

The Colfax Chronicle

Published by
CHRONICLE PRINTING CO., LTD.
 H. G. GOODWYN, Managing Editor
 A. M. GOODWYN, Assistant
 Subscription \$1.00, in advance.
 Official Organ of Grant Parish School Board and Town of Colfax.
 Official Journal of Grant Parish.
 SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 1915.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to announce
J. M. LANG
 as a candidate for Road Commissioner for ward seven, Grant parish, La., at the election to be held on Monday, April 5, 1915.

We are authorized to announce
L. DOW WARDLOW
 as a candidate for Road Commissioner for ward seven, Grant parish, La., at the election to be held on Monday, April 5, 1915.

We are authorized to announce
D. O. MORGAN
 as a candidate for Road Commissioner for ward seven, Grant parish, La., at the election to be held on Monday, April 5, 1915.

We are authorized to announce
R. E. JACKSON
 as a candidate for Road Commissioner for ward seven, Grant parish, La., at the election to be held on Monday, April 5, 1915.

We are authorized to announce
E. B. TYSON
 as a candidate for Road Commissioner for ward seven, Grant parish, La., at the election to be held on Monday, April 5, 1915.

Changes in Louisiana Educational Laws Recommended.

Baton Rouge, March 24.—The legislative committee appointed by the Parish School Board Association, and composed of Superintendents J. N. Yeager, J. M. Barham, L. A. Walet, L. H. Stevens, and Mr. W. L. Gilmer, was in session March 23 and 24 with the State Superintendent of Education, the purpose of the meeting being to canvass the educational matters that should be brought to the attention of the legislature and the Constitutional Convention, if one should be called. The committee agreed to ask the special session of the legislature, soon to be called, to make the following appropriations for the benefit of the public schools:

1. State Current School Fund—Two Mills. The present rate is 1 13-20 mills and yields less than a million dollars a year. This is only one-seventh of the school funds and would finance a school session of only five weeks. The committee is of the opinion that the burden of educating the children should be more equally divided between the State and parishes.
2. For High Schools—\$100,000. The appropriation now received is \$50,000, or \$350 for each school. As the number of high schools annually increases, the State appropriation for each school decreases. In order that the high schools may not prove a drain upon the local school funds the committee believes that the State should aid them more generously, especially so since the high school offers the only form of "higher education" that 99% of the children will ever receive.
3. For Domestic Science and Agriculture—\$100,000. This is an increase of \$25,000, and is necessary to take care of the numerous requests for additions to the departments of domestic science and agriculture, especially the former. Each department of domestic science now receives \$400 from the State, and each department of agriculture \$900. Smaller appropriations would cripple these departments or place heavy burdens upon the parish boards.
4. To Aid in Building Country Schoolhouses—\$50,000. During the present session the State has spent \$25,000 assisting country communities to build 39 consolidated schoolhouses, costing \$131,657, and resulting in the consolidation of 105 schools.
5. To Supplement the Salaries of Teachers who Remain 3 Years or More in the Same Positions—\$100,000. The parish boards are unable to place a premium upon long service in the same positions, and it is the judgment of the committee that the State should

take the initiative in this matter by making it worth the while of the right teacher in the right place to remain permanently in his position.

