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Franklinton La., March 2, 1916.

Things That the Taxpayers of Franklinton Would Like to Know?

The taxpayers of the town of Franklinton would be glad to see published, at least every three months, a financial statement of the conditions of the town treasury, that is the amount of taxes, license, road and street tax, and any other revenue such as fines, etc., together with the expenditures and to whom paid and for what paid.

There has not been published such a statement to my recollection, in over three years, possibly longer, if so I have not come across it yet.

I understand that the people in the town of Franklinton subject to street duty are not all paying this street tax, and some have never paid, and but very few have ever worked on the streets of the town to pay this street tax. Why is this? If a few have this street tax to pay why should there be some that get out of paying? It is not fair that a few of those subject to street tax be forced to pay and a number equally as liable for same go without having to work the streets of the town. I understand this is the case, and I would like to know if this is fair? If any person subject to street tax fails or refuses to pay this street tax, why is this person not placed on the streets of the town and made to work out the amount of said road and street tax together with all cost?

The parish has published at stated periods, a statement of expenditures of the Parish, and there is no reason why the town of Franklinton should not do the same. The tax payers should know the condition of the financial affairs of the town in which they live. Is this not right?

I have the good of this town at heart and would be glad that everything would work together for the good of the town and its upbuilding and that we could have a clean town—a town that strangers in coming here could speak a good word for, a model little town in the matter of cleanliness and order, and a town that the people living here would feel a pride in speaking words of praise for when among strangers. What have we to boast of?

True possibly, things are pretty well shaped up under existing circumstances, but why are these circumstances not better, why are certain things left undone that could be done?

I always speak a good word for our little town when I have the opportunity, but will have to be frank in saying that I have little to boast of or brag about for our town. Let's all put our shoulders to the wheel, and all push at once and in the same direction and see what can be accomplished during the year 1916.

Please understand that this is not registered as a complaint against any officer or citizen of the town, simply calling attention to certain things and facts that the people of the town would be glad to see adjusted.

A Well Wisher.

Timely Suggestion to Farmers

Franklinton, La., Feb. 27.—Plant Lespedeza for Hay. Lespedeza will make a fine grazing crop for hogs and cattle

and also makes one of the best hays we can raise.

Should you want to follow your oats with lespedeza run a section harrow over the oat field with the teeth of the harrow set at an angle of 45 degrees backward and sow from one to one and one-half bushels of seed to the acre on the harrowed ground, or if you have a piece of land that has been broken for some time and the rains have made the seed bed firm it may be planted in the same manner. Sow the seed any time between February 1st and March 15th usually the sooner the better. The low crawfish land of this section grows good lespedeza, where it has been planted with oats in the manner given above the oat crop itself has been increased.

The benefits it has over cow peas for hay are as follows: It can be planted without having to rebreak your soil after the oats come off; 2nd—The time of planting comes when the farmer is not rushed; 3rd—With proper handling you will not have to reseed it each year as you would peas; 4th—It is so much easier cured and harvested, the usual time being one day's sunning for curing.

Will gladly give addresses of parties having seed for sale to parties who wish to purchase same.

J. V. Rabb,

Demonstration Agent.

A Girl With Head and Grit.

My father has been an invalid ever since I was a little child, and I have always had lots of work to do; when I was a little girl I did not get to go to school as other little girls in my community did. But I not only willingly did all the work my parents required of me, but I also found time to raise a pig. When my pig was one year old I sold it and bought a heifer calf. I took good care of my calf, and when it was three years old it was a grown cow, and was the mother of a male calf. When her calf was a year old I traded him for a heifer calf. During this time my cow, had come in with another calf (a heifer), and I needed plenty of feed.

I picked cotton and did other light field work for my brother and earned enough money every year to buy feed for my cattle in winter, and they kept fat on the range in summer. They increased rapidly. I kept the heifer calves, sold the males, bought all of my own clothes, shoes and books, which I read at night, and I saved a little money every year until I had sufficient money to pay half of my expenses in boarding one year. I arranged to take duties in the school to pay the other half of my expenses, and a few weeks later I was attending boarding school.

Returning from school little more than a year ago now, I borrowed \$250 and bought twenty acres of improved land at \$13.50 an acre. I have had five acres partly cleared, and am planning to have it fenced this year. One acre of this I intend to set out in paper-shell pecans. I also aim to grow several acres of velvet beans this year, and as the years roll by I am intending to grow many other things. I love to live on the farm and make little experiments every year.

