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Republican State Ticket

Election, April 21, 1908

- FOR GOVERNOR,
HENRY N. PHARR of Iberia.
- FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR,
A. F. LEONHARDT of Orleans.
- FOR SECRETARY OF STATE,
W. G. WILMOT of Orleans.
- FOR STATE TREASURER,
H. S. BOLLINGER of Caddo.
- FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL,
W. J. WAGUESPACK of Orleans.
- FOR AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS,
J. C. WEEKS of Ouachita.
- FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION,
ALBERT PAUL of Orleans.
- FOR REGISTER OF LAND OFFICE,
L. E. ROBINSON of Calcasieu.
- FOR COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE,
J. ALLEN BARNETT of St. Mary.

POLITICAL NOTICE.

To the Members of the Republican Parish Executive Committee.

Donaldsonville, La., April 4, 1908.
A meeting of the Republican Executive Committee of the parish of Ascension is hereby called, to be held at the Donaldsonville Court-house on

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 1908,
at 12 o'clock m., for the purpose of providing for the election of delegates from this parish to the Republican State Convention which is to assemble in the city of New Orleans, May 11, 1908, and for the transaction of such other business as may be deemed necessary or desirable. Members of the committee are all urged to attend.

Are the reform constitutional amendments to be defeated by the same methods that influenced the outcome of the Democratic primaries?

The dredging work on the Canclene canal in Assumption parish, connecting Lake Verret with Bayou Lafourche, is not progressing as rapidly as was desired, so the authorities will work two crews on the two boats, one crew to work at night and the other during the day.

The many friends in this community and elsewhere of Mrs. Beacham Sharp, of New Orleans, will be interested to learn of her marriage in that city on St. Joseph's day, March 19, to Harold Heno, a valued member of the staff of the New Orleans Times-Democrat. Mr. and Mrs. Heno, accompanied by the latter's mother, Mrs. Lou Sharp, spent several days recently as the welcome guests of Mesdames A. B. Sharp and W. W. Buford at their hospitable home in Port Barrow.

An interesting event this month will be the marriage of Miss Constance Vega, the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Vega, of Belle Alliance, to Janvier Hebert, a well-known and popular young citizen of Donaldsonville, the marriage to be celebrated on Wednesday, April 29, at 5:30 o'clock p. m., at the local Catholic church. No cards will be issued, but the friends and acquaintances of the prospective couple are invited to be present at the ceremony. The Chief extends congratulations and heartfelt good wishes.

A meeting of the Donaldsonville High School Alumni Association was held at the residence of Miss Maud Leche on Friday night of last week, the 3rd inst., at which the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Hudson Hunsley, president; Miss May Bradford, senior vice president; Miss Marie Michel, junior vice president; Miss Sadie Kern, secretary and treasurer. Friday, May 1, was selected as the date for the banquet tendered annually by the association to the high school graduating class, and the committees were appointed to make the necessary arrangements for the prospective event.

Among the many Assumptionites who witnessed the baseball game at Cleveland Park last Sunday between the Napoleonville Reds and the Donaldsonville Blues were C. J. Dugas, E. D. Giamelloni, J. R. Matherne and wife, Felix Weil, S. F. Gilbert, Nic Carriere, V. Vallery, Dr. L. E. H. Duffel, Jos. Marquette, Alphonse Blanchard, Thomas Hernandez, Mrs. O. Bergeron, Miss May Prejean, Miss Louise Roger, J. A. Waters, Clebert Hebert, Adam Triche, Ferdinand Triche, Emile Tallien, Paul Rodrigue, S. Alwes, Webster Rogers, Adolphe Joseph and Charles Munson and wife of Napoleonville, Louis Daigle and Leonce LeBlanc of Palmettoville, Henry A. Dugas of Grand Bayou, and J. P. Kock and son of Belle Alliance.