6. The more important constitutional and legislative questions which the committee and the superintendent will urge at the proper time are as follows:
 - (1) A State-wide compulsory education law, with these provisions: (a) To apply to children between the ages of 7 and 14; (b) a school session of 120 days or if a school week of six days should be adopted, 144 days, or for the entire session if the session should be shorter than 120 days; (c) the law would not apply to children excluded on account of lack of facilities, or living beyond certain distances and not furnished transportation.
 - (2) A State-wide pension law for teachers, to apply to teachers who have been teaching in the public schools for thirty years or more, 25 of which to be in Louisiana schools. It is proposed to pay teachers retiring under this law \$300 a year, and to have the State pay the entire amount. There are at present about forty such teachers in the State.
 - (3) Repeal the institute law and give the parish boards and parish superintendents authority to make such provisions for institutes as they deem proper.
 - (4) Require the public schools to be taught six days a week instead of five. If the schools were kept open six days each week children attending school for a session of nine months would gain practically two months, and a session of five months would be equivalent to a session as now operated of six months. The committee can see no valid reason why teachers and children should not work on Saturdays, the same as other people.
 - (5) Raise the constitutional parish tax for schools from three mills to four mills, unless the parish school boards should be willing to accept a smaller amount.
 - (6) Allow the assessors a commission on only the poll taxes and special school taxes that are actually collected. The school boards are frequently required to pay commission on long lists of poll taxes for which the taxes are never paid, and for double and erroneous assessments of special school taxes.
 - (7) Require the parish school boards to distribute the general State and parish school funds (this means all school funds except special school taxes) to give equal sessions to all schools in the parish, high schools included. Many parishes, especially in South Louisiana, follow this plan now; many do not but divide the general funds upon the basis of the number of educable children in the wards or school districts, with the result that the thickly populated centers in the parish get the most of the funds.
 - (8) The committee believes that the most important question confronting the schools is the necessity for a system of assessments which requires all property in the State to pay its just share of the taxes.

The committee suggested numerous other changes in the laws, but they are not included here for the reason that they are of minor importance and involve no principles about which there could be difference of opinion.

It is the opinion of the committee that an overlapping State Board of Education of five members, two of them teachers, to take the place of the present State Board of Education and the boards of directors of the eight or ten State schools, would prove a much better arrangement than the present system, but it does not believe that such legislation should be urged at this time.

T. H. HARRIS, Supt.

Don't wait until you are out of water before you give A. M. Goodwyn your order for a cypress cistern. Sizes and prices given on application.

"Spelling Day" at the Colfax High School.

On January 4 the announcement was received from State Supt. T. H. Harris, that March 26, 1915, had been designated as "Spelling Day," and all of the schools of the State were requested to observe it. Tests in Spelling were prepared as follows:

Group I, grades 3 and 4, a list of 500 words.
 Group II, grades 5, 6 and 7, a list of 500 words.
 Group III, grades 8, 9, 10 and 11, a list of 500 words.

Each principal was required to report to the superintendent the names of all children making 90% or more in the tests, naming the group in which the children belong; and the superintendent was to report to the State Superintendent the names of all children in the different groups making 100%. To those scoring 100%, certificates will be issued bearing the seal of the State Department of Education, and signed by the Governor, the State Superintendent, the parish superintendent, the president of the parish board, and the principal of the school.

Two weeks elapsed after receiving the above announcement before we succeeded in procuring copies of the words so that the children could begin work on them. We have used the list of words in our school as directed in the letter of the State Superintendent, and the examinations were held March 26, with the following results:

GROUP III.
 HIGH SCHOOL—EIGHTH GRADE.

Avis Bostick	100
Gussie Creighton	98.8
Charley Kelsie	99.4
Robert Best	99.8
Mira Scott	99.8
Edith Cameron	99.4
Ora Swafford	98.6
Anglo Givens	97.8
Louis Tuminello	93.4
Walter Murrell	92.8
Class average	98

NINTH GRADE.

Irene Ethridge	100
Lily Belle Goodwyn	100
Eva Irwin	100
Ulmont Mathis	100
Esther Parker	100
Mae Smith	100
Wheeler Smith	100
Ernie Williams	100
Marjorie Huffman	99.6
Harry White	99.6
Bennett Roberts	97.2
Class average	99.9

TENTH GRADE.

Leita Dyson	100
Lois Long	100
Lessie Rogers	100
Cora White	100
Dewey LaCroix	98.8
Viola Mathis	99.8
Joy Smith	99.8
Iva Swafford	99.8
Mary McNeely	98.4
Brinker Williams	98
Don Swafford	92.4
Class average	98.9

ELEVENTH GRADE.

Robert Purvis	99.8
Grace Goodwyn	99.6
Dewey McKnight	99.2
Class average	99.5

All the high school students scored well above 90%, the average for the entire high school being 99.1%, showing that on an average the high school students missed less than one word in a hundred.

