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VOTERS OF LAFAYETTE!

In casting your ballots to-day don't make the mistake of thinking that it is only a matter of choosing this or that man. It is much more than that. A very important question has been "put up" to you by a number of patriotic and public-spirited citizens, and it is:

"Do you want factional differences laid aside at those times when union and harmony are most needed for the good of the town? or

"Do you want factional fights at EVERY election to give you the privilege of choosing from one faction's nominees or the other?"

Your decision to-day means a great deal for the future of this town. If you fail to elect the Combination ticket, in our opinion you will make a serious mistake, for you will mark your disapproval of a principle that should rule in the political affairs of our town, and at the same time express condemnation of the efforts of men who have been foremost in every move for the good of Lafayette, to further advance its welfare.

But elect the Combination ticket and you will encourage those and other good citizens to use their endeavors and exert their best efforts to do for the good of the town and the welfare of its people.

RICE CULTURE IN SECOND WARD.

Fully 2500 Acres to be Sown Abundant Water Supply Obtained From Deep Wells.

ACREAGE IN CORN, POTATOES AND FORAGE CROPS INCREASED GREATLY.

Much Attention Paid Lately to Drainage. Barring Unprecedented Floods Bumper Crops Expected.

Through Mr. Charles Burke of the Second ward, it is learned that the culture of rice in that section has been revived on account of the ravage of the boll weevil and the practical destruction of the cotton crop by the pest. The acreage in rice this year will over double that of last year and Mr. Burke states that fully 2500 acres will be sown. A few years ago large quantities of rice were raised in Lafayette parish, but owing to the depression in the market the industry was practically abandoned.

An abundant supply of water for irrigation purposes is obtained by sinking deep wells and pumping, and there are now at least a dozen wells down with an average capacity of about 200 acres. In addition to the old wells sunk by Messrs. Elias Spell, Cornelius Spell, C. K. Bradford, Victor Lapine, Joseph Guldry and Leroy Porter, new wells have just been put down this year by Messrs. Eck Laughlin, Voorhies Foreman, Baptiste Lagneaux, Clarence Avant and A. Leger.

Mr. Burke reports that farmers will plant but little cotton this year and that of improved variety. The acreage in corn, potatoes and forage crops will be increased greatly and more attention given to the hog and hominy side of the farm. Conditions so far have been excellent and with their deep rich soil the farmers of this ward have most flattering prospects for a good crop. Much attention has recently been paid to drainage, canals being dug and bayous and coulees opened and cleaned out. Barring unprecedented floods this year the second ward will produce a bumper crop.

NEW VENIRE DRAWN.

By Jury Commissioners Last Friday for Term of Court Set for April 5.

The Jury Commissioners, Messrs. Ave Lacoste, J. E. Pellerin, Odon Guldry, Gilbert Comeaux, Jasper Spell and Clerk St. Julien, met last Friday and drew the venire of jurors for the regular criminal term of the District Court set for April 5. As may be seen from the list published in this issue there will be three weeks jury term, the first week being the Grand Jury impanelment, followed by two weeks of criminal business. While there is a number of cases to be tried no cause is likely to demand at-

SCHOOL BOARD DID NOT MEET.

In Called Session Saturday Owing to Absence of Supt. Wright—Will Meet April 3.

WHEN ABOLISHING SCHOOL TRANSFER SYSTEM WILL BE CONSIDERED.

After Hearing Report By Superintendent Who Has Investigated the System Under Instructions of Board.

The Parish School Board called in session last Saturday did not meet owing to the absence of Supt. Wright in attendance upon the national convention of school superintendents in Chicago. The meeting has therefore been postponed until the regular quarterly date April 3, when the question of abolishing the school transfer system will be considered. There is a strong disposition on the part of the Board to do away with the transfer on account of the expense of operating the system. Supt. Wright under instructions of the Board has made a very careful investigation of every route in the parish and has drawn up his formal report which he will submit to the meeting in April. The report will show carefully prepared data including length of routes, distances traveled by pupils, and ability of patrons to send children to school, etc. Whether the report represents conditions favorable for a continuance of the transfers or not has not been announced, but the probability is that a determined effort will be made to abolish the system entirely. President F. R. Tolson is pronounced in his opposition to continuing the wagonettes longer and several members of the Board share his opinion.