Bank Directors and Officers Elected.
The stockholders of the Bank of Ascension met in annual session at noon last Tuesday and unanimously re-elected the present board of directors, to-wit: J. Lebermonth, John S. Thibaut, G. A. Godran, V. Maurin, E. Langbecker, J. N. Colomb, Meyer Netter, Wm. Blumenthal, E. G. Swartz, Clerville Himel, M. Tobias, Dr. Numa Himel, Theodule Schexnayder, Octave Roussel and J. E. Blum.

At the conclusion of the stockholders' meeting the directors held a brief session and by a unanimous vote re-elected the efficient officers who have directed the affairs of the bank with such conspicuous ability and unvarying success for the past several years. They are: J. Lebermonth, president; John S. Thibaut, vice president and cashier; Paul Braud and A. J. Meunon, assistant cashiers.

A Creditable Campaign.

The present week has added another series of well-attended and altogether satisfactory mass meetings to the many that had been previously held throughout the state in the interest of the Republican ticket, headed by Henry N. Pharr of Iberia for governor and Alex. F. Leonhardt of Orleans for lieutenant governor.

Mr. Pharr and several other speakers accompanying him have addressed the people at Monroe, Columbia, Bastrop, Rayville and Winsboro, and will close the campaign in north Louisiana with a meeting at Shreveport tonight. The only appointment Mr. Pharr has failed to fill in the entire campaign was at Homer, Claiborne parish, which place he was unable to reach on account of a delayed train. Everywhere he has spoken the audiences, composed of the best people of the various communities, have given him a respectful hearing and a cordial reception, and Democrats have united with Republicans in applauding his sentiments on the moral and economic issues of the campaign and in attesting their absolute faith in his sincerity, patriotism, ability and high character.

Mr. Leonhardt and another party of campaigners have spoken this week at Clinton, Greensburg and Franklinton, and will speak tonight at Lusher and tomorrow at St. James Church. Republican meetings are also to be held today at Charpentier and Baldwin, in St. Mary parish, and tomorrow at Lockport, Lafourche parish.

Next week will witness the close of the creditable Republican campaign, with meetings scheduled for New Orleans on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, both in the afternoon and at night; Morgan City, Thursday night; Jeanerette, Friday night; Loreauville, Saturday afternoon, and New Iberia, Saturday night. Mr. Pharr is to speak at all these gatherings, and whatever may be the outcome of the contest at the polls he will have the satisfaction of knowing that he has made a conscientious effort to benefit his native state by advocating the purification of its politics and government, the liberalization of its public sentiment and the promotion of its material welfare. He will have shown himself competent and worthy to fill the office of governor, whether he is elected to it or not.

Something More Than a Sideshow.

In the course of a speech before the Democratic state committee at New Orleans several weeks ago Hon. J. Y. Sanders, candidate for governor, referred to the general state election to be held April 21 as "a little sideshow," meaning that the result of that contest was a foregone conclusion and a mere formal affirmation of the outcome of the Democratic primaries of Jan. 28 and Feb. 25; and in an interview with a newspaper reporter about the same time Mr. Sanders said that only a perfunctory campaign would be conducted by the Democrats—that "a few meetings might be held"—and, in dismissal of the trifling topic, he nonchalantly remarked, "The Democrats will poll their usual vote in the April election, and the Republicans will poll their usual vote. That is all I have to say on the subject."

Subsequent developments seem to have brought a change over the spirit of Mr. Sanders' comfortable dream, however. The vigorous and earnest advances of the state being made by the Republican party under the leadership of its high-grade candidates for governor and lieutenant governor, Henry N. Pharr and A. F. Leonhardt, coupled with the wave of popular indignation and resentment that has followed the exposure of the brazen frauds perpetrated at the primaries by the henchman of the New Orleans ward bosses and condoned by the Democratic state committee, have combined to awaken the candidates and managers of the Democracy to the fact that the little sideshow has been transformed into a very big circus and that the performers and ringmasters have got to hustle for a chance at the gate receipts.

