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No. 1.

Attention Mr. Voter! TWO BIG POLITICAL MEETINGS

- in behalf of the candidacy of -

Hon. THOMAS C. BARRET

Candidate for Governor
are hereby announced to take place at

EDGARD, at 11 A. M., at GARYVILLE, at 7:30 P. M.,
ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, 1916.

Hon. JAMES WILKINSON, Hon. M. D. DIMFERY and OTHER
prominent and influential campaign SPEAKERS will have a
MESSAGE of INTEREST for the PEOPLE of ST. JOHN.

DON'T MISS THIS GRAND AFFAIR. EVERYBODY IS CORDIALLY INVITED.

COME ALONG.

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING.

In the last issue of the ever-infamous L'Observateur we noticed a big harangue concerning an insignificant and natural Mistake made at the sheriff's office in issuing the poll tax receipt of Mr. Paul Duhé of the 5th ward. The Chief Deputy, Mr. Dumez, being accustomed to write the name Paul Berthelot perhaps a hundred times a day in performing the duties of his office, inadvertently wrote the sheriff's name on the poll tax receipt of Mr. Duhé. However, the stub on the Poll Tax book, from which the poll tax list is made, showed plainly and correctly that Mr. Paul Duhé had paid his poll tax and therefore that gentleman could not possibly have been deprived of his right to vote on that score even though his receipt was erroneously issued.

L'Observateur has the usual audacity and effrontery to style this natural and minor mistake as "a nefarious trick" to rob Mr. Duhé of his right to vote and even goes so far as to suggest that the Hart Faction should place a watchman in the sheriff's office to superintend the issuance of poll tax receipts. If Mr. L'Observateur had used his head in this matter he would have arrived at the sane and inevitable conclusion that such insignificant slips cannot work to the detriment of any poll tax payer, for the reason above given.

If suggestions are in order, we would suggest that Mr. L'Observateur place a watchman in the office of the Registrar of Voters where one is needed to see that no registration is done by proxy and that the registration books are closed even to the Hart adherents thirty days prior to election as the law provides. Such practices can properly be called "nefarious" and ought to prove valuable editorial food for our virtuous contemporary.

Do not fear, gentle reader, you will never see L'Observateur decry any violations of the law, especially when committed by its political HERO and his worshippers. Nothing wrong or illegal can emanate from the Hart Faction, in the opinion of L'Observateur. In an effort to poison the minds of the people and discredit the efficient Berthelot administration our reformer-editor always notices the microscopic defects of his political enemies and fails to notice or rather disregards completely the glaringly wicked and illegal practices among the members of his own clan.

1915 -- 1916

As we approach the new year we review the events and experiences through which we have passed, and resolve to profit by them during the coming year.

If 1915 has brought ruin or sorrow and hung crepe on our doors, the new year will bring us the leaves of healing and we are all therefore glad to part with the one and welcome the other.

The new year will be what we make it, so far as our individual lives are concerned and if we resolve to be happy in an unselfish way, we are taking the first road to happiness.

The Meschacébé is glad once more to wish its readers and friends a happy and prosperous New Year.

Almanac Of Health Maxims.

The Louisiana State Board of Health is sending out throughout the State an almanac filled with health information and health maxims. In addition to the calendar pages usual in almanacs there is a page for each month devoted to the disease which generally makes its appearance during the month. Rural sanitation, milk, and other special subjects are treated in the publication, and one or more copies will be forwarded to any address on request.

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Special low prices on Groceries.

This Sale Closes Friday January 7th., 1916.

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

Sugar In Congress.

Overconfidence is fatal to many causes. The fact is one Louisiana sugar planter ought not to over look.

Because President Wilson and secretary McAdoo have recommended to Congress suspension of the free sugar schedule, they have jumped to the conclusion that the condition of the treasury compelled them to do so, and suspension is assured.

But the planters ought not to count their chickens before they are hatched. One of the most foolish mistakes they could make would be to persist in throwing rocks at Democracy when at this stage of the game Democracy alone can help them.

