

Barret's Labor Record.

In addition to his long service as a law maker friendly to working men and women, Hon. Thos. C. Barret has been a consistent employer of union labor for his private service. A rumor gained circulation through the opposition that Mr. Barret had not employed union labor on his personal work. At Tuesday night's meeting, this week in Shreveport, the Central Trades and Labor Council, presided over by C. T. Thomas, president, evidence was presented to show that this rumor was absolutely without any foundation. As far back as 1904, as shown by certified copy of a contract between Mr. Barret and Contractor W. H. Pugh for the erection of a three-story brick structure at the corner of the alley and Louisiana street, on the rear of lots 7 and 8, block 6, Mr. Barret had this stipulation inserted in the contract:

"It is specially understood that nothing but union labor is to be used in the work."

Another certified copy was presented showing that in 1907 Mr. Barret in a contract with A. Benoit to construct his residence on Fairfield avenue had this stipulation inserted in the agreement:

"The said A. Benoit, contractor, further agrees to use only union labor in the construction of said residence building."

"Following the meeting Tuesday night C. T. Thomas, president of the Central Trades and Labor Council, said: 'Ninety-eight per cent of the labor vote of Shreveport will go for Mr. Barret for Governor, the other two per cent being influenced by the Pleasant pay roll, bossism and similar influences.'"

Inspecting the Parish Schools.

Prof. Chas. F. Trudeau, State inspector of rural schools, has spent about ten days touring Grant parish in an automobile with Supt. J. N. Warner, visiting all the schools of the parish. There are 42 white schools in the parish and 11 negro schools. The average inspection was between 5 and 6 schools a day, and it takes pretty fair hustling to visit that many schools in a day.

Prof. Warner requests us to state that he has been so busy since the last meeting of the school board that he has not been able to write up the proceedings from his notes for publication, but that he expects to have them ready to print in the Chronicle next week.

New York is Greatest City.

London, Jan. 3.—New York is larger than London—is the largest city in the world. This admission was published here Saturday, with an announcement of an error of 390,000 in the 1911 census figures.

The figures are: County of London, 4,521,358 in 1911; New York city, 4,766,883 in 1910. "Extra London," counting all suburbs, 7,251,358. Greater New York, including Westchester and New Jersey suburbs, in 1914, 7,383,871. These figures show New York city 245,525 larger than the county of London, and New York and environs 132,513 greater than Greater London.

The figures from New York environs were taken in 1914, but the war has cut down London's suburbs, while New York's have boomed in the last year.

Friendship is Not Blind.

In friendship we see only those faults which may be prejudicial to our friends, while in love we discern no faults but those by which we ourselves suffer.—La Bruyere.

Some New Prophets in the Land.

Mr. Norman Walker, associate editor of the Times-Picayune, after making a tour of Louisiana hazards his reputation as a prophet by predicting that Col. R. G. Pleasant will win the Democratic nomination over Lieut. Gov. T. C. Barret by a majority that "may be 15,000."

Well, well, that is a modest prediction in view of the fact that Mr. Pleasant's supporters have been claiming that he would win by 45,000 majority. We did not know before that Mr. Walker posed as a prophet, or even the son of a prophet. We thought he was the son of a preacher, only, and if that is the case, this editor can break even with him. We shall therefore hazard the prediction that the "silence of a large portion of the voters," which he says are "contributing factors," are yet to be heard from, and when they are heard from that little 15,000 majority for Pleasant will be wiped out of existence.

Labor's Question.

There have been certain questions affecting the welfare of labor put to the various candidates for Governor by the State Federation of Labor. The only one of the three aspirants for that office to reply fully to the interrogations was Lieutenant Governor Barret, who not only answered all of the questions in the affirmative, but cited his record of twenty years as an evidence of his attitude toward the masses. John M. Parker evaded the issues by stating that the questions touched upon were matters concerning the legislative rather than executive branch of the State government.

In direct contrast with the open and frank statements of Mr. Barret is the attitude of Col. R. G. Pleasant, the candidate of the ward bosses. Mr. Pleasant not only ignored the questions, but was not courteous enough to acknowledge receipt of them. Although a second copy of the interrogations was mailed him by registered letter, the return card for which is in the hands of the president of the State Federation of Labor, no word has come from him, which shows conclusively that his silence is by design and not by accident.—New Orleans American.

Adaptability of Brain.