Mr. Sanders is on the stump with one party of speakers; Mr. Lambremont is heading another party, and still others are to take the field and keep the welkin ringing daily and nightly until the eve of the election. The United States senators, the members of congress, Gov. Blanchard, defeated Theo. Wilkinson and defeated Jim Bailey have all been invited to lead their aid towards keeping the rotten bulk of rigid Democracy afloat, and even State Superintendent of Education Aswell, who was nominated without opposition to what should be a strictly non-political and non-partisan office, has been dragged upon the stump to lend his voice and influence to the "hole-y" cause. Senator McEnery has headed the cry for help and will make a few speeches; Gov. Blanchard will slich enough time from his official labors to make one speech at his home city, Shreveport; several of the congressmen will probably abandon their posts of duty at Washington long enough to take some part in the gabfest; but Senator Foster and Congressman Broussard have replied that their official engagements will not permit them to come to Louisiana, while Messrs. Wilkinson and Bailey are yet to be heard from.

It would be a pitiful travesty upon the rights and freedom of American citizenship if a law could be invoked to prevent the voters of any ward from nominating and electing a worthy citizen of their choice as a ward official. The law under which it is sought to enforce such a prohibition has been defeated with fraud and stamped with illegality. The very right to be spurred by every honest voter, Democrat and Republican, and its reputation should be regarded as a commendable rather than a reprehensible act.

New Evidence of Fraud.

The Democratic board of election supervisors for Orleans parish took exception to the list of persons recommended for appointment as commissioners to represent the Republican party at the New Orleans polls in the coming election, and called upon Chairman W. J. Brophy of the Republican parish committee to repair the alleged deficiencies in the list. The grounds of objection were that less than six names were offered for a number of the precincts; that some of the persons named had participated in the Democratic primary and that others were not registered voters. The board took the position that only Republicans should be selected to represent the Republican party as commissioners, but Chairman Brophy contended that the Republicans had the right to recommend Democrats if so disposed, their object being only to obtain such intelligent and fearless supervision of the election as would insure a fair contest and an honest return.

An investigation of the statements that some of the persons recommended by the Republicans were not registered, and that others who are well-known to be Republicans had voted in the Democratic primaries, brought out the fact that most of those in the first category are in possession of their registration papers; and that a number of the Republicans accused of participation in the primary did not go near the polls, but that their names had been fraudulently entered on the poll lists, manifestly that they might serve the purpose of swelling the vote for the candidates of the Democratic ward bosses. It is evident, therefore, that not only dead and absent Democrats, but live and absent Republicans as well, figured in the primaries of both Jan. 28 and Feb. 25 and contributed unwittingly and unwillingly to the outcome of those farcical contests.

After due consideration of the law and precedents—for this is by no means the first time Democrats have been chosen to represent the Republican party at New Orleans polls—the board of supervisors came to the sensible conclusion that the Republican organization should be permitted to shape its own course and exercise its own discretion in the matter of recommending commissioners, provided only that the persons suggested be duly qualified and reputable citizens. The Times-Democrat strongly urged this action on the part of the supervisors, and the paper's luminous editorials on the subject no doubt exercised much influence towards bringing about a ready recognition of the legality and propriety of the Republican position.

Telling Ghost Stories.

As might have been expected, the keynote of the Democratic campaign in this state, as sounded by gubernatorial Candidate Sanders and echoed by the lesser guns of the office-seeking aggregation, is the musty, moth-eaten and threadbare scarecrow of "Reconstruction and Negro Domination." Instead of devoting themselves to the real issues of the contest, these spellbinders of a rig-ridden and degenerated party organization are resorting to the familiar subterfuge of telling ghost stories—conjuring up the spooks of a deed and buried past for the purpose of frightening back into camp voters who threaten to wander into the green fields of independent thought and action and to revolt against the dishonest deings that have brought their party into disrepute under its present management.

When Cohehnte Candidate Coleman, heading a pretended state ticket that has since fallen to pieces of its own dead weight, proposed a joint discussion of the differences between the recognized Republican party and the self-constituted Cohehnte faction, the Republican candidate for governor, Mr. Pharr, replied that there was no good to be accomplished by reviving "the ghost of the past," from which he and his associates were endeavoring to divorce their party.

