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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.

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Mr. G. H. PIERSON

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.

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Mr. J. T. SANDLIN

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.

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Mr. B. K. BOYDSTUN

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.

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Mr. GAENNE HYAMS

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.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE

We are authorized to announce
U. P. BREAZEALE
as a candidate for Representative in the Legislature from this Parish, subject to the Democratic Primary Election.

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Mr. J. L. FAY

as a candidate for Representative in the Legislature from this Parish, subject to the Democratic Primary Election.

FOR SHERIFF

We are authorized to announce
Mr. J. W. PAYNE
as a candidate for Sheriff of the Parish of Natchitoches, subject to the action of the white Democratic voters of the Parish at the coming election.

FOR CLERK

We are authorized to announce
Mr. D. J. HYAMS
as a candidate for the office of Clerk of the Court of the Parish of Natchitoches, subject to the action of the white Democratic voters of the Parish at the coming election.

Flood warnings for Red River have been issued by the Weather Bureau the crest of which will reach Shreveport to-day.

Forty States have enacted new game laws since the last hunting season closed and the new one opens with game birds and animals better protected than ever before.

The wireless telegraph station at Tucherton, N. J. carries on communication with Germany over a distance of about 4000 miles, and the number of words handled each week, average 10,000.

Employers throughout the United States, corporations, manufacturers, professional men, tradesmen and business men are to be asked to contribute as their share in the national defense, permission for their employees to engage in military training, without serious financial loss.

James Whitecomb Riley was honored by all Indiana, the other day when his 62nd birthday was observed as a State holiday and congratulations showered upon him from every part of the Union. While he may not rank as one of the greatest poets in the world, he has written some of the sweetest and most wholesome sentiments, full of humor, in verses that appeal to young and old alike.

A Suggestion.

South and Central Louisiana have been conducting most successful Boosters' Trips, and the manner in which the work has been and is being carried on, is so simple that any town can do likewise with little expense or time.

In some few cases trains have been chartered and all of the adjoining parishes visited, but for the most part the trips are made in autos, owned by public spirited citizens who fill them with those not so fortunate and the neighboring towns are visited and the dwellers therein invited to return the call.

Now Natchitoches needs to do something of the kind and needs to do very much and to do so at once.

There are more or less people here who own their cars than is the case in any city the size or larger than Natchitoches, in the State and we are satisfied that they would be willing to use them for the purpose of touring the parish so as to get personally acquainted with their own people and would invite their friends to accompany them, doing this as much as a business proposition as for a neighborly act.

Robeline, Provencal, Martha-ville, Victoria Mills, and other towns in the neighborhood are very close neighbors, while Derry, Chopin and Cloutierville are linked by very few miles; Campiti, Clarence, Creston and the adjoining burgs have good roads between them and all would appreciate the visit, especially if they would be invited to return it and told that our doors are open wide every day, but a special day would be set aside to extend the right hand of fellowship and let our friends know what jolly good fellows we really are.

Members of the Commercial Association, we believe it would be worth your while to work this up, get the citizens of the city interested and make a tour of the parish boosting this great old city which everybody should know, so that they could appreciate it at its true value and you will find that it will result in a great business improvement and stir matters up wonderfully.

Be up and doing. We have more paved streets, the best system of electric lights and water works in the State; as up to date business houses, the best banks, schools, churches; the most fertile lands and it is wrong to keep these things to ourselves. Go out and invite others to enjoy them with you, and you will be repaid a hundred fold.

This is the best season of the year for this visit the weather and roads are all propitious, and now is the accepted time.

Attention Candidates.

The Parish Democratic Executive Committee at a meeting held yesterday (Wednesday the 20th.), provided for a general primary election to be held on January 25th, 1916, for the nomination of Candidates for all Parish and Ward offices, and Members of the Parish Democratic Executive Committee, and made assessment of candidates as follows:

For Sheriff, \$75.00; For Clerk of the Court, \$50.00; For Assessor, \$40.00; For Members of the General Assembly, \$20.00; For Coroner, \$15.00; For Police Jurors, \$2.50; For Magistrates, \$1.00; For Constables, \$1.00. For Members of the Parish Committee no assessment. The time for filing announcements will close on October 30th, 1915. Therefore ALL Candidates must file with Mr. U. P. Breazeale, Secretary of the Committee their announcement accompanied same with the fee assessed, on or before October 30th, 1915; at 6 o'clock P. M. or their names will not appear on the Official ballots. Candidates for Membership of the Parish Committee must likewise file their announcements within the same time as the other candidates. The full proceedings of the Committee meeting will appear next week.