Supt. Wright returned from Chicago Saturday evening and reports a most enjoyable and profitable trip. Over thirty delegates and representative school men from Louisiana were present at the Superintendents' Convention and State Superintendent Harris and Supt. V. L. Roy of Avoyelles figured prominently in the proceedings.

Registrar's New Desk.

Registrar Mouton has installed in his office a fine new desk, neatly arranged for systematically filing of his books and papers. The desk is the workmanship of Camille Broussard and displays much mechanical ingenuity and artistic taste. Registrar Mouton, now has all the books and records of the office at easy command and can give without delay any information desired as to the registration.

Small Fire.

About 2 p. m. yesterday the roof of Geo. A. DeBlanc's house near the depot was discovered on fire but was extinguished before much damage was done by the use of the hose and fire plug of the A. E. Mouton lumber yard just across the street. An alarm was sounded and the fire companies promptly responded, but fortunately there was no need for their services.

FARMERS' CLUB REGULAR MEETING.

A Fair Attendance Present—Dr. Stephens Explains Objects of Club to New Members.

DIVERSIFICATION AND INTELLIGENT MANAGEMENT NEEDED FOR SUCCESSFUL FARMING

Next Meeting Saturday Mar. 13, 3 p. m.—Members and Farmers Earnestly Invited to Attend.

A regular meeting of the Farmers' Club was held last Saturday evening at the Industrial Institute with a fair attendance. Dr. Stephens opened the meeting and explained the objects and plans of the organization for the benefit of several new members. The prime importance of the farmers in social economy was impressed, and the necessity for adapting improved methods of culture and management was urged. The Institute should be a nucleus for a movement to improve farm conditions generally and eventually in the organization of a parish fair. The experiments carried on by Mr. L. E. Perrin, under the U. S. Dept. of Plant Industry would afford practical demonstrations of great value to the club and to all farmers who desire to progress and to succeed. The boll weevil compelled a resort to other than a cotton crop for successful farming. While cotton will still continue to be grown, diversification and intelligent management were absolutely required under the changed conditions.

Capt. Buchanan drew attention to an article that cotton could not be raised profitably at ten cents a pound, but cited other authorities against this conclusion.

Dr. Stephens stated that the U. S. Department of Plant Industry had called a meeting of its Louisiana agents sometime this spring and a resolution was adopted extending invitations to the government to hold the convention at Lafayette.

It was resolved to meet again Saturday, March 13, at three p. m., and an earnest invitation be extended to members and farmers to be present when definite plans will be discussed as to organization, etc., Mr. Perrin will be present and show some interesting developments on his demonstration farm near the school.

Several government bulletins on cotton, boll weevil, etc., were distributed.

All orders for groceries promptly delivered. Phone 183.—Bernard & Meaux.

Communication.

On last Saturday afternoon rumors reached my ears to the effect that I had refused to give parties electric light service, but that I had had my own properties connected up with the mains. At that time I did not accord it one instant's consideration or credence. But to my great surprise this morning a number of men have told me that some one is industriously circulating that rumor in town, and I therefore feel that I am compelled to take notice of the same, and I desire hereby to publicly and positively brand the rumor as false.

The facts are these: The Council at its meeting Feb. 1, at which were present C. O. Mouton, mayor; P. Krauss, A. E. Mouton Dr. A. R. Trahan, Dr. A. G. Martin and myself, unanimously instructed Supt. Muller of the W. W. & E. L. plant to make no more connections to the electric lines, as the plant was already overloaded. Under these instructions Supt. Muller and myself as chairman of the Water and Light Committee, have been compelled to refuse to connect any more lights. But as light service had already been contracted for, for the Elks' Lodge and for my two houses which had been contracted for in the early part of January, and because the resolution of the Council could not be retroactive, Supt. Muller has connected up the Elks' Lodge and my two houses which had been previously contracted for.