Each vocation makes a different call upon the brain and develops faculties and qualities peculiar to itself, so that as the various professions, trades and specialties multiply, the brain takes on new adaptive qualities, thus giving greater variety and strength to civilization as a mass. When the world was young the brain of man was very primitive, because the demand upon it was largely for self-protection and the acquisition of food, which called only for the development of its lower, its animal part. As civilization advanced, however, there was a higher call upon the brain and more varied development, until today, in the highest civilization, it has become exceedingly complex.—Success Magazine.

Life's High Ideals.

We have more or less true ideals of what our own human life ought to be—of what opportunities we ought to have for the development of our faculties—of what home and school and college, youth and married life and old age, work and rest, ought to mean for ourselves and our families. We are to be as truly zealous and active for other classes or other individuals as we are for our own class or our own family or ourselves.—Charles Gore.

What Heaven Means to Me.

When we have traversed the dim leagues, and have seen things wonderful at every turn, and have passed through the bitter flood, we shall find—at least this is my hope—no guarded city of God from which we shall go no more out, but another road passing into wider fields and dimmer uplands, and to things more and more wonderful and strange and unknown.—Arthur C. Benson in Century Magazine.

Her First Book.

"Your novel will be bound in cloth, of course," announced the pompous publisher. "Oh, how nice!" exclaimed the girlish author. "And may I select the cloth? I choose pink chiffon."—Puck.

Keep Up the Effort.

Fight like a good soldier; and though sometimes fall through frailty take again greater strength than before, trusting in my more abundant grace.—Thomas a Kempis.

Colfax High School Building Burned.

The alarm of fire was raised about 2:30 a. m. Friday, Jan. 14, and upon our citizens getting their wits together they discovered that the entire roof of the old high school building was in flames and all hope of saving the building gone. A goodly number of persons appeared on the scene in a few minutes, and by quick work managed to save the most of the furnishings in the kitchen, pantry and dining room of the domestic science department. Nothing in the second story was saved, and nothing in the east and west rooms down stairs was saved.

The building and furnishings for the high school cost in all about \$15,000, on which there was \$6,000 insurance. One of the most serious losses was the high school library and the records of the school, etc., worth about \$500. In addition to this loss was the fittings and furnishings of the laboratory, desks, tables, chairs, six sewing machines and the books of the pupils, besides the private library of Prof. DeMoss, in the aggregate worth several hundred dollars more.

The building destroyed stood within 200 feet of the new high school building, lately completed, and it was fortunately not injured in the least by the fire. The stove, tables, and furnishings of the domestic science department saved from the fire have been stored in the basement of the new building, which the school board proposes to have fitted up so this department can be continued. Also one of the rooms in the new building is to be used for the high school pupils, and it is hoped that but little derangement in the high school will occur pending the adjustment of the insurance on the old building and the providing of ample quarters similar to those that have been burned.

The origin of the fire is unknown.

When Earthquakes Come.

That animals are sensitive to the approach of earthquakes is a fact frequently observed, and the more recent seismic troubles in various countries give numerous examples of this singular faculty which many animals possess. For instance, in Japan horses set up an unusual agitation whenever a seismic shock is near at hand. In Central America dogs and cats flee from houses, and the inhabitants have become so accustomed to this that they follow the example of the animals and leave their dwellings so as to escape danger. In Italy it has been observed that birds left their nests and flew up to a great height in the air, but this without noise, before the earthquake took place. However, at the time when the earthquake shocks were produced the birds uttered cries which lasted for all the duration of the earthquake. It is asserted that in Sicily cocks crow and dogs howl just before an earthquake.

Word to the Wise.

"Do you know, Bill, I nearly lost a sovereign today?" said a Londoner to a friend of his the other day. "How was that?" "Well, you see, I went to call on a friend of my wife's, and he asked me to lend him a sovereign. 'Yes, certainly,' said I, and I brought out a sovereign, but it never got farther than my hand." "How was that?" "Well, you see, one of his daughters commenced to sing 'Kathleen Mavourneen.' Well, what has that got to do with lending a sovereign?" "Everything, Bill, for she started like this: 'It may be for years, or it may be for ever, I so popped the quid back in my pocket.'—London Tit-Bits.

Toys in the Middle Ages.

