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His efforts in the past are the best evidence of the truth of this assertion; and he takes this occasion to return his thanks to the citizens of Grant and adjoining parishes for the patronage so liberally bestowed upon him in the past, and solicits a continuance of the same. ja10

**THAT MAIL ROUTE.**

Our young Congressman, Hon. N. C. Blanchard is wide awake to the interests of his constituents. During the past week we have received a letter from him in reference to the Black Creek mail route, which we mentioned some time since on the visit of Mr. Goddard, the post office inspector for this district. Mr. Blanchard writes to say that he will give his personal attention and endorsement to such petitions as our people will forward to him on this subject. For the definite information of Mr. Blanchard and those who may not understand what is wanted, we will state that the Black Creek mail route runs due east from Colfax about fifteen miles, where it stops within four or five miles of the Alexandria and Winnfield mail route. If this gap of four or five miles was closed it would give Colfax mail facilities to a large scope of territory lying east of us, and afford the people of that section direct communication with the parish seat. We hope our people will see to this matter immediately, and we will make it our business to get up the petitions and have them forwarded as soon as signed. During court week persons desiring to give us their signature will find a copy of the petition in the CHRONICLE office.

**A GOUGING MONOPOLY.**

During the past year crops have been very short all over the State of Louisiana. As a consequence it is a patent fact to the alert steamboatmen that there will be a large demand for the staple articles of life, corn and bacon. Under the thin guise of carrying these articles by weight the Red river steamboat line are spring-

ing the freight on corn and bacon from 25 to 30 per cent higher than the card rates they agreed to abide by three years ago. Why they should be guilty of such bad faith just at this time it is hard to surmise, but it does look as if they were attempting to make the most of their present opportunity, in the fear that after the railroad shall have commenced operations they will never have the same chance. It appears to us, however, that this is a suicidal policy if the steamboatmen expect to retain the confidence of our Red river shippers. We hope the river men will look at it in this light, and make their rates within the bounds of reason. The people of Alexandria and Pineville are getting up a protest to send on to Capt. Truslow to get the company to annul the order raising freights on corn and bacon. Our citizens and merchants should do likewise.

Bailey's Saline Aperient is a cooling and refreshing Summer drink for dyspeptics. It doesn't taste like medicine. Everybody, home or abroad, should keep it.

We have received a copy of the Western Farmer's Almanac for 1882, published by John P. Morton & Co., of Louisville, Ky. This is one of the most valuable almanacs to farmers that is published. It publishes a system of weather forecasts that is becoming a feature among progressive farmers, and should be in the hands of every wide-awake tiller of the soil. The usual amount of statistical information and valuable receipts, interspersed with jokes, etc., also constitute a large portion of this interesting almanac.

Dr. Deal, secretary of the school board, has kindly furnished us with the following facts about the schools of Grant parish, taken from his report for the year ending December 31, 1881: All told there has been \$2010 84 paid out pro rata to the seven school wards of the parish. There remains in the treasury the sum of \$273 18, nearly all of which is appropriated to pay for schools now running. Thirty schools have been taught during the year, giving employment to 14 male and 12 female teachers at an average salary of \$24 45 per month. Seven of the schools were for colored children, six of which were taught by colored teachers. There are 2098 schoolable children in the parish, of whom 1043 were enrolled in the schools. The average daily attendance at the public schools was 752. In addition to the above facts, the Doctor stated that the school board is not in debt to the teachers employed, as has been frequently the case in this and other parishes when schools are established and there is no money in the treasury to pay the teachers. Another improvement in the parish has been, that in a number of instances after the public money had been exhausted the schools have been continued by private subscription, the same teacher being retained to teach them. This is an excellent plan and should be generally adopted.

**WINNFIELD, LA., Dec. 12, 1881.**

At a meeting of the citizens of the parish of Winn, held this day, for the purpose of raising funds to defray the expenses of Mr. H. D. Walters while in attendance at the hospital in New Orleans, Judge R. D. Bridger was elected chairman and Charles V. Porter, of Natchitoches, secretary. By request Hon. G. A. Kelly explained the object of the meeting in a few remarks to this effect: Mr. H. D. Walters, an ex-Confederate soldier and a most worthy citizen of Winn parish, received a wound in the thigh at the battle of Bentonville, N. C. At this late day, the wound being so troublesome, it becomes necessary that his leg should be amputated.

