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**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1922.**

**AN ARRAIGNMENT.**

Governor Parker's arraignment, in a recent speech, of the rank and file of American citizens for their flagrant neglect of their civic duties was timely. There is continuous denunciation of administrations and officials in this country from the President to the parish dignitaries, yet most of the people are too engrossed with their private affairs and the achievements of their personal ambitions to undertake any service for the betterment of conditions.

Our patriotism and our civic responsibilities are frequently left to chance opportunity and the manipulation of selfish interests.

Governor Parker asked this particular audience to name the state officials of Louisiana. No one answered out of an aggregation of alert business men, in one of the largest cities of the country.

The incident might happen anywhere. It illustrates one of the greatest dangers of the existence of a liberal government. It is certain that if these men were ignorant of the names of the officials of the state government they must be equally ignorant of their personalities, tendencies and characters.

Yet one of the most cherished privileges of a democracy is the license to criticize, or condemn, those temporarily in the seats of the mighty.

History shows that a truly representative government is the best form of civil administration yet devised by man. All the failures of representative government under a system like ours can be traced directly to the indifference, or sheer folly of the people themselves. The representative form guards alike against the passion of the mob and the autocracy of the ambitious tyrant.

But tyrants and demagogues are found under all systems and in all ages. Unless the citizens take the same interest in choosing those who are to administer to their government that they do in selecting their clerks or their servants, they have no right to complain of the injustice, theopathy or the lack of ability on the part of these men.

Public officers are truly public servants, but if the masters are too indolent, or too busy in pursuing other interests to exercise time and thought

on their selection why then should they expect these same officials to be Lincoln and Washington.

Reform must begin at the bottom among the people themselves. There can be no faithful officials unless there is a faithful electorate, alive to its duties, its inherited principles and the obligations of its citizenship.

The people frequently play the ignoble role of Esau and sell their birthrights for a mess of pottage. Petty politicians play on their prejudice and their own selfish interests. The citizen stay away from the polls, or barter his vote for some personal favor then is bitterly indignant because his representative, really chosen by the clever manipulator of public opinion does likewise, or because he is blind to some vital public cause.

The remedy for most of our political ills is not the resort to mob violence, or the wild theories of the radical, but rather the exercise of wisdom, unselfishness and patriotism on the part of the people.

The electorate is and always will be as responsible as the representative.

**POSTAL EMPLOYEES HOLD FINE MEET**

Discuss Handling of Mail During Big Christmas Week Rush.

Discussion of the best ways and means whereby to handle the expected big Christmas rush of mail, in the postoffice of the parish, was the principal topic at the meeting, of the postmasters and clerks of the Ascension Welfare Council, of the postoffice department, held in the Masonic temple last Sunday. The meeting was splendidly attended, almost all of the postmasters of the parish being present and a large majority of the clerks.

Many ideas were exchanged between the members and much good will resulted from the meeting, in the opinion expressed by those attending. The postmasters and clerks are ready for the big Christmas rush, but they warn the public not to wait till the last moment before mailing Xmas presents but mail same at once, and thereby relieve the expected congestion.

Another matter of importance discussed was the redemption of war savings stamps, which will begin on January 1. Plans for handling this branch of the department were made and will be announced before the beginning of the year.

Gonzales, was selected as the next meeting place of the council, which will be on the first Sunday in March. Refreshments were served the visiting guests by the employees of the local postoffice.

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**HAPPENINGS AT PARISH CAPITAL**

Business will begin to pick up around the courthouse next Monday, when the regular term of the district court will open. The court will sit for two weeks. There are not many cases on the docket, however, but some of considerable interest will be heard by the court.

In a few days the parish courthouse can very appropriately be called the "White House" of the parish. Work was begun Thursday on putting on a pure white coat of paint on the building. Some of the upper portions has been completed and present a very handsome appearance. As soon as the entire building is painted it will hardly be recognized as the old courthouse. Work on repairs in the interior is progressing nicely and contractor J. L. Messina expects to finish the entire work in a few weeks. Much delay has been caused by reason of inability to get material through the car shortage, but some of the necessary material has just arrived and it is thought the work can be speeded up to some extent.

