

**Democratic State Ticket.**

- For Governor:  
WILLIAM W. HEARD,  
Of Union.
- For Lieut-Governor:  
A. ESTOPINAL,  
Of St. Bernard.
- For Attorney General:  
WALTER GUION,  
Of Assumption.
- For Secretary of State:  
JOHN T. MICHEL,  
Of Orleans.
- For Auditor:  
W. S. FRAZER,  
Of St. Landry.
- For Treasurer:  
L. E. SMITH,  
Of Rapides.
- For Sup't Education:  
J. V. CALHOUN,  
Of Orleans.

**Mardi Gras, 1900.**

The Carnival commences several weeks before Mardi Gras, balls and social entertainments of various kinds affording amusement to the pleasure loving. The week immediately preceding Mardi Gras, however, is justly considered the high tide of the season for, besides the indoor entertainments, all the magnificent street parades of Mystic Societies are given. This year the street pageants will be presented in the following order:

Wednesday, Feb. 21, at night, Nereus; Thursday, Feb. 22, at night, Momus; Monday, Feb. 26, at noon, arrival of Rex; Monday, February 26, at night, Proteus; Mardi Gras, Feb. 27, at noon, Rex; Mardi Gras, Feb. 27, at night, Comus.

The parades of Nereus, Momus, Proteus and Comus will be illustrated by the Picayune in special editions, the beautifully executed lithograph pictures, in seven colors, giving a perfect conception of the splendor of each pageant. These papers are not issued in advance, but are mailed the day of each parade at the following rates: One copy, 12 cents; two copies, 24 cents; three copies 35 cents; four copies, comprising a full set of the Picayune's publications, that is one copy each of Nereus, Momus, Proteus and Comus 45 cents.

**NEW GUIDE TO NEW ORLEANS.**—The Picayune has just issued the 4th edition of the Picayune's Guide Book to New Orleans. It contains a large, new, engraved map of the city, 112 photo-engravings, 145 pages of letter press, giving directions as to "what to see and how to see it," historical matter of value and interest, etc., making in all a handsome volume of 208 pages. Retail prices in New Orleans, 25 cents; by mail to any address, 30 cents. Address, The Picayune, New Orleans, La.

The February number of Werner's Magazine contains a number of features not only valuable to its particular class of readers, but interesting and instructive to the general public. While continuing to be indispensable to the artist who works in any part of the field of Expression; the elocutionist, the reader, the dramatist, the singer, the entertainer, the physical culturist, the teacher in general—the publishers aim to make the Magazine of such general value and attraction to cultured persons that it will be a welcome guest to every home in the land.

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**RULES FOR THE**

**PRIMARY ELECTION.**

To The Honorable Chairman Democratic Executive Committee of Vermilion Parish, La.:

Your committee appointed to draft rules for the government of the primary election to be holden

**Saturday, March 2, 1900,**

respectfully submit the following:

Whereas, the Democratic Executive Committee of Vermilion Parish, did on the 6th day of January 1900, declare for the nomination of parish officers in primary election to be held on the 3rd day of March 1900, therefore be it resolved, that the following rules are hereby adopted for the government of said primary election:

1. The polling places shall be those established by law in the parish, the polls to be opened at 7 o'clock a. m. and to close at 5 p. m., in all parts of the parish and the candidates to be voted for direct by the parties voting in said election. The candidates receiving a plurality of all legal votes cast shall be deemed the choice of the democratic party for the office to which he aspires.

2. None shall be permitted to vote but *white voters* who pledge themselves to support the nominees of the primary provided that non- shall permitted to vote unless he be a duly qualified elector under the Constitution and laws of this state and duly registered.

3. That the executive committee of this parish shall appoint three commissioners and one clerk for each polling place in the parish, to hold said election, and in the absence of any commissioner thus appointed, as herein provided for, the voters present at the polling place shall elect one in his stead. Said commissioners shall be faithfully sworn to perform their duties. That this executive committee shall meet on the 3rd day of February, 1900, at 11 o'clock a. m., and appoint the said commissioners, and they shall publish said list in the newspapers for at least 20 days before the election.