Of much pertinence is the following warning which we take from the Philadelphia Record, one of the few great Democratic newspapers of the East:

The Government has to have revenue, and sugar is a tempting commodity to raise it on. A continuance of the present duty would yield about \$42,000,000, but the people would pay a great deal more, because they would pay the tax on all sugar consumed, while only the tax on the imported sugar would go to the Government, and a few millions of that would be repaid in draw backs. If the people are going to pay on all the sugar they use, it would be good Democratic doctrine and good political economy to levy the tax so that all that the people pay would go into the Treasury. Senator Gore is working on a project for a consumption tax of 1.2 cents a pound on domestic sugar and a duty of 1.5 cents a pound on imported sugar, Frank C. Lowry, of the Federal Sugar Refining Company, who has for some time been urging a consumption tax, say that these rates would yield about \$130,000,000 a year. Mr. Lowry, however, would make the consumption tax and the import duty the same, and thinks this would yield \$92,000,000 without increasing the price about its present level.

The President and Mr. McAdoo have recommended the suspension of the sugar schedule because it will yield revenue the Government needs.

But the danger from the standpoint of the planters is that they may be convinced that sugar can be made to yield a great deal more money under the Keating, Hardwick, Gore or Lowry plans than by keeping the one cent duty on.

If the duty remains as at present, of course, the planters will be the beneficiaries. But under any one of these plans, while the return to the Treasury would be vastly larger, not a mill of incidental protection would go to the planters and they would be face to face with free sugar.

It is incomprehensible that the Louisiana planters do not appreciate the seriousness of the fight. Ed. Daily States, Dec. 23

BANK OF ST. JOHN,

RESERVE, L.A.

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 mortgage	\$5,065.24
Other loans and discounts	9,080.26
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	100.00
Due from Banks and Bankers	41,878.96
Checks and other cash items	969.19
Gold coin	730.00
Silver nickel and copper coin	1,008.62
National Bank notes and all issues U. S. Government	8,145.00
	\$183,539.27

LIABILITIES:

Capital Stock paid in	\$15,000.00
Surplus	15,000.00
Undivided Profits, less expenses and taxes paid	11,355.57
Individual deposits subject to check	83,441.88
Dividends Unpaid	30.00
Time certificates of deposit	22,182.32
Bills payable	36,500.00
	\$183,539.27

State of Louisiana, Parish of St. John the Baptist.

I, A. Lasseigne, President, and I, Jas. Clément, 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 28th day of December 1915.

P. RENÉ 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	\$ 13,267.00
Other loans and discounts	4,234.78
Other bonds, stocks, and securities	28,023.00
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	6,900.00
Due from Banks and Bankers	14,896.39
Silver, nickel and copper coin	1,958.81
Overdrafts secured and unsecured	3.43
National Bank notes and all issues U. S. Government	8,999.00
	\$ 81,782.41

LIABILITIES:

Capital Stock paid in	\$10,000.00
Surplus	2,000.00
Individual deposits subject to check	54,735.31
Undivided Profits, less expenses and taxes paid	958.09
Time certificates of deposit	14,089.01
	\$81,782.41

STATE OF LOUISIANA, Parish of St. John the Baptist.

J. F. Reynaud, President, and I, J. J. Gebelin, Cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 28th day of December, 1915.

EMILE A. FROV,
Justice of the Peace.

Public Schools Closed

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

NOTABLE NUPTIAL EVENT.

Wedding of Mr. E. O. Hempel and Miss Nellie A. Henderson Solemnized

A wedding of much interest to the numerous friends of the contracting parties in St. John, New Orleans and elsewhere was solemnized in New Orleans last Monday afternoon, when Mr. Emile O. Hempel, of Lucy, this parish, and Miss Nellie A. Henderson, of New Orleans, plighted their troth in the holy bonds of matrimony.

The pretty ceremony was performed at the Little Jesuits Catholic Church, on St. Charles Avenue in New Orleans at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Rev. Father Thomas Madens officiating.

The wedding was of a quite and informal nature, only relatives and a few close friends being present.

Mr. and Mrs. Hempel came to St. John Thursday evening to take up their new home in the Lucy.

They were tendered a royal reception by their wide circle of friends in this parish.

