

Announcements.

FOR SHERIFF.

At the request of my many friends of the various wards, I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of SHERIFF of Iberia Parish, subject to the vote of the Democratic primaries.

VICTOR M. AUBRY.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for office of Sheriff of Iberia Parish, subject to the Democratic Primary election of this Parish.

GEO. HENDERSON.

I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of Sheriff of Iberia Parish, subject to the Democratic primaries.

F. N. MESTAYER.

We are authorized to announce the name of Mr. J. B. LAWTON as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Iberia parish, subject to the vote of the Democratic primaries.

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of District Attorney, subject to the vote of the Democratic primaries.

J. R. DAVIS.

1900.

Immediately after the midnight hour on Sunday night, a new year shall have begun—the year 1900—the last year of the present century.

It is well at this time for us to dwell with some earnestness upon the future of the town and what it possibly has in store for her; New Iberia's opportunities and how we can best improve them; the importance of grasping advantages, etc.

A gentleman of good judgment, in speaking of our city, said a few days since, "In five years New Iberia will be behind Monroe, Lake Charles, Baton Rouge, and even Crowley, if she do not get up and hustle. Why will this be the case? Because Iberia's lands are too fertile, and New Iberia's natural opportunities are so many."

As strange as this argument may seem there is much truth in it. Our people seem to feel that the fertility of our soil and our many natural resources are all that are needed to make New Iberia the second city in the State. We grant that these advantages, coupled with that spirit of enterprise, that unity of purpose, that combination of forces which are building a cotton factory for Monroe; paving her Main streets with vitrified brick; erecting her own her own lights and waterworks—which are putting up \$15,000 brick churches in Crowley; giving her more rice mills for the coming crop, and which are causing Lake Charles to move forward rapidly; If, we repeat, we had this enterprise, unity and combination of our forces, together with our natural advantages New Iberia would soon hold second place in the State.

Why can not and will not our business men unite for this purpose and effect much of it as possible during 1900? We have an electric plant to develop; a water works plant to secure; a canal to dredge; a new Post Office building to get erected; a promised depot to be built; a road to Segura to complete and other things which will place the town many steps in advance of where she is at present. Why cannot these be pushed forward as rapidly as possible? They should be. The coming year should be one of ADVANCE for New Iberia, and we hope it will be.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From Our Regular Correspondent)

Washington, Dec. 25th, 1899. Washington is one of the best places, and during a Christmas Congressional recess one of the best times to see the state as they really are when they are off duty. In other places they always seem to

be posing, but in Washington posing would only get them laughed at; consequently they are seen for just what they are, and that is just about what the same number of men in any calling are. As usual, a considerable number of Senators and Representatives are spending their holiday in Washington. As a rule they are doing no work, but Speaker Handerson is one of the exceptions; he remained in Washington to do some work that he could not get time to do while Congress is in session. The members of a sub-committee of the Roberts Committee are prepared to take some additional testimony in the Roberts case, but no witnesses have arrived.

The fund for the widow and children of Gen. Lawton has reached \$11,000 and is still growing.

Prof. Richard G. Ely, of the University of Wisconsin, read a paper on trusts, at a meeting of the Washington economic society, which has attracted more than passing attention. After telling how trusts were formed and operated, and pointing out that the consumers always have it in their power to make the trust-charge fair prices by refusing to buy their goods, he said of remedies for trusts: "The so-called anti-trust legislation, in my opinion, has produced harm, and can produce nothing but harm. So far from lessening the concentration of production, it has rather increased it. Looser forms of combination in the face of anti-trust legislation has made way for closer and more effective unions. Among remedies, first of all, I would mention education. I would have general education so developed as to prepare every boy and girl for life. Another class of remedies is found in the regulation of the transmission of property from generation to generation, and this must be brought about in part by taxation, in part by laws which aim otherwise to secure a wide diffusion of wealth. I have no sympathy with any proposal to abolish or limit private corporation. I would, however, bring them under effective public control, the sole purpose of which should be honesty and individual responsibility."

The announcement of Chairman Burton, of the House committee on rivers and harbors, that no River and Harbor bill would be reported at this session of Congress, has caused some grumbling, but as the announcement was made under instructions from the leaders of the majority, it is likely to hold good. Some of the friends of the Nicaragua Canal in both House and Senate, are determined to try to push a bill providing for the construction of the Canal through at this session of Congress, without waiting for the report of the Canal commission, which will not be made for at least a year. It is perfectly well understood, as it was at the time, that the sole object in view when the Canal Commission was legislated for by Congress, was to delay legislation for a Canal. It is also believed that a majority in both House and Senate would vote for a bill to construct a canal, if given an opportunity to do so, but, owing to the approach of the Presidential campaign, and the fact that large appropriations for other purposes, will be absolutely necessary, it is very doubtful whether the leaders will allow a Canal bill to be voted on at this session; they will quiet those who would like to vote for the bill by telling them that little time will be lost by waiting until next session, when the report of the Canal Commission will be ready.

