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 EDITOR.

## T. JAMES BANK, LUTCHER, LA.

Furnished to the State Examiner of  
 State Banks, by the above Bank, at the  
 office of business on December 31, 1915.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts	165,626.11
Loans secured by mortgages	61,107.62
Bonds, Stocks & Securities	193,505.45
Loans and Loans	1,437.10
From Banks and Bankers	104,045.89
Outing House, Furniture & Fixtures	3,001.00
On Hand	22,539.24
<b>Total</b>	<b>551,559.81</b>

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$ 30,000.00
Certificates of deposits	40,000.00
Deposits	169,341.92
Reserve	14,549.36
Reserve deposits	299,368.83
<b>Total</b>	<b>551,559.81</b>

## BANK OF ST. JOHN, RESERVE, LA.

Furnished to the State Examiner of  
 Banks by the above Bank, at the  
 office of business, on Wednesday, December  
 15, 1915.

RESOURCES	
Loans secured by mortgage	38,695.24
Loans and discounts	92,696.26
Outing house, furniture and fixtures	100.00
From Banks and Bankers	41,875.90
Loans and other cash items	892.19
Reserve	720.00
Nickel and copper coin	1,005.62
State Bank notes and all issues of Government	8,145.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$193,530.27</b>

LIABILITIES	
Capital paid in	\$15,000.00
Reserve	15,000.00
Reserve, less expenses	11,385.57
Subject to check	88,141.38
Reserve	30.90
Reserve	22,182.23
Reserve	39,500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$193,530.27</b>

## Prison Reformers Quiz Candidates

List of Nine Questions Sent To  
 Other Office Aspirants Besides  
 Gubernatorial

Unlike the proponents of prohibition, the Louisiana Prison Reform Association, in addressing its promised list of interrogatories to the gubernatorial candidates, did not ignore all of the other many candidates for the States offices.

It sent copies of its nine questions which were mailed to the candidate Tuesday, to the aspirants for the lieutenant governorship and the attorney generalship.

Establishment of a board to supervise, without pay, the penitentiary, parish jails and other penal institutions of the State; enactment of legislation providing for the indeterminate sentences such as are in force in other states; appropriation of sufficient funds for the proper conduct of reform school at Monroe and the establishment of a similar institution at Jackson; divorcement of the parole board from the Board of the Control of the State penitentiary, and provision for parole officers; legislative provision for the support of families of prisoners; definition of corporal punishment in the penitentiary and jails as an offense separate from ordinary assault and battery these are the points upon which the candidates are asked by the prison reform association to express the opinions.

### Text of Questions Sent by Association.

The text of the association's questions follows:

(1) Are you in favor of the abolition of the present Board of Control of the State penitentiary and of the creation of a board serving without pay to have charge of the penitentiary and to supervise parish jails and other penal institutions with authority in said board to employ a competent superintendent and to adopt rules and regulations for the government of prisons and the inmates thereof

(2) Are you in favor of an act of the General Assembly providing rules and regulations for the government of the penitentiary and other prisons with power in the board referred to in the first questions, if established, to add to same from time to time if necessary and advisable?

(3) Are you in favor of a proper appropriation being made for the Board of Charities and Correction so that a permanent secretary with proper salary may be employed and provision made for his travelling expenses and for the expenses of the members of the board who, of course, shall serve without pay?

(4) Are you in favor of a new parole law by which the parole board shall be entirely independent of the Board of Control of the penitentiary or of any other board that may be established for that purpose, and are you in favor of providing for parole officers so that they may have some authority to and who will be responsible for the parolees kept, and for the infractions thereof to the proper authorities?

### Publicity for Disbursement of Funds.

Are you in favor of the disbursement of the State penitentiary in a business like and systematic manner and with a budget system therefor and for the publication in all the newspapers connected therewith of the names of you in favor of the indeterminate sentence in this State for the adoption of a law providing for same?

## Church Program Proves A Grand Success.

The Benefit performance and Dance given last Sunday in the W. O. W. Home at La Place for the benefit of St. Peter's Catholic Church proved a perfect social and financial success. The play presented by the LaPlace Dramatic Club was well received and highly appreciated and the young amateurs were frequently applauded. Many of those present were so well pleased with the performance that they will return to see it again Sunday, Jan. 9th. in the Godchaux High School at Reserve.

The net results of the entertainment amounts to \$125.56, and thanks are due to the ladies and gentlemen who had charge of the event and also to the members of the Dramatic Club.

