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PRETTY PERUVIAN GIRL



Miss Teresa Granda y Pezet is an interesting addition to the diplomatic circle to the list of debutantes in Washington society this winter. Miss Granda is spending the winter at the Peruvian legation with her uncle and aunt, the minister from Peru and Mme. Pezet.

CAN'T PROVE HE IS DEAD

Will of a Man Who Has Been Missing Twenty-One Years, Offered for Probate.

Denver.—For the first time in the history of the Denver county court the will of a man of whose death there is no record has been lodged with the clerk of the court. It may become necessary to have the maker, George T. Sheets, declared legally dead before the instrument is offered for probate.

A contractor, made the will was then seventy-two. A year later he disappeared and his family did not know of his will until a few years ago. Attorney Edwin Parks found the document in his safe and turned it over to the clerk of the court.

MORE JOBS THAN CHEMISTS

Scarcity of Engineers Shown at Columbia University Since Outbreak of War.

New York.—Since the outbreak of war and the resulting increase in demand for chemical engineers has grown so rapidly that the companies are finding it difficult to fill the many places that are now open.

Indication of this was given at Columbia university when Dean Frederick A. Goetze of the graduate engineering school reported that he had received a call from a mining company for several chemical engineers familiar with the iron and steel industry, but that he has been unable to find any of the recent graduates who were not already well placed.

S LONELIEST OF PUPILS

Missouri Youth Has School and Teacher All to Himself—Sports Are Eschewed.

Chillicothe, Mo.—Livingstone county has the smallest possible school in the world—it has just one pupil. But despite the small enrollment, it keeps grinding steadily away, confining its activities principally to the text books and eschewing football and other forms of athletics.

The school in question is in District No. 2 in Medicine township and Miss Mary Phillips is the teacher. The list of matriculants has not been published. When the term began five weeks ago, it was anticipated that a number of children would enroll, but only this one boy came, so the teacher started in with the course.

CHILD SMOTHERED IN COTTON

Little Oklahoma Girl Digs Hole in Pile and Then Accidentally Tumbles In.

Oklahoma.—The nine-year-old daughter of Paul Richey, a farmer living near Prague, thirty miles east of here, was "drowned" in a pile of cotton in her father's field.

When the little girl was missed, her parents started out to search for her. Her father finally saw her shoes on top of the large mound of cotton, and a closer examination disclosed her body. She had been first in the fluffy mass, but evidently had dug a hole in the pile and then accidentally fallen into it. The loose cotton packing about her had smothered her.

Club Formed

Thirty-five young men of this city have organized a club. To be caught in a trap, a woman to a theater, a social function, or even to make a mistake, at least the member is entertained in the club for organizing.

Appellate Courts Say Candidates Must Be Placed On Ballots.

Last Saturday, after we had gone to press, news reached us that the Supreme Court had maintained the mandamus prayed for by the three candidates who had appealed to that court from an adverse decision in the District Court. The cases of the other candidates, ten in number, were passed upon by the Court of Appeals last Wednesday and substantially the same decision was reached.

The effect of these decisions, as we understand it, is a repeal of Act. 213 of 1912 as enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana. Altho the act says that a candidate SHALL, at the time of announcing his candidacy file the names of his campaign committee or manager and failure on his part to do this shall operate as a refusal to accept the nomination (not party but committee nomination, we take it) the judiciary comes along and virtually says that the legislature did not make that provision mandatory and that no campaign committee or manager need be appointed or elected by a candidate.

No other construction can reasonably be made because the names of some candidates who failed altogether to appoint either committee or manager were ordered to be placed on ballots. The appellate courts, in our opinion, seem to have disregarded the very spirit of this section of the Corrupt Practices Act.

However, we have already sufficiently discussed in former issues the legal reasons upon which our Parish Committee acted. Whether right or wrong the highest tribunals of the state have spoken and we shall abide by their decisions.

We take this opportunity to emphatically deny the insinuation made by the enemy's official organ that the action of the Committee was the result of fear on the part of the Berthelot candidates to meet their opponents on the field of political battle. We feel assured that if the situation had been reversed and the Committee had knocked out the Berthelot candidates, those aspiring to office on the Hart ticket would have cried out in unison: "For this relief much thanks".

