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THE BANK OF ST. JOHN
RESERVE. LOUISIANA
BEGAN BUSINESS DECEMBER 5 1904
PAID UP CAPITAL . . . \$15,000
SURPLUS . . . \$15,000

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3 1/2 PER CENT. INTEREST PAID ON TIME DEPOSITS.

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GARYVILLE, LA.
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SURPLUS . . . \$2,000.00
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A COMMUNICATION.

It is truthfully or untruthfully reported that Supt. Bourgeois of this parish, made a statement, at a political gathering of my opponents, and stated among other things, that I had told him that if he could bring the Songys on my side of politics, that I would turn over to him 3 votes on the School Board of this parish, so he would accomplish all his desires and would get rid of all teachers that failed to curb under his strong hands.

I have no certain proof that our distinguished Supt. made this statement or not. If he did I wish to say most positively that he was erroneous, and misquoted me.

I have never done Mr. Bourgeois an injustice, and fail to understand how can he be so interested to destroy me and my fairly good name.

I had occasion recently to meet Mr. Bourgeois and School matters were discussed.

Mr. Bourgeois mentioned that he was anxious, and asked me what I thought of the suit pending against him in the Supreme Court; and suggested that he would appreciate the fact if I could ascertain whether or not this matter could not soon be settled, in order that he may look for another position, in case he lost out. I took occasion to tell Mr. Bourgeois that as far as I was concerned, I very much regretted to see politics apparently being mixed in our school system and that if he could see his way clear to avoid politics, and not allow himself to be influenced by some second rate politician to mix politics in our school system, that I was satisfied matters would readjust themselves and harmony would prevail and our school system would speak volumes for the little parish of St. John. Besides as far as I were concerned, that I would never asked him to nominate this or other teacher, and added, my sympathy was to reappoint all teachers who had given good service the previous year and reappointment asked by the patrons of the different Schools, and that all vacancies should be filled by home teachers in preference to outsiders, provided that the home teachers were as capable and worthy as those outside. Mr. Bourgeois highly complimented me, and stated this was exactly his wishes and understanding.

It is then I said to Mr. Bourgeois that a certain reconciliation was apparent, between some personal friends of him and myself; and if it took place I considered that it may also help the good cause and thereby have a better mutual "entente" between the school members.

It is then that Mr. Bourgeois stated that he considered that there were three members on the school board friendly to me, and three unfriendly and that if he remained the Supt. that he would not play politics, either one side or the other, and he also said if another Supt. was chosen, it would require four votes, and if the other side took away one of my friends, and bring him over to their side, then the new Supt. would work against my political interests.

I have tried to make this statement as fully as my memory serves me, without color or varnish.

I want some good people, not politicians or sympathisers, neither of one side or other in politics, to write to each member of the present school board and to Ex-Supts. A. C. Bernard, L. L. Broussard and J. H. Dupuy, and ask them, whether or not they could make a statement under oath, that I ever attempted in any shape or form to ask them any political favor.

Respectfully
 (signed) Paul Berthelot.

The Closing Exercise Of The Berthelot School.

The closing exercise of the Berthelot School took place Saturday night last, and was attended by an attentive and appreciative audience.

The following program was rendered:

Music—Spring Song, by Louise Gendron.

Welcome Address—by Evela Rouscell.

Recitation—Birdie's Moubles Milanie DeBautte.

Music Duet—Misses Gurtrude Ory and Amelie Trouard.

Song.—Back to Alabam Primary pupils.

The little ones were blackened and dressed in patched clothes, etc

Music—by Leontine D'Arensbourg.

Recitation—by Eddie Gendron Japanese Operette—Intermediate Grades.

Music Duet—Leonie Ory and Miss Amelie Pancaire.

One act comedy—The Obstinate Family, by Misses Louise Gendron, Maria Cambre, Maria Brou; Masters Ludger Ory, Lesley Borne and Honore Charpentier. The closing address was delivered by Prof. W. S. Frazee, the principal.

Prof. M. Charpentier Compliments Faculty.

In well chosen and forceful words Prof. M. Charpentier complimented the faculty as follows:

I am indeed proud to be called upon to say a few words about our young friend, professor W. S. Frazee, and his "most able" assistants the Misses Hattie Plaisance and Nellie Henderson. During their term as teachers of the Berthelot School, they have, by their "ability" and "untiring energy" brought forth the children of Berthelot School to "feel" and understand the value of education—or at least they have opened the gateway to same. Therefore, it is of paramount interest, that every parent, who has truly at heart the welfare of the rising generation of the First Ward, to come together, and "try" and even "supplanted" if need be, our young friends, and coworkers of education, to remain with us for the next coming session, in order to "elevate" and "thoroughly cement" the standard of our present educational system.