Collection of taxes is progressing very fairly, according to chief deputy LeBlanc of the sheriff's office. More taxpayers are coming in early to pay their taxes this year than last year and it is expected there will be many less delinquents judging from the way the payments are now being received.

Philip Ward, an insane negro, who lived in the upper end of the Port Barrow section, and who has been confined in the parish jail for some time, was sent to Jackson by Sheriff Richard last Tuesday. A colored woman named Missouri Robertson, from the seventh ward, was brought to the jail this week. She was adjudged insane in 1913, but was let out of the insane asylum, it being thought she had recovered her mental powers, but recently she has become violent again and was brought to the jail for safe keeping. She will probably be sent to Jackson during the coming week.

William Killain, Marshal Clover all colored, were charged in an affidavit sworn out by R. L. Fridge with stealing 400 pounds of cotton at Acy postoffice. The accused made bond and are held over to the February term of court.

**Argue Damage Suit.**

Judge Charles T. Wortham and Judge Edmund Maurin of this city, attended a session of the district court in Napoleonville last Thursday, as attorneys for Florence Reynaud, a daughter of James Plaisance, who was killed last year while employed as a bricklayer in the construction of the ice house then being built by contractor Corbin in Napoleonville. The plaintiff is a child of the deceased and is suing Mr. Corbin and the Maryland Surety Co., as surety for Mr. Corbin, under the compensation laws of this state for damages resulting from the death of her father. Testimony had been previously taken in Donaldsonville and concluded in Napoleonville and the case argued. Judge Sam A. LeBlanc took the case under advisement and in the meanwhile requested the lawyers in the case to submit authorities in support of their respective contentions.

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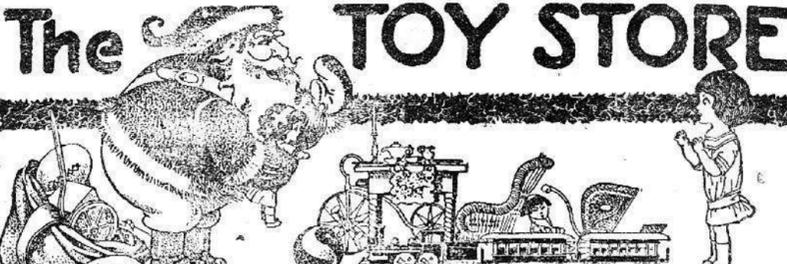
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**DEATH OF VETERAN, ARTHUR F. L'BLANC**

Old Citizen Passes to Great Beyond Last Wednesday Afternoon.

Arthur F. LeBlanc, aged 78 years and 6 months, departed this life last Wednesday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock, at the residence of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Solar. The funeral was held Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock, with services at the Catholic church, Rev. Father Chambon officiating. A large concourse of sorrowing friends attended the last rites, deceased having been for many years a prominent citizen in this community and was held in the highest respect by the people of this section.

Deceased was a native of Ascension parish and has always made it his home, he is survived by two sons, Albert LeBlanc of this city, and Aramis LeBlanc of New Orleans, and one daughter, Mrs. Joseph Solar of this city. At the time of his death he was filling a second term of office as one of the justices of the peace of the third (Donaldsonville) ward. He was a member of Olive Camp No. 10, Woodmen of the World, and of Major Victor Maurin Camp, No. 38, U. C. V.

**POLICE JURY PROCEEDINGS.**

**Change of Date of Regular Meetings and Committee Meetings Made.**

Donaldsonville, La., Dec. 7, 1922.

Pursuant to call the police jury met in special session this day, with President W. B. Stuart presiding and the following members present: G. B. Reuss, Augustin Corbo, J. Clarence LeBlanc, C. H. Landry, Sr., W. B. Stuart, J. Y. Landry, Sr., J. Y. Landry, R. M. Singletary and M. S. Eby. Absent—Henry S. Martin.

