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SWORDS ON DIVISION OF ST. LANDRY PARISH.

Editor Clarion.—The Evangeline Banner in an editorial of Feb. 6th says that the Registrar had announced to the courthouse clique his intention to start at Ville Platte to register the voters without due notice, and further on says that it looks like a trick of the gang who know that a fair election and correct count is all that is needed to rid themselves of the yoke that they have carried for these many years, and further on says that Mr. Landry allowed one of the high cook-form of the courthouse to make his itinerary in order to ascertain how strong the west was so as to enable them to best formulate a plan to pursue their anti movement.

Now as to the movement of the Registrar, the writer has with all the force and energy at his command done all he could to have the different precincts visited to enable the people to register without inconvenience to anyone, be he for or against division. The people should have a square deal. The Registrar was uncertain as to whether he could leave the courthouse to register or not, and hence a sufficient time was not given to notify the voters in the first two precincts to be visited, but Mr. O. E. Gullory was present and could have easily informed the Ville Platte people by telephone. The fact is about two hundred and twenty voters were registered and the others can be gotten at the courthouse.

The Registrar asked me to make his itinerary and I did so, but the one made by me is not the one adopted.

I wrote one on Friday morning and began at Washington in the center of the old parish and to commence on the following Monday, and told the Registrar that my advice was to have hand bills printed and sent to Washington that evening, thereby giving those people two days notice. I advised him to send to the next place Ville Platte thereby giving three days notice and to J. J. Landreneau giving them four days, and after that all precincts would receive due notice by mail. The Registrar was trying to find out his duties in the premises and when he had determined to go it was too late to notify the two first precincts, but the result shows that they registered heavily.

The reason he did not commence at Washington was because that town was to hold a primary and under the law he could not at that time go there. If the itinerary made by me had been adopted I would not have put the registration at M. L. Fontenot's in Ville Platte, but at the old place. I would not have put it at R. A. Gortz on Abchafalaya river, from four

to six miles above Bayou Current and where about four voters live, instead of Richard or Rosenberg's store.

I asked the Governor to try to give all the people a chance and I honor him for trying. I accept all the responsibility attached to me in doing so and do not fear the consequences. When the present Bill Act 57 of 1908 was passed I think, if my memory serves me right, that the entire delegation from St. Landry voted for it and that bill was passed several days prior to the Enabling Act for the proposed parish of Evangeline. The framers of the parish of Evangeline did not provide for the Registrar to visit all the precincts nor did it provide for the payment of the Registrar. I wrote the resolution appropriating one hundred dollars to pay the Registrar and went before the Police Jury and advocated it and got it without a dissenting vote. This certainly does not look like that I was unfair.

I was born and reared on the soil of St. Landry and feel with the same instincts that a son would if about to be separated from mother, father and family. St. Landry, second only to the parish of Orleans in population, second only to Calcasieu in territory, with all of her proud traditions, of the proud boast of having been the seat of both territorial and State governments, of her power which she could and should wield in State affairs, brings to my mind the picture of Coriolanus at the head of the Volcan army at the gates of Rome with intonation to wipe from the map the city that had given him birth.

Now as to the yoke the Banner is so desirous of throwing off, lets analyze and see who bears it. The parish of St. Landry is now assessed in round numbers nine and a half million dollars. The proposed parish of Evangeline is about in round two and a half million, hence the old parish is paying on seven millions for public expense and for schools, as against two and a half millions by the proposed parish of Evangeline.

Is that a yoke that is hard to bear by them?

The old parish is assessed from eight to twelve dollars per acre for cultivable land, and her wood land at five. The maximum cultivable lands in the West range from two to six dollars per acre. It is true that the best pine lands are assessed at seven to ten dollars per acre and I understand ranges down to twelve and five, but these lands are owned almost all by non-residents, or timber men. The old parish has to pay a levee tax of 5 cents per acre and an additional ten mills which does not touch the proposed new parish.

Taxation is bound to go much higher if the parish is divided, because the assets of the other parish are the Court House Square, the Court House and jail, two steel bridges at Washington, and one at

Port Barre and all the bridges of the entire parish will have to be settled for when division takes place.

