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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Of candidates for Parish Offices will be charged \$5, invariably in advance. Ward Offices \$2.50, IN ADVANCE.

OUR CHOICE!

For Governor,
MAC BLANCHARD,
Of Caddo.

For Treasurer,
WILL A. STEIDLEY,
Of Calcasieu.

For Attorney General,
WALTER GUION,
Of Assumption.

For Secretary of State,
JOHN T. MICHEL,
Of Orleans.

For Auditor,
W. S. FRAZEE,
of St. Landry.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE.

We are authorized to announce the name of
HENRY L. GUYDAN,
as a candidate for Representative in the Legislature, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

We are authorized to announce the name of
ROM. P. LEBLANC,
as a candidate for Representative in the Legislature, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

FOR ASSESSOR.
We are authorized to announce the name of
ADAM BOUDREAUX
as a candidate for Assessor, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

Archbishop Kain of St. Louis died on the 13th in a Baltimore hospital.

The labor troubles on the levee in New Orleans were settled Sunday before last, by the screwmen making small concessions to the ship agents.

The Nueces growers' Association held its second annual session in New Orleans this week, and was a very interesting affair. Pecan culture was especially discussed, and the profits shown to be large.

The latest exhibition of the Lamb and the Lion, with neither inside the other, is Wilmer Blackman and Ed Hunter, pulling abreast for General Leon Jastremski. Both of 'em mistook the hearse for the band wagon. No flowers.

Mrs. Roosevelt is a very great-grand daughter of Jonathan Edwards, being directly descended from his eldest son. This is one of the interesting facts brought out by the Edwards centennial.

The indictment of James N. Tyner, who was Postmaster-General under President Grant and has been in the service of the Government for nearly 40 years, gives a dramatic finish to the postal investigation.

New Orleans was the convention city this week. Chief among the gatherings was the Interstate Levee Convention, which was largely attended. President Roosevelt telegraphed his favorable attitude to the objects of river improvement and protection. Addresses by Judge Blanchard and Congressman Rausdell were the chief features of the first day's session.

If the Democrats show gains in the election this Fall, it will indicate that the voters are determined to turn out Republicans, with their numerous scandals, and inaugurate the reform that is so necessary for the public welfare. "Equal rights to all and special privileges to none" is the Democratic slogan, and as the voters are beginning to see that trust prosperity means the piling up of millions in the pockets of the favored few and no fair share to the many, it is only reasonable to expect the voters will demand a change in political conditions.

STATE NEWS.

Jacob Davis, a well-known citizen of New Iberia died at that place one day last week.

Ex-Judge Barksdale of Lincoln has announced himself as a candidate for Lieutenant Governor.

At Tangipahoa the store of J. T. George was destroyed by fire early Friday morning, entailing a loss of \$6,000.

Charles Capers, a laborer, severely cut his brother, Perry Capers, and a woman named Kirkendall at Crowley early Monday morning.

The Police Jury of Terrebonne Parish has offered an appropriation of \$100 towards the establishment of a Pasteur Institute in New Orleans.

At Shreveport Mrs Lillie Crow, aged 30 years wife of a telephone lineman, while crossing the tracks of the Red River was Valley struck by the tender of a switch engine and received injuries from which she died in an hour.

No rain has fallen at Colfax for nearly three months, the last shower being early in August. The cisterns are nearly all empty, and very few turnips or other fall vegetables are growing in any of the gardens.

Walter Hosmer, manager of a plantation on Red river, was seriously wounded by a negro near Montgomery. He had trouble with the negro and the latter got a shotgun and badly wounded him. The negro escaped.

Messrs. W. H. Rose and J. G. Martel, local young men of Franklin, have brought out a melodrama, composed by themselves, and have assurances from Cincinnati and New Orleans managers that they will put it on the stage in a short while.

Medicinal societies were organized in Ascension and Lafourche Parishes. At Whitecastle on the 23d The price of seed cotton advanced from 8 cents to 3 1-3 cents per pound within the last week. The planters are selling as fast as the cotton is picked, and about half the crop there is already disposed of.

