

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.

A Critical Time in Congress.

The last ten days have been a

very critical time in the present

session of Congress, and Senators

and Representatives were all

needed in their places to vote on

exceedingly important measures.

The Canadian reciprocity bill was

passed; the fight over revision of

the tariff is on red hot; admission

of two new States, and consideration

of their constitutions, modeled on the

plan of the initiative, referendum and

recall, are up for debate; and extra

spice of local flavoring is added to the

legislative pot pourri by the tilt

with Secretary Myer over his efforts

to remove the floating dock at New

Orleans, and thus destroy that city

as a naval base. It has been a long

time since so much interest has

been centered on the debates in

Congress as we have had during the

present extra session. Louisiana is

interested in everything under

consideration, and our people are

especially gratified over two of the

latest measures introduced, namely,

the resolution in the House by

Representative Estopinal, to designate

"New Orleans a permanent point for

a defense fleet," and a concurrent

resolution in the Senate by Senator

J. R. Thornton. It is thought that

this move will effectively check

Secretary Meyers in his proposed

plan of doing away with the New

Orleans navy yard.

State-Wide Prohibition Defeated in

Texas.

The biggest fight over State-wide

prohibition that has ever occurred

in the United States took place in

Texas last Saturday, July 22.

A great deal of interest was

worked up in the contest, and a

total of about 475,000 votes were

cast, the anti-prohibitionists

winning the election by the narrow

margin of only 6100 votes. It is

probable that the prohibition

managers may contest the election

on the ground of fraud. The voting

of large blocks of Mexicans and

negroes is charged against the

whisky men.

The State-widens are not at all

cast down over their defeat, but on

the contrary feel greatly elated

over the exhibition of their strength,

and claim that in another election

they will certainly win. No call

for the submission of the question

can be issued before the next

session of the legislature, in

January, 1913. Before that time

there will have been an election

of all State officers and members

of the legislature. The present

legislature is prohibition by a

small majority in both houses.

The fight will probably hinge

upon the election of members of

the legislature next year.

First Boll of Open Cotton.

The first boll of open cotton

received at the Chronicle office

this season from the hill region

was sent in on July 25th by Mr.

W. F. Buckner, of Morris, ward two,

Grant parish, who says he had

contingent open three or four

days before he sent us a boll.

We understand that bolls of

Our Little Tempest in a Tea Pot.

The agitation that has shaken

Louisiana from center to circum-

ference for the last fortnight,

over the aspirants for Senatorial

honors and the State offices, may

be regarded as somewhat of "a

tempest in a tea pot," as com-

pared with the great national

questions that have engaged the

attention of the world for the

last few days. Such as has

engaged the Congress of the

United States over reciprocity and

revision of the tariff, and the

British Parliament over the

abrogation of the veto power of

the House of Lords. Each in its

place, however, is worthy of the

attention of all thoughtful men,

and good citizens everywhere

should take part in their consid-

eration and settlement. In mak-

ing up our minds over these

questions it is of the utmost

importance that we steer clear of

bias and prejudice and consider

them solely in the light of com-

mon sense and public good, and

not be run into error by mis-

directed zeal.

Will Make Cotton in Spite of Weevils

or Worms.

Mr. J. H. McNeely reports that

his crops are doing fairly well.

The continuous rain in July

did not do a great deal of damage

to his cotton, for the reason that

it was all well worked out during

the drouth in June, and the

grass that grew during the rainy

weather did not hurt it. The

plant continued to grow and

take on fruit all the time, and

the boll weevil has not as yet

done any great damage. Army

worms have appeared in places,

and he has been poisoning them

this week. He has one thousand

acres in cotton, and thinks he

has a pretty fair crop assured.

Corn is only middling. He has

150 acres in rice, which is in

extra fine condition, and will

soon be ready to harvest. It is

a couple of weeks earlier than

it was last year, and is better

and heavier than the crop of

last year, which was very

satisfactory. Alfalfa has

done well, although the

rains injured it some.

Mr. Edens's Gift of Gravel.

There is an old saying, that

"it is not polite to look a gift

horse in the mouth." But we

reckon the size of the horse

sometimes makes a difference.

The question having been

raised as to the value of the

gravel that Mr. Edens has

donated to the parish of Grant,

we will state that the gravel

which he proposes to give is

worth fully 60 cents per cubic

yard, and the 2500 cubic yards

donated figure up the handsome

amount of \$1500, that Grant

parish will be benefitted. To

say nothing of other thousands

of dollars that our people will

be benefitted by this example

of public spirit, and the impetus

to progress given by the

building of good roads.

One Lesson of the War in Mexico.

There is one thing the "war"

in Mexico has done for the

coast country, and that is to

establish the salubrity and

healthfulness of the country,

as shown by the fine condition

of the troops in that region.

The people of the United States

are getting the very important

information that the coast

country of the Mexican Gulf

is a much more desirable

place to spend the summer

than in any of the interior

States, and tourists can now

be found in all the country

from the Florida coast to the

Mexican border.

A Definition for "Political Economy."

The candidates hereabouts

are telling a good story as to

National Maneuver Grounds for Camp

Stafford.

General F. F. Myles should

receive a vote of thanks from

our citizens for his kindly

interest displayed in the matter

of taking the lead in securing

the establishment here by the

United States of a National

Maneuver Grounds for the

troops of the regular army.

He is very enthusiastic in

his praise of the grounds at

Camp Stafford. He said that

without a doubt, he believed

that the grounds were so

healthy that a man suffering

with malaria could come to

Camp Stafford and get well

without other treatment.

Gen. Myles spoke of the

lack of water at the big

maneuvering camp in Texas,

that the government had

spent thousands of dollars

to try to get water by

sinking artesian wells there.

He said that at other training

grounds for soldiers there

was the prevalence of typhoid

fever, and at others mosquitoes

made it not only unbearable

but unhealthy. None of these

things, he said, obtained at

Camp Stafford. He stated that

he saw it start raining one

morning at 5 o'clock and that

it poured until 4 o'clock in

the evening, and that when

the rain ceased you could

walk anywhere on the grounds

without getting your feet

muddy. That the ground is

porous and sandy. That the

water supply at the camp

cannot be excelled. He

stated that he would make

a favorable report to the

department at Washington

on the proposition, and that

he would secure the assistance

of many friends in Congress.

The establishment of this

camp here would mean much

to Alexandria and Pineville,

as it would bring thousands

of people here all the year

round, who would spend

their money with our people.

Secretary Alexander, of the

Progressive League, should

be assisted in the work of

securing a sufficient amount

of land adjacent to Camp

Stafford to be used as

maneuvering grounds. —Town

Talk.

The New Paper at Pollock.

The first issue of the "Pollock

Progress" was printed Saturday,

July 22, 1911, and we are

pleased to receive a copy of

the paper. Mr. W. P. Robison

is the publisher and business

manager, and Mr. G. W. Christian

is the local editor. It is to

be devoted to boosting the