Horace makes mention of the stick-horses of the Roman children. Missals of the middle ages picture little people still astride such makeshift steeds, and the ordinary riding horse of the ordinary child remained a stick with a horse head until late in the seventeenth century. One hundred years later we find horse forms with curtains around them, so that the child may run on his own legs beneath the sheltering drapery, just as clowns in the circus do today. Early in the nineteenth century rocking horses came into fashion, after which, in 1867 horses were shown at the Paris exposition covered with hair and very natural in form—the toy horse, as we know him today.—Mothers' Magazine.

Queer English Ceremonies.

Some three hundred English gentlemen are now installed in the position of chief citizen of their respective towns and boroughs, remarks the London Chronicle. In some districts old world ceremonies are observed. The mayor of Lincoln, for instance, is inducted by placing upon his finger an ancient ring, worn by his predecessors for many centuries. At Cheltenham the mayor is presented with a gold-headed malacca cane; at Grantham the new chief citizen is tapped on the head with the town clerk's hammer; at Dunstable the time-honored custom of bumping is observed, and at Bournemouth the new mayor receives a solemn kiss from his predecessor.

Japanese Paper Boats.

From the Japanese paper known as "hashikirazu," treated chemically to make it waterproof, a former admiral of the Japanese navy has succeeded in making paper lifeboats that can be packed away in a space of about one cubic foot, but which, when inflated, are seaworthy and durable, according to Popular Mechanics.

We prefer Mr. Barret for Governor because he is honest and capable—an official of many years of experience in affairs of State, able and broad-minded and a man of unsullied reputation and above reproach. Consistent and firm and faithful in his politics, he is recognized as the soul of honor and a worthy leader of the great cause he represents.—Bossier Banner.

For Sale at a Bargain for Cash.

One good work horse, weight about 1100 pounds. Also one gentle mare, works anywhere, weight about 800 pounds. MILTON O'QUINN, New Verda, La.

DIED.

MOBLEY—At the residence of J. H. Blackshear, in ward one, Grant parish, La., at 2:30 a. m. on Tuesday, Jan. 11, 1916, A. M. Mobley departed this life, aged 80 years and 6 months.

The deceased was an old Confederate veteran and resided in Grant and Rapides parishes for a number of years, where he was well known to a number of citizens. He was the brother-in-law of Mr. J. H. Blackshear. His remains were taken to Rock Hill cemetery for burial.

FUTRELL—At the sanitarium in Alexandria, La., on Wednesday, January 12, 1916, at 9 o'clock a. m., Gus Futrell departed this life aged 29 years.

The remains were removed from the sanitarium to the Hixon undertaking parlors and prepared for burial. The funeral will take place to-morrow, interment being made in the family burying ground, in Big Creek cemetery.

Mr. Futrell was born and raised near Pollock, La., but has been residing at Glenmora, La., for the past six months. He was apparently in the best of health and went to his work as usual on Monday morning and was soon after taken suddenly ill. He was brought to this city over the Iron Mountain road yesterday at noon and hurried to the sanitarium, but was beyond all hope when he arrived there. His death was caused from a rupture of the intestines.

The deceased leaves a wife and two children, a mother, five brothers, one sister, and other relatives to mourn his loss. Mr. Futrell's wife, children, mother, and two brothers, Messrs. Perry and Leo Futrell, and his uncles, Messrs. James and Witt Chandler, were with him at the time of his death.

The remains will be taken to Pollock on the 7:15 train this evening.—Alexandria Town Talk, Jan. 12.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

For Senator.

We are authorized to announce S. J. HARPER as a candidate for Senator from the 27th Senatorial District, composed of Grant, Winn and Caldwell parishes, subject to the Democratic primary.

We are authorized to announce CHAS. H. TEAL as a candidate for Senator from the 27th Senatorial District, composed of Grant, Winn and Caldwell parishes, subject to the Democratic primary.

For Representative.

We are authorized to announce G. A. FOSTER as a candidate for Representative of Grant parish, subject to the will of the Democratic voters in the approaching Democratic primary election.

For Sheriff.

We are authorized to announce L. O. CLINTON as a candidate for Sheriff of Grant parish, subject to the will of the Democratic voters in the approaching Democratic primary election.

We are authorized to announce J. M. DUFILHO as a candidate for Sheriff of Grant parish, subject to the Democratic primary election.

We are authorized to announce T. O. HART as a candidate for Sheriff of Grant parish, subject to the will of the Democratic voters in the approaching Democratic primary election.

