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TEACHES A GREAT TRUTH

The execution of Charles Becker, demonstrates that no matter how much of a "pull" a man has there comes times when the "pull" will be of no good. Becker, leader of the "strong arm squad" in the tenderloin district of New York amassed a fortune of \$70,000 in a few years from a salary of \$138 per month. He staked Herman Rosenthal in the gambling business and then raided his gambling den. Rosenthal threatened to "peach" on him but Mayor Gaynor and the Commissioner of Police would not hear the story. The newspapers turned a deaf ear on him but finally the District Attorney listened and heard a story of graft and crime which was hard to believe. Rosenthal is reported to have been ordered murdered by Becker and to be "shot on sight." Becker believed that his "drag" would save himself as well as the men who committed the crime. He had Rosenthals gambling associates to plot the crime and Rosenthal was killed by four gunmen that did not even know him on sight. Becker is said to have paid them \$200 for the crime, and following the shooting was one of the first on the scene. Becker was confident that the murderers would be acquitted. Was he not entitled to this opinion if he could railroad men to Sing Sing, dine and wine with the big politicians, and use the automobile of Col. Sternberger of the New York National Guards? The people of the tenderloin district believed Becker's word was final and he believed so himself. He had confidence that he could "fix" the lower courts and the policemen.

Becker died to teach a great truth. He died to prove that men even in New York cannot be murdered and insult the law regardless of how great a "pull" one has.

RESIGNATION OF MR. MILLS

Like a bolt out of a clear sky came the resignation of Commissioner of Public Safety and Health Mills last Thursday and his action caused considerable comment. There is no question that Mr. Mills has made sacrifices to his personal business, in order to act as a member of the Council. That Mr. Mills has made a splendid, honest and efficient member of the council, no one disputes and it is to be regretted that he felt it necessary to take the action he did. Mr. Mills is a popular citizen and perhaps devoted more time to the city affairs than will his successor, but, as stated at the last council meeting, there will be less work in the future than in the past, and for this reason the Enterprise believes that Mr. Mills did himself an injustice by resigning. He leaves the council so as to devote all his time to his private affairs and he carries with him the best wishes of all who has occasions to transact business with the Department of Safety and Health, as well as the city officials and his large circle of friends.

After devoting one year as Clerk of the City of Bogalusa, J. H. Mims has tendered his resignation. His large circle of friends will regret to know that Mr. Mims felt it necessary to take this action as he made an accommodating and faithful employee of the city. Mr. Mims assumed the duties, which were new to him as well as the other officials. It required extra work to keep the affairs in good condition but Mr. Mims made no complaint. At a recent session of the city council it was discovered that Mr. Mims had too much work and it was decided to employ an additional bookkeeper. This bookkeeper was not added as soon as expected and this, connected with the cut in salary, most likely was responsible for the resignation of Mr. Mims. When his resignation was read at the council meeting Mayor Sullivan stated that when he learned of Mr. Mims intention to resign that he offered him a better position with the Great Southern Lumber Co, which he will no doubt accept, and Bogalusa will therefore not lose such excellent people as Mr. and Mrs. Mims.

Mr. Mims in retiring from the office carries with him the best wishes of every member of the Commission Council as well as the citizens of Bogalusa as a whole.

The two new city officials, Commissioner Dorsey and City Clerk Bean, are well known and are qualified to make splendid officials. Mr. Dorsey is a successful merchant and has always taken an active part in the affairs of the city. Mr. Bean, the new clerk, has been one of the valued and popular employes of the N. O. G. N. He is an accommodating young man and both gentlemen assumed their new duties with the best wishes of all Bogalusians.

The recent attack by the Times-Picayune upon Fred J. Grace, Register of the State Land Office, has made votes for Mr. Grace, who is a candidate to succeed himself. It furnished an excellent opportunity for Mr. Grace to explain to the citizens of Louisiana the careful manner in which he has conducted the affairs of that office.

The Daily States is authority for the statement that the country editors "get in" to all who will extend them credit. They forgot to mention the fact, however, that the city dailies cannot even get the credit, which is perhaps responsible for the fact that their property is covered so thoroughly with "plasters."

Just now would be an excellent time for the Mayor and Council to proclaim a weed cutting day. Weeds spread disease and reflect upon the sanitary conditions of any city and we believe that if such a proclamation was ordered that the City Fathers would receive co-operation equal to than given "Clean Up Week."

Bogalusa never does things by halves which was again demonstrated by the fact that three city officials had their resignation accepted during the past month.

Our old friend Villa, has told the United States that we can "Go to Hell." He neglected to say however, that Mexico was about the nearest country to the place mentioned.

