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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR ASSESSOR.
The Enterprise is authorized to announce

MR. S. G. DOWDEN,
as a candidate for the office of Assessor of the Parish of Natchitoches, subject to the action of the white Democratic voters of the parish at the coming election.

The cold days of August are returning the compliment with interest by giving us red hot ones the middle of September.

In spite of making war against all Europe, Germany still finds time and money to continue the improvement of her inland waterways.

North Louisiana is making a record breaking rice crop this year, seven car loads being shipped from one small section near Delhi alone last Saturday.

The Marconi Wireless Co. will establish a school for the training of wireless operators in New Orleans, the only one of its kind in the South and one of four in the United States.

The open letter of Mr. Solomon Wolf that was sent with a request for its appearance in last week's paper, reached us too late for publication but appears in this issue.

of education... corps for Bogalusa first to be adopted later in all the public schools in his parish.

The farmers as a whole in this section of the State, are fifty per cent at least better off than they have been for many a long year. They have learned to live at home and plenty of green vegetables, potatoes, pumpkins, peas, chickens, hogs and hominy are making them live like lords while their cotton and superabundance of corn will bring them a good price and the end of 1915 will see them more comfortable and independent than even the middle of it promised.

Following are a few reasons, given by farmers in the South who are now using silos, why a silo is a profitable investment on any farm:

Where I fed four tons, I now only feed one.

High-price hay will not put the pounds on cattle that silage will.

Was short of hay last year. Used only wheat and oat straw. The stock looks as well as when we feed hay.

With silage, very little hay is required. More of the land can be in pasture and less hay harvested.

I wintered fifty head of cattle and never fed a ton of hay. I fed straw and the cattle gained over a pound a day.

Natchitoches not only proposes to get in the swim but to make the same world breaking record that Annette Kellerman has, when the boring begins at her oil field next Monday.

The derrick is already up and the machinery is being put in place so that digging of the well once started can be put right thru, without any interruptions. The site is the same where the well was dug before and such fine gas was found, just a little beyond the Berry Mill, and in experience hands with plenty of capital behind, there is no doubt that there will be something doing in the Natchitoches Oil field ere long.

McLAURIN INVINCIBLES.

FLAG PRESENTATION.

Natchitoches, La. }
March, 20, 1862. }
On Saturday last at ten o'clock the McLaurin Invincibles, the Camp company and the Chasseurs a Pied assembled at the corner of Front and St. Denis streets. The object of this meeting was presentation of a flag to the first named of these companies by the ladies of Natchitoches.

At half past ten they formed in line and marched from their place of rendezvous followed by a large crowd to the dwelling of Mr. Thos. Airey, the place selected for the presentation of the flag. When they arrived there they halted in front of the house and were received by a large assemblage of the ladies on the balcony, who attended in spite of the inclemency of the weather. Miss Allie Tucker being selected to present the flag, pronounced the following pathetic and eloquent address to the company.

"Gentlemen of the McLaurin Invincibles, I present to you this beautiful banner so neatly made by the ladies. As their hands industriously worked their hearts filled with patriotism, until the cup over filled, and they felt they could shoulder a musket and defend their homes. Then, gentlemen, if this be the feeling of the ladies, what must be yours! Can you remain at home and let those who are now in the tented field fight your battles? No! never, you will go and join these gallant ones and battle for liberty. The crisis has come, the deed must be done, or else, the confederacy which now fills the heart of every true southerner with pride, will be disgraced and ruined. Then brave men, it is your country's call; the blood of your brothers that fell in our late battles, call you to arms. I say to you, in the words of the Sultane chief.

Strike, till your last armed foe expires,
Strike for your altars, and your fires—
Strike for the green graves of your fathers,
On battle-fields afar.

Do not choose between dishonor and death but encourage our fathers, husbands, and brothers to go forward and face the foe. Soldiers of the McLaurin Invincibles! I do not fear this flag will ever be dishonored, or trail in the dust and blood; Be it that the standard bearer, be made Jasper of 76, to rear and unfurl its colors to the breeze, and show the enemy we are there. It is with a sad, and aching heart—we bid you farewell, but the breeze that unfurls these colors will waft our prayers to heaven in your behalf.

By all ye hope, by all ye love,
Be resolute and proud,
And let this flag a symbol, be
Of triumph or a shroud!

At these words almost drowned in subdued emotion, and with trembling hands she placed that sacred pledge of glory, and happiness or perhaps, alas! of separation forever, into the hands of her step-father who received it in the name of his company and answered in the following energetic and soldier-like sentiments:

"My daughter, ladies, gentlemen and fellow soldiers: I receive this flag from the fair hands of women, always freedom's best friends. The chivalrous sons of the south are again called upon to drive a despised enemy from its sacred soil. I receive this flag in the name of the McLaurin Invincibles who have honored me with the command, and in their name, I pledge that it shall be kept as received untarnished, unpolluted by the touch of the hands of the enemy, until it is baptised with the blood of this company.