C. H. Cowan, president of the Midland rice mill, had the misfortune to very badly crush his foot in the cylinder of his threshing machine on his farm near Estherwood and was conveyed home and Drs. Pulliam and Allen of Crowley were called and found on examination that they had to amputate part of his foot leaving just the big toe.

John J. Ellington, a well-known Alexandria liveryman, was seriously wounded at that place Sunday night, and is now in a critical condition at his home. He has several scalp wounds and his skull is fractured one and a quarter inches. He was returning by team from Lecompte, it being quite dark, his team and that of some one unknown came together, with the above result.

The returns of primary in Bienville Parish show that H. R. Pullen, sheriff, and Dr. J. H. Givens, Coroner, were renominated without opposition, and that J. R. Wimberly, Representative, was renominated over J. A. Dorman by a small majority. For Clerk, A. L. Crowson led F. L. Mayfield and D. P. Batchelor by a good plurality. A second race between Crowson and Mayfield will be necessary. For Assessor, H. J. Oden, incumbent, and D. R. Scheel led and will be in the second primary.

A special from New Iberia to the N. O. Picayune, dated 26th, says: A railroad company has just been organized here, with a capital stock of \$500,000, to be known as the New Iberia and Northern Railroad Company. The object of the Company is to connect a road from some point on Bayou Teche, at or near New Iberia, running in a northwesterly direction to Natchitoches, La., to connect with one of the large trunk lines, probably the Kansas City Northern. This city is to be the domicile of the new road. Much enthusiasm is manifested and the best citizens are pushing it, both with money and influence. The road to commence doing business as soon as twenty-five shares have been sold. In all probability a special tax will be voted for the purpose, which will be carried overwhelmingly.

Tuesday an ex-convict fired five shots at President Diaz of Mexico, at Guanajuata, fortunately without effect. This is in effect what the first dispatches contained, but latter news says the man was drunk and fired in the air to celebrate the President's visit.

Democratic Executive Committee.

The Democratic executive for Vermilion parish met at 11 a. m. Saturday, at the courthouse. Dr. C. J. Edwards, chairman, presided. Judge M. T. Gordy, Jr., secretary, called the roll. A full attendance of members was present.

Senator Lastie Broussard was elected a member at large to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Aristide Picard.

Henry L. Gueydan of the Eighth ward moved to fix the date of the primary for the nomination of candidates for all parish officers, members of the parish executive committee and assessor for Tuesday, Jan. 19, 1904, at the same time as the State primary. The question was debated by Mr. Gueydan, who favored a single primary on the ground of economy. Senator Broussard, Judge Gordy, Hon. Rom. P. LeBlanc, J. N. Greene and Dr. C. J. Edwards spoke against the measure as being calculated to cause confusion by compelling the voter the cast his ballot in four different boxes, and for the further reason that it would inject State politics into the local campaign. Upon roll call the motion was defeated by a vote of 19 to 3.

Upon motion of Hon. R. P. LeBlanc, the chairman appointed a committee of five to confer with the various candidates for parochial offices and ascertain their preference as to the date for holding the primary. The committee then took a recess until 2 o'clock in order to allow the committee time to report.

Promptly at 2 o'clock the committee reassembled, with all but two members present. The committee appointed to ascertain the date most acceptable to candidates reported and suggested March 1 as the day for holding the primary.

A motion to that effect was there upon offered, and an amendment immediately proposed fixing Jan. 12, 1904, as the date. The matter was debated at length by various gentlemen, when, upon roll call, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 11 to 9.

A vote was then taken upon the officers to be voted for in the primary, and by almost unanimous vote it was decided to exclude the office of Judge and district attorney.

Mr. Gueydan then renewed his motion to vote for all parish officers, ward officers, members of the executive committee and the assessor. The motion was amended so as to include the members of the School Board and the parish treasurer, and as so amended was adopted by a vote of 19 to 3.

On motion, it was duly resolved that in said primary a plurality vote shall be sufficient to nominate.

A resolution was offered by Hon. Rom. P. LeBlanc defining the qualifications of a voter at the parish primary as follows: "He shall be a white citizen, possessing the legal qualifications of a voter, as prescribed by the election law and the Constitution of the State of Louisiana." Which was amended, on motion of Senator Broussard so as to read: "He shall be a white citizen and a Democrat," etc., and as thus amended the resolution was unanimously adopted.