O. B. HOPKINS.
Lafayette, La., Mar. 1, 1909.

Badly Bitten By Dog.

Sunday morning Attorney R. W. Elliott was badly bitten on his left hand by a vicious dog on his farm near Lafayette. The animal attacked a small dog belonging to Mr. Elliott who attempted to interfere in the fight and was severely hurt. The hand was badly lacerated and several wounds are quite deep. No serious results are anticipated as Mr. Elliott had prompt medical attention.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE TO BE HELD.

On Saturday, Mar. 13, and Will be the First Session in Five Months. Superintendent Received.

NEW SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTING ADOPTED BY STATE BOARD.

New Forms for Teachers' Monthly Reports Received—Matters of Interest to Be Discussed.

Supt. Wright has issued a call for a meeting of the parish Teachers' Institute, Saturday, March 13. Owing to the confusion incident upon a change of administration there has not been a session of the Institute for five months, and the meeting now called will be the first under Supt. Wright's supervision. There will no doubt be a large attendance and the work of professional improvement auspiciously inaugurated.

In this connection it would be well to say that Supt. Wright has just received the new system of accounting adopted by the State Board which will enable the Board to keep a correct record of every business transaction in any branch of the service. New forms of teacher's monthly reports have also been received and possibly some explanation will be needed to enable teachers to report correctly. This and other matters of interest will come up for consideration at the Institute.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT LEAGUE.

Formed by Patrons of the Mouton Switch School. Officers Elected.

The patrons of the Mouton switch public school, Miss Maria Bagnal teacher, met last Saturday evening at the School house and organized an improvement league to advance the interest of the school and to assist the teacher in her work. A number of ladies and gentlemen were present and much enthusiasm was manifested. Edmond Martin was elected president; Gabe Martin, vice-president; Pierre Doucet, second vice-president; and Miss Ellen Martin, secretary-treasurer. The league will meet monthly and will no doubt accomplish much for the progress and improvement of the school.

Holden Dent Corn at the Moss Pharmacy.

For Mayor.

To My Fellow Citizens:

In announcing that, at the request of many friends, I am a candidate for mayor at the approaching Democratic municipal election to be held on March 2, I feel some encouragement by the liberal majorities you have always given me in the past elections of this city. Regardless of all factional sentiments, I have always been elected; that fact by itself is indeed encouraging to any candidate.

Economy is the general cry just now and something must simply be done to satisfy this general demand of the taxpayers; and it is up to you now, gentlemen. The time to act is from now until the election is over. Each and every one directly interested is in duty bound to do his part, and exercise his free and independent citizenship according to his own conviction.

Although it is my desire not to make this too long, I can not help to say, that, as I see it, every child in our midst ought to go to school, and to that end, in the future, I shall always follow the same course that I have taken in the past for the education of the poor, like myself, or the rich; and in my own way I thank our present mayor and many others for their noble efforts for education in our midst.

Finally, let the result be what it may, elected or not, I want it to be strictly understood that you will always find me at the "old stand," ready to fight with every lynch of my manhood on behalf of the old town.

Yours to command,

G. A. MARTIN.

Springtime.

Spring time is season when most people have their rooms repapered. I have a fine lot of wall paper samples to select from. Let me figure on your work.—Phone 286, Ulysse Poinboeuf.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Chief of Police.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Chief of Police, subject to the Democratic primary March 2, and if elected will continue to discharge the duties devolving upon me faithfully and fearlessly.

A. E. CHARGOIS.

For Policeman.

I would respectfully announce myself as candidate for police officer subject to the Democratic primary March 2, and if elected will perform my duties to the best of my ability. My past record as an officer is the best guarantee of my sincerity.

D. J. VEAZEY.

For Policeman.

I hereby submit myself as a candidate for policeman subject to the Democratic primary ordered for March 2, and if I am elected will continue to serve the public honestly and faithfully. Upon my record and experience as an officer I base my appeal for re-election.

EDWIN CAMPBELL.

