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### AN UNSEEMLY SPECTACLE.

Judge Hall is a candidate for Governor of Louisiana. He has already taken his oath of office as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court and if defeated in his ambition to become Governor, will, next spring, take his seat on the Supreme Bench. In that capacity he will daily pass upon questions involving life, liberty and property to litigants before that Court and affecting, indeed, the interest of all inhabitants of the State.

Judge Hall is a poor man. It costs a lot of money to make the race for Governor and somebody must put up that money, for Judge Hall hasn't got it to put up.

The judge is engaged in an acrimonious and heated political campaign. He and his organs of the press are daily slinging mud at Dr. Aswell, and the doctor and his organs are daily bespattering the judge. Every day an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court is dragging thro' the mire of politics the judicial gown which the people of this Supreme Court district presented to him, not twelve months ago. Truly, an unseemly spectacle! Truly a pity it is that we have not in Louisiana the "Recall" which has been adopted in some of the States. By the exercise of that power the people have the right to remove from office the officer who has failed in the trust confided to him, who has lost their confidence and respect.

Judge Hall has declined to resign the office of Associate Justice. He insists on holding on to it, and, when defeated, will take his soiled ermine on the Bench. But, if we had the right to "recall" him, this could be prevented. If the judge's sense of delicacy does not indicate to him that a Supreme Court Judge ought not to put himself under pecuniary and political obligations to possible suitors before his Court and ought not to engage in bitter political and personal controversies with members of the bar whose cases will come before him for adjudication, we feel sure the people of this district would promptly teach him a lesson in ethics if they had the power. His case is certainly a strong argument in favor of the Recall. As it is we will have to "grin and bear him!" He will not get much honor out of his position on the Bench, but then he will get his $6,000 per.

### LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES.

In the clamor and heat of a State campaign where the people are to select the Governor and all State and parish officers and two United States senators, the voters are apt to lose sight of the importance of selecting fit men to represent them in the Legislature.

Indeed, there is an unfortunate disposition to look on these offices as of little importance to the people and to permit them to be filled by men of small capacity for the important work entrusted to them.

These observations, we think, apply particularly at this time, when the people of Louisiana are called on to choose a new Legislature to exercise the most important power in our governmental system—the power of making new laws or repealing or amending old ones—a power which affects the happiness and prosperity of every citizen.

Take, for instance, the question of the ratification of the proposed 16th amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which gives to Congress the right to impose a tax on incomes.

The Federal Constitution requires that amendments to that instrument shall be proposed by Congress and ratified by the Legislatures or conventions of the States, the amendment becomes the law of the land.

The income-tax amendment is a popular measure. It gives the National Congress to compel the rich to bear their just proportion of the burden of government. It will relieve the revenues of the Government permit a radical reduction of tariff taxation. It is a great advance.

Thirty-one of the States, including every one of the Southern States, except Louisiana, have already ratified this amendment, only four more States are required to make it law. Will the Legislature, about to be chosen, vote for ratification, or, like its predecessor, fail to carry out the will of the people of Louisiana. The answer to this question depends on the voters. Each and every candidate for the next Senate and House of Representatives should be required to define his position—to say whether, or not, he will vote for ratification.

There is no question of a doubt that an overwhelming majority of the people of Louisiana has for years favored the income tax. But their will was not carried out by the Legislature. At its session last year that body had the matter under consideration. The House voted for ratification but the Senate refused to ratify, so the measure was, for the time, defeated and the will of the people thwarted.

This should not happen again. The way to prevent it is, as we have pointed out, to see to it that no man opposed to the amendment shall become a member of the next Legislature. Let each voter, before pledging his support to or casting his vote for any candidate for Senate or House, find out how he stands. In this way, and in this way only, can we be sure that the will of ninety-five per cent of the people of Louisiana will be carried out.

You are mistaken, "Cousin" Bob, the Legislature did not invite you to become a candidate at the extra session, but simply invited you and others who were mentioned as possible candidates to address the Legislature on certain questions.

The Wells Fargo Express Co. has succeeded the Pacific Express Co. on the M., H. & L. and all other lines of Missouri-Pacific system.

The municipal authorities have been having the streets and sewers about town cleaned out this week, which adds much to the general appearance of things and improves the drainage of the town.

The Gazette is in receipt of an ear of corn sent us by Mr. J. W. Britt and raised on his property in this parish. The corn is deep red and is a very healthy production. The ear measures eight and a half inches in circumference and ten and a half inches in length. It is quick maturing and altogether suited to this section, which is now devoting more attention to hog and hominy than ever before, and the specimens of corn that have come to us all bear evidence of the adaptability of our soil and climate to make this a great corn-growing country.



