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Collection for the San Francisco Sufferers.

Sunday Father Chasles took up a collection for the sufferers of the San Francisco earthquake and fire, and raised \$42 65. The people of that unfortunate city are still in great need of help and all funds sent them will be most acceptable. Plans are being made for the rebuilding of the city and the people are courageously undertaking the work, but for some time yet

help will have to be given them, and Father Chasles' thoughtful consideration and the liberal response made to his request will find grateful hearts in that faraway city in the golden west.

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Notice To Stockholders Century Club.

There will be an election held at the Club rooms on Tuesday, June 5, from 6 to 9 p. m., for the purpose of electing 15 Directors to serve for the ensuing year.

FELIX H. MOUTON, Sec.

OUTDOOR MEETING ACROSS THE RAILROAD

Well Attended Monday Night Notwithstanding Chilly Evening. Music by Sontag Band and Three Excellent Addresses.

Owing to the cool evening not nearly as large a crowd was present at the bond issue meeting Monday night as was expected; but the fact that so many, and the ladies particularly, did brave the uncomfortable chilliness of the air is decidedly encouraging, for it showed a strong interest in the matter that augurs well for success.

And those who attended were well repaid for they were entertained by some excellent speeches and by a number of delightful selections by the Sontag Concert Band whose services are always offered, without price, when it is for the public good.

Mayor Mouton made the opening address expressing due recognition of the kindness of the weather man in moderating the temperature and furnishing such a glorious moonlight night for the occasion, also speaking of the object of the meeting and his confidence that May 15, would show that Lafayette would again vote for progress and prosperity.

He then introduced District Attorney Campbell, who in vigorous language answered a number of objections which have been raised against voting the tax. And he particularly emphasized the fact that the contemplated five mill tax for the bond issue is not a new tax, it is simply a continuation of the present five mill tax should the tax be carried, and he expressed his absolute confidence that it would be, no one would pay a cent more taxes than now. Mr. Campbell was frequently applauded.

Maj. P. L. DeClouet followed and put the matter in a plain practical light. That the improvements proposed were needed no one could deny. A town is judged by its appearance. A progressive town is shown by paved streets, public buildings, schools, etc., and the

way such towns get things of that kind is to put their hands in their pockets. It takes money to buy things, and when a people find that they ought to have a certain thing, let them go down in their pockets and pay for it. Maj. DeClouet spoke briefly but he stated some very pertinent truths.

Supt. L. J. Alleman was the last speaker and made a most convincing presentation of facts, especially giving figures to show what a slight expense the tax would be to the average man. He cited a number of striking cases, showing the cost to the individual of the proposed tax and the cost to the State of educating his children. He instanced a case where a man opposed to it was assessed at \$1000 and would pay \$5 a year. He had several children attending the public schools whose tuition would cost the State \$3000 by the time they went through the public schools and Industrial. Were he to attempt to pay back to the State the amount, it would take him 600 years. And much to the surprise of everybody he quoted figures to show that not a single person, not even the richest man in the town paid even approximately for his children's education. The school funds were supplied by the railroads and corporations, and even such being the case, yet could they vote, their influence would always be for schools. Mr. Alleman's argument was an exceedingly strong plea for the voting of the tax and ought to have made a convert of anyone in the audience who was against proposition.

By the time Mr. Alleman closed the weather had become so uncomfortably cold that Mayor Mouton announced that the other speakers of the evening would make their addresses at the city park Thursday evening and adjourned the meeting.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEET.

Three Meetings before Election Decided Upon. Committees Appointed. Badges Ordered.

Tuesday evening of last week a meeting of the two executive committees on the bond issue, met in the parlor of the Gordon hotel. Mrs. F. V. Mouton presided and Dr. N. P. Moss acted as secretary. Those present were: Mesdames F. V. Mouton, F. C. Triay, J. C. Nickerson, C. D. Caffery, L. F. Salles, A. J. LeBlanc, J. R. Jeanmard, F. E. Davis, Chas. O. Mouton, H. L. Ducrocq, E. Constantin, and Miss Edith Dupre. Messrs. Chas. O. Mouton, C. D. Caffery, O. B. Hopkins, W. J. Avery, J. C. Nickerson, F. E. Girard, J. P. Colomb, R. C. Greig, N. P. Moss.

Three meetings were decided upon previous to the election May 15. The first to be held on the intended school lot in front of the residence of Mr. C. D. Boudreaux across the railroad on Monday, the 7th, another Thursday, May 10, at the city park at 8 p. m. and the last on Monday, the 14th.

The following committee was appointed to make arrangements for the meetings: Mmes. E. Constantin, and H. L. Ducrocq and Messrs. O. B. Hopkins, W. J. Avery and Jos. P. Colomb.

The following committee was also appointed to secure speakers, arrange for music and see to publication of notices: Mrs. F. E. Davis, Miss E. Dupre, Dr. F. E. Girard, Dr. N. P. Moss and Mr. C. D. Caffery.

At Thursday's meeting it was decided to have a grand rally of the school children. Dr. Moss reported that two thousand badges had been ordered and would be distributed to the school children and others for the purpose of enlisting support for the bond issue. The meeting was an enthusiastic one and general confidence was manifested in the carrying of the election.

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SHORT ITEMS.

Little Pickups That Help to Tell The News of The Week.

The Bank of Lafayette building is rapidly nearing completion and is a very handsome addition to the town.

Work on the two-story Moss Pharmacy concrete building is being pushed right along.

According to the report of the census bureau, the number of square bales of cotton ginned in Lafayette parish in 1905 was 10,033 and the number of round bales 9,825, making a total of 19,858 equivalent to 14,787 five hundred pound bales.

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