We are authorized to announce R. W. WAGNER as a candidate for Sheriff of Grant parish, subject to the will of the Democratic voters in the approaching Democratic primary election.

For Clerk of Court.

We are authorized to announce E. S. MURRELL as a candidate for Clerk of Court of Grant parish, subject to the will of the Democratic voters in the approaching Democratic primary election.

We are authorized to announce JAS. J. O'QUINN as a candidate for re-election as Clerk of Court of Grant parish, subject to the will of the Democratic voters in the approaching Democratic primary election.

For Assessor.

We are authorized to announce C. J. CALHOUN as a candidate for Assessor of Grant parish, subject to the will of the Democratic voters in the approaching Democratic primary election.

We are authorized to announce H. P. GRAY as a candidate for Assessor of Grant parish, subject to the will of the Democratic voters in the approaching Democratic primary election.

We are authorized to announce J. P. LEWIS as a candidate for Assessor of Grant parish, La., subject to the will of the Democratic voters in the approaching Democratic primary election.

We are authorized to announce M. H. PERTON as a candidate for Assessor of Grant parish, subject to the will of the Democratic voters in the approaching Democratic primary election.

We are authorized to announce J. M. STRAUGHAN as a candidate for Assessor of Grant parish, subject to the will of the Democratic voters in the approaching Democratic primary election.

For Coroner.

We are authorized to announce DR. E. H. BLACKWOOD as a candidate for Coroner of Grant parish, subject to the will of the Democratic voters in the approaching Democratic primary election.

Editor Colfax Chronicle: You are hereby authorized to announce my candidacy for Coroner of Grant parish, subject to the decision of the Democratic voters in the Democratic primary to be held in January, 1916. J. L. WOODALL, M. D.

For Police Juror.

WARD ONE. We are authorized to announce W. A. BROWNLEE as a candidate for Police Juror of Ward One, Grant parish, subject to the will of the Democratic voters in the approaching Democratic primary election.

WARD TWO.

We are authorized to announce J. M. JONES as a candidate for Police Juror of Ward Two, subject to the will of the Democratic voters in the approaching Democratic primary election.

WARD THREE.

We are authorized to announce O. L. NUGENT as a candidate for re-election as Police Juror of Ward Three, subject to the will of the Democratic voters in the approaching Democratic primary election.

WARD FOUR.

We are authorized to announce L. E. BRUNSON as a candidate for Police Juror of ward three, subject to the Democratic primary election.

We are authorized to announce J. J. DEWITT as a candidate for Police Juror for Ward Three, Grant parish, subject to the will of the Democratic voters in the approaching Democratic primary election.

We are authorized to announce A. R. SANDIFER as a candidate for Police Juror of ward three, subject to the Democratic primary election.

WARD FIVE.

We are authorized to announce M. H. NUGENT as a candidate for Police Juror of Ward Four, subject to the will of the Democratic voters in the approaching Democratic primary election.

We are authorized to announce O. C. WATSON as a candidate for re-election to the office of Police Juror for Ward Four, Grant parish, subject to the will of the Democratic voters in the approaching Democratic primary election.

We are authorized to announce DR. W. R. BUFFINGTON as a candidate for re-election to the office of Police Juror for ward five, subject to the Democratic primary election.

WARD SIX.

We are authorized to announce J. L. HOLMES as a candidate for Police Juror of ward five, subject to the Democratic primary election.

WARD SEVEN.

We are authorized to announce C. W. CALHOUN as a candidate for Police Juror of ward six, subject to the Democratic primary election.

We are authorized to announce J. W. O'QUINN as a candidate for Police Juror of Ward Six, subject to the will of the Democratic voters in the approaching Democratic primary election.

WARD EIGHT.

We are authorized to announce J. F. DREWETT as a candidate for Police Juror of Ward Seven, Grant parish, subject to the will of the Democratic voters in the approaching Democratic primary election.

We are authorized to announce I. C. DYSON as a candidate for Police Juror of ward seven, subject to the Democratic primary election.

For Magistrate.

WARD TWO. We are authorized to announce C. U. ROBINSON as a candidate for First Magistrate of ward 2, subject to the Democratic primary election.

We are authorized to announce C. M. FULLER as a candidate for 2nd Magistrate of Ward Two, Grant parish, subject to the will of the Democratic voters in the approaching Democratic primary election.