Down in New Orleans they are shooting men for stealing a loaf of bread. We were of the opinion that such conditions existed only in Mexico

In order that Bogalusa and the Fourth ward may get our allotted representation on the Police Jury it now develops that a census must be taken and work on this should be started without delay, as business will be coming up at the Police Jury meetings that will be of vital interest to the tax payers of this ward. The Enterprise suggests that the Commission Council taken steps towards securing this census and also believe that it would be a most opportune time to get a directory of the city or ward, if arrangements can be made with some one to take up this work. A city or ward directory would be welcomed by every business and professional man in Bogalusa and they would co-operate with the party who undertook the work.

From all parts of the parish comes praise from J. B. Lindsley, president of the Washington Bank and Trust Co., who Tuesday appeared before the police jury and told them that a special tax of one mill and a half was not necessary to pay the present indebtedness. He also showed the Police Jury that this indebtedness could be paid out of the present taxes. He gave the Police Jury some information that will be remembered and the most interesting part of his talk appears in this issue of the Enterprise which will, no doubt, be read with keen interest by a large percentage of the voters of the Parish.

Opinions Of The Press

Comments by Papers of the State on subjects that may or may not interest you

The Constitutional Convention.

On August 31st the state will vote on holding a constitutional convention. The feeling throughout the country districts seems to be against the convention. The Bogalusa Enterprise says the convention will cost the people \$200,000 with no prospect that they will gain any benefit from it. The Amite Florida Parishes says it will be defeated in Tangipahoa parish. The Eunice Star says this is an inopportune time for such a convention, and should one be called, it will only result in a grand fiasco and political pow-wow. The Cameron Courier regards it as equivalent to opening Pandora's box of ills; and so it goes down the line of country papers, which come more nearly representing the views of the taxpayers than do the city papers controlled by political bosses who expect changes in the constitution that will give them special privileges. Louisiana is controlled too nearly by a bunch of political grafters who have their nest in some well irrigated spot in New Orleans, for the taxpayers to secure any benefit from a constitution that would be drafted under their supervision. These men have made politics their study and have grown wealthy off the taxpayers of the state until they have built up a ring that is determined to continue its misrule. It is time for Louisiana voters to call a halt, and the 31st of next month is a splendid opportunity to start the call.—Lake Arthur Herald.

Know Him?

"What do you think of my graduation essay?" asked the young man. "Fine!" replied his father. "Only I'm afraid a lot of people are going to be bashful about offering plain wages to a man whose intellect is so much above the average."—Washington Star.

Let The Women Vote

A New Orleans paper stated recently that more than one-half the taxpayers in that city were women. These women have the same right to throw tea into the harbor for being taxed without representation that the famous Boston Tea Party had.—Lake Arthur Herald.

Let's Everybody Resolve

We cannot make this town what it ought to be unless we all work in harmony to the same end.

Pulling and bickering and knocking will only drag our house down over our heads, and it is about time we looked the facts in the face and turned over a new leaf for the better.

We can do much to improve our social and commercial conditions, if we want to.—Delhi Progress.

Candidates Keep Quiet.

The Star believes that the candidates for parochial and state offices are doing the right thing in not rushing their respective campaigns several months in advance of the

primary election.

People are little interested in politics during the harvesting of their crops, and to bore them with the "whys and wherefores" of a campaign within the next few months, is unnecessary, especially parochial campaigns.

Of course, some of the campaign newspapers may be hungry for political themes to discuss, and incidentally announcement fees, but the people at large are taking things easily.—Eunice Star.

One Too Many!

The Yazoo City Sentinel says Bilbo will win in the first primary by twenty-five thousand majority. Well these figures are probably a little too high. Since three of his opponents belong to the same political faction that he belongs to and all had the same right to run for governor that he had we really doubt if his majority over all will be more than twenty four thousand nine hundred and fifty.—Ripley (Miss.) Sentinel.

Bogalusa Has Best.

Louisiana is one of the eleven states of the United States whose national guard is fully armed and equipped for field service, according to Adjutant General Oswald W. McNeese. As a consequence of this, the state will receive from the war department a special clothing allowance for 1915, amounting to about \$8,000.—St Mary Banner.

Birthday Party

Mrs. A. A. Overstreet entertained a large number of little ladies Saturday afternoon in honor of her daughter Miss Anna, it being her eleventh birthday. Games of various kinds were played after which ice cream and cake were served. Miss Anna received many pretty presents and all departed wishing her many more such happy birthdays.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ANSWERS

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It would be a physical impossibility for any one to go all over the District and ferret out the numerous violations of the law. The law makers knew this when they provided for Sheriffs, Constables, Town Marshalls, Justices of the Peace and the Grand Jury. These are the officials whose duty it is to bring the law violators to the courts and then it is the District Attorneys duty to present the States side of the cause to the court, and this I flatter myself to say, I have done as faithfully as I knew how.

