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COMMUNICATION

Mr. H. C. Baker,
Editor Caldwell Watchman.

Dear sir:
In justice to all parties interested I beg to submit the following communication and will thank you to give it prominent space in your valuable paper.

I have been informed that certain parties are endeavoring to make "Political Capital" out of the misunderstanding on the part of the Chairman and Secretary of the Parish Democratic Executive Committee relative to the form of blank required for filing. It is being said that a "terrible trick" was about to be pulled off by which some of the candidates would be denied the right to have their names placed on the official ballot to be voted in the approaching primary election, and that this awful "stunt" would have been carried through if the matter hadn't "leaked out". Some of the parties making this "howl" were absent from town during this time and did not return until after the date for filing had expired, however, when they did return, they found that they had been properly filed and by the same party that re-filed all of the parish and ward candidates, except the candidates for Sheriff and Clerk of Court, who had been advised that it would be necessary to refile their declaration, and they did so in person. But still they see a terrible plot on our part to keep them out of the race, and if it had not been for this "leakage of news" they would have been unable to get their names on the official ballot. It should be perfectly plain that if it had been the intention to keep any candidate out of the race, it would not have been no trouble whatever to have passed over those candidates who were absent, but such was not the case and all candidates from Constable up were refiled and their interests properly cared for.

Now, as to a history of this matter. Representative J. E. McClanahan, having been quite familiar with the passage of the "Corrupt Practice Act" of 1912, was not satisfied with the blanks in which we candidates were filing, wrote the Attorney General under special delivery stamp on Sunday evening, October 21, 1915, for a ruling as to the necessary form of blank. He received a reply on Tuesday morning before the expiration of filing that night, and as it was too late to have blanks printed, he secured the services of Mr. W. I. Redditt, who struck off 100 on a typewriter. He then saw Mr. Redditt, the Chairman, as to whether or not he would accept this new filing for each of the candidates signed by himself, and he, Mr. Redditt, agreed to accept them. As it was too late in the day to notify or locate the various parish and ward candidates and as the time was growing limited, nothing was said about the matter until after all had been filed. Now, Mr. McClanahan told several candidates for ward offices from the Country that it might be necessary to refile their declaration, and to come back Tuesday, as he had written the Attorney General for a ruling and that it would be received Tuesday evening. It was agreed between Mr. McClanahan, myself and others on the Sunday afternoon, after we had read the "Corrupt Practice Act" of 1912, that in the event it should be-

An Open Letter

Riverton, La.
Nov. 2, 1915.
Hon. W. E. Godfrey,
Columbia, La.

Dear sir:
Since canvassing a portion of the Parish in the interest of my candidacy for Sheriff, I am convinced that the people prefer hearing the issues in this campaign discussed from the public platform between you and myself and other candidates for Parish offices. And believing as I do, that the people of Caldwell are entitled to know just what you and I have stood for in the past, and what we expect to stand for in the future, and that the best way to present our public records to the people is from the public platform. Then if either of us should make any mistakes in discussing our records the other would have a fair chance to correct them.

I assure you that so far as I am concerned we can meet and discuss the issues of this campaign upon a high moral plane, and that we can finish this campaign and be as good friends as we were when we began it.

You and I have official records, and those records are open for public criticism, and I expect to discuss your record and invite you to discuss mine. I assure you that at no stage of this campaign will I become personal in my remarks, but that I will present the issues, from my point of view, in as high tone a manner as I am capable of presenting them.

I am addressing communication to you through the Caldwell Watchman, and ask for your reply through the same paper.

Assuring you of my personal esteem and friendship, I am,

Yours very truly,
J. E. McClanahan

come necessary to refile our declarations, that all candidates would be protected, and neither he nor I would take any advantage over the others, but at that time we did not believe this law applied to parish and ward officers, but only to State candidates. Mr. McClanahan, Mr. Meredith, Mr. Redditt and myself will all make affidavit to this fact and to the further fact that our activity in the matter was not to bar any one from becoming a candidate but to protect those candidates who had filed their declarations as such.

