

THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

The Picayune of Tuesday has the following in regard to the scheme submitted by the State Administration for refunding the State debt:

The great work before the convention is the refunding of the bonded debt of the state and an ordinance to become a part of the Constitution, if adopted, was promptly introduced. This ordinance is admitted to represent the views of the administration and of the financial people who have been called in consultation on this most important matter.

The rate of state taxation is not to be increased, but the ordinance provides for the setting aside annually from the taxes a sufficient sum to pay the interest on the outstanding bonds or notes, and after the fifty-year bonds are issued a sinking fund is to be created with which the serial bonds are to be retired from time to time, as they mature, and if any surplus remains other bonds are to be retired, the long-term bonds to be retired first.

The ordinance gives the Board of Liquidation of the State Debt wide discretion as to details, the method of disposing of the bonds or notes and all other matters connected with the bonded debt. The ordinance, as a whole, appears to meet the needs of the situation admirably, with one possible exception that the limit of interest placed on the short-term notes, 5 per cent, may not prove high enough to attract investors in the big financial centers, should money rates continue as stringent as they have been in the recent past.

As we understand from the press dispatches, the Picayune is mistaken in its statement that there will be no increase in the rate of State taxation involved in carrying out this plan. While the rate now authorized by the Constitution, viz: 6 mills, is not to be increased, the present levy of 5 mills, is to be increased for the purpose of meeting the increased rate of interest which the new bonds will bear and for the creation of a sinking fund.

While it may be that the Administration's plan is the only one practicable, we think it justifiable only on that ground. If there is to be any increase in the rate of State taxation, the avails of that increase should be devoted to enlargement of the State institutions, notably the Insane Asylums, and let the principal of the State debt be cared for at some time later when the State's resources and finances are in better shape. It is better to let posterity share in payment of the principal of the debt and devote our present resources to the crying needs of to-day.

BUILD SILOS.

Prof. Green demonstrated conclusively that with a 70 ton silo a farmer could maintain a herd of 40 cattle on six acres of land for five months. The cost of this silo as he pointed out, would amount to \$75. It strikes this paper that nothing offers a more lucrative outlook for this country than cattle raising along modern lines. Who will lead off in the silo direction? It is thoroughly understood that our people are extremely conservative and will put up with evils that they know of rather than seek for good along lines they are unfamiliar with. If we could see more perhaps we would believe more.—Crystal Springs Meteor.

The silo fever has struck this county and so many of our cattle raisers are talking about this modern method of feeding cattle we will be very much surprised if a number of them are not put in the county during the next six months.—Woodville Republican.

On Saturday evening Little Edward Newell celebrated his third anniversary of his sweet young life, at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Wilson, whom he is visiting. The little guests had a happy time in these, the golden days of their lives, where everything is bright-hued. On this occasion the decorations were in Hallowe'en effect, and the dining room was picturesque. The table was lace-covered, and on the reflecting center piece was a silver candelabra surrounded by a bank of cosmos, outlined with red salvia. Throughout the tables were a number of silver holders with the candles set in orange colored fringes and dozens of crystal vases with the yellow cosmos, making it appear as a flower garden. At each place were place cards and Jack O'Lanterns with lighted candles. At the head of the table sat the manly little host, and he realized his dignity. The birthday cake bore the symbol of his few years and his name upon it. The grab-bag with Hallowe'en souvenirs was a source of much earnestness to some and merriment for others in extracting wrapped packages. Music entertained them in their play. The little guests were Marian Kelly, Billy Jones, Billy Adams, Delton Trepanier, Elizabeth Bell, Matilde A'right, Lawrence Bell, Clement French, Edna French, Patricia, Laura Keyer, Katherine and Grace McKittrick, Clara and Hartman Morris, Katherine Marshall.—Natchez Democrat.

THE NATIONAL GAME LAW.

We are indebted to the courtesy of Hon. Walter Elder, member of Congress from this District for a copy of a government pamphlet containing the laws and regulations for protection of migratory birds, approved by President Wilson on October 1, 1913, extracts from which, applicable to Louisiana, we publish below.

Violations of these regulations by shooting or by any device killing, seizing or capturing migratory birds within the protection of this law during closed seasons are declared to be misdemeanors and are punishable by fines not exceeding \$100.00 and by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or both, in the discretion of the Court.

Regulations for the Protection of Migratory Birds.

All wild geese, wild swans, brant, wild ducks, snipe, plover, woodcock, rail, wild pigeons, and all other migratory game and insectivorous birds which in their northern and southern migrations pass through or do not remain permanently the entire year within the borders of any State or Territory, shall hereafter be deemed to be within the custody of the United States.