Lives of great men all remind us We can make our lives sublime; And departing leave behind us Footprints on the sands of time.

Eighth grade certificates were issued to Miss Evela Rouscell, and Ludger Ory, Lesley Borne Nester Fourroux, and Honore Charpentier.

The athletic test arranged under the director of the state board was successfully stood by Lesley Borne, Honore Charpentier, Paul Gendron, Leonard Bossier and Ludger Ory. Each of these boys received a large medal as a reward.

The Berthelot School closes with \$28.00 in the treasury.

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POLICE JURY MEET.

Last Thursday was the regular monthly meeting day of our Police Jury, but owing to the fact that Thursday was Confederate Memorial day, and a legal holiday, throughout the State the Police Jury was called and assembled last Wednesday with all Members present, and transacted mostly routine work.

Although it was announced that this would be the first meeting of the fiscal year, and many important matters would be discussed, the attendance at the Jury meeting was not as large as usual.

The question of having the parish printing go to the lowest bidder was finally brought up, and on this matter the members differed.

The three members from the left bank supported the motion, and the three popular members of the right bank voted strongly against such an uncalled, and unwise parish economy, for good reason which they refused to divulge.

Since time immemorial Le Meschacébé has been the official organ of St. John the Baptist parish, and has at all times served the parish faithfully, conscientiously, and to the best of its ability as a Journal.

It columns have always been used in promoting the best and highest interests of the parish, and this it will continue to do for many long years to come.

In conclusion we wish to emphasize that such a motion would have been "a propos" had it been for the best interest of the parish, and not for the "mere thirst" of a few dissatisfied, and disappointed parties.

Elaborate Celebration Start Thursday In Church Of Holy Name Of Mary.

Commemorating the arrival of the first priest of the Marist Order in Algiers fifty years ago this month, an elaborate jubilee celebration was inaugurated Thursday by the congregation of the Church of the Holy Name of Mary. The morning program was devoted to religious services. A solemn high mass being sung at 7 o'clock by Very Rev. J. F. Sollier, S. M., D. D., provincial of the Marist Order in the United States, as celebrant; with Rev. J. P. Bassagne, S. M., as deacon, and Rev. Jos. A. Petit, S. M., as sub-deacon.

Thursday evening there will be a street procession, while for every day until Monday, when an elaborate banquet will conclude the celebration, there will be religious and civic programs. Everywhere there are flags and bunting in evidence, on business places and residences, people of other creeds apparently joining in this feature of the celebration, in tribute to the zealous and devoted priests whose self-sacrificing efforts have resulted in the building up of a most prosperous parish.

A NEW LAWYER.

Among the list of distinguished and successful law graduates at the Louisiana State University this year appear the name of Mr. Louis Maurice Reynaud, of St. John Parish, son of Mr. F. Reynaud, of Lucy, La. and brother to the editor of The Meschacébé.

Mr. Reynaud who is only 24 years of age graduated at the L. S. U. two years ago in the classical course of that popular and well-known State Institution. After receiving the Degree of B. A. year before last, and at that time having been given one year's credit in the law department, our young friend returned to the popular old State University and vigorously pursued his law studies until last month when he graduated at the head of his class with great honor and distinction.

At the beginning of the school term Mr. Reynaud was elected Vice-President of the Law Class, and at the end of the term was unanimously elected Valedictorian of his class.

He is a distinguished member of the Knights of Columbus, one of the best, most popular and progressive societies in existence. Our young friend is very popular both in his native parish and throughout the State, and his success as an Attorney is a certainty.

It is always a source of deep pleasure for us to chronicle the high deeds and noble achievements of the sons of St. John, and we take this first opportunity to congratulate Mr. Reynaud on the successful termination of his studies, and extend him our best wishes for the high success which he so richly deserves.

LOCAL PERSONALS.

Those We Meet, Hear of and See During the Week.

Visitors in and out of the Parish.

Messrs. Emile O. Hempel, Adrian St. Pierre, Angélo Champagne, Prof. M. Charpentier Editors Wallace Lasseigne of L'Observateur, and John D. Reynaud of The Meschacébé, Assessor Geo. H. Tassin, J. Waguespack and Mr. Madère of La Place were among those who attended the meeting of the Police Jury on Wednesday.

Miss Etta Tassin and Miss Nellie Clement, of LaPlace went to visit their friends in New Orleans Monday, and will return Sunday.

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