Let no one forget that Sunday, Jan. 9th., there will be an entertainment in the Godchaux High school at Reserve for the benefit of St. Peter's Catholic Church, and all are earnestly requested to attend. There will be a Play followed by Dancing and Refreshments will be served.

- W. O. HART, Chairman.  
 F. S. WEIS  
 ANDREW H. WILSON,  
 T. P. THOMPSON,  
 E. M. STAFFORD,  
 MRS. C. C. DEVALLE,  
 R. H. MARR  
 F. S. SHIELDS, President  
 JNO. L. SUTTON, Secretary.

## LOCAL PERSONALS.

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

### Visitors in and out of the Parish.

Mr. Lionel J. Champagne paid us a visit on Friday.

Dr. Stephen J. Songy, and Mr. Jeff D. Merricq two popular candidates of the Berthelot Faction were in our midst on Tuesday.

Sheriff Berthelot and friends made a tour recently throughout the parish, and reported political conditions as very encouraging in every ward.

The Board of School Directors assembled in monthly session on Thursday and transacted general routine work. Superintendent L. J. Bourgeois and all members being present.

Mr. William Wuerdeman, a popular machinist in the employ of the Novelty Machine Works of New Orleans was in Lucy on Tuesday repairing Le Meschacébé large newspaper press.

We have had the pleasure to meet every Candidate of the Berthelot Faction this week, and the whole ticket seems to be more jubilant than ever.

Victory for the Berthelot men can be the only result on January 25.

The different public Schools of this parish re-opened on Monday morning after being closed for the holidays. Teachers and children were all present on the opening day.

Remember January 25, 1916 is the great Day. Don't fail to go to the Polls and Cast your Vote for the Berthelot Candidates, in other words, The People's Candidates.

## Women W. O. W. Chief Resent Attacks On Pleasant.

State Grand Guardian Calls Poster Attack "Most Depicible Against Candidate."

Heartily indorsing the course of Woodmen camps in condemnation of the attacks made because a poster of Colonel R. G. Pleasant, candidate for governor, was found in a Jefferson parish hall, raided by Governor Hall's militia, Mrs. Amelia Smith, grand guardian of the Woodmen Circle, calls the attack "about the most despicable thing that I have ever heard of being used against a candidate for public office."

Mrs. Smith, as grand guardian, is the representative of the Woodmen Circle of the State, and in a letter addressed to B. J. Morath, consul commander of Oleander Camp, No. 74, who defended the action of placing a Pleasant picture in the Jefferson parish hall, declares the hall in question is "of the highest standard, and attended by the best people in this city."

The indorsement of the grand guardian, in full, is as follows: I have read in the press your statement that the picture of Colonel Pleasant, found in the hall near the Protection Levee which was raided by the militia, was placed there by you as a friend and supporter of Colonel Pleasant, on account of the hall being frequently used by the Woodmen, and various other fraternal and charitable organizations, for social gatherings. I have also read your telegram to Mr. Marby, and I am writing this to say that I heartily indorse your telegram and approve of your course in this matter.

The several social gatherings held in this hall were of the highest standard, and attended by the best people in the city, and I feel that the exploiting of this hall as "the lowest dive in Louisiana," is not only a reflection on the good men and good women who have been in the habit of attending the social affairs held there, but it is about the most despicable thing that I have ever heard of being used against a candidate for public office.

A copy of Mrs. Smith's letter to Mr. Morath was given out at the Pleasant headquarters Tuesday morning and along with it came the announcement that already twelve Woodmen camps had approved of Mr. Morath's defense of his position in placing the Pleasant poster in the hall recently raided by the State militia.

These camps are: Hyacinth, Beacon, Excelsior, Elysian Fields, Tulane, Olive, Oleander, Willow, Palmetto, Hickory, Live Oak and Eureka.

The camps have all adopted the following resolutions: "Whereas, certain newspapers and individuals advocating the claims of certain candidates and the headquarters of one of the candidates for governor have seen fit to use as campaign matter the finding of a picture poster of another one of the candidates for governor in a hall raided by Governor Hall's militia in Jefferson parish and

"Whereas the hall above referred to is frequently used by the W. O. W. and the Woodmen Circle and other fraternal organizations for social gathering of the members of these orders and their wives, daughters, mothers and sisters; and

"Whereas the New Orleans Item has been using this incident seeking to injure the candidacy of one of the candidates for governor, attempting to arouse prejudice against this candidate by denouncing this hall as the 'lowest dive in Louisiana,' and said denunciation is being used by the headquarters of one of the candidates for governor; therefore, be it

Resolved, By Hyacinth Camp, No. 387, W. O. W., that we heartily approve and indorse the course of Sovereign B. J. Morath, Consul Commander, Oleander Camp, No. 74, in defending his position in this matter, and we deprecate most sincerely the use of this incident in a political campaign, and do not hesitate to denounce such politics, not only as unclean but an insult to the intelligence of the voters of Louisiana."