Friends of Mr. J. W. Mobley, formerly of the faculty of the St. Joseph High School, will be pleased to learn of his election to the position of Superintendent of Education of East Feliciana parish. The Clinton Watchman says of him:

Mr. J. W. Mobley, Superintendent-elect of our public schools, arrived a few days since, and is now in active charge of the duties of his office. Mr. Mobley is not wholly unknown to our people, having served satisfactorily as the principal of the high school in Jackson a couple of years since. He is a native of Red River parish and was educated in our State schools. He is a young man, full of energy and resolve and comes highly recommended. He should, and doubtless will, have the loyal support of our people in his efforts to make good and advance the educational interests of our parish.

Mr. C. R. Darden, the hustling cotton seed buyer, has had erected on his seedhouse, near the livery stable, a very attractive sign, bearing the name, "Union Oil Co." Claude means business.

### NOTICE.

IN ORDER that there may be no misunderstanding between the patrons and the teachers of the High Schools at St. Joseph, Waterproof and Newellton I desire to have it understood that these schools will not admit pupils to the school under six year old. In the event a patron wishes to send a pupil under six they can take it up with the principal of the school, who is authorized to admit the child, if in his judgment, it is ready to take up the first grade work as arranged by the State course of study.

I especially desire to have the patrons understand that the kindergarten departments in these three high schools have been temporarilly discontinued for want of material (pupils) and for want of means, so we are not prepared to take any pupils under the legal age, except under the conditions named.

THOS. M. WADE, Supt.



A most delightful dance was given at the Masonic Hall on Friday night, 25th inst., which was attended by the following couples:

Dr. Trice and Miss Gray.

Mr. Graham Jackson and Miss Willie Lewis.

Mr. A. M. Blanche and Miss Annie Snodgrass.

Mr. Kirk Hazlip and Miss Carrie Hopkins.

Mr. Jas. Rowan and Miss Margaret Wetzel.

Mr. Myles Hopkins and Miss Elise Hazlip.

Mr. Wade Netterville and Miss Annie Hornsby.

Mr. J. C. Macpherson and Misses Ida Hornsby and Clyde Blanche.

Mr. J. M. Reeves and Miss Amanda McKain.

Mr. D. H. Stringfield and Miss Mary Riddle.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. O'Kelley.

Mrs. T. H. Snodgrass.

Miss Mattie Lewis.

Messrs. L. Buckner, Edw. Blanche, H. Brigham and E. M. Stantley.

### Services at Newellton.

Rev. P. H. Fontaine of the M. E. Church will preach at Newellton regularly on the morning of the fifth Sunday and the night of the first Thursday. These are regular appointments.

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### School Notice.

Examinations will be held in the school building, Friday, September 8th, beginning at 9 o'clock. All prospective pupils who have been conditioned, or failed in any subjects, or failed to take the final examination, will be expected to take this examination, as no other will be given upon entering. Bring pencil and paper and report promptly.

WM. C. JORDAN,
Principal of St. Joseph High School.

### ADVERTISED LETTERS.

Remaining in the St. Joseph Post Office for week ending Aug. 26

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| Brwok, Mrs. | Jackson, Elvisey |
| Bradford, Ollie | Johnson, Patsey |
| Banks, Maggie | Jones, Bertha |
| Burkley, Bonie | Jackson, Julia |
| Davis, Calhoun | Len, Joe |
| Dixon, Elnora | Redin, George |
| Gray, Emeline | Robertson, Susen |
| Johnson, Arthur | Sanders, Albert |
| Joffrion, Florence | Williams, Quitman |

Williams, Clim

Persons calling for the above letters will please say "Advertised," and can procure same by paying one cent for each letter.

L. E. HENDERSON, P. M.



### Trespass Notice.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that "FRANKLIN" Plantation, in Tensas Parish, La., is posted against hunting and all trespassing. Violators will be vigorously prosecuted.

HOWARD COLE CO.

### Premiums for Boy's Corn Club.

| | 1st. | 2nd. | 3rd |
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| Yield | $12.00 | $8.00 | $5.00 |
| Profits | 10.00 | 6.00 | 4.00 |
| Ears | 8.00 | 5.00 | 3.00 |
| Best 10 Essay | 6.00 | 5.00 | 3.00 |

In next issue of the Gazette I will publish the rules and regulation for gathering the corn as given by the department from Washington.

THOS. M. WADE, Supt.

The following letter has been issued from the Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge and addressed to the Superintendents and Managers of the Boys' Corn Clubs throughout the State:

To the Superintendents and Managers of the Boys' Corn Club:

The time is drawing near when it will be necessary to harvest the corn produced by the boys on each acre cultivated; and I wish to emphasize the fact that the utmost care must be exerted in order that the measuring of the corn be entirely fair; and in order that any criticism may be met.

