

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

For Circuit Judge.

We are authorized to announce HON. B. P. EDWARDS, of Arcadia, as a candidate for Judge of the Second Circuit Court of Appeals, composed of the parishes of Bossier, Webster, Claiborne, Bienville, Union, Lincoln, Jackson, Winn, Caldwell and Grant.

We are authorized to announce JUDGE R. C. DICEW of Minden, as a candidate for Judge of the Second Circuit Court of Appeals, composed of the parishes of Bossier, Webster, Claiborne, Bienville, Union, Lincoln, Jackson, Winn, Caldwell and Grant.

Special Meeting of Police Jury Called.

Among the advertisements in the Chronicle this week will be found a notice of the president of the police jury for, the members of that body to meet at Colfax on Friday, June 7, to attend to any and all business that may come before the body. The police jury will meet as a board to review the assessment lists of the parish, but one of the most important things to come before the board will be the acceptance or rejection of the contract for the construction of the Colfax-Montgomery-Verda model road, for which the State Highway Department will receive bids on Tuesday, June 4, in the city of New Orleans. The meeting for June 7th will give the State Engineers time to get here and secure the "concurrence" of the police jury in any proposed contract for the building of the road.

Under the law the police jury has the last say in any contract to be let jointly by the State and parish authorities. As there seems to be a wide-spread misapprehension abroad as to the rights of the police jury in this matter, we print the law on the subject, being an extract from section 5 of Act 49 of 1910, as follows:

The said State Highway Engineer shall have the right to reject any and all bids, if in his opinion a good cause exists therefor, and may proceed to execute the work with his own force, employing such other means or agencies as are hereinafter provided, but otherwise he shall award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder, such award to be subject to the concurrence of the said police jury, or the mayor and council or other governing authority. The successful bidder shall be required to furnish bond of a surety company authorized to do business in Louisiana, in a sum equal to one half of the contract awarded, conditioned that such work shall be performed in accordance with the plans, specifications and the terms of the contract, and no party bidding for the work shall be accepted as surety on the required bond. When the contract is signed by the State Highway Engineer and the successful bidder, with the written concurrence of the police jury, the mayor and council or other governing authority, a copy of same, including the plans, specifications and estimate of cost, shall be forthwith filed in the office of the said State Highway Engineer, with a like copy furnished to the said police jury, the mayor or other governing authority, for filing in the office of such parochial or municipal board, and a copy to the successful bidder.

Judge L. E. Hall is Now Governor.

Gov. Luther E. Hall was duly inducted into office last Monday by taking his oath of office. A large crowd was present, notwithstanding his request to cut out the usual pomp and display in order that the money might go to sufferers by overflow. The people insisted on having something to mark the occasion, and a big parade was formed anyhow, in which the La. National Guards, the officers, sailors and marines of the battleship Kansas, and the University cadets took part.

Gov. Hall made a splendid speech, accepting the mandate of the people at the polls, and pledging himself to carry out the principles of his platform. He met the issue for reforms squarely by proposing a constitutional convention as a means to carry them out. His proposition struck a responsive chord with the legislature, and already it is definitely announced that there will be a constitutional convention

held in May, 1913, to consider fiscal matters, and a more satisfactory system of assessment and taxation.

History of the Colfax Riot.

On the second day of November, 1877, the present editor of the Colfax Chronicle arrived in Colfax and took charge as editor of the paper, and he has been continuously in charge since that time. After our first five years association among the people of Grant parish we found a wide spread spirit of dissatisfaction existing over the many false and misleading statements that had been sent abroad and were being published in regard to the Colfax Riot and the events that led up to its occurrence. Many of the Grant parish citizens who took part in the fight, and had a vivid and thorough knowledge of all that transpired, were here at that time, and they gave us an account of the circumstances from their own personal knowledge.

So, in order to correct the many false and grossly exaggerated accounts of the riot that had been sent abroad by vicious carpet-baggers and sensational correspondents, we determined to give an account of the circumstances as they had been detailed to us by the eye witnesses.

About that time, the Mascot, a sensational journal published in New Orleans, printed an unusually unfair and false account of the event. We decided at once to call attention to the unfairness of that article, and to give an account of the circumstances as they had been detailed to us by eye witnesses. This account appeared in the Chronicle of June 3, 1882, and we reprint the article on our first page this week, for the information of the many new comers in Grant parish, and for the benefit of the younger generation of our citizens, who may not have a correct version of the stirring events of thirty-nine years ago, that led up to the redemption of Louisiana from the rule of the negro and carpet-bagger.

The article on our first page will be found interesting to most persons, both as a historical relation of facts, and the intense and vital relation it bears to the present condition of affairs in Louisiana, and we invite all to give it a careful reading.

In the Field For Congress.