"Fellow soldiers, upon our heroic spirits our country relies. What member of this company but feels within himself that he alone is unconquerable, 'Fellow soldiers you have doubtless counted the cost, great difficulties are to be met and overcome, none can doubt for one moment our success—is there one and while I ask the question every heart and voice responds 'No! Fellow citizens of Natchitoches, we have volunteered to fight your battles and win a glorious victory;

we leave behind in your charge the most sacred ties known to man on earth—our wives, children, fathers, mothers and sisters. As soldiers we must toil, suffer and even bleed for the honor of our common country; we ask in return, look well to your trust at home."

Here a lovely cortege of little girls, 7 and 8 years old, headed by two young ladies, all bearing banners joined the companies and accompanied them to the Protestant church where the benediction of the flag took place. The Rev. W. Bennet officiated, and delivered a patriotic appeal to the company which no doubt found echo in their hearts. The touching melody of Home sweet Home, sung by a fine chorus, concluded the ceremony. The "McLaurin Invincibles" left on Monday on board the Era No. 4, for New Orleans.

OFFICERS.

- Captain L. L. McLaurin,
1st. Lieut. J. H. Garrett,
2nd. Lieut. B. B. Davenport,
3rd. Lieut. A. J. Gibson,
1st. Sergt. P. H. Patterson
Ensign.
2nd. Sergt. J. R. Carlton,
3rd. Sergt. F. C. Dean,
4th. Sergt. W. H. Areaux,
1st. Corp. P. C. Morse,
2nd. Corp. W. J. Best,
3rd. Corp. A. E. Sompayrac,
4th. M. Mangum.

PRIVATES.

- D. V. Vasocou B. Parker
O. S. Penny D. Norris
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J. A. Adle F. Gossins
John Newman James Keegan
Thos. M. Hood S. O. Jones
J. O. Lafette J. M. Parker
P. A. Sompayrac J. M. Morris
R. D. Harrison J. E. Mess
J. E. Murphy T. M. Dickerson

- H. C. Williams W. P. Brown
A. E. Murphy C. A. Bullard
C. E. Airey T. Townsend
J. Duncelman Wm. Varnon
Neuville Casenave Berry Varnon
A. M. Tazuin James Walker
J. P. Miller R. M. Cox
Geo. Curry Richard Smith
J. C. Sullivan Leon Brosset
F. P. Aldridge I. Medina
Philom Cox E. Norris
R. Smith L. Thomassy
J. W. Winkles S. Basco
E. Perotson Jose Basco

W. T. West J. B. Brosset
M. Talate

The above is a list of the McLaurin Invincibles as far as we could ascertain their names. We are promised a correct list when the company is mustered into service.

Major R. B. Hollingsworth.

While not unexpected, news of the death of "the Major" on last Thursday at his home in California was heard with profound regret by his friends in Natchitoches who held him in the highest esteem.

He was born in DeSoto parish in 1834 but lived the best years of his useful life in our midst.

As a soldier of wonderful courage, as a public spirited citizen in private life, a successful planter, but financier, husband, father and friend, he had no peer.

His was a generous, charitable nature, friend of white and black alike and could always be depended upon in any crisis of emergency.

Some few years ago, his only son located in California, whence the major and his wife followed. He returned to the land of his love, every chance he got and always bemoaned the fact that he could not live here neither could he be separated from his boy, so he was divided between the two and died and was buried in the land of his adoption after a long illness surrounded by all his loved ones who hastened to his side when summoned about a week before his death.

A wife, one son, three daughters several grand children, great grandchildren besides many other relatives and a host of friends will long hold the Major in tender memory.

Education and the price of cotton are booming now and holding the absorbed interest of Louisiana's citizenship who realize that these two greatest interests of her many great ones, are coming into their own and like a tidal wave will sweep all before them.

Happenings Forty Years Ago.

This Week.
From The People's Vindicator.
Sept. 18th, 1875.

The amount of stock taken by private individuals in this parish has reached \$25,000, to the N. O. Pacific rail road, and the Police Jury has passed an ordinance for submission to the tax voters providing for taking \$100,000 in stock, for which bonds are to be issued, payable in ten years and bearing 4 per cent interest.

We were pleased to meet Dr. J. H. Cunningham, an old and esteemed citizen of our parish formerly, but now living in Austin, Tex., his list of friends will be glad to know that he intends returning to his old home permanently.

Died, in this city at the residence of his son-in-law, Dr. R. S. Calvas, Francois Masie Norpand, M. D. 76 years old. Dr. Norman was born at Champaign in the Department of Maine France, shortly after completing his education, he came to this country and settled in the practice of his profession at Clouterville, in this Parish.