GROUP II.
 SEVENTH GRADE.

Menlies Adams, 100. Those who made above 90% are: Leola Young, Murriel Gray, Tom Linder.

SIXTH GRADE.

No one made a hundred. Those who scored above 90% are: Jack Cameron, Elizabeth McKnight, Myrtle Duffy, Randle Ethridge, Randolph LaCroix, Vida Lurry, Ellen Berg, Willie Long, Nena Strickland, Columbus Killingsworth, Jim O'Quinn.

FIFTH GRADE.

No one made a hundred. Those who made above 90% are: J. H. Williams, Alice Bayne, Willie May Dean, Bettie Murrell.

GROUP I.
 FOURTH GRADE.

Lela Murle Long, 100. Those who scored above 90% are: Les-

lie McKnight, Luther McKnight, Bobbie Lee Williams, Joe Smith, Willie May Hyde, Susie Leonard, Martina O'Quinn, Arthur Fredieu

THIRD GRADE.

Leon Ella Johnson	100
Lucille Linder	100
Oswell Irwin	100
Eloise Simmons	100
Louise LaCroix	100
Sybil Bloch	100
Webster Vinson	100
Jack Givens	100
Mattie Chapman	100
Aline Irwin	100
Effie Alexander	100
Lucille Fuller	100

This whole grade of thirty pupils scored above 90% with the exception of three. Those scoring above 90% are: Cecil Alexander, Mary Gray, Maud Travis, Lorenzo Lowery, Louis Tuminello, Neil Stron, Louis G. Tuminello, Irene Stron, Alto White, Fannie Prichard, Conley Fletcher, Boothie O'Quinn, Allen Taylor, Grady Scott, Nettie Byrd Murrell. The class average for this grade is 97.3%. This is an excellent showing for the third grade.

The showing for the whole school is very good indeed, and both the teacher and children deserve a great deal of credit for the interest they have taken in this work. J. R. DeMOSS, Principal.

Square Rods and Feet in an Acre.

An acre contains 43,560 square feet.

A plat of ground 208 3/4 feet square is very near an acre, being just 1 1/2 of a rod over. A nearer approximation is 208 feet and 8 1/2 inches. The square of this number differs less than a foot from an acre, being 43,559 1/2 feet.

A plat of ground 12 rods, 10 feet and 8 1/2 inches square is an acre. For ordinary purposes it will answer to take a plat 12 3/4 rods square, which will give 160.4 rods, 160 being an acre.—Progressive Farmer.

Isn't It Time to Find Out?

The question is asked more frequently: "Why should a four-bit office be filled with expensive primaries, followed by an election just as expensive?" In the effort to deprive governors of their appointive powers, the people are forced into heavy expense to fill vacancies. Is it worth it? To elect a ward magistrate is it wise to expend more than the full term of office would bring the successful candidate? Some penny whistles cost entirely too much.—St. Francisville Democrat.

Too Much Constitution.

A constitutional convention is being discussed by many of the newspaper brethren and prominent citizens of the State. We may need a new constitution, but one thing is certain, the present constitution is not understood by many people as it should. There are too many obsolete laws on our statute books that should be wiped off. Whether a new constitution or to keep patching up the present one, is best, we are not prepared to say.—Vinton Booster.

The houses of Mr. Frank Howard and A. M. Clark, at Simms, were visited by burglars Tuesday night, and each robbed of cash and checks, amounting in all to about \$150.

Gov. Hall has announced May 10 as the date for the meeting of the legislature, which is to consider the question of calling a constitutional convention and other matters.

New Verda Property for Sale.

Editor Colfax Chronicle:
 I have for sale in New Verda, La., \$500.00, three dwellings and one store on Front street, and one dwelling on Second street, all good. J. R. MILLER.

Our "Jitney" Offer—This and So.