Fearing to fight and not fighting when a fight can easily and reasonably be avoided are two separate and distinct things. Our candidates know not fear. Now that a general political battle is inevitable, we wish to remind our enemies in politics, and especially the official organ of the Hart clique, that from the judgment which will be handed down against them in January by the greatest of all tribunals THE ELECTORATE, there will be no appeal but to gawd."

CHRISTMAS.

The very name of Christmas seems laden with good things. There is a ring of joy in its tones and one can only associate it with pleasant thoughts and fond remembrances. Christmas is to the child the brightest star in the year's firmament. It is the beacon light on which their little eyes and thoughts are ever fastened. The grown-up enjoy Christmas with as much zest as the children. It is a time of universal peace and good will. It brightens homes and softens asperities. To one and all the Meschacébé wishes a Merry Christmas and hopes that no one will be forgotten by Santa Claus this year.

L'Hypocrisie.

S'il y a une personne, plus qu'une autre, qui est détestable à la vue d'un honnête homme, c'est un hypocrite.

Un homme peut mentir, et en même temps, toujours avoir la nature d'un homme, lorsqu'il est comparé à celui, qui à votre face, pretend d'être ce qu'il n'est pas.

Dans l'hypocrite il n'y a point de traits qui offre de la réparation. Il est, à tout temps un serpent dans les herbes, plein de venin, et on ne sait quand il pourra frapper.

Un hypocrite est un être, sans honte, sans caractère, et sans principes d'honnêteté. Il ne peut jamais être un ami sincère, il souri pour tromper et sa tromperie est comme la pique d'une vipère.

Des tromperies en politique sont communes, et viennent même dans de hauts rangs. L'homme qui peut recevoir des faveurs, prétendant d'être reconnaissant, et alors frappe un coup de tricherie, est audessus de l'homme. Il est seulement l'ombrage.

Papil Of The 11th Grade
 Edgard High School.

[Communicated]

Edgard, La. Dec. 22nd., 1915.

To the Voters of St. John:

At the present stage of our campaign, we wish to make public our position regarding the recent decision handed down by the Supreme Court of this state, and to assure all the voters that the said decision certainly makes us happy at the thought that the race will be an open one, and that no candidates will be handicapped, as we feared there might be. We are anxious to make a good clean race, void of any and all personalities, making it a strict rule of our entire campaign to run strictly on our merits and not on the demerits of our opponents. If, the people of St. John, will elect us to the position to which we aspire, as we sincerely hope they will, we want to go in office with the congratulations not only of our friends and supporters but also with the congratulations of our opponents who in justice will be bound to state that the race has been a clean one, open to all, with no one handicapped, and that the will of the majority has ruled supreme.

We, therefore, while feeling confident that the Democratic Executive Committee acted within its rights as defined previous to the recent ruling of the Supreme Court, wish to remind all the voters of this good parish that once again we are jubilant because the race will be an open one, and though our campaign may be a bit more strenuous, it will be that more interesting and the victory which we hope to see perch on our banners on January 25th. will be that more glorious.

We Respectfully again wish to take this means of submitting our candidacies to you, qualified voters of St. John, assuring you that if you elect us, you will always feel proud of your choice, and that we will give to our respective offices, the best that is in us.

Respectfully yours,
 Henry C. Maurin,
 Candidate for Clerg. of Court.
 Sevigne F. Webre
 Candidate for Assessor.
 Dr. Stephen J. Songy
 Candidate for Coroner.

Circuitous Retribution.

"Did you help elect that man because of his personal popularity?"
 "No," replied Farmer Cornutossel. "I had my suspicions of him for a long time and wanted to shove him along to where the meekcrakers could get a good go at him."



A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

Your attendance at our two weeks' Pre-inventory CLEARANCE SALE, which begins MONDAY the 27th., will enable you to save money on your purchases of clothing, Hats, Shoes, Dry Goods, Crockery, Groceries etc etc. Read circulars being distributed and note splendid offers.

E. J. CAIRE'S The Store of the People.

LOCAL PERSONALS.

Those We Meet, Hear of and See During the Week. Visitors in and out of the Parish.

Prof. J. Oswald Montegut, the esteemed principal of the Edgard High School paid Le Meschacébé a short but pleasant visit on Thursday.

Capt. Jules Fourroux, Jr. was a business visitor to New Orleans on Wednesday.

Messrs. Anicet Dufresne, and Octave Fauchaux, of Wallace, La., were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Reynaud.

Mr. Emile O. Hempel visited New Orleans, Reserve, and Garyville this week.