At a meeting held in the Colfax court house at 8 p. m., Wednesday, May 22, Hon. H. M. Brennan, of Colfax, formally announced his candidacy for Congress in a public address to an audience of about 150 persons, a good many of whom were ladies. Mr. J. A. Hyde presided at the meeting, and Joel M. Durham and Dr. J. L. Woodall made short speeches. Mr. Brennan is in the field as a candidate for Grant parish, pending the creation of a new congressional district, and proposes to remain in the campaign in whatever district the lot of Grant may be cast. His opening address was well received by those who heard it.

What is an Arpent of Land?

Several weeks ago we published an article in which the French arpent and English acre were discussed and compared, and we said that no man seemed to be able to figure out exactly the difference between them. We referred to a consultation with Mr. G. H. McKnight some years ago about the matter, and he takes issue with us as to his not knowing then and now the amount in an arpent. He sends us the following definition, which we publish as a matter of justification to him, viz:

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A Trip in East Grant Parish.

The editor of the Chronicle took a three days trip in east Grant parish the latter part of last week, going by way of Winnfield and Packton, and visiting Georgetown, Rochelle, Selma and Pollock successively, returning by way of Alexandria.

At Selma we went through the big sawmill plant of the Grant Timber and Manufacturing Co., of which Mr. E. E. Fitzgerald is the general manager, and Mr. V. M. Mason assistant secretary and treasurer. Mr. J. G. Pope, the affable timber estimator for the company, spent about an hour going through the immense power plant and explaining its operation to us. The machine shops and planer are operated by electricity, generated by the ten big boilers that operate the saw mill. The method of handling the lumber and trucks in the planer and dry kiln departments by overhead trolley cars operated by electricity is a most interesting and wonderful process. The trucks with their entire loads of lumber are picked up bodily by these cars, quickly hoisted 18 or 20 feet overhead, and then speedily transferred to any part of the immense plant that may be desired. We are told the Selma mill was the first mill in Louisiana to make use of this overhead electric trolley system.

At Rochelle we found the electric trolley car system also in use, increased in numbers and in extent of application, until it is truly marvelous to see. The Rochelle mill is owned by the Tremont Lumber Co., and is somewhat larger than the Selma mill. General Superintendent Greener has a fine crew of assistants at Rochelle, and everything is in fine condition.

Both at Selma and Rochelle they have waterworks and electric lights, and the mill men and their families enjoy comforts and conveniences that are lacking in many more pretentious communities. Both towns are miniature cities, with comfortable houses, painted and arranged with pleasing symmetry. Each mill employs four or five hundred operatives, and the amount of lumber that they handle and ship out is something immense.

At Georgetown they are constructing a new seven-room high school building, having the framing up and the siding on, and it will be ready for the opening of the fall term of school.

Pollock is showing her old time vim and progress, and has a new two-story Masonic hall and new Baptist church nearing completion. The citizens over that way are greatly pleased over the new model road which has lately been completed, and they are at work on a rural free delivery route which they hope to soon have established, so they will be in line to share in the Federal government appropriation for the maintenance of model roads used in delivering the mails.

The back water from the Mississippi river, coming from East Carroll, Madison and Morehouse parishes by way of Bayou Bartholomew, Tensas and Beauf rivers, and Bayou Macon, have backed up Catahoula lake and Little river until the old citizens say the water is four feet higher than they ever saw it in that country. Indian creek, Bear creek, and other creek swamps over that way are so full of water that it is backed up against the dump or road bed of the Iron Mountain railroad in several places. The logging train road of the Selma mill running southward has had to be cut out because the track was under water, and the mill has had to haul logs over a tramway leading north.

The unprecedented thing has happened of a number of farmers living in the hills of east Grant parish, who had crops in the creek bottoms, having their crops drowned out, and they have had to abandon them. The water was at about its highest when we were there, and since then we understand it is falling.

Commencement Exercises of the Colfax High School.

The final examinations of the 1911-12 term of the Colfax high school were completed on Thursday and Friday of this week, and the session will be brought to a close Monday night, May 27, with the rendition of a pleasing program.

The commencement sermon will be preached at the high school auditorium by Rev. E. L. Cargill, at 11 a. m. on Sunday, May 26, and the following will be the program for Monday night, viz:

1. Invocation.
2. Instrumental Duet—Alice McNeely and Ellen Price.
3. Salutatory—Alice McNeely.
4. Essay—Immigration—Ellen Price.
5. Class History—Philo Goodwyn.
6. Instrumental Solo—Pearl Jeter.
7. Class Prophecy—Ludlow McNeely.
8. Class Will—Nina Jeter.
9. Vocal Solo—Leota White.
10. Valedictory—Susie Dean.
11. Address to Graduates—Hon. J. B. Roberts.
12. Awarding of Diplomas—Supt. J. N. Warner.
13. Awarding of Class Medal—Hon. H. M. Brennan.
14. Awarding Blackman Medal—Judge W. F. Blackman.
15. Instrumental Duet—Ellen Price.
16. Dismissal.