For Policeman.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for police officer subject to the Democratic primary March 2, and respectfully solicit the support of my fellow citizens. If elected I shall fully and faithfully perform every duty devolving upon me and serve the public welfare to the best of my ability.

HEBERT TRAHAN.

For Treasurer.

The undersigned would respectfully submit himself as a candidate for city treasurer, subject to the Democratic primary, March 2, and promise if elected to discharge the duties and responsibilities faithfully and conscientiously.

FELIX H. LANDRY.

For Collector.

The undersigned respectfully announces his candidacy for re-election as city collector subject to the Democratic primary, March 2, and pledges faithful and conscientious discharge of every duty devolving upon him. Thoroughly qualified by training and experience with all the details of city collections, I solicit the votes of every Democrat.

A. J. LeBLANC.

For Police Officer.

I hereby submit my name to the Democratic voters of the town of Lafayette as an independent candidate for police officer, subject to the Democratic primary, and if elected I promise to discharge the duties of the office to the best of my ability.

Yours respectfully,
DON A. GREIG.

GOLD WATCH RECOVERED.

Loss Reported to Chief Chargois Who Promptly Located it and Resorted to Owner.

Chief Chargois last Thursday recovered a gold watch and chain lost a few days ago by Paul Molaison of Plaquemine while visiting Lafayette. So soon as he received information the officer set to work and although having no clew, promptly located the missing time piece at the Gordon Hotel bar, where it had been left by the owner. Chief Chargois returned the watch to Mr. Molaison last Thursday and received his thanks for the efficient services rendered.

Notice.

I take this method to announce to my friends and the public in general that I am a candidate for deputy police officer for this city, subject to primary of March 2.

I am running on my own merits as an entirely independent of any faction. I solicit the public's support.

IRWIN MOUTON,
Better known as "Dida," Mouton, Lafayette, La., Feb. 5, 1909.

For City Treasurer.

I beg to announce to my friends and the public in general that I am a candidate for the office of city treasurer at the ensuing Democratic primary election to be held March 2, 1909.

D. SCHWARTZ.

For City Treasurer.

I respectfully announce my candidacy for the office of City Treasurer, subject to the Democratic Primary fixed for March 2, prox. Upon my record as Treasurer for the past four years, I submit my claims to the public and solicit the support of the voters. My past record as a citizen and officer in the community is the best guarantee for future faithful and efficient discharge of all duties incumbent upon me.

A. T. CAILLOUET.

For City Collector.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of City Collector, subject to the Democratic Primary ordered for March 2, prox., and if elected, pledge myself to a faithful and conscientious discharge of every duty incumbent upon the office. Aspiring for this public trust, I fully realize the responsibilities and obligations assumed, and promise my fellow citizens strict and earnest attention to every duty.

Respectfully,
PHILIBERT CROUCHET.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The undersigned putting aside factional differences, offer themselves as candidates for the offices of mayor and councilmen of this town upon the following platform:

We pledge ourselves to administer the affairs of this town on a strictly economical basis, and with that end in view we believe the number of policemen should be reduced to four (chief and three assistants) as this number in our judgment is at this time sufficient for the protection of the town.

We pledge ourselves to reduce salaries of officers where the same is consistent with public good.

We are property owners unhampered by promises to any one and our individual interest is closely identified with the public welfare, and if elected will discharge the duties incumbent on us, fairly and impartially and without favor.

The choice of the people in the primaries for the various offices of the town will be absolutely binding on us.

For Mayor:

J. P. COLOMB.

For Councilmen:

T. M. BLOSSAT,
CHAS. D. CAFFERY,
PIERRE GERAC,
O. B. HOPKINS,
P. KRAUSS,
WM. MONTGOMERY,
CLIFTON I. YOUNG.

City Council.

The City Council met yesterday evening, but adjourned until next Monday evening without transacting any business whatever. A number of cement contracts will come up for disposition.

Red and Yellow onion sets at The Moss Pharmacy.

JUST RECEIVED

A FINE LINE OF

LADIES' REGAL SHOES

in Low Quarters and Pumps, Tans and Vici Kid and Patent Leathers.

Falk Mercantile Co., Ltd