4. The commissioners shall keep a list of names of those voting, duly numbered, in the order in which they vote, which list shall be kept by the commissioners and sworn to by them as being correct and attested by two witnesses. Immediately after the closing of the polls the box shall be opened and the ballots counted in the presence of the bystanders, and a tally sheet of the voters kept and duplicate returns made out and signed and sworn to as correct by the commissioners before some officer duly qualified to administer oaths. If any commissioner refuse to sign he, or those who sign, shall state fully the reasons why he refused to sign. One of the duplicate returns, together with tally sheet and list of voters furnished by the registrars, shall be forwarded to the president of this committee, at Abbeville, La., and the president shall not open the returns until the meeting of the committee as provided herein, the other return shall be kept by the clerk of the poll and by him delivered to the committee when it meets to promulgate the returns; the committee shall meet at Abbeville, Louisiana, on the 6th day of March, 1900, and compile the vote and promulgate the result of said election.

secretary shall produce the returns of election made to him.

Provided that in the absence or inability to obtain a proper officer that any registered voter be empowered to administer the oath to the commissioners.

5. The registrar of voters of this parish is requested to furnish a certified list of registered voters in this parish to the commissioners of election in each precinct and no one shall be permitted to vote unless his name appears on the list furnished by the registrar or presents a certificate of registration. But any person offering to vote whose name does not appear on said list can require the commissioners to make a record of his offer, stating his name, residence and officers for whom he wishes to vote, and if, on examination of the records in the registrar's office, it be found that he had duly registered his vote shall be counted for the person he favored. This examination to be made by the executive committee when they meet to compile the returns.

6. Be it further resolved that the ballots shall be furnished by the committee; they shall be printed on white paper, stating under the title of each office the names of all the candidates who aspire to same. Each candidate for ward offices wishing to submit to the primary election shall give written notice of that intention to the secretary of this committee fifteen days before the election, and signify in said notice his willingness to abide by the result of said primary.

That the committee ascertain the probable cost of printing tickets and holding said primary election and prorate the expense among the candidates for parochial offices 30 days before the election.

Your committee leaves to your Hon. body the question of determining whether or not the names of candidates for ward officers be printed on the general ticket. Respectfully submitted,

C. J. EDWARDS,  
GEORGE HAYS,  
BASILAS LEBLANC,  
A. NUNEZ.



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**NOTICE.**  
The public is hereby warned not to hunt, cut timber, or trespass on any land owned by me, under penalty of the law.  
March 5-98. SOLOMON WISE.

**NOTICE.**  
Entering my pasture and stock ranch on Chèmière en Tigre, without my consent is forbidden. Any person trespassing on said premises will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.  
AUREORE DEFRANCE,  
Widow Louis Laporte,  
Abbeville, January 4, 1896.

**To Hunters.**  
The undersigned hereby notify hunters not to hunt within their enclosures from and after this date, otherwise they will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.  
Felix Broussard,  
Benj. C. Hebert,  
Alex. R. Broussard,  
Pierre R. Broussard,  
December 4, 1897.

**\$3,000 CASH PRIZE CONTEST.**  
The Atlanta Constitution's Great Offer of 1900—The Cotton Receipts at New Orleans from September to April—Fall Statistics Given for Your Guidance—An Unparalleled Offer for Our Readers.

The Atlanta Constitution offers a \$3,000 cash prize contest for January, February and March, 1900, as follows:

To the person sending a yearly subscription to The Weekly Constitution, together with the correct estimate on the cotton receipts at New Orleans during the first seven months of the present cotton year (September 1, 1899, to April 1, 1900)—  
\$1,500 if estimate is received during January.  
\$1,000 if estimate is received during February.

\$500 if estimate is received during March.  
The above are for the exact estimates; there are besides these six prizes, ranging along, \$500, \$400, \$350, \$150, \$125 and \$75, amounting to \$1,500, that will be paid out sure for the six nearest estimates to the New Orleans cotton receipts at any time during the three months of the contest. But you hit it exactly during January and secure the full \$1,500 prize check.

The Constitution believes somebody will hit the figures exactly and expects to pay out the full amount of the prizes offered—\$3,000 in all. In a Constitution contest upon the same subject in 1896 Mr. R. T. Poole, of Capels Mills, N. C., hit the exact figures and received a check for \$1,000 as his prize. Mr. Poole did not try to swell himself up at once, but very generously paid off a mortgage on his father's home place and with the balance he very wisely educated himself at Trinity college, Durham, N. C. He is now doing well in business in North Carolina and lives still near his old home. It is needless to say he is a warm friend of The Constitution.