I am still engaged in the business of raising and selling calves. I also make and sell golden butter, feed skim milk to the pigs, and sell the pigs, and do some fancy work, which I have ready sale for. All these things keep me right busy, but I enjoy being busy, and I have already returned \$200 of the borrowed money. I kept account of all the money I spend for feed, etc., and also the money I take in. By so doing I know the profit on everything. I always begin the first of the year putting away fifty cents every week to pay my taxes. This plan enables me to pay my

Bateman, Morris, Brock

OUR PUBLIC FORUM

Richmond P. Hobson

ON PROHIBITION.



Richmond P. Hobson, the floor leader of the prohibition party in the House, in defending the resolution favoring national prohibition, said in part:

"This question, Mr. Speaker, antedates human slavery. This question has baffled every civilization that has passed through the panorama of history. It is the greatest question in the life history of the human species, actually determining more than all other questions combined the perpetuity of any civilization. The object of this resolution, Mr. Speaker, is to establish those conditions that will make our nation ultimately a sober nation—able to compete in the world's struggle for commercial and industrial supremacy; able to maintain and preserve the liberties that have come down from our forefathers; able to protect and defend our territory, our institutions and the cause of justice, liberty and peace in all the world. Mr. Speaker, we are not asking Congress to make this country dry. Let no member be deceived in this matter. We are simply asking Congress to refer the question for its decision to the states, where the legislators can either decide themselves or take recourse to a referendum to the people. The member who votes against the resolution, votes to deny the states and the people their right of referendum.

The truth about alcohol is rapidly bringing men and nations out from under the alcoholic anaesthesia of history. Alcohol has the property of chloroform, and ether of penetrating actually into the nerve fibres themselves, putting the tissues under an anaesthetic which prevents pain at first, but when the anaesthetic effect is over, discomfort follows throughout the tissues of the whole body, particularly the nervous system, which causes a craving for relief by recourse to the very substance that produced the disturbance. This craving grows directly with the amount and regularity of the drinking. The poisoning attack of alcohol is especially severe in the cortex cerebri—the top part of the brain—where resides the center of inhibition, or of will power, causing partial paralysis, which liberates lower activities otherwise held in control, causing a man to be more of a brute, but to imagine that he has been stimulated, when he is really partially paralyzed. This center of inhibition is the seat of the will power, which of necessity declines a little in strength every time partial paralysis takes place. Thus a man is little less of a man after each drink he takes.

It should be a source of humiliation to well-informed Americans that our government shows no indications of change of attitude toward liquor. Our need for revenue is much less than that of the nations at war, and yet in sections one and two of the revenue bill, recently passed, we turned to liquor for nearly one-half of the total amount, strengthening the hold of liquor upon the finances of the government. Liquor has the same stranglehold upon the throat of our government today that slavery had before 1860. Congress has not permitted the cotton planter to deposit his cotton in bond, but it has done everything for the distiller, so he can place his liquor in bond and on these warrants get financial advances.

From Returns Received Here, Are the Winners In Tuesday's Primary.

J. E. Bateman wins over T. J. Simmons, for Sheriff, with a majority of 107; S. E. Morris wins over Morgan Byrd, for Assessor, with a majority of 3; Dr. J. L. Brock wins over Dr. J. E. Pierce, for Coroner, with a majority of 18. Two thousand thirty-three votes were polled for Sheriff. The election passed off very quietly, no disturbances having been reported.

This closes one of the closest and hardest campaigns ever fought out in Washington parish. Following is the vote by precincts:

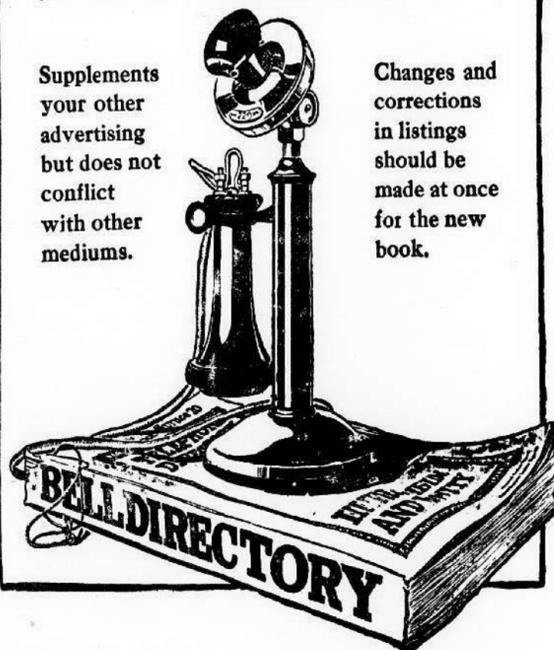
PRECINCTS	J. E. Bateman	T. J. Simmons	M. J. Byrd	S. E. Morris	J. L. Brock	J. E. Pierce
Feliah	73	46	39	77	64	55
Nt. Hermon	124	78	68	140	111	61
Franklinton	134	76	96	113	168	43
Begulusa No. 1	88	147	147	80	65	161
Begulusa No. 2	194	213	232	172	155	252
Sheridan	30	18	29	19	19	21
Varnado	43	78	35	62	48	33
Enon	61	66	77	78	74	51
Isabel	30	39	34	26	17	43
Angle	27	37	47	17	34	29
Popeville	61	64	65	48	45	69
Hackley	61	25	36	56	72	14
Warnerton	22	23	10	35	40	5
Borkhalter and Magee's Mill	88	33	44	77	58	63
Rio	44	19	46	17	19	43
Total	1070	963	1068	1011	1019	1001
Majority	107			3	18	