The Democratic candidate evidently differs from this sensible view and prefers revamping the ancient history of Republican misdeeds to a discussion of present-day questions and modern Democratic misadventures. His reason for the choice is obvious: It is so much easier to do the one thing than the other.

Meeting of Drainage Commissioners.

A meeting of the board of commissioners of the Mississippi and Lafourche Drainage District was held at the local courthouse on Wednesday last with the following members present: Meyer Lemann, president; Jos. L. Rolling, E. G. Swartz, T. J. Delaune and U. B. Dugas. Mr. Swartz was recently elected a member of the board by the police jury of St. James parish to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Theodule Schexnayder.

The engineer's report, showing that over 23 miles had been covered, was read and approved. According to the report, 576,496 cubic yards have been excavated during this time at a cost of 10.8-10 cents per cubic yard. The dredgeboat is now in Bayou Verret and is doing good work. All the members of the board visited the boat on April 7 and found it in excellent condition.

Democrats Advised to Bolt.

Dr. H. Dickson Bruns of New Orleans, one of the best-known citizens and Democrats of Louisiana, who has always been prominent in movements calculated to advance the welfare of the people and reform evil tendencies in his party, has given a characteristically candid expression of his opinions relative to the recent primary elections and the action that ought to be taken by the Democratic voters of the state in the approaching general election. The doctor's views are published by the Daily Item's issue of Thursday, the 2nd inst., from which the following extracts are quoted:

"There is no hope for Democracy in the present primary law. The only hope of permanent redress for those Democrats who have been refused redress within the party is to attack the general election law, to demand a return to the pure Australian ballot, to vote for the nominees of the Republican party against the candidates of the machine, and to continue voting against them until these reforms are granted."

"We had one day in court at the first primary, and are bound to abide by it and support its nominees. But the fraud of the second primary vitiates our contract, and as that fraud extends to all its nominees our course is clear."

Dr. Bruns also says: "From private conversations and from letters I have seen in the papers, I have no doubt that my views are similar to those of a great number of the rank and file of the party, and the correctness of this presumption cannot be seriously questioned. Many hitherto earnest and consistent Democrats, not a few of whom have never voted other than a Democratic ticket, go further than Dr. Bruns and declare that they regard themselves absolved from any obligation to abide by the outcome either of the first or second primary, and that the only practical and really efficacious way to give effect to their condemnation of the frauds that are known to have been perpetrated in the latter contest and which may be reasonably presumed to have permeated the earlier one as well, is to vote the Republican state ticket in its entirety."

That is what Dr. Bruns and all other honest Democrats should do. He is headed the right way, but he hasn't gone quite far enough.

St. Amant Notes.

Maurice and Allen Bourgeois went to Hard Times last Sunday.

P. S. Berteau visited Dutchtown last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Gaedry and family, Mr. and Mrs. Camille J. Gaedry, Mr. Jos. Martinez and granddaughter, Miss Ellen Martine, and Misses Louise and Julia Hebert enjoyed a very pleasant picnic at Laurel Ridge last Sunday.

Duplessis Notes.

Warren LeBlanc and Alex. Marchand passed through here Sunday afternoon en route from Gonzales.

Gefard Hebert, who is employed in the store of George E. Boudier at Dutchtown, was here on business last week.

Hector Young and Miss Norah Hebert enjoyed a delightful drive Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Block, representing A. Lehman & Co., of New Orleans, was a business visitor to Duplessis last week.

Leonce Braud, of Prairieville, was pleasantly entertained by Miss Elmire Babiu last Sunday evening.

The Duplessis baseball club will try conclusions with the crack team representing the American Sheet Metal Works of New Orleans, on Sunday, April 12. The game will be played at Gonzales and promises to be hard-fought and interesting.

Leo LeBlanc, of Gonzales, visited Miss Ada Parent Sunday evening.