Fifty one cars of cattle totaling 1884 head of cattle, have been shipped out of Bayou Sara in the past month.

An inspired paragrapher remarks that the man who gets mad at what the newspaper says about him should, return thanks three times a day because of what the newspaper knows about him and doesn't say.

NATCHITOCHEs AND THE STATE NORMAL

On Sunday last, we visited the quaint old town of Natchitoches for the first time in quite a number of years. In our youth we lived there for a time, and the unique attractions of the quaint old place, are fondly remembered by us. A first impression is always the strongest, we always think of Natchitoches as we first knew it, a place of narrow crooked streets, with a mixed population, and where the French language predominated. It was a place of great wealth before the civil war, and the fine old homes were distinctly of the seventeenth century model, attractive, if they were peculiar. When we knew it so well and loved it so fondly the old French aristocrats predominated and pride and chivalry ruled supreme. Now we find an up to date American town, with much of the hustle and bustle of progressive Americanism. They have electric lights, sewerage, water works and it is one of the best towns of its size found in the state, having several blocks of the splendid brick pavement, and with several miles of other kinds of pavement, that gives it an attractive aspect, in comparison with the muddy lanes called streets, open drainage and other things, that made such a contrast with the splendid old buildings, that put it in a class by itself in the long ago. The place has surely moved forward at a rapid pace, but the streets are still used as a pasture for cows and horses, which seemed natural, although the vast flock of geese were not seen that used to make their habitat anywhere and every where about the environments. Many of the old French homes have been replaced by modern structures, which seem out of place, to one who remembers and thinks of the old town as it "used to be". We only remained for one day, but it was a busy time, and we are indebted to many of our old friends for their courtesies and kind consideration, and especially to our young friend M. E. Kaffie and his brother, who gave us an auto trip over the city, and out to Grand Ecore, over one of the best gravel roads in Louisiana. Many historic spots have been changed to such a degree, that to an old inhabitant it looks uncanny. The old corner of St. Denis and Front streets, the heart of Natchitoches, which was the heart of Latin America at one time has been transmogrified for the grand old structure, the first story of adobe and the second story of cypress timber that witnessed the re-entries of St. Denis, and the Spanish grandees, has made way for a splendid structure used by the Exchange bank, and we cannot help but recall the exquisite oration, said to have been made by Davy Crockett at that corner, when he was going to Quilicura to go to the assistance of Texas. It was there that he found Thimble-Rig, the Bee Hunter and others, who joined him on his ill-fated expedition, that resulted in his heroic death in the massacre in the Alamo at San Antonio. Then the scenes of reconstruction, when Natchitoches was the storm center, when the people of Louisiana were struggling to free the state from the grasp of the carpet baggers and scalawags, was vividly recalled by many scenes enacted there. But enough of the past, Natchitoches now, is the center of a distinct feature of Louisiana's civilization, that of educational progress, for it is the home of the State Normal School, the pivot around which all our public educational system revolves, and to go to Natchitoches, and not visit the Normal, would be like trying to read a row of ciphers with the rim rubbed out. We of course went there, and although it was the day of rest, and most of the faculty was absent, we were cordially received, and every courtesy extended, and in company with our daughter, a student of the normal, we wandered over the magnificent grounds, admired the splendid buildings almost as much as we do the splendid work of that noble school, that is stamping its impress upon the future generations of Louisiana, and we truly hope that its usefulness may be extended, for nothing but good can come out of it. Again the scene brought about many reminiscences, for the normal school is also located on historic ground, for there a great convent was located, in the halcyon days of the Old South, where many of the most splendid wives and mothers of the world, whose beauty and accomplishments dazzled were educated. If their training was the superfluous, as compared with the stern practical work of the present state normal school, it was perhaps suited to the conditions then existing, and its graduates made a lasting impression upon the character of the people of the state. Of the old convent building only the massive columns that stood in front of the main structure remain, and they should be preserved for ever, as a memento of the past, when Louisiana was rich, proud and prosperous, when the honor of men and the purity of women was the guiding star of our civilization.