On motion the chair appointed a committee consisting of the following gentlemen: G. A. Kelly, S. M. Brian and Dr. J. F. Kelly, to solicit donations for the above purpose set forth. The chair appointed D. B. Gorbam, George Wear and I. M. Brian a committee to draft resolutions expressive of sympathy with the wounded ex-Confederate soldier and his family. Which committee reported follow-

ing resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

**WHEREAS**, H. D. Walters, a gallant soldier of the 12 La. regiment, did receive during the late war a wound that has permanently disabled him, which now compels him to undergo severe surgical treatment; therefore be it

**Resolved 1st**, That as fellow-citizens and fellow-soldiers we extend to him the hand of sympathy, sincerely hoping in this his hour of great physical suffering the treatment he expects to undergo will soon restore him to his family and friends in good health.

**Resolved 2d**, That we recognize in him the affable gentleman, the honest and industrious citizen, and the kind husband and father; and that during his absence from his estimable family we will bear in mind their needs, and be ever ready to respond to any call for assistance.

**Resolved 3d**, That a copy of these resolutions expressing our heartfelt sympathy for his family in this their moments of anxiety and care, be sent to them.

**Resolved 4**, That a copy of these resolutions be published in the Natchitoches *Victor* and the Colfax *Chronicle*.  
D. B. GORHAM,  
Chairman Committee.

Mr. George A. Kelly, on behalf of his friend, Mr. Walters, in a few appropriate words thanked those present for the very liberal manner in which they had contributed on this occasion. On motion the meeting adjourned sine die.

D. R. BRIDGER, Chairman.  
CARLES V. PORTER, Secretary.

**Road Overseers.**

The following road overseers and apportioners for the year 1882 were appointed for Grant parish at the last meeting of our police jury:

**WARD ONE.**  
Colfax and Montgomery pine woods road, Leon Bloxom overseer, to work from Colfax to old Sumner House. Colfax and Alexandria pine woods road, W. J. Bullock overseer, to work from Colfax to Cholera branch. Colfax and Alexandria river road, Ben Kraft overseer, to work from Colfax to Kraft's store; same road, Thomas Hickman overseer, to work from Kraft's store to Catholic church; same road, Dennis Hickman overseer, to work from Catholic church to mouth of Bayou Darro. Raudolph's road, Les Starns overseer, to work from Dean's store on Red river to Johnston's store in pine woods. Burnt Bridge road, Hinton White overseer, to work from Mirabeau to Burnt Bridge on Bayou Darro. Lochrenz road, S. E. Curry overseer, to work from Big Gate to Lochrenz.

Road Apportioners—C. C. Nash, M. F. Machen and William Hickman.

**WARD TWO.**  
Colfax and Alexandria road, John Prevett overseer, to work from Cholera branch to twelve-mile post; same road, J. C. Coleman overseer, to work from twelve-mile post to where it intersects the Claiborne road. Claiborne road, A. J. Evans overseer, to work from eighteen-mile post to thirteen-mile post; same road, William Henderson overseer, to work from thirteen-mile post to parish line. Lacroix's ferry road, John Brister overseer, to work from the fork of the roads near Bethel church to the line of ward three. Riglette road, Lud Daniels overseer, to work from John, son's store to parish line. Three Notch road, John Murrell overseer, to work from Big Creek bridge to parish line. Three Notch road, W. P. Maxwell overseer, to work from Dean's bridge to parish line. Donahue road, Robt. Nugent overseer, to work from Little river to parish line.

Road Apportioners—J. J. Satcher, Wm. Mott and John T. Lewis.

**WARD THREE.**  
Winnfield and Alexandria road, Ben Brister overseer, to work from 18-mile post Liberty Chapel. Winnfield and Colfax road—Creed overseer, to work from Calhoun's saw mill to Beaver creek. Harrisonburg and Alexandria road, Z. E. Lovell overseer, to work from Big Creek to Lacroix's ferry.

Road Apportioners—B. F. Moore, Sode Lee and Neal Robertson.

**WARD FOUR.**  
Alexandria and Winnfield road, Sam Waiters overseer, to work from Liberty Chapel to parish line. Three Notch road, Robert Kent overseer, to work from Big creek to Little creek. Colfax and Winnfield road, Alfred Stephens overseer, to work from Beaver creek to Liberty Chapel.