This to my mind, from a cursory glance, will amount to full two hundred thousand dollars, of which the new parish, under the Constitution, would be bound to raise her quota, or somewhere in the neighborhood of sixty thousand dollars. The old parish would have to have her taxes raised to meet this deficiency. On the other hand to my mind the proposed new parish will have to raise her assessment to something like three and a half million, thereby sending the land up to from four to twelve dollars per acre, or in other words, compelling the taxpayers to pay from a quarter to a third more money than they do now. Beside when the seventeen dollar pine lands are denuded of the timber, a further increase in assessment is bound to take place because said lands would have to be cut to not over two dollars per acre. The question is whether the people in the proposed new parish would knowingly raise their assessments. Some contend that the western part have to pay a great deal to come to Opelousas to pay taxes. There is not a man who can not in time find out just what he owes and can send it by check or P. O. order.

In criminal cases if any one should get on the train which is accessible all over the parish, he comes for three cents per mile and he gets five cents going and coming, besides what he is paid by the day. All the Rail Roads come in the town of Opelousas either at night and go out the next morning or will when the Frisco and Rock Island are completed to New Orleans have a train going both ways, thereby enabling the people to go home the same day.

The Opelousas people have always been liberal in the matter of education as is attested by the splendid young men and women who have received their training at the High School here. Now, Mr. Editor, I went against my own people of the 4th and 5th wards when they desired to be cut off and the western portion was with me in the fight. Those of the 4th ward were and are now because we gave them the Rail Road facilities, and I can not for the life of me see the necessity of cutting now with the S. P. R. R. running through the center, the T. & P. R. R. through the Eastern, the Rock Island running through the West from north to south, the Frisco from east to west through the center, and the East & West or Haas Road, running entirely on St. Landry soil except about three or four miles and all having quick connection here.

When this grand old Empire Parish is cut to the size of St. Charles, St. James, East Carroll and other smaller parishes, I suppose the cry of some of those who owe much to

this portion, will be satisfied, for verily the number of offices is entirely inadequate for the accommodation of all concerned.

I want in conclusion a square deal, and if the decision is for, I bow to the will of the majority, if against, the proud old parish of St. Landry can look with pride upon the mighty power she has in Louisiana.

Yours truly,
M. L. SWORDS.

PAPER FROM COTTONSTALKS.

A Factory for Its Manufacture Will Probably be Established at Shreveport.

Shreveport, Feb. 8.—The progressive league is in receipt of a letter from the Cotton Stalk and Pulp Company of Atlanta, Ga., in which the company says its representatives will soon be in Shreveport in search for a factory site. The company has already sold its first block of stock and says it will establish paper mills, using cotton stalks for raw material, in several Southern cities. The plants will each represent an outlay of \$100,000 and employ 50 workmen with a payroll of \$115 a day.

A sample of the paper manufactured shows it to be of rather good grade. The mill's capacity will be 25 tons a day using 37½ tons of cotton stalks in its manufacture.

Will Not Resist Divorce.

Paris, Feb. 8.—William Homel Leavitt received yesterday from Thomas S. Allen, his wife's lawyer at Lincoln, Neb., notification that Mrs. Leavitt, who is a daughter of W. J. Bryan, has filed a petition for divorce on the ground of incompatibility of temper and non-support. He was questioned on the matter to-day, but declined to discuss it, saying that he did not wish to embarrass his wife in any way.

Mr. Leavitt will not oppose the suit. With his mother, with whom he has been living in Paris, he will leave in a few days for America. His departure is in no way connected with the suit, but is part of his plan to exhibit his painting, "The Last Supper," in the United States.

Mr. Leavitt's friends in the Latin Quarter, who esteem him highly as a serious and hard-working artist, say his life has been exemplary. They are of the opinion that Mrs. Leavitt's decision to obtain a divorce is due entirely to her nervous temperament. She has suffered from neurasthenia for the past two years.

Church Point Woodmen.

Church Point, Feb. 6.—The Woodman of the World met Thursday night and elected these officers for the ensuing year: Laurent Barroussé, Past Council Commander; R. E. Boettcher, Council Commander; Jerry Higginbotham, Advisory Lieutenant; L. J. V. Breaux, Banker; C. L. Harman, escort; E. L. Hundley, Clerk; Fred Barousse, Watchman; Oscar Landry, Sentry; A. Childs, Camp Physician; A. A. Reed, Captain of Degree Team; Ralph David, Ben Daigle and A. C. Grzdiner, Managers. The annual installation of officers was held Sunday.

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The undersigned reserving the right to reject any and all bids.

F. H. SINGLETON,
Police Juror 6th Ward.