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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to announce
FLEETE P. TILLMAN
as a candidate for police juror from
ward five, subject to the Democratic
primary election.

We are authorized to announce
N. S. ROBERTS
as a candidate for member of the police
jury from ward six, subject to the
Democratic primary election.

Negro Lovers and Negro Haters to be Avoided.

There are two extremes that the people of the South have had to contend with since the close of the war between the States, the extremes among "Negrophobes," the negro lovers and the negro haters. Each excites pity and contempt in their different phases whenever brought to the attention of right thinking people, but the unreasoning negro hater has perhaps created more trouble of late years than the Abolitionists and negro lovers formerly created.

We are led to make these remarks anent the resignation of G. W. Jack as school director on account of the late appointment of Prof. V. L. Roy as president of the State Normal School at Natchitoches, the ridiculous hullabaloo that has been raised over it in a few localities, and the subsequent resigning from the faculty of Mr. Gott, as one of the teachers in the school.

So far as Mr. Gott is concerned, we understand his resignation is quite acceptable to the students, as he was about the only unpopular member of the faculty.

Prof. J. W. Nicholson says that the life of Prof. Roy is one full of proud achievement; that he went through the State University with splendid honors; that he was selected and appointed in the Southern University, a negro school under State supervision, because of his sterling character and splendid equipment; that he was a Southern man, born and reared in Louisiana, of an excellent family, imbued with Southern ideals and sentiments, and just the man wanted to teach the negroes, whose troubles had largely grown out of pernicious doctrines which had been instilled into their minds and hearts by Northern carpet-baggers.

Mr. Roy hesitated about accepting the position, but after consulting with Col. Nicholson, the State authorities, and his own family and friends at home in Avoyelles parish, he accepted the position as a matter of practical and patriotic service. In this connection we are glad to note that hundreds of citizens at Marksville, Mansura, and other points in Avoyelles parish, unite in a testimonial as to the high character of Mr. Roy, and their confidence in him.

The indignation worked up over Mr. Roy's appointment is both sinful and silly. If in this christian land and home of civilization white preachers and teachers may not instruct the negroes in their benighted ignorance, how in the name of common sense are they ever to become anything but the victims of ignorance, vice and crime?

They are Entitled to a Hearing.

Just at this time we are decidedly of the opinion that the settlement of the "Backbone" controversy as to the right of Settlers to their homesteads on lands claimed by the Gould heirs, is of prime importance to the people of Grant parish, and indeed of all Central Louisiana, and we have no apology to offer for giving the Settlers' side of the case prominence in the columns of the Chronicle.

The Platforms of the Candidates.

The Chronicle has published the platform adopted by the Good Government League, upon which Judge Hall is running, and also the platforms of Hon. John T. Michel and of Mr. J. B. Aswell. So our readers now have the platforms of all the candidates before them, and they will observe that they are all excellent, so far as platforms go. The platforms of Judge Hall and Mr. Michel will be found to agree with fully a score of the particulars enunciated in Mr. Aswell's platform, and there is really very little difference in them. So voters will have to look to the person of the candidates, and the interests they represent, in making up their choice as to the man they will support.

In choosing between these three men it is well for every Democrat to remember that one of the three is to be the Democratic nominee. Every Democrat voting in the primary will then in duty be bound to cast his vote for one of these three men. In discussing their merits, we should therefore avoid all harsh and extreme criticism that would reflect upon our own integrity should the time come when we have to vote for the man we may deem it best to oppose. All are honorable, worthy gentlemen, and in the contention for our own special favorite this fact is not to be forgotten.

Another Fiasco and Boomerang.

Political fiascos and boomerangs are following each other in quick succession in the State campaign since its opening at Ruston. The latest is furnished by Agricole Poche, a game warden of St. James parish, who wrote an insulting letter to Gov. Sanders, alleging that somebody in some way had threatened to remove him from office if he did not line up at once and support the administration candidates. All of which he refused to do in grandiloquent terms. Then in less than 24 hours Mr. Poche acknowledged that he was induced to tell an outrageous lie, and he came into the Governor's office and acknowledged in the presence of witnesses that he had lied, and humbly begged pardon for his mendacity, and the foolish act he had been wheedled into committing.

Two Notable National Anniversaries.