It was then moved that the chairman appoint a committee of five to draft rules for the conduct of the primary and to report the same to the executive committee for its approval on Saturday, Nov. 7, at which time all candidates are invited to come forward and hand in their names. The chairman appointed on this committee Lastie Broussard, Rom. P. LeBlanc, H. L. Gueydan M. T. Gordy, Jr., and J. N. Greene. On motion Dr. C. J. Edwards was added to the committee and made ex-officio chairman thereof.

The committee then adjourned to meet Saturday, Nov. 7, at 11 a. m.

For liver troubles and constipation There's nothing better in creation Than Little Early Risers, the famous little pills they always effect a cure and save doctor bills. Little Early Risers are different from all other pills. They do not weaken the system, but act as a tonic to the tissues by arousing the secretions and restoring the liver to the full performance of its functions naturally.

On the old Joseph Jefferson place, James M. Jagers aged 24 years the eldest son of J. E. Jagers, who lived in Abbeville for several years. Jimmie was a true believer in the M. E. Church, South, of which he was a member for 14 years. He so lived that when death came he had nothing to do but to die.

His remains were interred Tuesday in the Masonic cemetery at this place. Rev. J. S. Davies, officiating at the grave.

A Horrible Accident.

Frank Cochrane Blown 180 Feet and Instantly Killed by the Explosion of a Boiler.

A shocking and fatal accident occurred last Friday afternoon which caused the almost instant death of Frank Cochrane, the engineer of a threshing outfit on L. E. Clark's place, a few miles west of town. On the day in question the said engineer was standing in front of the engine little dreaming that he would soon to be launched into eternity, when the explosion took place with suddenness and terrific force, throwing young Cochrane 180 feet, entirely divesting him of his clothing with the exception of his shoes and gloves, and when picked up life was extinct.

The deceased was about 25 years of age, and originally from Illinois. He had been in this section for some little time and pretty generally known in Abbeville, having been an employee of Nilson & Godard, liverymen. His body was embalmed and shipped to his relatives at his former home in Illinois.

The explosion also hurled several others workers about the boiler in the air, and a mule was cut almost in two by the fragments of the boiler.

The lack of water in the boiler was the cause of the accident, and it is said by those who knew him that Cochrane was an inexperienced engineer, and at the same time a very careless and indifferent young man. We deplore his sudden taking off, but it forcibly reminds one of the Scriptural passage, "In the midst of life we are in death!"

FROM GUEYDAN.

Gueydan is one of the busiest towns in the State at present. From early morn till late bedtime wagons are coming into town loaded with rice, and all day long the dust makes a perfect fog so one can hardly see across the street at times; while the whistles and whir of machinery can be heard on all sides.

Some of the farmers are through threshing and have their rice safely stored in the various warehouses, while others are just beginning. But if this fine weather continues two weeks longer the bulk of the crops will be safe. The yield as an average will be about 10 sacks to the acre; the grade fair to good while this year's crop will materially help most of the farmers none scarcely will more than pay out and start in on next year even. The poor crop of last year has to be overcome this year. It will take about three such crops to make the farmers here really prosperous.

There is not many improvements going on in the town just now; every dollar which can be spared is being put into save the rice crops.

Dr. Schilling preached Saturday evening and Sunday morning to very appreciative audiences. Sunday evening the presiding elder for the M. E. church, South, preached a very able discourse.

The schools are progressing finely with a large attendance. The intermediate department is crowded and more room is needed badly.

Mr. Wainwright left on Friday for his home in Lake Charles.

Quite a number of people had intended to see the big show at Crowley and New Iberia and were very much disappointed when they found the circus was prohibited from coming into Louisiana.

There was quite a frost at Gueydan and vicinity Sunday morning. The ground was white and vegetation badly wilted.

Mrs. Daisy Blanchet and Mrs. Will White drove out to Charlie Alexander's Sunday afternoon to see the thresher in operation, as the good people here do not stop work now, for this fine weather is too precious to be wasted, even if it is Sunday.