We are authorized to announce THOS. FUTRELL as a candidate for 2nd Magistrate of Ward Two, Grant parish, subject to the will of the Democratic voters in the approaching Democratic primary election.

We are authorized to announce R. L. PARISH as a candidate for 2nd Magistrate of Ward Two, Grant parish, subject to the will of the Democratic voters in the approaching Democratic primary election.

We are authorized to announce O. T. THOMPSON as a candidate for 2nd Magistrate of Ward Two, Grant parish, subject to the will of the Democratic voters in the approaching Democratic primary election.

We are authorized to announce H. C. TULLOS as a candidate for 2nd Magistrate of Ward Two, subject to the will of the Democratic voters in the approaching Democratic primary election.

WARD THREE. We are authorized to announce O. C. RICHARDSON as a candidate for Magistrate of ward three, subject to the Democratic primary election.

We are authorized to announce ODUS WATSON as a candidate for Magistrate of Ward Three, Grant parish, subject to the will of the Democratic voters in the approaching Democratic primary election.

WARD FOUR.

We are authorized to announce T. O. NUGENT as a candidate for Magistrate of Ward Four, subject to the will of the Democratic voters in the approaching Democratic primary election.

WARD FIVE. We are authorized to announce W. W. DUNN as a candidate for Magistrate of ward five, subject to the Democratic primary election.

We are authorized to announce W. P. FOSTER as a candidate for Justice of the Peace of ward five, subject to the Democratic primary election.

WARD SIX.

We are authorized to announce F. P. BULLITT as a candidate for Magistrate of ward six, subject to the Democratic primary election.

WARD SEVEN.

We are authorized to announce E. A. SMITH as a candidate for Second Magistrate of ward seven, subject to the Democratic primary election.

For Constable.

WARD ONE. We are authorized to announce D. M. MCKNIGHT as a candidate for Constable of Ward One, Grant parish, subject to the will of the Democratic voters in the approaching Democratic primary election.

WARD TWO.

We are authorized to announce E. M. BARTON, JR. as a candidate for Second Constable of ward two, subject to the Democratic primary election.

We are authorized to announce MACK FUTRELL as a candidate for Second Constable of ward two, subject to the Democratic primary election.

We are authorized to announce S. B. PARISH as a candidate for Second Constable of ward two, subject to the Democratic primary election.

We are authorized to announce J. E. TURNER as a candidate for Second Constable of Ward Two, Grant parish, subject to the will of the Democratic voters in the approaching Democratic primary election.

WARD THREE.

We are authorized to announce W. M. BRATTON as a candidate for Constable of Ward Three, Grant parish, subject to the will of the Democratic voters in the approaching Democratic primary election.

We are authorized to announce J. H. BRUNSON as a candidate for Constable of Ward Three, subject to the will of the Democratic voters in the approaching Democratic primary election.

We are authorized to announce C. H. MCBRIDE as a candidate for Constable of Ward Three, subject to the will of the Democratic voters in the approaching Democratic primary election.

We are authorized to announce RICHARD NEWTON as a candidate for Constable of ward three, subject to the Democratic primary election.

We are authorized to announce H. D. SMITH as a candidate for Constable of Ward Three, subject to the will of the Democratic voters in the approaching Democratic primary election.

WARD FOUR.

We are authorized to announce C. A. NUGENT as a candidate for Constable of Ward Four, Grant parish, subject to the will of the Democratic voters in the approaching Democratic primary election.

We are authorized to announce S. M. SMITH as a candidate for Constable of Ward Four, subject to the will of the Democratic voters in the approaching Democratic primary election.

We are authorized to announce G. L. BARRETT as a candidate for Constable of ward five, subject to the Democratic primary election.

We are authorized to announce H. B. SEXTON as a candidate for Constable of ward five, subject to the Democratic primary election.

WARD FIVE.

We are authorized to announce J. W. FLETCHER as a candidate for Constable of Ward Six, subject to the will of the Democratic voters in the approaching Democratic primary election.

We are authorized to announce T. L. DEAN as a candidate for First Constable of Ward Seven, Grant parish, subject to the will of the Democratic voters in the approaching Democratic primary election.

We are authorized to announce C. J. HUTCHINSON as a candidate for Second Constable of Ward Seven, subject to the will of the Democratic voters in the approaching Democratic primary election.