
**N. M. & E. H. BELCHER**  
BENTON, LOUISIANA

**Plain Dealing Market**  
Wholesale and Retail Dealers in FISH and ICE  
A first-class RESTAURANT and Candy Kitchen in connection. Good, wholesome meals served at all hours.

**These Are X-tra Good:**  
Vegetable Soup, Cooked Beans, and Libby's Hamburger Steak. They are three of the new canned products I keep in stock. Come to me for the leading brands.  
**J. H. MONTGOMERY**  
BENTON, LOUISIANA

**GEORGE G. DIMICK**  
Attorney at Law—Notary Public  
Shreveport, Louisiana  
Old phone, 1040  
240 First National Bank Building

**Palm Beach Suits**  
A full shipment of comfortable suits has just reached us. There are new colors, with extra trimmings to match. Make your selection while the stock is complete.  
**S. WILLER & SON**  
BENTON, LOUISIANA

**Succession Sale.**  
Succession of J. B. O'Neal, deceased. In District Court, Bossier Parish, Louisiana.  
By virtue of an order of sale, I, directed from the honorable District Court in and for the Parish of Bossier, I will, on Saturday, May 13, 1916, at J. B. O'Neal's store, at the east end of the Red River bridge, in the town of Bossier City, La., within the legal limits of sale, proceed to sell at public auction to the last and highest bidder, the following described property, as per return now on file in the office of the Clerk of Bossier District Court, the same having been previously offered at public sale, together with other property, having failed to bring two-thirds of appraised value in cash, I hereby advertise same to be sold on two months' time, according to law, to purchasers to give their twelve months' interest from date of adjudication, same by special mortgage and vendor's lien on the property to be sold, to-wit:  
Fractional lots 9, 10 and 11 of block of the McCormick Annex, Bossier City, La., and five shares of stock in the Haughton Gin Company of Haughton, La.

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