Adios and Lucia Hebert, of Cornerview, were transacting business here on Wednesday last.

Ernest Young and his little son, Rodolph, visited Baton Rouge last Wednesday.

Wicklife Babiu, of Dutchtown, was here Sunday afternoon.

Joseph Gonzales, East Ascension's next representative in the Louisiana general assembly, and Daniel Blouin, of Gonzales, passed through here last week.

L. P. LANDRY.

The board of jury commissioners in and for the parish of Ascension met at the courthouse last Tuesday forenoon and drew up a venire of grand and petit jurors to serve at the regular criminal term of district court beginning Monday, April 27. The list is published in official form elsewhere in today's Chief.

Pay Roll of Battery "C."

Following is the pay roll of Battery "C," First Louisiana Artillery, for pay due for the period from the date the men reported for duty to date of muster into the service of the United States for the war with Spain in 1898:

Name and Rank	Amount due
McCall, Capt. R. M.	89 72
Bugh, First Lieut. E. C.	71 77
Pope, Second Lieut. C. K.	67 23
Duffel, First Sergt. A. J.	44 41
P. Aubrey, Q. M. Sergt. J. B.	35 37
Holmes, Vet. Sergt. L. M.	35 37
Treble, Sergt. H. J.	35 37
Montan, Jerome	35 37
Ayraud, H. E.	35 37
Carroll, C. C.	35 37
Smith, J. D. Jr.	35 37
Montecino, G.	35 37
Pleasant, Corp. Gustav	31 49
Hobson, W. W.	31 49
Dixon, M. W.	31 49
Quinnhaman, E.	31 49
Honell, W. C.	31 49
Conley, A.	31 49
Folsie, A.	31 49
Wright, J. H.	31 49
Temple, M. C.	31 49
Quincy, Farrer Joseph	31 49
Levert, F. A.	31 49
Edwards, Arthur C. H.	31 49
Villere, J. F.	31 49
Hill, Sashie Phelan	31 49
Guertiere, Musicien C. O.	29 91
Woodside, E. L. Jr.	29 91
Wagner, W. C.	29 91
Ard, Private L. M.	29 91
Angotti, A.	29 91
Bailey, J. C.	29 91
Behan, T. W.	29 91
Besse, C. C.	29 91
Biancane, E. J.	29 91
Shank, J. S.	29 91
Keaton, L. N.	29 91
Boudreaux, A. J.	29 91
Strad, S. C.	29 91
Brook, W. T.	29 91
Budick, Joseph	29 91
Castel, P. S.	29 91
Collins, Thomas	29 91
Colombo, F.	29 91
Coushlin, J. P.	29 91
Dalleres, T. O.	29 91
Delmas, L. N.	29 91
Dugas, J.	29 91
Dupre, W. J.	29 91
Elmer, Wm. J.	29 91
Essault, Henry	29 91
Fyans, Paul	29 91
Folsie, R. M.	29 91
Fox, F. F.	29 91
George, J. C.	29 91
Giamelloni, M.	29 91
Gilbert, J. C.	29 91
Gillette, C. C.	29 91
Gleason, J. B.	29 91
Hamilton, John	29 91
Hartel, B. F.	29 91
Hill, A. R.	29 91
Irvin, Thomas	29 91
Johnson, F.	29 91
Jones, H. C.	29 91
Jones, W. M.	29 91
Jordan, T. C.	29 91
Judge, Henry	29 91
Jumonville, G.	29 91
Jung, F.	29 91
Kleinert, E. P.	29 91
Kremer, H. E.	29 91
Laurin, C. E.	29 91
LeBlanc, J. C. Jr.	29 91
LeFevre, W. L.	29 91
Lejeune, W. A.	29 91
Lloyd, J. C.	29 91
Louis, J. F.	29 91
McGraw, F.	29 91
McGraw, F.	29 91
McConnell, S. H.	29 91
McDonald, W. B.	29 91
Marat, M. J.	29 91
Marin, Joseph	29 91
Martin, H. B.	29 91
Matherne, P. E.	29 91
Mathews, E. W.	29 91
Morgan, E. B.	29 91
Parsons, J. A.	29 91
Reynolds, H.	29 91
Phillips, L.	29 91
Picom, P.	29 91
Pollitz, H. A.	29 91
Reid, J. H.	29 91
Ridley, W. J.	29 91
Roger, W. J.	29 91
Rutledge, J. B.	29 91
Sanders, J. C.	29 91
Spears, J. P.	29 91
Spivey, A. J.	29 91
Sprague, S. C.	29 91
Talbot, J. T.	29 91
Toussaint, J. M.	29 91
Thibodeaux, A.	29 91
Weis, Max Jr.	29 91
Webb, C. C.	29 91
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Proclamation of Election.