On our late trip to Rochelle we were pleased to find a crew of men at work within a quarter mile of that town, cleaning out the right of way for the model road leading from Colfax, and they expected to finish in a few days. The roadbed has been thrown up to within a few miles of Selma, and the work of completing the road we understand is being pushed ahead briskly, with the likelihood of its being finished in a few weeks.

A pest of flies has been troubling the milk cows in Colfax for a week or two, so they can hardly eat, and they are failing in their milk. Dr. R. E. Jackson says that Lea's Lice Killer, which can be obtained at almost any of the stores, is a fine thing to drive the flies away and give the cows relief.

A pretty May pole drill will be given by the little girls of the town on the grounds of the Colfax high school, under the management of Mrs. G. H. McKnight, next Friday afternoon, May 31. Strawberries, ice cream and cake will be served, for the benefit of the Woman's Home Mission Society.

Rev. Bruce Benton filled his regular appointment at the Baptist church last Sunday morning. At night his pulpit was occupied by Mr. Adran Barnado, a young student from Brazil, who is attending the Louisiana Baptist College, who gave an interesting talk on conditions in his country.

Britton & Blackburn, interested in land investments at Hugo, Oklahoma, have been in Colfax this week pushing the sale of city lots. Mr. G. W. Blackburn, one of the members of the firm, is an old resident of Colfax, and has many friends in this community.

A Base Ball Challenge. Verda, La., May 18, 1912.

Editor Colfax Chronicle: Please allow the notice in your paper that the Verda base ball team asks any team of boys eighteen years of age for a game at any time after May 24.

MANAGER B. B. TEAM.

Messrs. W. A. Brownlee and N. P. Barton took an outing last Sunday with their families, going in their automobiles on a trip to Alexandria over the model road from Colfax to Pollock, returning the same day.

The ladies of Olive Chapter of the Eastern Star, in connection with a committee of Colfax Lodge F. & A. M., are arranging to hold a reception and banquet, the date for which will be announced later.

District Court Docket for June.

District court in and for Grant parish will meet in Colfax on Monday, June 3, and we publish herewith the docket of civil cases that have been set for trial as follows:

- MONDAY, JUNE 3.
E. W. Ball vs. Armour Packing Co.
- TUESDAY, JUNE 4.
Ira W. Sanford vs. Scott Lawson.
R. W. Richardson vs. La. Ry. and Nav. Co.
Homer Brock vs. C. J. Hutchinson.
R. R. Jeter vs. W. R. Futrell.
- WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5.
Mose Eli Mercer and wife vs. N. B. and S. Ry.
- THURSDAY, JUNE 6.
J. F. Ball Bro. Lbr. Co., Ltd., vs. Floyd Chandler.
J. F. Ball Bro. Lbr. Co., Ltd., vs. William Lasyone.
- FRIDAY, JUNE 7.
Grant Timber and Manufacturing Co. vs. Hermans.
Grant Timber and Manufacturing Co. vs. C. C. Bass.
- MONDAY, JUNE 10.
J. F. Ball Bro. Lumber Co., Ltd., vs. Wm. Henderson et al.
Delaney, wife, vs. Delaney, husband.
Carruthers-Jones Shoe Co. vs. Hart-Behrens Lumber Co., Ltd.
Mrs. C. E. P. Calhoun vs. D. M. Smith et al.

TUESDAY, JUNE 11.

- J. Henry Lewis vs. J. F. Ball Bro. Lumber Co., Ltd.
Goldstein & Sons vs. Hart-Behrens Lumber Co., Ltd.
R. P. Smith & Sons vs. Hart-Behrens Lumber Co., Ltd.
- WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12.
M. C. Nugent vs. Dalton-Clark Stave Co., et al.
- THURSDAY, JUNE 13.
Standard Talking Machine Co. vs. Hart & Adams Lumber Co.
J. M. Bernardin Lumber Co. vs. Hart-Behrens Lumber Co., Ltd.
- FRIDAY, JUNE 14.
A. W. Bell vs. Verda State Bank.
J. W. Ethridge and wife vs. S. B. Hicks.
- MONDAY, JUNE 17.
Iatt Lumber Co., Ltd., vs. Hart-Behrens Lumber Co., Ltd., et al.
- TUESDAY, JUNE 18.
Fred Turner vs. J. F. Ball.
T. O. Hart vs. J. F. Ball.
T. J. Busby vs. J. F. Ball.
—Brister vs. J. F. Ball.
- WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19.
A. M. Dean vs. La. Ry. & Nav. Co.
T. C. Bush vs. La. Ry. & Nav. Co.
- THURSDAY, JUNE 20.
Geo. J. Gould et al. vs. John W. Tarter et al.
- FRIDAY, JUNE 21.
Wm. Edenborn vs. Harry Sermons.

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