J. M. Ramsom, who has been employed as watchman on the dredge, can Gueydan, for three weeks past, came home sick last Friday.

FARM FOR SALE.

A fine Rice Farm about two miles from Kaplan containing 453 acres, all under fence, and a splendid deep well furnishing an ample supply of water. Pump and Engine, all new and in good order. For terms and conditions, apply to

OTHON RICHARD,
Abbeville, La.

Several other properties near Abbeville for sale. 41-1f

For general plantation supplies, go to A. L. Dyers, Royville.

SHERIFF'S SALE

STATE OF LOUISIANA—17th Judicial District Court—Parish of Vermilion—No. 1890.

Abbeville Rice Mill, Ltd.

vs.

J. A. Weber, et als.

BY virtue of a writ of fieri facias, to me issued in the matters of above numbered and entitled suit, to me directed fully authorizing and empowering me in the premises, I have seized and will proceed to sell at auction to the last and highest bidder, at the principal front door of the Court house, in the town of Abbeville, La., on

Saturday, November 14, 1903, between the hours prescribed by law, the following described property, to-wit:

Three hundred and one (301) Sacks of Rice.

Terms—Cash.
Sheriff's office, Abbeville, La., this 28th day of October, 1903.
J. O. HEBERT,
Sheriff of Vermilion Parish.

PROBABLE ESTIMATE FOR 1904

Abbeville, La., Oct. 10, 1903.
To the Honorable President and Members of the Police Jury of Vermilion parish:

Gentlemen—We beg leave to report the following estimate of the probable expense for the year 1904, as follows to-wit:

Magistrate, constable and physician.....	\$ 1,700 00
District attorney and sheriff.....	1,200 00
Criminal prosecution.....	3,000 00
Civil expenses.....	5,000 00
Road and bridge.....	8,550 00
Public schools.....	9,500 00
Court-house, jail, janitor and boarding prisoners.....	4,750 00
Abbeville High School, special contract.....	1,655 00
Jail building, special contract.....	3,000 00
Bridge across bayou at Perry, special contract.....	2,311 90
Total.....	\$41,178 40

Respectfully submitted,
M. L. ELDERRED,
C. HARRINGTON,
O. H. O'BRYAN,
Finance Committee.

STATE OF LOUISIANA—Parish of Vermilion—17th Judicial District Court—No. 519.

Succession of Zulma Broussard.

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested in the matter of said succession, or having any opposition to make to the table of debts and charges and final distribution and settlement thereof, filed by Belisaire Broussard, Natural Tutor, administering, to file the same in writing, in this office within ten days from the date of the publication of this notice.

Given under my hand and seal, this third day of October, A. D. 1903.

SIMONET LEBLANC,
Clerk of Court.
Broussard, Kitchell & Bailey, Attys.

Constable's Sale.

STATE OF LOUISIANA—Parish of Vermilion—2d Justice Court—No. 42.

Albert Thibodeaux

vs.

Gerard Thibodeaux.

By virtue of a writ of fieri facias to me issued in the matters of the above entitled and numbered suit to me directed, fully authorizing and empowering me in the premises, I have seized and will proceed to sell at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, at the Justice Office at Henry P. O., in the 2d ward of said parish, on

Saturday, October 31, 1903, between legal sale hours, the following described property to-wit:

One Crib and some Plank.

Terms—Cash. ANDREW MOSS,
October 17, 1903. Constable.

LUMBER BARGAINS

To Everybody in need of Lumber:

From this date until September 1st next, we are going to divide profits with you, in other words those who want to purchase lumber for cash will get it a price that will just pay our expenses. To those who wish to purchase on time giving good bankable paper we guarantee to sell the same. Our object in doing this is to get ready for the immense concern we are going to establish near the Wholesale Grocery Company. We have had a liberal share of the trade, we flatter ourselves that our customers in the past will be ours in the future, we are going to do just as we say and we believe you will believe us when we say it, and we will be doubly sure when you get the prices by calling at our place of business.

E. M. STEBBINS & COMPANY.

Full line of Dress Goods, Frimmings and Kid Gloves, at A. B. Dyer's Royville.