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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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GARY STATE BANK
GARYVILLE, LA.
PAID UP CAPITAL - - - - \$10,000.00
SURPLUS - - - - - \$2,000.00
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SURPLUS \$40,000.00
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LUCY P. O., LA

"OUR CHOICE."
For Sheriff
Hon. Paul Berthelot, Lucy, La.
For Members Of The House
Hon. Albert J. Lacaze, Wallace, La.
For Clerk-Of Court
Hon. Henry C. Maurin, La Place, La.
For Assessor
Hon. Sévigne F. Webre, Garyville, La.
For Coroner
Dr. Stephen J. Songy, Wallace, La.
For Members Of The Police Jury
Andrew Nagel, Lucy, La. Placide Barré, Edgard, La.
Prudent G. Songy, Wallace, La. John A. Madère, La Place, La.
Jacques Duhé Reserve, La. Zénon Montz, Garyville La.
For Justices Of The Peace
J. L. Pancaire, Lucy, La. Elisé Schexnaydre, Edgard, La.
Denis Dufresne Wallace, La. Adam Vicknair, La Place, La.
P. R. Montz, Reserve, La. Emile A. Picou, Garyville, La.
For Constables
Gustave Chazez, Lucy, La. A. B. Jones, Edgard, La.
Jeff. Morigé, Wallace, La. Charles Bailly, La Place, La.
Charles A. Lasseigne Reserve La. George Millet, Garyville, La.
Members Of Parish Dem. Ex. Committee
Paul Berthelot, Lucy, La. J. L. Pancaire, Lucy, La.
Eugene Dumez, Edgard, La. Alexis Dugas, Edgard, La.
Prudent G. Songy, Wallace, La. Albert J. Lacaze, Wallace, La.
Clément Maurin, La Place, La. James A. Haydel, La Place, La.
Préntice E. Edrington, Reserve, La. L. A. Delaneville, Reserve La.
Dr. Léonce D. Chauffe, Garyville, La. J. D. Brown, Garyville, La.

Biographical Sketch Of Dr. Stephen J. Songy.
Dr. Stephen J. Songy was born in the third ward of St. John the Baptist Parish, at Wallace, on May 9th, 1889. He is the son of Alfred Songy a prominent and influential planter of this parish, who is at present carrying on a very successful business in the third ward of this parish as president of the firm of The Songy Planting Co. Ltd.
Doctor Songy's early training was received in private school at Evergreen. He afterwards entered St. Stanislaus College at Bay St. Louis, Miss., in which place he received his academic education.
During his stay at St. Stanislaus he took active part in athletic as well as scholastic events, in which he always figured prominently. He graduated in 1908 from this college with high honors being valedictorian of his class and receiving the degree of Bachelor of Science.
Having decided on medicine as his life work he enrolled at Tulane University of Louisiana where he devoted his time in the studies leading to his chosen profession. He graduated from this University on May 27, 1913.
After having successfully passed the State Board of Medical Examiners he came to his native parish to enter upon his professional career, where he is now attending conscientiously and zealously to the noble work of medicine.
Soon after beginning the practice of medicine the doctor was married to Miss Helen Margaret Roche, a popular and accomplished teacher of the Alexandria High School. Their home is now blessed by the smiling face of a pretty young daughter.
He has always taken an active part in fraternal and social circles being a member of the Kappi Psi Medical Fraternity of Tulane, a devout member of the Knights of Columbus Council No. 1514, and is Past Council Commander and examining physician of the Woodmen of the World, Johnson Camp No. 495.
Next to medicine he has a hobby for schools; he is a great admirer of the present school system, which he considers very efficient.
Being a native son of the parish he has the welfare of the people at heart; he puts his heart and soul in his work, bending every effort to promote the progress and health of Dear old St. John.

WHAT THE EDITOR SAYS.
We sincerely congratulate our popular Sheriff and his faction for having selected such a fine, upright, dignified and progressive set of men to run on the Berthelot-Pleasant ticket. Mr. Berthelot is a true and tried candidate for sheriff. We say true and tried because he has always collected the revenues of the parish and has always honestly accounted for same. He has enforced all the laws that the majority of the people of this parish wanted to have enforced. He has helped and voluntarily cut his own salary in order to benefit our public schools. He has at all times worked for the reduction of taxation, notably last March when he appeared before the Police Jury and urged that body that it would be a folly to increase taxation one mill as the Police Jury had been persuaded to do. Mr. Berthelot pointed out that altho the failure to thus increase taxation would cut the revenues of his office, yet he honestly believed that public officers should make sacrifices and alleviate as much as possible the burden on the shoulders of the taxpayers. There is no doubt that had not Mr. Berthelot made this plea before the Police Jury, we tax-payers would be paying one mill more of taxes this year.
When Mr. Berthelot became a factor in politics in this parish, there were no schools to speak of, public roads were a curse to our parish, the rate of taxation was much higher than it is now, and the parish was head over heels in debt. His conservative and business administration cured these evils to a great extent, and today St. John stands foremost in the march of Louisiana parishes.
It is also with pride that we can say that during his incumbency as sheriff of St. John, Mr. Berthelot never has received a cent of graft, and no one can truthfully state that he has ever received a cent more than what the law allows him.
And yet the great newspaper, L'Observateur, was born for the sole purpose of attempting to attack and destroy our sheriff who has always done his duty honestly and fearlessly.
It appears that L'Observateur's grievances and dilusions are based on the idea that our sheriff was instrumental in causing his father, the lamented Charles Lasseigne, to sell out the Meschacébé to Mr. Dumez instead of to himself, Mr. Wallace Lasseigne. Such idea or opinion is false and has absolutely no foundation in fact.
L'Observateur viciously attacked the sheriff about the non-observance of the Gay-Shattuck law. The sheriff, however, paid no attention to these journalistic outbursts because he knew that the people of St. John did not want this law observed, and moreover the observance of that law would greatly cut the revenues of the parish and thereby make it necessary to either levy and additional tax or to shorten the term of our public schools.
If our memory serves us right our distinguished contemporary at that time even went so far as to advocate as a solution, a \$10,000 or \$20,000 parish license for the sale of liquor. Such a boomerang is ridiculous and could not be seriously considered by any fair-minded man.
In the beginning of L'Observateur's existence, when the Berthelot Faction was the only faction, our célèbre editor waged a Guerilla Warfare against all officers of the parish, many of whom are now lined up with the Hart Faction. Now, those belonging to the Hart Faction are pure and spotless in the eyes of L'Observateur, simply because our great and only editor has seen fit, for reasons obvious to place his stamp of approval upon these men whom he so bitterly attacked and denounced sometime ago.
The position of Sheriff is too important for any experiments. We know Mr. Berthelot's record, his business ability and reliability