That you and yours may have a Merry Christmas and a year of full peace, happiness, and prosperity is the sincere wish of "Le Meschacébé"

Judge St. Paul Is Declared Nominee.

Because his candidacy is unopposed, Judge John St. Paul, candidate for re-election, was declared by the special committee of the Democratic State Central Committee, at a meeting Tuesday morning in the Cosmopolitan Hotel to be the Democratic nominee for the office of Judge of the Orleans Circuit Court of Appeals, which is to be voted upon in the April election.

The committee, known as the court of appeals committee of the control committee drew its membership from the district under the jurisdiction of Judge St. Paul's court the seventeen city wards and the parishes of Jefferson, St. Bernard, Plaquemines, St. John, St. Charles and St. James. Walter C. Murphy, delegate from the Second Ward, Orleans, presided over the meeting. Ferdinand White was secretary.

All Ready For Sunday, Jan. 2nd., 1916.

Be sure to get ready for next Sunday, January 2nd., 1916, and go to the W. O. W. Home at LaPlace for the Grand Church benefit Entertainment, which will be given by the LaPlace Dramatic Club which will stage the drama "Tompkins Hired Man" with the following cast of characters:

Mr. Asa Tompkins, A farmer who cannot tolerate deceit
 Henry Maurin
 DIXEY "The Hired Man"
 E. H. Alexander.

John Remington, a young lover.
 Eddie Keating
 Jerry, a country lad. Cliff Keating.

Louise, Daughter who n Mr. Tompkins believes to be his own.
 Miss May Keating.
 Julia, only child born to the Tompkins; Miss Pearl Ronquillo.

Ruth, Tompkins' niece. Miss Leah Madere

Mrs. Tompkins, a woman with secret that embitters her. Miss Denise Millet.

Between the acts, there will be vocal and instrumental selections, The Donaldson Edrington Orchestra will furnish the music for the Dance which will follow the play.

Let no one forget to be in LaPlace for this occasion. The W. O. W. Home is very large, and it is expected that the hall will be crowded to its capacity. Admission to concert will be General Admission for adults, 25 cents and children 15 cents Reserved Seats will be 35 cents and will be on sale during the day. Curtain will rise at 7.45 P. M. sharp. Refreshments will be served.

Public Schools Close.

After varied and interesting programs the different public schools of St. John Parish closed on Thursday the 23 to reopen on January 5, 1916.

BANK OF ST. JOHN, RESERVE, LA.

Report furnished to the State Examiner of State Banks by the above Bank, at the close of business, on Wednesday, December 15, 1915.

RESOURCES:

Loans secured by mortgages	\$3,093.64
Other loans and discounts	17,608.19
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	100.00
Due from Banks and Bankers	41,878.99
Checks and other cash items	808.19
Gold coin	750.00
Silver nickel and copper coin	1,008.88
National Bank notes and all issues	24,000.00
U. S. Government	8,145.00
Total	\$163,582.70

LIABILITIES:

Capital Stock paid in	\$10,000.00
Surplus	17,000.00
Undivided Profits, less expenses and taxes paid	11,585.97
Individual deposits subject to check	85,141.50
Dividends Unpaid	50.00
Time certificates of deposit	58,192.88
Bills payable	24,000.00
Total	\$163,582.70

State of Louisiana, Parish of St. John the Baptist.
 I, A. Lacombe, President and J. Jan. Client, Cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
 Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 24th day of December 1915.
 P. RENE MONTZ,
 Justice of the Peace.

GARY STATE BANK,

LOCATED AT GARYVILLE, PARISH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, LA. GARYVILLE, LA. Report furnished to the State Examiner of State Banks, At the Close of Business on December 15, 1915.

RESOURCES:

Demand Loans	10,000.00
Loans secured by mortgages	18,267.00
Other loans and discounts	4,234.78
Other bonds, stocks, and securities	3,023.00
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	4,500.00
Due from Banks and Bankers	14,300.00
Silver, nickel and copper coin	1,008.88
Overdrafts secured and unsecured	3.48
National Bank notes and all issues	3,999.00
U. S. Government	3,999.00
Total	\$51,794.14

LIABILITIES:

Capital Stock paid in	\$10,000.00
Surplus	3,000.00
Individual deposits subject to check	24,735.33
Undivided Profits, less expenses and taxes paid	518.00
Time certificates of deposit	11,000.01
Total	\$51,794.14

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