Mr. Hempel is a prominent and successful young insurance agent and one of St. John's most popular and admired young citizens. His bride is a young lady of exceptional charm, both of person and manner, and through her former connection with the faculty of the Berthelot School has an extensive coterie of friends here who are delighted to welcome her as a permanent resident of the community.

Corial good wishes for an abundance of happiness and prosperity are extended to the newly wedded pair.

The cases of the six candidates of the Hart Faction who had taken no appeal from the judgment of the District Court were amicably settled on Thursday and their names ordered sent to the Secretary of State to be placed on the official ballot at the Primary election next January.

Republican National Committee.

The national committee of the Republican party met at Washington this week and chose Chicago, June 7, 1916 as the place and date for the assembling of the Republican nominating convention. Three other cities were also applicants for the convention but Chicago carried off the plum by 31 votes, San Francisco receiving 13, St. Louis 7 and Philadelphia 2. It has been the invariable custom in the past for the party out of power to hold its national convention after that of the "ins," so that the position and claims of the latter could be better criticised and attacked, but it was the sentiment of the majority of the Republican committee that the procedure should be reversed in the coming campaign and that the Republicans should take the initiative and make an aggressive fight. Irrepressible Walter Cohen of Louisiana was on hand with a protest against the freeing out of the colored man and brother from the Republican organization in this state, but the committee unanimously sustained the selection of Victor Lois as the Louisiana member and no committeeman would present a resolution prepared by Cohen calling for the appointment of a committee of three to investigate Louisiana conditions.

Mutations Financière.

On a appris définitivement hier, que M. John E. Bouden, Jr., Vice président de la Whitney-Central National, et président de la Whitney-Central Trust and Savings Bank, succédera M. Sol Wexler, le 15 janvier, lorsque ce dernier quittera la Nouvelle Orleans pour devenir gérant associé de la firme J. S. Bache & Co., de New York. M. J. D. O'Keefe, membre du conseil de direction de la Whitney-Central National Bank, deviendra vice-président, et M. Charles T. Baisley, gérant de la bourse étrangère, sera promu à la deuxième vice-présidence. Ces messieurs sont d'éminents hommes d'affaires.

Death of Jules Fourroux, Sr.

Jules Fourroux Sr., one of St. John's old and honored citizens, died at his home in Lucy at 11:30 o'clock a. m. on Christmas Day after an illness of very short duration. A few weeks ago Mr. Fourroux suffered with a paralytic stroke the effects of which brought him to his grave. Mr. Fourroux was 78 years of age at the time of his death and prior to this fatal stroke he was always robust and strong. For over thirty-five years he owned and operated the Lucy Ferry and was very familiarly known and esteemed by all who knew him.

His remains were interred in the St. John Catholic Cemetery last Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, following impressive funeral services at the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church where a large number of sorrowing relatives and friends were present to participate in the last sad rites. Mr. Fourroux was an upright, honorable man and a citizen of value to the community. He enjoyed the esteem and friendship of all who knew him, and leaves behind him the priceless heritage of a life well lived and duty faithfully performed. Besides his wife, he leaves to mourn his loss three daughters, Mrs. Jackson Martin and Mrs. Alcée Bossier, of Lucy, La., and Mrs. J. Webre of Edgard, La., and an only son Mr. Jules Fourroux, Jr., of Lucy, La.

The Meschacébé tenders sincere sympathy to the bereaved family.

Death of Mrs. Arsene Gourdain.

Many friends in St. John were grieved to learn of the death of Mrs. Arsène Gourdain, neé Mathilde Braud, who passed away at her home in Convent at 9:33 o'clock last Saturday morning, the 18th inst at the venerable age of 92 years 9 months and 26 days. Funeral services were held at St. Michael's Catholic church at Convent Sunday forenoon at 10:30 o'clock, and were largely attended. Mrs. Gourdain is survived by one son, J. J. Gourdain superintendent of the public schools of St. James parish, and three daughters, Mrs. Joseph Oubre of Donaldsonville, and Misses Eva and Eugénie Gourdain of Convent. The profound sympathy of an exceptionally wide circle of friends and acquaintances is extended to the bereaved family.