The Department at Washington will issue in a few days a special blank form upon which the yield is to be reported. But I wish to say by way of explanation that at the conference of the Special Agents of the Boys' Demonstration Work at Washington, June 20-24, the important matter of measuring and reporting the yield was extensively discussed, and it was finally decided that the usual local committee be appointed by the superintendent. The duties of the local committee to be: to measure the area of the acre, reporting as to whether the correct area (4840 sq. yds.) was cultivated; seeing that the corn from only this area be gathered; weighing all corn (slipshucked) from acre, either on platform scales or steelyards; having 200 pounds of this corn shucked, shelled and the grain weighed; and using the standard weight of a bushel (56) pounds to estimate the number of bushels produced.

The committee must be in a position to sign an affidavit to the effect that the corn was not harvested until thoroughly field cured, that the above instructions were carried out, and that the yield reported is fair and correct.

It is important that no corn be harvested before it is thoroughly field cured, as green corn is much heavier and might be the means of placing a prize where it was not deserved. Insist upon the committee being careful about this point.

Inquire among the members of your club and find out if any more blanks, Form B-511a are needed and notify me at once. Let us work together and see that the club work be brought to a successful issue this year.

Yours very truly,
E. S. RICHARDSON,
Special Agent.

### $5.00 Bounty Offered on Wolves' Heads.

The Times-Democrat says: From Chas. Johnston, game warden of Tensas parish, came the report that the depredations of wolves was causing so much loss that the commission was appealed to for help. Mr. Johnston reported that a resident of the parish, who formerly lived in Minnesota, heard that Minnesota had gotten rid of its wolves by offering a bounty. The commission decided that it would offer $5 for every head of a wolf that was killed in Tensas parish, with regulations providing for the attesting that the animal was killed there.

Following is the letter from the President of the Game Commission to Mr. Johnston, informing him that the bounty had been authorized by the Commission:

New Orleans, La., Aug. 28, 1911.
Mr. Chas. Johnston,
St. Joseph, La.

Dear Sir—Your letter of the 8th inst. was considered at the last meeting of our Board, and I am advised to inform you that we have decided to offer a bounty of $5.00 for each wolf scalp sent to this office with an affidavit, that the animal to which the scalp belongs was killed in Tensas Parish.

Yours very truly,
FRANK M. MILLER, Prest.

### Synopsis of Game Laws---Open Season.

1 Doves—from Sept. 1 to March 1.
2 Wood or Summer Ducks—Sept 1 to March 1.
3 Teal Ducks—Sept. 15 to April 1.
4 River Ducks—Oct. 1 to March 15.
5 Coots or Poule D'eau—October 1 to March 15.
6 Geese or Brant—Oct. 1 to March 15.
7 Snipe—Sept. 15 to April 1.
8 Turkey (cocks only)—Nov. 1 to April 15.
9 Quail—Nov. 15 to March 15.
10 Robins—Nov. 15 to March 15.
11 Deer (bucks only)—Oct. 1 Jan. to 1.

LIMIT OF BAGS IN A DAY.

25 Ducks.
15 of all other game birds.
2 Bucks, and not more than five in a season.

### Knights of Pythias.

Lake St. Joseph Lodge, No. 102, K. of P., meets regularly on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at Newellton, La.

### Notice, Subscribers!

On January 1st, the Post Office Department put into effect Order 907, containing an important amendment to the Postal Laws and regulations affecting the mailing of second-class mail matter.

The new regulations prove that a publisher may send sample copies to the extent of 10 per cent of his paid circulation. This is a radical change, but more important, and working a revolution in the business methods of daily and weekly newspapers. It is as follows:

"8. A reasonable time will be allowed publishers to secure renewals of subscriptions, but unless subscriptions are expressly renewed after the term for which they are paid:

Dailies three months.
Weeklies, one year,

they shall not be counted in the legitimate list of subscribers, and copies mailed on account thereof shall not be accepted for mailing at the transient second-class postage rate of one cent a pound, but may be mailed at the transient second-class postage rate of one cent for each four ounces or fraction thereof, prepaid by stamps affixed."

In compliance with this order the Tensas Gazette asks that all subscribers who are in arrears make prompt settlement.

### Trespass Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that the properties "HOPEWELL," "WILD CAT," "COTTON WOOD" and "ELLISTON," in this Parish, and belonging to the undersigned Company, are posted against hunting and all trespassing. Hunting on this property is positively prohibited unless the hunter carries a written permit, signed by J. A. Veasy. Any one found hunting on this property without said permission will be vigorously prosecuted.

[SIGNED.]
TENSAS PLANTING & DEVELOPMENT CO.
Per J. A. VEASY, Mgr.



### NOTICE.

PARTIES contemplating bringing water over the levee for the purpose of irrigation will please apply to this office for permit and blue prints with specifications for crossing the levee with pipes or syphons will be furnished.

They will also take notice that the land must not be flooded nearer than 150 feet of the toe of the levee.

[SIGNED]
J. T. McCLELLAN,
President Board Commissioners, Fifth Louisiana Levee District.
N. H. LEWIS, Secretary.