OFFICE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ELECTION,
Parish of Ascension, State of Louisiana,
March 28, 1908.

IN ACCORDANCE with law and with the proclamation of Hon. Stephen C. Blanchard, governor of the state of Louisiana, due notice is hereby given that an election will be held in the parish of Ascension at the polling places established by the police jury of the parish of Ascension, on Tuesday, April 21, 1908, from 6 a. m. to 7 p. m., for the purpose of electing the following officers, viz: One governor, one lieutenant governor, one state treasurer, one auditor of public accounts, one superintendent of public education, one registrar of the state land office, one state senator for the ninth senatorial district, composed of the parishes of Ascension and St. James, also the following officers of the parish of Ascension: one sheriff, one clerk of court, one coroner, two representatives to the general assembly, and also the following ward officers of the different wards of the parish of Ascension: one police jury for each ward of the parish, and one justice of the peace and one constable for each of the justice of the peace wards, except the third and tenth justice of the peace wards, in which will be voted for two justices of the peace and two constables.

The following commissioners, clerks and watchers are hereby appointed to serve at said election:

FIRST WARD.
First precinct—W. P. Rochelle, H. E. Duffel, Ulysses Landry, commissioners; J. M. Fenlon, clerk; Willie Rochelle, watcher.

SECOND WARD.
First precinct—A. S. Crawford, A. E. Azno, Emile LeBlanc, commissioners; Guy Hunt, clerk; E. A. Darlier, watcher.

THIRD WARD.
First precinct—Vic. Teampet, Milton Montero, Wm. A. Ferris, commissioners; E. J. Vega, clerk; Chas. G. Maher, watcher.

FOURTH WARD.
First precinct—Henry Bugeot, J. F. Oubre, Fred. Landry, commissioners; Ed. Fernandez, clerk; Edward Maher, watcher.

FIFTH WARD.
First precinct—Simé Belle, Clay Brand, Clint Pearce, commissioners; Paul L. Thibodeaux, clerk; J. W. Stephenson, watcher.

SIXTH WARD.
First precinct—Rosenmond Braud, Armand Gaudin, G. A. Keller, commissioners; Louis Trece, clerk; Simon Landry, watcher.

SEVENTH WARD.
First precinct—C. N. Gaudreaux, Marion King, John A. Marchand, commissioners; Lester Wright, clerk; Christophe Diaz, watcher.

EIGHTH WARD.
First precinct—Cleveland Delaune, T. P. Dixon, M. P. Broussard, commissioners; L. R. Kennedy, clerk; E. D. Dixon, watcher.

NINTH WARD.
First precinct—Louis Moran, Wm. Smiley, W. E. Brown, commissioners; Albert Muller, clerk; S. A. Bunkston, watcher.

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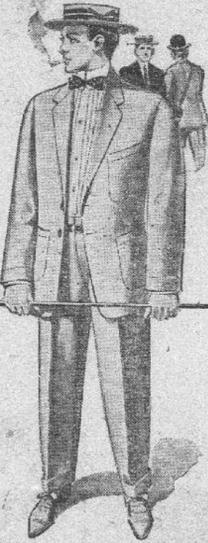
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