For the purpose of these regulations the following shall be considered migratory game birds:

Waterfowl, including brant, wild ducks, geese and swans.

Cranes, including little brown, sandhill and whooping cranes.

Rails, including coots, gallinules and sora or other rails.

Shore birds, including avocets, curlews, dowitchers, godwits, knots, oyster catchers, phalaropes, plover, sandpipers, snipe, stilts, surf birds, turnstones, willet, woodcock and yellow legs.

Pigeons, including doves and wild pigeons.

For the purpose of these regulations the following shall be considered migratory insectivorous birds:

Bobolinks, catbirds, chickadees, cuckoos, flickers, flycatchers, grosbeaks, martins, humming birds, kinglets, meadowlarks, night-hawks or bull bats, nuthatches, robins, orioles, swallows, shrikes, swifts, tanagers, titmice, thrushes, warblers, vireos, waxwings, whippoorwills, woodpeckers and wrens.

A daily closed season on all migratory game and insectivorous birds shall extend from sunset to sunrise.

Insectivorous Birds.

A closed season on migratory insectivorous birds shall continue to December 31, 1913, and each year thereafter shall begin January 1, and continue to December 31.

Closed Seasons.

A closed season shall continue until September 1, 1918, on the following migratory game birds: band-tailed pigeons, little sandhill and whooping cranes, swans, curlew and all shore birds except the black-breasted and golden plover, Wilson or Jack snipe, woodcock and the greater and lesser yellowlegs.

Summary.

The closed season in Louisiana for waterfowl shall be between February 1 and November 1.

The closed season, in Louisiana, for rails, coots and gallinules shall be between February 1 and November 15.

The closed season on black-breasted and golden plover, Jack-snipe or Wilson snipe and greater and lesser yellowlegs, in Louisiana, shall be between February 1 and November 1.

It will thus be seen that it is unlawful, at any season, to kill any game or insectivorous bird between sunset and sunrise; or to kill any insectivorous bird, as defined above, at any time.

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L. S. U. NEWS LETTER.

Louisiana State University's prospects for the Southern championship in football were shattered last Saturday when Auburn defeated the Tigers 7-0. In their crippled condition and with the strong Auburn eleven, the Louisiana men put up a good game to hold the Auburn eleven to such a small score.

About two hundred students attended the Fair at Shreveport Saturday. The agricultural students stayed over until Wednesday, but the majority returned to Baton Rouge Sunday. The Arkansas-Louisiana football game is the chief feature which attracted them. The band organization was one of the most attractive things in Shreveport and at the Fair Saturday. In complete uniform, they paraded through the streets and played at the fair grounds all day.

The fourth moot court was held Wednesday, City Judge Cline, presiding. The attorneys for the trial were Reynaud and Loret defending, Volts and Whitehead prosecuting. That the moot courts here are becoming important in the eyes of the bar of Louisiana, is evidenced by the fact that Governor Hall will preside at the next session. The State's Chief Executive has expressed himself as highly pleased with the moot court practice, and he is glad to aid it in any way.

The report which has been spread over the State that there is a typhoid epidemic threatening at the University is deplorable. Only one case has developed at the University hospital, and that over a month ago. Although no danger is anticipated, yet owing to the fact that there are several cases in Baton Rouge, every precaution is taken at the University. The drinking water is thoroughly boiled and the students are given the privilege of being inoculated to prevent the disease should any danger arise.

The campus and City of Baton Rouge are already beginning to feel the thrill of excitement incident to the coming of the Tulane-Louisiana game on Nov. 22. This is easily the great sporting event of the year in Louisiana, and every alumnus or friend of either institution should make an earnest effort to be here at that date. Special trains will be run over most of the roads leading into Baton Rouge. These to the city in which they were crowded games have always brought great played, and from the present indications for a great contest, there is no reason why Nov. 22 should not be a gala day in the Capital City. The management this year will put on a preliminary sale of reserve seats in New Orleans and Baton Rouge in order that people from a distance may be assured of securing seats. These tickets will be on sale Nov. 17.

One feature of this game is that it offers an excellent opportunity for the parents of the students at either institution to get a smack of college life and at the same time see their boys. It makes them "kids" again for a day. With the excitement, the band, the flying colors, the college songs and yells, the moleskin clad warriors, the turf-coated gridiron, the pretty girls and the keen rivalry evident, a tingle goes up your spine, and when you hear the thud of the first kick-off the fellow behind you will have to pull your coat to make you sit down, and when the final whistle blows you'll find yourself wishing you had to go over it all again.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES.