Road Apportioners—R. M. Dean, James E. Nugent and E. L. Brister.

**WARD FIVE.**  
Harrisonburg and Natchitoches road, James Wright overseer, to work from Cockeham's ferry to Mrs. Wagon Wright's. Same road, I. M. Brian overseer, to work from Mrs. Wright's to I. M. Brian's. Three Notch road, A. C. Maxey overseer, to work from Little creek to parish line.

Road Apportioners—W. K. Bradford, J. N. Lawrence and A. C. Watson.

**WARD SIX.**  
Colfax and Montgomery river road, John Vetcher overseer, to work from mouth of Natchitoches bayou to opposite Lentin Lemoine's. Same road, Alfred Oglesby overseer, to work from opposite L. Lemoine's to Colfax. Same road, Ernest Grandchamp overseer, to work from mouth of Bayou Natchitoches to where said road intersects the Colfax and Montgomery pine woods road. Colfax and Montgomery pine woods road, C. Y. Bloxom overseer, to work from old Sumner House to opposite residence of Ben Chellette.

Road Apportioners—J. L. Chellette, J. T. Wilson and C. W. Williams.

**WARD SEVEN.**  
Montgomery and Winnfield road, Henry Weaver overseer, to work from Montgomery to Natchitoches bayou. Same road, J. N.

Hicks overseer, to work from Natchitoches bayou to Winn parish line. Coon Trail road, C. W. Fittz overseer, to work from Natchitoches bayou to Winn parish line. Colfax and Montgomery road, Hugh Walker overseer, to work from Montgomery to Natchitoches bayou. Same road, Chas. Grayson overseer, to work from Natchitoches bayou to opposite Ben Chellette's. Wheeler road, Sam Wilson overseer, to work from Colfax road to parish line. Calhoun road, J. D. Calhoun overseer, to work from the old mill to Gum branch. Same road, P. M. Richardson overseer, to work from Gum branch to Saddle bayou bridge.

Road Apportioners—J. N. Hicks, C. W. Fittz and Monroe Plunkett.

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**Assessments.**  
[N. O. Times-Democrat.]

Altogether the fairest and most thoughtful article that has appeared in opposition to the equalization plan comes to us in a late issue of the Claiborne Guardian. It is hostile to the policy we have been advocating, but its tone is so moderate, its desire to be right is so evident that we would gladly have a regiment of such opponents instead of one prejudiced and unreasonable enemy. We have carefully considered the opposition set up to our equalization system. We have read and digested every argument which has appeared in the negative. But we can truly say that we have yet to see one statement to the contrary which is not founded in a total misapprehension of the theory and practice of the plan.

The popular objections may be summarized thus:

1. It is feared that the equalization board will be a central power, taking authority out of the people's hands and using it arbitrarily.

2. It is feared that, under the operation of the plan, the poor hill lands will be forced to pay as much as the rich alluvial lands.

3. It is feared that the effect of the plan will be to nullify the provisions of the Constitution limiting the tax to six mills.

There are other objections, vague, random and hysterical, and more or less sincere, which we need not consider at this time. The above are particularly the main points upon which the measure is antagonized. Most of the opponents are honest in their opposition, and really believe that the danger they set up are actually and living dangers. Let us see:

1. It is impossible that the board can become a central power since its members are elected exactly as Congressmen are. It would, on the contrary, be quite as representative a body as the Legislature.

There is no possibility of poor lands being assessed as high as rich lands, because the classification of property would have to be made under a law of the State and this law should clearly, specifically and elaborately define the grounds of classification. The lists of the Assessors would, therefore, be subject to the supervision of the courts and every citizen would have his remedy for the slightest injustice. This remedy must needs be absolute since it is possible to frame a law which will clearly and unmistakably establish a standard of classification. This has been successfully done everywhere—why not in Louisiana?

3. The operation of the plan is no more likely to nullify the constitutional limitation than is the plan we now pursue. Indeed, it contains the best possible guarantee against such nullification. The integrity of the limitation depends upon the justice and good faith of assessment, we hold that such integrity is preserved by a system which absolutely assures equality and uniformity far better than by one which leaves everything to the caprice, the discretion or the personal opinion of the local assessor.

In truth, if one will only examine the equalization plan in a spirit of honest anxiety to understand its true and proper meaning he will discover that all the objections upon which he now dwells are cured by this plan and flourish no where so well as beyond its influence.

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