Don't miss this. Cut out this slip, enclose with five cents to Foley & Co., Chicago, Ill., writing your name and address clearly. You will receive in return a trial package containing Foley's Honey and Tar Compound, for coughs, colds and croup, Foley Kidney Pills and Foley Cathartic Tablets. J. W. Duncan Co.—Adv.

Bids on Colfax High School Building.

We are indebted to Mr. Joe Carver, architect of the Colfax high school building, for the complete list of the bids submitted to him March 15, by the eight contractors who bid on the job.

The contract was awarded to the General Construction Co., of Pine Bluff, Ark., for the sum of \$15,630, with the additional allowance of \$160 made by the committee for a slight change in the original specifications.

The following copy of a letter written by Mr. Carver to the various bidders, shows the amount bid by each contractor:

Colfax, La., March 26, 1915.
 General Construction Co., Pine Bluff, Ark.

Dear Sirs:—I take pleasure in reporting the following list of bids on the Colfax school job, opened here on March 15, 1915:

Hudson Construction Co., Alexandria, La., \$20,236.
 H. R. Williams, Shreveport, La., \$19,520.
 Geo. G. Scallon, Alexandria, La., \$18,932.
 J. F. Hanson, Camden, Arkansas, \$18,322.
 Caldwell Bros., Alexandria, La., \$18,400.
 Corbin Bros., Mansfield, Louisiana, \$16,940.
 General Construction Co., Pine Bluff, Ark., \$15,630.
 McMichael & Son, Shreveport, La., \$14,925.

It is my duty to state that the committee awarded the work to the General Construction Co., of Pine Bluff, Ark., at their bid of \$15,630.00, and allowed them \$160.00 additional for change in location of the building, making their contract \$15,790.00. You will find your certified check returned herewith.

Thanking you for your bid on the above work and wishing you the best of luck, I am,
 Yours truly,
 JOE CARVER, Architect.

Capt. C. H. Teal returned last Sunday from a trip to Kentucky, where he bought a fine jack. The animal, which is one of the most valuable ever brought into this community, is expected to arrive before a great while.

Mr. C. F. Cockfield has the agency for the Alexandria Coca Cola Bottling Works, and he is also prepared to fill orders for ice cream for the trade or for social purposes on short notice.

Ten Weeks in Bed—Eminent Physician Failed—Wonderful Recovery.

I wish to inform you of the great benefit I have derived from the use of Swamp-Root. I had been a sufferer for more than twenty years from kidney and liver trouble and was almost constantly treated by the most eminent physicians who could only give me temporary relief. I had been in bed ten weeks when I began the use of Swamp-Root. Inside of twenty-four hours I could see that I had been greatly benefited. I continued to use Swamp-Root until I had used several bottles when I really felt that my old trouble was completely cured and I am positive that any person suffering with kidney or liver trouble can be cured by the use of this preparation.

I am now in the best of health, better than I have been for ten years or more. I do not know how to express myself as strongly as I desire in favor of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, as I am sure that it saved my life and that my good health is due entirely to this great remedy. I heartily recommend it to every sufferer and am confident they can be benefited as I have been. It is a pleasure for me, gentlemen, to hand you this recommendation.

MRS. H. J. PRICE,
 1406 Center St., Portsmouth, Ohio.
 Personally appeared before me this 13th of September, 1909, Mrs. H. J. Price, who subscribed the above statement and made oath that the same is true in substance and in fact.
 R. A. CALVERT,
 Notary Public.

Letter to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y.

Prove What Swamp-Root Will Do for You.

Send ten cents to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample size bottle. It will convince anyone. You will also receive a booklet of valuable information, telling about the kidneys and bladder. When writing, be sure and mention the Colfax Chronicle. Regular fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles for sale at all drug stores.—Adv.

Rheumatism Yields Quickly to Sloan's

You can't prevent an attack of rheumatism from coming on, but you can stop it almost immediately. Sloan's Liniment gently applied to the sore joint or muscle penetrates in a few minutes to the inflamed spot that causes the pain. It soothes the hot, tender, swollen feeling, and in a very short time brings a relief that is almost unbelievable until you experience it. Get a bottle of Sloan's Liniment for 25c of any druggist and have it in the house—against colds, sore and swollen joints, lumbago, sciatica and like ailments. Your money back if not satisfied, but it gives almost instant relief.—Adv.-2.