As a guide in making estimates upon the New Orleans port receipts, The Constitution gives the following figures, compiled from statistics of the past four years:

SEASON.	N. O. recs. Sep. 1-31.	N. O. recs. whole year. Sep. 1-Aug. 31.	Total U. S. crop for season.
1895-96	1,620,974	1,812,167	7,157,246
1896-97	1,436,557	2,102,470	8,777,964
1897-98	2,422,315	2,576,165	11,199,994
1898-99	1,564,153	2,190,296	11,274,849

The Constitution's market page will give each week the port receipts for the cotton season from which you can always see the New Orleans port receipts from September 1, 1899, up through the Friday immediately preceding the publication. This will keep you posted to within two or three days of the time you send in your estimate.

It is believed that some of the Texas crop, that as a rule is sent in bulk to New Orleans, will be diverted this year to other points because of the quarantine regulations against New Orleans. The effort of Louisiana to have quarantine raised by injunction from United States courts will not have very soothing effect upon the direction of cotton shipments to New Orleans. This is mentioned simply as a pointer in making up estimates; how much to allow, if anything, for this cause must be left to each man's judgment.

The \$3,000 contest is an express contract to which The Constitution will stand in every particular. Yet it is in its nature simply an advertisement by which The Constitution, combined with this paper may be made better known in this community. Send us the subscription to The Constitution and our paper at the advertised price of the two and with it your estimate on the New Orleans port receipts, and we will forward all together for you. On April 1st we trust a \$1,500 check will reach some of our subscribers to help make times even more easy round about us.

The Weekly Constitution for 1900 will be better than ever before. Its special news features are unsurpassed. The Boer-British war, the Philippine and Cuban operations, the busy session of the most

important congress that has ever assembled, the beginning of the issues of the presidential campaign of this year and the debates and speeches during its progress; the final result of the November elections, the development of the south's great industrial movements; diversified farm and village industries and thousands of other important things will be found fully and freely discussed in The Weekly Constitution for the year. The Farm and Farmer's page, the Woman's Kingdom, the Southern Pulpit, the Children's Page and other interesting departments will be ably conducted and will be especially adapted to those addressed. The ringing editorials of The Constitution speaking right out in meeting exactly what it means in the advocacy of true democratic doctrine and in behalf of the great interests of the masses of our plain people, and protecting them from the grasping greed of those who would wring their earnings from their helpless hands, are alone worth the subscription price of the paper over and again.

The Constitution has long stood as the champion of the people and has sent its shafts deep into the errors and evils that threaten and beset the masses. Its complete expose of the methods of Neill, of New Orleans, and the shattering of the influence of this prophet of big cotton crops, and apostle of ruinously low prices, and high priest of robbery, who has cost the southern farmers hundreds of millions of dollars, ought to win for The Constitution the lasting gratitude of the whole south. The advice to farmers to organize against the trust that would increase the price of fertilizers and fertilizer materials for the home compost heap, and taking up the cudgel in behalf of the farmers against the combination that would put a fresh burden upon them, is sound and valid, and ought to be heeded. The bulwark of the people's rights and the best method of defense will often be found in a great paper, ably and fearlessly edited, upon which the people may rely, not only for news of the ordinary events of government, army and political life, but also for an alert foresight of the trend of future events that may operate to our lasting damage. The downfall of Neill; the breaking down of the fertilizer trust; the upbuilding of all southern interests, and the enlightenment of every village, farm and mountain home are among The Constitution's many high aims and great ideas for 1900. That these interests may all be well served, and with the same unswerving fidelity to the people that The Constitution has always shown, goes without saying.

The management of The Constitution, with Mr. Clark Howell as editor-in-chief, and his well disciplined corps of staff writers, brilliant contributors and special correspondents, still under the faithful leadership of Colonel William A. Hemphill as business manager, will remain the same for the new year. The Constitution's long and honorable business course, keeping faith with the people in all its contracts, contests and engagements, as well as its consistent and conspicuous editorial fairness, places it among those reliable institutions of our country on which the people may depend.

With such a great general newspaper, covering the world news and world and national questions, you will, of course, need the best and liveliest local paper, giving current local topics and the latest and best news and freshest comments upon events of local interest. We trust this combination secured with The Constitution will be found best suited to all our readers. The price is merely nominal when the service is even half considered, including your estimate in The Constitution's \$3,000 cash contest. To get the full benefit of the high prize send in your subscription now so The Constitution may receive it during January and record it to your credit. Make your figure very plain, unmistakably plain.

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