There are now approximately one thousand students attending the Normal school, from every parish in Louisiana, and some from other states, and we must say that we never saw a finer appearing set of young people, who were preparing themselves for the earnest struggle of life, and not simply trying to acquire the flippant accomplishments to enable them to appear well in the whirl of society. Athletics must be a strong feature of the school, for as we strolled over Normal Hill, we noticed many young ladies in low heel shoes and white blouses strolling

about or lounging under the shade, and they seemed well prepared to fill the useful positions of life.

We were somewhat disappointed, that DeSoto parish did not hold the first honor among the parishes for the largest number of students attending the State Normal School, for Natchitoches parish came first, Rapides second, with DeSoto a close third; but then you must remember that DeSoto has Mansfield Female College, where the same course of study is furnished, and it is in a measure simply the overflow from DeSoto that goes to the Normal.

In reference to the old convent, that stood on the present Normal Hill, it was surrounded with much romance and sentiment, and a ready pen could weave many stories of poetic beauty, without trespassing too much upon the realms of imagination. In fact, several entrancing romances, have been woven around old Normal Hill, when it was dedicated to religious training of the girls whose fathers cared not for expense, but demanded all that was to be had in the way of accomplishments that they might preside with queenly grace over the homes of the aristocrats of the Old South. From, one such short story, we extract the following poem, by a Genius whose heart had been pierced by a convent school girl, who by the way is living today, and when she sees the present, practical common sense of the methods of teaching on Normal Hill, as compared with the old convent days, she can but realize that "all things change, and all men change with them."

THE BELL OF NATCHITOCHEs.

The evening air was sweet with flowers
The convent bells were ringing,
And in the tall magnolia trees
The summer birds were singing.
A hurrying maiden heard the bells
And cried "Voila Les Cloches!"
She crossed herself and looked divine,
The Belle of Natchitoches.

Oh! she was rare as red and white
In some sweet rose combined,
Her jet black hair in loving curls
About her neck entwined,
Like some sweet saint, en route to
Heaven,
She cried "Voila Les Cloches!"
And crossed herself in pious faith,
This Maid of Natchitoches.
She was pure as a sea hid pearl—
Madonna like her mien—
So fair a picture for her heart
Will ne'er again be seen,
These magic words of music's soul,
"Voila Les Cloches! Les Cloches!"
I hear them yet—I'll ne'er forget
The Maid of Natchitoches!

—Mansfield Enterprise.

As we are partial to Natchitoches we could fill our paper with things interesting to us, if not to our readers, but as space and the patience of our readers have a limit, we will close, by saying, "Long Live Natchitoches and the Louisiana Normal School."

A. H. Basto Dies at Monroe.

Mr. Gus Basto, aged 64 years died at Monroe on last Tuesday evening. He was a native of Natchitoches, and learned to set type in the old Red River News office, of which Gen. W. H. Tunnard was editor, just after the civil war. He was a good man and a faithful worker, and was well known to newspaper men in North Louisiana. He was what you might term a specialist, confining his labor to setting type, on straight matter only, apparently taking no interest in anything else, and as he said kept his nose in the space box for 46 years. He was honorable and upright, and newspaper men all liked him. He held a case in the Enterprise office for sometime before he was stricken with his last illness, when realizing that his condition was serious, he went to the home of his brother, in Monroe, where he passed to the great beyond, and we hope and believe he found eternal rest—
Mansfield Enterprise.

Notice.

At a meeting of the Board of Supervisors of election the following were chosen Commissioners and Clerk to set an election in the City of Natchitoches on November 16th 1915 for the purpose of granting franchise to Natchitoches Gas Company Limited.
A. Rachal, Jr., A. L. Plummer and W. L. Corley Commissioners; M. H. Allen, Clerk.

D. J. Hyams,
J. H. Stephens.

Proclamation.