The recommendation of Inspector-General Breckenridge, in his annual report, for the creation of a joint army and navy board, for the purpose of arranging for a more thorough co-operation between the two branches of the service, is highly commended as a step in the right direction. There were several times during the war with Spain when the lack of intelligent co-operation between the army and navy, notably the landing of Gen. Shafter's army in Cuba, would have led to serious and disastrous consequences had we been opposed by a more alert and vigorous enemy than the Spanish. Recently the two branches of the service have worked well together in the Philippines, but it is known that there were times, just after the arrival of our army at Manila, when they did not.

The President has intimated to Gen. Wheeler, who is said to be dissatisfied with the command given him in the Philippines, that he will not undertake the task of advising him either to remain where he is or to return to Washington and try to resume his seat in Congress, and the movement to get Gen. Wheeler appointed a brigadier general in the regular army, and at once retired, seems not to progress. The opinion is growing that there will be strong opposition to the seating of Gen. Wheeler should he return to Washington and ask to be sworn in as a member of the House.

ALEXANDER.

Mr. Sanders concluded by reading the following extracts from a paper prepared by Major B. M. Harrod, an authority on the waterways of the State. It was as follows:

"The Mississippi and Passes need no description. There are three delta streams of importance, the Atchafalaya part of Plaquemine and Lafourche. The lower part of the Atchafalaya, known as Grand river, is narrow and overhung with trees. It connects with Grand Lake, through numerous small bayous, La Rompe, Sorrel, Pigeon and the Brothers of Tensas. The best should be picked out for improvement and the others closed. Scour would do the rest. Grand Lake should be dredged and cleared of sunken rafts and well lighted. There would then be a splendid route from the Mississippi, through either Atchafalaya or Plaquemine to the Teche Berwick and Atchafalaya bays.

"In extension of this navigation, a slack water system should be extended from St. Martinville, up the Teche, Mercequant and Boeuf, to near Alexandria Auxiliary improvements to this great system would be the Charenton Canal from Grand Lake to the Teche; the removal of Little Devil bar on the Courtableau, by closing the Mamselle and Fort-Boeuf bayous, and removing the raft and closing of the Lamourie, which deflects most of the volume from the Boeuf. This combination would be of immense value in developing the resources of the State.

"A project for a dredged channel through Atchafalaya Bay is now under consideration by the government. It is of much importance. A similar work was executed by the Morgan Steamship Company when their Texas line of ship started from the terminus of the Opelousas Railroad at Morgan City.

"The Plaquemine improvement, by lock and dredging, is now well advanced, and, when finished, will add much to the practicability and value of the Teche and Boeuf navigation before mentioned, saving about 300 miles with the Charenton Canal, between New Orleans and Franklin.

"The proposed Lafourche improvement is well understood, and is of great importance. Every effort should be made to enlist the government in its prosecution by building a lock at its head and securing a navigable depth down the bayou by dredging or a backwater dam, or both.

"Red river has already secured great improvement at the hands of the State and the United States. Navigation has been improved throughout, and extended from the raft at Shreveport, way beyond the limit of the State. This work should be prosecuted steadily. Tributary to Red river are the minor systems of Soda and Caddo Lake, of Bodcan Lake and bayou, and of Lake Bisteneau and Bayou Dorcheat, all of which are susceptible of worthy improvement. Tributary to the Red, near its lower end, is the great Black river system of streams. A project for the slack water improvement of the Ouachita, the principal of these, by dams and locks, is now before the government, and its adoption is of great importance. Other streams of the same system worthy of improvement from their physical features and the rich country they drain, are the Little Boeuf, Tensas, Macon and Bartholomew, with some connecting bayous.

"Bayou des Blazes is also worthy of improvement. Sabine lake and river, as well as the Calcasieu, are worthy of improvement, and work at the former has by the general government is well advanced.

"There are other small streams tributary to the Gulf, mainly used for fishing and similar purposes, that are of value, such as the Mermentau, Vermilion, Callou, Terrebonne and others.

"Another very important system which would be vastly improved by a little work, more or less of which has already been done by the government, is Lakes Maurepas and Pontchartrain, with their tributaries, the Amite, Tickfaw, Teche and Tangipahoa, and other smaller ones. The streams need bend clearing, rafting and bar dredging.

"A port of refuge should be built on the south shore of Lake Pontchartrain."

As Mr. Sanders concluded he was loudly applauded.

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