The parties making this "bug-boo" are doing so strictly for political purposes. They know that the charge they are making is without foundation and that they are trying to build up political strength by tearing down the other fellow, even though they have to do it by unclean methods. I want to brand as absolutely false any statement that I, Mr. McClanahan or any one else connected with this matter, had any intent, design or desire to "trick", bar or keep any one from participating in the approaching primary election.

Respectively,
S. P. Walker,
Secy. Parish Dem Ex. Com.
Columbia, La., Nov. 2, 1915.

Branch Library For Negro Race

The first public library in the United States devoted exclusively to the use of the negro race was opened and dedicated at New Orleans on Oct. 24. The building, donated by Andrew Carnegie, cost \$25,000 and the city of New Orleans donated the site and will maintain the library. The ceremonies were attended by a large number of city and state officials, many leading white citizens and educators of New Orleans and prominent negroes who expressed their appreciation to the Southern community, first in America to aid the negro with a library of general information.

She Knew

"General" Rosalie Jones of suffrage fame was a watcher at the polls in Newark, N. J. To the amazement of the men on the Election Board, she expounded election laws that they never knew existed. Then the men read over the laws carefully and conceded Miss Jones was right in her interpretation. "You see, it's my business to know more about it than you," said the lady calmly to a male watcher. And the men faintly acknowledged her statement.

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A Good Catch

Mr. Bascom Carroll of Ward 9 had the good luck, a few days ago, of killing five otters. He had gone out to hunt for alligators when his dog "treed" them in a large cypress tree. After chopping an opening, he with his dog entered. The otters made fight, knocking his dog "around" and charging Mr. Carroll from the front and rear. After the first charge four of the animals retreated to the dark places in the tree, leaving one dead on the battle field. After three hours Mr. Carroll succeeded in killing all five of them. The pelts are estimated to be worth \$50.

There were 1603 bales of cotton ginned in the parish to Oct. 18, 1915, and 744 to Oct. 18, 1914.

Lost Boy Found

On the afternoon of Oct. 29th, little Edward Peppin, 4 years of age, who was playing with his parents a few miles up the river, started out for a stroll with his dog. They wandered about in the woods until the boy's mother became uneasy about him. After looking about some time for him, and not finding him, telephoned to Grayson and quite a crowd of people joined in the hunt at four o'clock in the morning.

Robert McKeithen found him by the sound of the howling dog, six miles from home. He showed no signs of being frightened or that he had been crying. He said he could keep up with the dog until they got among the logs, then had to call him back. They saw four rabbits and one hog, each being chased down the hill by the dog. He also heard some "hoot owls" and told them if they didn't hush he would make his dog eat them up, they hushed too. "But a little while ago" said he, "I got sleepy and made the dog lie down by the log. I had a good bed in the sand. Just now he commenced to howl and started to run off and I had to run to keep up with him."

FARM FOR RENT.

WANTED-A good tenant, man with family preferred, for farm at Cotton Plant, Caldwell Parish La. Can make it interesting to the right party.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOR SENATOR.

We are authorized to announce Hon. S. J. HARPER as a candidate for State Senator from the twenty-seventh senatorial district of Louisiana, subject to the action of the democratic primary.

FOR SHERIFF

We are authorized to announce MR. J. E. McCLANAHAN as a candidate for sheriff of Caldwell parish subject to the action of the democratic primary.

We are authorized to announce MR. W. E. GODFREY as a candidate for re-election to the office of sheriff of Caldwell Parish, subject to the action of the democratic primary.

FOR CLERK.

We are authorized to announce MR. THOS. BOWEN EUBANKS as a candidate for Clerk of Court, subject to the action of the democratic primary.

We are authorized to announce MR. A. L. MECOM as a candidate for re-election to the office of Clerk of Court, subject to the action of the democratic primary.

FOR ASSESSOR

We are authorized to announce MR. B. H. MILLER as a candidate for assessor of Caldwell parish, subject to the action of the democratic primary.

We are authorized to announce MR. W. B. PERKINS as a candidate for assessor of Caldwell parish subject to the action of the democratic primary.