As for the Assessorship, there is a crying need for an active and conservative man in that office who will take the time and trouble to assess everybody equally without fear or favor. Our assessment needs revision and equalization. The Assessor should not overassess some, under-assess others and fail to assess some at all. When a tax-payer approaches an Assessor because he has been over-taxed, such tax-payer should be given a reasonable hearing. It is our belief that our friend and popular Candidate for Assessor SEVIGNE F. WEBRE, if elected, will fit the above bill and be the RIGHT MAN in the RIGHT PLACE.
For the position of Coroner, we heartily endorse our friend DR. STEPHEN J. SONGY. While he does not come from "la cuisine de Jupiter" and is therefore not aristocratic, he is a man of sterling qualities and a hustler. The M. D. which follows his name has never swelled his head, and if elected he will serve his people faithfully and conscientiously, and when summoned for an inquest "Doc" will be a Johnny on the spot.
Last but not least, for Clerk of Court, the most responsible position in the parish, the need of a successful business man is imperative. We need for that position a man strictly reliable and possessing the necessary qualities of courtesy, soberness, and honesty.
All these "elements are mixed" in HENRY C. MAURIN, our Choice for Clerk of Court. He will undoubtedly fill the position to the best interest of all and with great credit to himself. We venture to say that a more ideal man could not have been selected, and we see in him as good a Clerk as our beloved and lamented Zénon Millet.
Mr. Albert J. Lacaze, our candidate for representative, needs no eulogy at our hands. He is eminently qualified in every respect to represent St. John in the General Assembly, having done so with great credit to himself and his native parish in the past. We have no doubt that the good people of St. John will re-elect Mr. Lacaze in recognition of his past record and loyal service as a member of the House of Representatives.
The candidates for Police Jury who are affiliated with the Berthelot Faction are all high-minded and intelligent gentlemen who have no "ax to grind" but have consented to become Police Jurors for the sole purpose of donating their time and energy to the best interest and welfare of their beloved parish. With such a formidable list of Candidates we predict a sweeping victory for the Berthelot Faction in the January primary and hence, an economical, progressive and yet conservative administration for the next four years.

NOTICE.
The next examination for teachers' certificates will be held November 29, 30, December 1, (white); December 2, 3, 4, (negro); 1915. The conditions governing the issuance of certificates to applicants remain the same as in the last examination for teachers' certificates.
Examination questions in special high school subjects will be prepared and forwarded to those parishes only which make application for them prior to November 17.
Very truly yours,
Lionel J. Bourgeois,
Supt. Of Public Education.

A WISE CHOICE.
Berthelot Appoints Dumez Chief Deputy Sheriff.
It affords us special pleasure to announce to the good people of this parish that our devoted and kind Sheriff, Hon. Paul Berthelot has this week appointed Hon. Eugene Dumez, of Edgard, La., as Chief Deputy Sheriff and book keeper to replace our lamented and much regretted friend Hon. Emile Laurent.
Mr. Eugene Dumez is too well-known throughout this parish and State and needs no special introduction at our hands. His unblemished and high record as parish treasurer for many long years, and also as editor and publisher of Le Meschacébé is alone sufficient testimonial of his honesty, ability and integrity not only as a business man but as an official.
Mr. Dumez was born in the grand and glorious old parish of St. John the Baptist, and has continually proven himself a devoted and true son of our parish, working hand in hand with progress and always for the best and highest interests of St. John and its good people.
His recent appointment by Sheriff Berthelot to a seat left vacant and desolate by the death of Hon. Emile Laurent, (a man who stood as an example of true and loyal citizenship, and whose record as an official was beyond reproach) is indeed a mark of high honor and distinction cast upon our popular friend and deserving ex-parish treasurer, Honorable Eugene Dumez.
We have studied this matter, carefully looked at it in different angles and we feel safe in stating (without fear of being contradicted) that a better and wiser choice for this high and exalted office could not have been made, and the high and important duties of the office could not have been placed on better, more able and more deserving shoulders.
We join all conscientious and right-thinking people in extending our congratulations to our cool-headed, impartial, and popular sheriff in this recent appointment, and extend many hearty and sincere felicitations to our genial friend and ever obliging new official Hon. Eugene Dumez.
We wish him a long, happy and prosperous term in office coupled with all the good luck and success he so bravely and richly deserves.