Two notable national anniversaries fall in July, the 4th and the 14th. The American anniversary on the 4th is celebrated with no greater vigor than is the 14th by loyal Frenchmen, who celebrate the fall of the Bastille on that day. This notorious prison was an inheritance from the Dark Ages, and stood for four centuries in Paris as the outward sign of tyranny and extortion of reckless and profligate princes, who drew upon the poor peasantry for the means of dissipation. In 1789 the infuriated populace stormed the prison, massacring its garrison and leveling its walls to the ground. This changed the whole course of events in France, and after the French revolution led to final betterment of the condition of the people.

Wreck on the Valley Railroad.

The passenger train of the La. Railway & Navigation Company was wrecked at 8:17 p. m. Sunday, July 16, at Edenborn station, 59 miles out from New Orleans, all of the train except the Pullman sleeper and the chair car being ditched.

Dr. E. H. Blackwood, of Colfax, who was in the sleeper, says the Pullman and chair car jumped the track, and that all the balance of the train went into the ditch. Those in the negro coach and baggage car got a rough shaking up, but most remarkable to say, no one was seriously hurt.

The train service was delayed and thrown behind about 9 hours, being due at Colfax at 4 a. m. Monday, and not reaching this point until 1 p. m. that day.

Our Old Sleeping Land Claims.

We publish this week a letter from Hon. Chas. P. Johnston, of New Orleans, former Receiver of the U. S. Land Office, who is now a candidate for Registrar of the State Land Office. Mr. Johnston was appointed Receiver by President Cleveland, but was put out by a Republican President, a negro being appointed in his place.

He is well fitted for the office, and enjoys the good will and esteem of hundreds of citizens throughout the State, who remember his promptness and helpfulness in their dealings with him. His cadidacy seems to be meeting with the favor of the people of this parish very largely, judging from the many high compliments that have been paid to him by the people in our hill country, who have perfected homestead entries and made filings on the public domain while Mr. Johnston was in charge of the office. The kind manner in which he handled the claims of settlers, and the many favors shown them, has built up such confidence in his integrity and ability as a public official as will assure him of a heavy vote in this section of the country. His proposition to revivify and secure title for the State to many thousands of acres of unsurveyed lands with which he is familiar is very important.

Mill Owners Will Fight Brotherhood.

New Orleans, La., July 19.—A determined effort to break up the recently organized National Brotherhood of Timber Workers was decided upon here today at a meeting of lumber operators from East Texas, Louisiana and Southern Mississippi. The first guns of the mill owners will be fired Monday of next week, when ten large mills in Calcasieu and Vernon parishes, Louisiana, representing a daily output of a million and a half feet of lumber, will be closed for an indefinite period. Already five large mills in these two parishes have been closed down, and after Monday a total of several thousand mill employes in Calcasieu and Vernon will be idle.

A SOCIALISTIC MOVEMENT.

While disavowing any intention to discriminate against a legitimate organization of their employes, the mill men are determined to stamp out what they regard as a socialist movement in the National Brotherhood of Timber Workers. This organization is said to be less than a year old, with headquarters in Beaumont Texas. It is asserted by some of the lumbermen at to-day's meeting that the organization has not the slightest affiliation with the American Federation of Labor, or with any other union of timber or lumber operatives.

FORMAL ORGANIZATION PERFECTED.
The meeting to-day was the third held by the mill men within the past eight months to consider what steps to take in dealing with the timber workers' organization. A formal organization, to be known as the Southern Lumber Operators' Association, was effected.

To-day's meeting was exhaustive and a statement of the proceedings was not furnished to the press. John H. Kirby, president of the Kirby Lumber Company, of Houston, Texas, presided, and George K. Smith, secretary of the Southern Yellow Pine Manufacturers' Association, was secretary of the meeting.
It was stated that the Brotherhood is now confined to a few mills in East Texas, several parishes in Southern Louisiana, and a small number of mills in Southern Mississippi.

Prof. E. L. Stephens, president of the Southwestern Industrial Institute at Lafayette, La., thinks that the fact of Prof. Roy having taught at the Southern University should be no bar to his receiving a position of honor in the white schools. Prof. Stephens himself employed Mr. Roy in 1901 as the first member of the Industrial Institute faculty, where he gave eminent satisfaction, and his former employment six years previous was considered no bar to his recognition in the best of society.

The Split Log Drag.

The split log drag is the cheapest and most effective way of keeping up the country roads when once they are in fair condition.

Altogether Unfounded and Gratuitous.