## Police Jury Meeting.

Last Thursday the Police Jury met in regular monthly session with all members present and transacted mostly routine business. The resignation of Dr. J. P. Elmore as Road Commissioner and the present repairing of the courthouse were the two most important matters that came up for discussion.

The minutes of Thursday's meeting will more fully appear in another column of this issue.

## DÉCÈS.

Nous avons la profonde douleur d'annoncer la mort de Mme veuve Charles Lasseigne, née Roséla Jacob, âgée de 72 ans et 6 mois, morte survenue le lundi 27 décembre dernier, à 4:30 heures du matin, après quelques semaines de maladie soufferte avec patience et résignation, et munie de tous les secours que l'Eglise Catholique accorde à ses enfants. Le même jour, à 4:30 heures de l'après midi, avaient lieu ses funérailles en l'Eglise St. Pierre au milieu d'une foule immense de parents et d'amis. Elle laisse pour pleurer sur sa tombe, 7 enfants, 41 petits-enfants et un frère, M. Adam Jacob.

## BORN.

On January 1, 1916 to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martin of Lucy, La., a bouncing boy. Congratulations.

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## OFFICIAL NOTICE

Edgard, La., Jan. 6, 1916.  
 In accordance with a resolution adopted by the Parish Democratic Executive Committee, of the parish of St. John the Baptist, at the meeting held on November 6, 1915 the following polling booths are hereby designated as the voting places for the primary election to be held throughout this parish on Tuesday, January 25, 1916, as follows:

- First Ward at J. L. Pancaire's place.
- Second " " St. John Courthouse.
- Third " " Albert J. Lacaze's place.
- Fourth " " The Woodmen of the World Building.
- Fifth " " The Sugar Belt Club Building.
- Sixth " " Garyville Courthouse Building.

(Signed) Paul Berthelot, Chairman.  
 Eugene Dumez, Secretary.

## The Letter "E."

Some one has advanced the opinion that the letter "e" is the most unfortunate character in the English alphabet, because it is always out of cash, forever in debt, never out of danger and in hell all of the time.

But we call his attention to the fact that "e" is never in war and always in peace. It is the beginning of existence, the commencement of ease and the end of trouble. Without it there would be no heat, no life and no heaven. It is the center of honesty makes love perfect and without it there would be no editors, devils nor news.

## Proceedings of the Police Jury

Parish of St. John the Baptist,  
 JANUARY 6th, 1916.

The Police Jury met this day in regular monthly session, with the Hon. A. Lasseigne in the chair and the following members present: Messrs. LeBrun, Bourgeois, Nagel, Barré, and Songy. Absent None.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The Finance Committee reported favorably upon several bills which were ordered paid.

Moved by Mr. Nagel, seconded by Mr. Songy that the resignation of Dr. J. P. Elmore as road Commissioner be accepted, and that the Jury wish to extend their thanks to him for the time and attention he gave to the road work.

Moved by Mr. Songy, seconded by Mr. Bourgeois that Mr. O. Montz of La Place be granted a Bar Room permit and that the Sheriff be authorized to issue the proper license according to Law. Moved by Mr. Songy seconded by Mr. Nagel that an office in the Court House be reserved for the School Board.

Moved by Mr. Nagel and seconded by Mr. Songy that the Committee comprised of Messrs J. B. C. Graugnard and Placide Barré appointed by the Police Jury of St. John Parish to supervise the repairing and remodeling of the Court House be and is hereby authorized and empowered to use and disburse the necessary funds to complete the work now being done by Mr. Geo. Rodrigue contractor as per contract of Oct. 8, 1915, providing the amount does not exceed the sum of \$5000. Unanimously carried. Moved by Mr. Le Brun, seconded by Mr. Bourgeois that Mr. Frank Audiffret be named pound keeper in the fifth ward. There being no further business on motion, duly seconded, the Jury adjourned. A true copy: H. BODIN, Secretary. A. LASSEIGNE, President.