Bank of Montgomery

Located at Montgomery, Parish of Grant

Report furnished to State Examiner of State Banks by the above bank at the close of business March 15, 1915

RESOURCES:

Loans and discounts	\$51,658 27
Stocks and bonds	1,025 00
Overdrafts secured and unsecured	436 11
War stamps	23 00
Banking house, fixtures, etc.	3,200 00
Other real estate	500 00
Due from banks & bankers	27,801 90
Gold coin	589 50
Silver	2,170 17
Currency	3,197 60
Cash items	205 56
Total	\$90,716 51

LIABILITIES:

Capital stock	\$15,000 00
Surplus earned	7,500 00
Profits	2,888 56
Cashier's checks	3 75
Individual deposits	46,485 15
Time certificates	18,838 24
Total	\$90,716 51

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
 Parish of Grant

I, L. Dow Wardlow, President, and I, Wilmot McCain, Assistant Cashier, of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 18th day of March, 1915.
 L. DOW WARDLOW,
 Notary Public.

Notice of Application for Appointment as Administrator.

State of Louisiana, Parish of Grant,
 13th Judicial District Court.
 No. 3180.

Succession of Adolph Lasyard, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that F. C. LaCour has this day filed application for appointment as administrator of the above named succession.

You are therefore hereby notified to file such opposition as you may have thereto within time prescribed by law, else he will be appointed as administrator as prayed for.

Witnesses the Hon. Judges of said court.
 Given under my official seal and signature on this the 2nd day of April, 1915.
 J. J. O'QUINN,
 Clerk Dist. Court.

Notice.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
 Parish of Grant

Notice is hereby given that all parties standing under indictment and under bond, will appear in open court on Monday, April 5, 1915, and have their cases fixed for trial, else their bonds will be forfeited.

By order of the court.
 Given under my official signature on this the 25th day of March A. D. 1915.
 J. J. O'QUINN,
 Clerk Dist. Court.

\$25 Reward.

Iatt Lumber Company will pay \$25 for the arrest and conviction of any person found depriving on our property, in the way of driving obstructions in timber or logs, or otherwise.

Colfax, La., April 2, 1915.
 IATT LUMBER CO., LTD.

Estray Notice.

Taken up by Richard Newton and estrayed before me the undersigned authority, one cow and young calf. Color of cow, white with red neck and head. Marked under half crop in right ear, under half crop and upper lip in left ear, branded L2 on right hip, about five (5) years old, appraised by R. D. Brown and Earnest Newton to be worth sixteen (\$16.00) dollars. Unless owner comes forward and proves the ownership of said property and pays all legal charges, the same will be sold to the last and highest bidder for cash, on Saturday, April 17, 1915, at the place of Richard Newton three miles west of Dry (Long), La., between the hours prescribed by law for such sales.

Given under my hand this 24th of March, 1915.
 ODUS WATSON,
 Justice of the Peace, Ward 3, G Parish, La.

Notice of Final Proof.

U. S. Land Office, Baton Rouge, La.
 February 24, 1915.

PROOF UNDER LAW UNDER WHICH ENTRY WAS MADE.

Notice is hereby given that Frank Thames, of Colfax, La., R. F. D. No. 1, who, on Feb. 10, 1909, made homestead entry, No. 02433, for N 1/2 of NE 1/4 section 14, township 7 north, range 3 west, Louisiana Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make five year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Clerk of Court, at Colfax, Louisiana, on the 7th day of April, 1915.

Claimant names as witnesses: Chas. G. Jones, Colfax, La., R. F. No. 1; A. E. Laird, Colfax, La., R. F. No. 1; E. C. Reynolds, Colfax, La., R. F. No. 1; Edgar Murry, Black Creek, La.

E. D. GIANELLO,