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taxes when they come due without having to sacrifice something.

I have taken the Ruralist nearly ten years and think it the best farm paper I have ever read. Mary Otzenberger, Rio, La.

The Wonder-Working Power Of Enthusiasm.

With all your getting get enthusiasm. It is the element that gives zest to business and pleasure to hard work with a fixed purpose.

Cultivate a liking for your business or employment and with this liking will come enthusiasm. Can you imagine any man doing his best in a work over which he can't get enthusiastic?

How far would Columbus have sailed, what would Alexander, Caesar or Napoleon have conquered, what would Beethoven have composed, what could Newton or Herschel have discovered, what could Fulton, Morse, Edison or Marconi have invented without enthusiasm?

Where would American independence be today if it had not been for the enthusiasm of such

patriots as Washington, Jefferson and Franklin?

Enthusiasm linked with will power, concentration of purpose, energy and persistence, will bring success to man of only ordinary talents, while the genius without these qualities will fail.

Enthusiasm is the spur that keeps a man going till he has accomplished his object. It was enthusiasm that sustained the indomitable spirit of Moses for forty years while he led the Children of Israel in their wanderings through the Wilderness in the search for the promised land.

It was enthusiasm that spurred Admiral Peary on during years of hardship, privation and suffering in the Arctic regions in his successful quest of the North Pole.

Enthusiasm is the key that has opened the door to success to all the great leaders in science, invention, literature, discovery, statesmanship and military achievement.

The race in life is not necessarily to the swift. A prize is always waiting the man who keeps going.

HODGINI BROS.' OLD-TIME ONE RING SHOW

Will exhibit in Franklinton Friday, March 3rd—not the "Barnum" of shows, but one of the best small, one ring shows of modern times. Mr. Hodgini and wife, Madam Ade Cereno, owners of Hodgini Bros.' Show, were brought to this country from Germany twelve years ago by the Ringling Bros., and for ten years were the feature attraction in Ring No. 1, exhibiting daily to thousands of people their ability as riders on rosin-back horses, doing somersaulting and hurdling, and conceded long ago by press and public as being without a peer, the best in their class in America today. The Hodginis have surrounded themselves with a number of artists, such as Trapeze and Horizontal Bar Performers, Acrobats and Funny Clowns—all in all an Old Time One Ring Show—one to please everybody, will exhibit here under a waterproof canvas for two performances, afternoon and evening—

Friday, March 3rd.

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GEO. SOULE & SONS.

When a man is working with concentration of purpose, is using his will power and is filled with enthusiasm, his life is worth while. He is on the road to success. Enthusiasm pushes you forward. Indifference drags you down. Enthusiasm springs from optimism over what you are confident you are going to accomplish for yourself and others.

No man can be truly enthusiastic unless he uses his brain, takes care of his body and looks ahead. No man can be enthusiastic unless he is a true believer in his increasing efficiency. You never saw an enthusiastic man who stood still.

Enthusiasm does not mean noise and bluster. Enthusiasm is an expression of faith and sincerity. Some of the quietest men are often the most enthusiastic. The only man who can really enthuse is the man who thinks regardless of the noise he makes. Fight indifference. Join the men who do things. Leave the men behind, who are slothful and indifferent.—Exchange.

Terms of Court.

CIVIL TERMS

Fourth Monday in February
 Second Monday in May
 First Monday in July
 First Monday in December
 CRIMINAL TERMS
 Fourth Monday in March
 Second Monday in November.

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