Under the caption, "Of Course He Will Accept," Editor Aldrich, of the Shreveport Scribe, publishes the account the Chronicle gave of this editor's solicitation to Hon. N. C. Blanchard to represent the settlers on the Backbone Land Grant in their controversy with the railroad, and his reply that he would accept this designated trust, and it adds this wholly unfounded and gratuitous fling at the honorable gentleman: "The fact is obvious that Mr. Blanchard, while not losing any sleep over any office by election, is very wide-awake to the value of those of the appointive class—and he's not going to lose any time going after a 'good thing.'"

The insinuation that Mr. Blanchard went after this appointment is without foundation. The editor of the Chronicle is the instigator of the proposition, and prodded the honorable gentleman into his first utterance on this subject, and then we asked him point blank if he could not and would not represent the settlers. It appealed to him as a "good thing," if you will have it so, and he agreed to accept the appointment if made. That is all there is to it. The Scribe should add whatever weight it has toward securing this appointment for Mr. Blanchard, and thus help a large number of deserving Louisiana citizens to secure title to the homes they earned many years ago.

A communication will be found elsewhere in our columns to-day under the caption, "How Do the Candidates Stand?" signed "Clod Hopper," to which the attention of our readers and the Scribe is directed. The writer is by no means as uncouth and seedy as his signature might lead one to believe, and knows a great deal about this important subject. See his statement about the 147 Louisiana homes hung up in the U. S. District Court, and as many more that should be there, and then tell us if about 300 homes spread over a dozen parishes are not of sufficient importance to receive a helping hand and kind consideration from every good citizen.

Special Tax for Schools Carries Again.

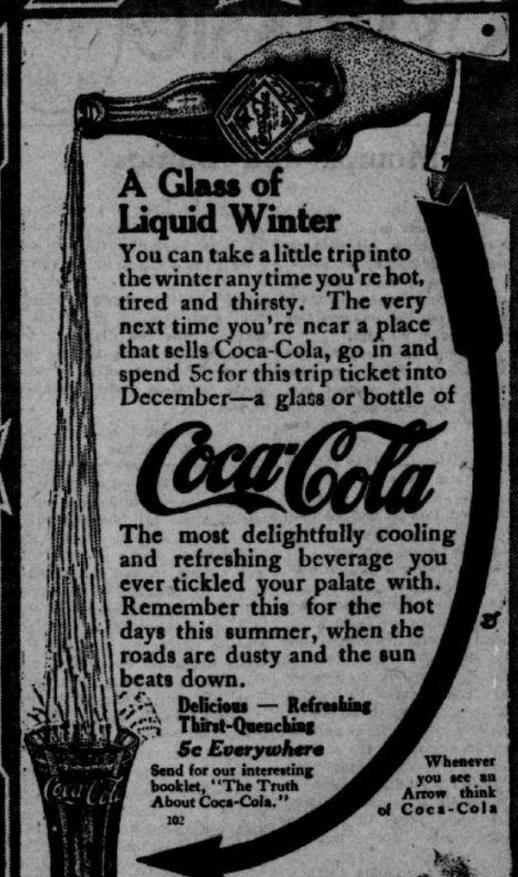
The splendid interest taken in school affairs in Grant parish is shown by the almost unanimous vote by which the people in several of our school districts have lately revoked the levy of another five mill tax for five years in aid of public schools. In district 13 the tax was carried without a single dissenting vote. In districts 20-22-23, consolidated for the purpose, the election was carried by 28 to 2 votes, the property valuation being \$12,364 to \$612. In this election the people also had a practical demonstration of economy as one among the many benefits to be gained in the consolidation of the school districts.

Controversy Over Right of Way Settled.

On Thursday J. W. Duncan, president of the police jury, accompanied by Mr. M. E. Swafford went out over the model road building from Colfax to Rochelle, and made a compromise and settlement with all parties over the right of way. The parties settled with were Tom Futrell, M. R. and R. A. Banks, Elbert Sinquefeld and a Mr. Loftish. In two or three instances they paid for crops destroyed, besides for the land and the removal of fences.

About six miles of the road has been thrown up and completed, and would be in excellent condition were it not for the late continuous rains, which have not only impeded the work but prevented the settling and solifying of the road bed.

In this connection we learn that arrangements have about been completed for the necessary graveling of three-quarters of a mile of the road leading out of Colfax eastward. It is proposed to do this work during the month of August.



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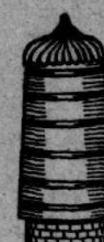
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