A great many years ago there lived a man, of whom it was said that he was a "man of God's own heart," and still his heart was a strange mixture of good and evil. The conflict between the two forces was terrific, but the final issue was in favor of GOOD, and this fact may have won him the encomium of his biographer.

But this man sinned grievously and repented in dust and ashes, and sang many sweet songs of praise for the mercy, he did not deserve, and yet neglected of the proper training of his children. One of his sons, the most beloved, broke his heart and wrung from his lips the despairing cry, "Oh, Absalom, my son, would to God I had died for thee!"

Many fathers and mothers since that day have had a like return for the negligence of one's most sacred duty.

Some one wrote a song, thus, "Oh, Where is My Absent Boy To-Night?"

I would that some power "the giftie gie us" to write one, thus, "Oh! Where is My Boy on Sunday?"

B. F. BONNEY, Superintendent Union Sunday School.

DEATH OF J. F. BURKE.

Mr. J. F. Burke, aged 57 years, city marshal at Vidalia, died yesterday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at his residence of acute nephritis, after an illness since October 23. The body will be brought to Natchez and buried in the city cemetery.

The deceased was born in Michigan and reared in Iowa. He came south many years ago and for twenty years has been a resident of Concordia parish, Louisiana. He formerly operated a saw-mill at St. Joseph, La., but for the past six years had been marshal at Vidalia.

He is survived by a wife, Mrs. Josephine Favers Burke and three children. The body will be brought to Natchez at 10:30 o'clock this morning and taken to the Fetter undertaking parlors where the service will be conducted by Rev. H. B. Watkins at 11:30 o'clock.

The pallbearers will be intimate friends from Vidalia.

We regret very much to publish the above clipping from the Natchez Democrat of Tuesday which chronicles the death of Mr. J. F. Burke, of Vidalia. Mr. Burke was formerly a resident of this parish, having come here with Mr. S. B. Spitzer, who operated a saw-mill near St. Joseph, Mr. Burke being engaged in logging for the mill. He was a good citizen and had many friends here. After his removal to Vidalia some years ago he married Miss Josie Favers, of this place, and three children were born of this marriage.

The Gazette tenders its condolences to the bereaved widow and children.

Teachers' Meeting.

The Teachers' Meeting held at St. Joseph High School on Friday was a complete success and we hope to be favored with a full report of the proceedings for our next issue.

A large crowd assembled at the school on Friday night to hear a very interesting lecture by Mr. C. A. Ives, State Institute Director. Mr. Ives took for his subject the origin, history and progress of Teachers' Institutes throughout the United States, and particularly in our own State, and treated his subject in a highly interesting manner.

PROCEEDINGS PARISH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

St. Joseph, La., Nov. 15th, 1913.

At a meeting of the Democratic Executive Committee of this parish held this day, the following commissioners and clerks of election were selected to act at the primary election to be held on TUESDAY the 18th inst., at the usual polling place in the First Ward, to-wit: Mark's store:

F. L. Guthrie, Hy. Isaacs and George Land, Commissioners; F. McO. Hopkins, Clerk.

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WEATHER AND CROPS.

After a sharp cold spell the earlier part of the week, the weather since our last issue has been perfect for all kinds of farm work and planters have taken advantage of the opportunity to push cotton picking rapidly.

Much hay has also been harvested and many planters are saving large quantities of lespedeza seed with a view to increasing largely the acreage in that kind of hay next year. We understand that about 800 acres in the back part of Panola plantation and on Price Field will be planted in lespedeza next year. Oats are being sown throughout the parish and there will be a large acreage in that crop next year.

About the only crop made this year is corn of which there is a good yield, notwithstanding some injury from the rains. When it is remembered that the average price of corn this year, on the farm is 70.7 cents a bushel, according to the estimate of the Department of Agriculture, it will be realized what a good crop means to this parish.

One of the most serious features of the situation is the large amount of very low grade cotton in this crop as result of the bad weather which prevailed all the early fall. This low grade cotton is now in little or on demand and the price of it is very disappointing.

NOTICE.

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Dr. L. A. Murdock, Parish Health Officer, was called to Waterproof on Tuesday to consult with Dr. Gordon, of that place, relative to a patient of the latter physician, a negro boy, living on "Bombay" plantation, who showed symptoms of meningitis.

After an examination of the case, the doctors agreed that the patient was suffering from meningitis but were of opinion that the disease was not of the contagious kind. However, a specimen of the spinal fluid was sent to the State Board of Health, at New Orleans, for examination and analysis.

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