On motion of C. H. Landry, Sr., seconded by Mr. Reuss, and carried, the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with and the said minutes were approved.

President Stuart announced that the object of the meeting, as stated in the call therefor, was to change the regular meeting days of the police jury and of the finance committee of the police jury, and to consider matters pertaining to Road District No. 6.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Reuss, seconded by Mr. C. H. Landry, Sr.,

Resolved, that the police jury of the parish of Ascension, state of Louisiana, do hereby certify that the parish guarantee the following information is furnished and submitted:

1. Local name of road, Midway Church-Port Vincent Highway.
2. Route No. 46, located between Midway church and point on the Amite river, opposite Port Vincent, parish of Ascension.
3. Points of beginning and ending Midway church and point on Amite river opposite Port Vincent.
4. Length (cross) about four miles.
5. Miles of project used as rural route.
6. Miles of project used as a star route.
7. Miles of project used as either a rural or star route, none.
8. Facts showing probability or prospect that each portion of road not used as a rural route will be so used after construction, all used as rural route now.
9. Places on the project having a population of 2500 or more as shown by the latest federal census, and mileage in each, none.
10. Tolls collected on roads or bridges on this project, if any, none.
11. Relation the project bears to the road system of the state, part of Route 46.
12. Purpose to be served by project, connecting county seats and schools.
13. Improved roads adjacent or contiguous to project, Livingston Highway System, State Highway Route No. 66 and the Jefferson Highway.
14. Through traffic, approximate average daily number of (a) trucks, intermediate, (b) passenger motor vehicles, (c) horse-drawn vehicles, (d) none.
15. Local traffic, approximate average daily number of (a) trucks, intermediate, (b)

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Singletary, seconded by Mr. Eby:

Resolved, that the offer of the property owners of Road District No. 6 to cede a right of way fifty feet wide over their properties for the construction of a public road under the terms and conditions set forth in a petition and act presented to the police jury this day, be and the same is hereby accepted.

Resolved, that the title to the same is hereby dedicated as a public road.

Roll-call on the above resolution resulted as follows: Ayes—Stuart, Reuss, Corbo, LeBlanc, C. H. Landry, Sr., Wright, J. Y. Landry, Singletary and Eby. Nays—None. And the resolution was declared adopted.

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At a meeting of the Auxiliary Board of Road District No. 6 of the parish of Ascension, state of Louisiana, held this 7th day of December, 1922, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, that the police jury of the parish of Ascension, the governing authority of Road District No. 6 of the parish of Ascension, do hereby request that the Louisiana Highway Commission to take over the road project of Road District No. 6 for construction.

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted by the Auxiliary Board of Road District No. 6 at its meeting held this 7th day of December, 1922.

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To the State Highway Engineer, Baton Rouge, La.

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Whereas, the Louisiana Highway Commission requires that the parish guarantee and secure its portion of the estimated cost of the actual work to be performed, including the cost of making all surveys, plans, specifications and estimates of cost, etc., which said portion of the cost to be borne by the parish of Ascension is hereby filed at the office of the State Highway Engineer, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and

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I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted by the Auxiliary Board of Road District No. 6 at its meeting held this 7th day of December, 1922.

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Roll-call on the above resolution resulted as follows: Ayes—Stuart, Reuss, Corbo, LeBlanc, C. H. Landry, Sr., Wright, J. Y. Landry, Singletary and Eby. Nays—None. And the resolution was declared adopted.

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**LOUISIANA HIGHWAY COMMISSION—STATE OF LOUISIANA APPLICATION FOR STATE AND FEDERAL AID.**

To the State Highway Engineer, Baton Rouge, La.

The police jury of Ascension parish, Louisiana, in special session convened, respectfully submits for your consideration and approval this application for state and federal aid for the construction of the continuation highway, embraced in Route (s) No. 46, hereinafter described, and

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