State of Louisiana,
Parish of Natchitoches.
Be it known that pursuant to an ordinance of the Commission of the City of Natchitoches, and the law and charter governing same; I, Geo. W. Kile, Mayor Commissioner of the City of Natchitoches, hereby give notice that an election will be held, according to law, at the usual polling place, in the City of Natchitoches on Tuesday, November 16th, 1915, during the usual hours for holding elections, from 6 a. m. to 7 p. m. for the purpose of adopting or rejecting the ordinance granting a franchise to the Natchitoches Gas Company Limited.
A. Rachal, Jr., A. L. Plummer and W. L. Corley are hereby appointed Commissioners and M. H. Allen Clerk, to hold and conduct said election in accordance with and make due returns thereof as required by law.
In testimony whereof witness my hand and seal of office at Natchitoches, La., this October 15th, 1915.
Geo. W. Kile,
Mayor Commissioner.

Happenings Forty Years Ago.

This Week.

From The People's Vindicator.

Oct. 16th, 1875.

The city has been in a state of much excitement during the week, because of yellow fever existing at Coushatta. Two deaths has occurred among the soldiers there. This excitement was greatly augmented by the report of a case in town. Health officer Dr. Geo. E. Gallespy reports the Thermometer at 76, with S. W. winds. The sanitary conditions are most excellent. Health of the community good as shown by the reports filed by the Physicians; Drs. T. Johnson, J. S. Stephens, S. B. Crochiron, no sick; Dr. Wilkinson, one case of chill and fever; Dr. Gillespie one case of neuralgia colic; Dr. C. Hamlin, no sick, except McBook, reported with mild case of yellow fever.

The Church Wardens with J. C. Trichel as President and P. S. Prudhomme as Secretary publish appropriate resolutions on the death of Bishop Martin.

Two poems, "Women" and "I'll Meet Love Friends again," by W. C. Jack, appear in the Poets corner.

A. D. Wright (Gus) has opened a saloon on St. Denis street, (where the blacksmith shop now stands), where the choicest of bivalves can be had in any style, fried, stewed or raw.

Next week we will publish a correspondence between Cal. L. G. DeRussy, and John R. Dunn, which is taken from the "Reporter" a weekly paper published here in 1832. While the correspondence is of a personal nature growing out of politics, it is interesting because of the number of names of persons prominent at that time, and the number of their descendants still living among us; and because it so clearly shows the character of the people of their times.

In the same issue of the "Reporter," three tickets as follows:

Republican Ticket.
For President,
Andrew Jackson.

Electors:
John B. Plauche, 1st. Dist.
Thos. W. Scott, 2nd. Dist.
Trasmond Landry 3rd. Dist.
Alexander Mouton, 4th. Dist.
Placide Bossier, 5th. Dist.

For Governor,
John B. Dawson,
of Feliciana.

National Republican Nomination.
For President
Henry Clay
of Ky.

For Vice-President,
John Sargent
of Penn.

Electors:
1st. Dist. Martin Duralde
2nd. Dist. Robt. McCausland
3rd. Dist. Andre Leblance
4th. Dist. Jacques Dupre.
5th. Dist. Henry Bry.

Lesche Meeting.

There were twenty seven members at the meeting of Lesche Monday night when the first lesson the year's program was given and proved as interesting as was anticipated.

After the regular business, the names of several new applicants for membership were voted on and the chairmen of the different committees announced, the bodies to be selected when the roll is completed. The invitation from the Comus Club to use their rooms for the regular meetings and the suggestion of the Program Committee to have the Rest Room as a permanent club house, were discussed and the formal vote decided in favor of the Comus so in the future The Lesche will meet every other Monday evening at six o'clock, in the same room that it did for the first ten years after the club was organized.

The lesson was ably conducted by Miss Nelken assisted by Misses Carver, Weeks and Varnado and was, The Story Teller, Ancient and Medieval Tales, Illustrated Stories, Aladdin and Patience and Griselda and the Literature of the Sixteenth, Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries.

THE MAN OF MEANS

If the wealthiest man in town owed you some money and you went to collect it, would he hand you the money, or would he write you a check?

The chances are ten to one you would receive a check. Why? Because the wealthiest people in the community keep their money in the bank. They know it's safe there, and they know that when they pay by check there is never a chance to dispute the account. If it's a good thing for the people who have plenty of money why wouldn't it be a good thing to follow their example? We will be glad to open an account with you, large or small. The size doesn't count. Small deposits are looked after as carefully as larger ones.

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