We are authorized to announce MR. J. E. STUART, as a candidate for assessor of Caldwell parish, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

We are authorized to announce the name of MR. S. P. WALKER as a candidate for re-election to the office of Assessor of the Parish of Caldwell, subject to the Democratic primary.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE

We are authorized to announce MR. T. L. SORRELLS as a candidate for Representative of Caldwell Parish, subject to the action of the democratic primary.

We are authorized to announce DR. I. B. MAY as a candidate for Representative of Caldwell Parish, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary.

FOR CORONER

We are authorized to announce DR. O. A. BIGGS as a candidate for Coroner of Caldwell Parish, subject to the action of the democratic primary.

FOR POLICE JURY

We are authorized to announce MR. H. T. HENRY as a candidate for police jury member from ward 3, subject to the democratic primary.

We are authorized to announce the name of MR. T. J. DUNN as a candidate for Police Jury member from Ward 3, subject to the Democratic primary.

We are authorized to announce MR. P. F. CLAUNCH as a candidate for police jury member from Ward 3, subject to the Democratic primary.

We are authorized to announce MR. J. W. KING as a candidate for Police Jury member from ward 5 subject to the democratic primary.

We are authorized to announce MR. J. A. WARNER as a candidate for police jury member from ward 4, subject to the action of the democratic primary.

We are authorized to announce MR. H. F. LONG as a candidate for Police Jury member from Ward 6, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

We are authorized to announce DR. S. G. HINES as a candidate for Police Jury member from Ward 4, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

We are authorized to announce MR. T. F. JAMES as a candidate for Police Jury member from Ward 2, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

A Card

To the Voters of the Parish of Caldwell:

Owing to the fact that the office of Tax Assessor of the Parish of Caldwell, now pays more than ever before, regard less of the two percent commission allowed, under Act No. 252 of the Acts of 1910, on the assessment of special school tax for the year 1914, and as the people of the Parish have seen fit, or have been forced, for the past several years to levy these special taxes, in order to carry on and maintain the public schools of the Parish, I see no reason why the Tax Assessor should demand this two percent, or \$351.66 per year, from the school children of the Parish, whose parents are straining every effort to meet the payment of these taxes, in order to carry on this good cause.

Now, therefore, if the people see fit to elect me as Tax Assessor of the Parish of Caldwell, I do hereby and by this declaration, bind and obligate myself to assess the special school tax of the Parish free of charge.

The remainder of my platform will follow later. Respectfully,
W. A. MEREDITH.

Notice to Cotton Raisers.

I will pay \$24.00 for all cotton seed brought to my gin until further notice Will furnish bagging and ties at \$1.25 per wrapping. Bring on your cotton. Will gin every day after the present week. Yours to serve,
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PARISH OF CALDWELL | Registrar.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that, in accordance with the provisions of Section 2 of Act 212 of the Acts of the State of Louisiana for the year 1912, the Registration Office will be opened one day at each of the precincts of the Parish, one day only at each Precinct, on the dates following to wit:—
Ward 1 St. Albans precinct, Friday, November 26, 1915
" 2 St. Peters Church precinct, Tuesday, November 30, 1915
" 3 Kelly precinct, Tuesday, December 7, 1915
" 4 Grayson, precinct, Wednesday, December 8, 1915
" 4 Clarks, precinct, Thursday December 9, 1915
" 5 Fellowship precinct, Wednesday, December 1, 1915
" 5 Vixen precinct, Thursday, December 2, 1915
" 6 Sardis precinct, Saturday, December 4, 1915
" 7 Fredericksburg precinct, Monday, November 29, 1915
" 8 Brown's Mill precinct, Saturday, November 27, 1915
" 9 Cotton Plant precinct, Friday December 3, 1915
" 10 Shiloh precinct, Monday, December 6, 1915

During the above dates the Registration Office will be closed at the Court house. On Friday, December 10th, the Registration Office will open at the Court house and remain continuously open until Friday, January 14, 1916, at which time the office will again be closed until after the Second primary election in 1916.

Witness my hand and seal, officially, at Columbia, La., this the 19th, day of October, 1915.

M. L. MECOM,
Clerk & Ex-Officio Registrar.



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