As far as my knowledge goes there has not been a single affidavit made against any of these saloon men neither has their been a single complaint made before the Grand Jury. The foreman of the present Grand Jury lives in or near Mandeville and he seems to be a very upright and conscientious man I believe if the matter is brought before him and the proper proof furnished that he will see that the parties are hailed before the court, and I assure you if they are they will never go unpunished because of any neglect on my part.

You have your own officers, locally, whose duty it is to clean up these violators and don't you think it unfair personally and otherwise, to ask me to take the place and perform the duties that the law delegates to others?

The saloon men of St Tammany were all billed once since I have been in office and not one of them escaped and if they are billed again or any one of them, I as your District Attorney will do my duty.

Your brother has to do with the appointing of the foreman of the Grand Jury as well as the jury commissioners who selects the Grand Jury and I am sure he wants the law enforced, and if you meet us, the Judge and I, at Covington during the June term of Court we will see if there isn't some way that these law violators can be rounded up. If you desire I will have you and such other witnesses as you may name summoned before the Grand Jury at their next meeting.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Yours very truly  
(Signed) J. Vol Brock.

A few days after the date of this letter I had another letter from Mr. Lancaster, in which he stated that he would get up the evidence and furnish me with a list of the witnesses in order that the matter might be placed before the Grand Jury, this he failed to do and did not appear at the June term of Court as requested.

I had thought the incident closed as I did not hear from Mr. Lancaster and futher, nor did I receive any complaint from any other source regarding conditions at Mandeville until I received one of the circular letters which was mailed in New Or-

Political Announcements

Clerk of Court--

The Enterprise is authorized to announce

CARTER C. WELCH as a candidate for Clerk of Court subject to the action of the Democratic Primary.

Please announce my candidacy for CLERK OF COURT, Washington Parish, subject to the action of the Democratic Party.

ROBERT BABINGTON

The Enterprise is authorized to announce that

M. A. THIGPEN will be a candidate for the office of Clerk of Court of Washington Parish, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary.

For Coroner

The Enterprise is authorized to announce that

DR. J. E. PIERCE will be a candidate for the office of Coroner of Washington Parish, subject to the action of the democratic primary.

We are authorized to announce the name of

J. L. BROCK for the office of Coroner of Washington Parish, subject to the action of the Democratic Party.

For Sheriff

The Enterprise is authorized to announce that

O. C. STRATTMAN of Bogalusa, will be a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Washington Parish, subject to the decision of the Democratic party

You are authorized to announce that will be a candidate for the office of SHERIFF OF WASHINGTON PARISH, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary.

R. E. KEATON

The Enterprise is authorized to announce that

E. D. SHERIDAN will be a candidate for sheriff of Washington Parish subject to the action of democratic primary.

The Enterprise is authorized to announce that

J. C. ROBERTS is a candidate for the democratic nomination for sheriff of Washington Parish, subject to action of the democratic primary.

We are authorized to announce the name of

L. A. BROWN of Franklinton will be a candidate for democratic nomination for Sheriff of Washington Parish, subject to the action of the primary.

For Assessor

The Enterprise is authorized to announce that

G. W. MAGEE is a candidate for the office of ASSESSOR OF WASHINGTON PARISH, subject to the action of the democratic primary.

The Enterprise is authorized to announce that

J. M. BYRD will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Assessor of Washington Parish subject to the action of primary.

The Enterprise is authorized to announce that

CHARLES VARNADO of Franklinton, will be a candidate for the democratic nomination for Assessor of Washington parish, subject to primary.

The Enterprise is authorized to announce that

SIMEON E. MORRIS will be a candidate for the office of Assessor of Washington Parish, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE

The Enterprise is authorized to announce that

T. E. BENNETT will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Representative in the General Assembly for Washington Parish, subject to decision of the Democratic primary.

leans, La., on July 30, 1915.

I make this statement in full knowledge of myself and that you may be fully informed of the same, I have complained of in the circular letter.

I am now and always have since taking the oath of office, discharged my full duty in upholding the law and punishing the violators.

Respectfully yours  
J. Vol Brock

District Attorney of 26th District of Louisiana

THEIR BANK

THE relations existing between this bank and its customers are cordial. We esteem it a compliment to have people lay claim to the institution as being THEIR bank. Is it also YOURS?

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