Married; at the residence of the bride's mother, by the Rev. Dr. Greenblatt of Shreveport, Mr. Sam Lasso of Coushatta to Miss Mary E. Phillips of this city.

In 1858, the value of property in this parish was \$6,429,750, of which \$4,010,250, was store property, having \$2,419,500 the valuation of lands, stocks etc. (The assessment of the parish now is something over \$8,000,000, which is about 23 per cent of the actual cash value)

On Sunday next, the 19th, all the clergy of the Diocese of Natchitoches, will meet at the residence of Right Rev Bishop Martin, to join in a clerical retreat to be conducted by Rev. Father DeHam of New Orleans. On the following day, the 20th, the young clergymen, lately from Europe. On the same day the Right Rev. Bishop will celebrate the fifteenth anniversary of his elevation to the Priesthood, 36 years of which have been spent in the United States 25 in Natchitoches.

Resolution adopted by the third Quarterly Conference of the Natchitoches M. E. Church in session Sept. 5th, 1914 and read to the congregation at the evening service of the same day and endorsed by a rising vote.

Whereas the connection of Bro. H. W. Stopher with this body is being severed by his removal to Baton Rouge, therefore be it resolved that we desire to express our very sincere regret over the serious gap that is being made in our ranks by Bro. Stopher's removal.

For a number of years he has rendered most faithful and efficient service in every department of our work. He has never failed to respond to every call of his Church and the cause of our Master. He has bound himself to us in the cords of love and Christianity and a fellowship and will be sorely missed in all our meetings.

Be it further resolved that we heartily commend him to the Methodists of Baton Rouge and congratulate them upon this distinct gain to their ranks. That we assure Bro. Stopher that he will be followed by our prayers and best wishes for his spiritual and temporal welfare.

Be it further resolved, that we spread these resolutions upon our minutes and furnish a copy to the New Orleans Advocate and Natchitoches papers with request for publication.

(Signed) Paul M. Brown
J. C. Monroe
J. T. Sandlin.

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OPEN LETTER TO GOVERNOR HALL

Soloman Wolf Suggests Plan For New Constitution Without Convention.

BUT MUST SUBMIT TO VOTERS

September 3, 1915.
Hon. Luther E. Hall,
Governor of Louisiana,
Baton Rouge, La.
Dear Sir:

Several causes are assigned for the defeat of the proposal to hold a convention to enact a new Constitution for the State. Perhaps the cause which contributed most to the defeat was the fear—justified or not—that the Constitution which would be prepared by the delegates, would not be what the State wanted, and, therefore, it was useless to incur the expense of holding a convention.

Notwithstanding the defeat, it is probably that the great majority of the citizens of the State recognize that a new Constitution should be had. Indeed many—perhaps a majority—think it absolutely necessary.

If a new Constitution be indeed necessary, or at least desirable, and the voters refused to call a convention for that reason I have given, then I beg to suggest that the plan which I will here outline, may meet the difficulty.

The plan is that you name a Commission of—say twenty-five thoroughly representative men, well known and esteemed throughout the State. Let these men prepare the draft of a Constitution; then call the Legislature in extra session, submit the draft to it, and if the draft prove satisfactory, it could be submitted to the voters at the next regular election, to be held in April 1916, as an amendment to the present Constitution.

I propose that the commission shall serve without compensation. The comparatively small sum which would be required for clerical labor could easily be found, either by an appropriation, or if that be not had, by

picked men, could without much difficulty prepare a Constitution in thirty days after being named. It could do that within the time given, and at the same time allow ample opportunity to all who would like to be heard on the various provisions of the proposed Constitution.

An extra session of the General Assembly to consider the draft would, I believe, be far less expensive than a Constitutional Convention, and the voters of the State would then have a Constitution submitted for their approval at a comparatively small expense to the State.

I respectfully submit this plan for your consideration.
Yours very truly,
SOLOMON WOLFF.

An Unusual Record.

Mr. J. B. Aswell, our Congressman, whose reputation as a speaker while well known and recognized in the South for a long time, gained for him so much prominence throughout the Union when he was sent campaigning for Wilson by the National Committee, has just returned from a three months lecture tour in the East, which was an remarkable for several reasons.

Mr. Aswell was one of five lecturers his associates being Vice President Marshall, William J. Bryan, Senator Gore and Opie Reed who was sent out on a Chataqua circuit, thru the principal educational towns, where speeches had to be made night after night, including Sundays and Mr. Aswell never missed one railroad connection; never failed to make his speech and the rains proceeded and succeeded him, he escaped them all and had only fair weather on his dates, his health was perfect and the newspapers report him as the leading favorite of the five. Natchitoches is very proud of her Congressman, who is better prepared than ever to represent his constituents and safeguard their interests when he returns to Washington, which will be some time before Congress convenes so as to get all his work in readiness.

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