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FIRE AND INSURANCE.

HON. PORTEUS R. BURKE MENTIONED.

In casting its eyes over the field for possible gubernatorial timber the New Orleans Picayune mentions as among the possibilities the name of Hon. J. P. Burke of our City. The article is published in another column of this issue.

Mr. Burke has a myriad of friends all over this State who will be pleased to see him enter the race. They were highly gratified at the suggestion of his possible candidacy, and the mention of his name in connection with the office of Chief Executive. Nothing would suit them better than to see him their standard bearer in the coming campaign, and although it is a little early to talk over the matter, they feel that the mere mention of his name will not effect his determination in the matter.

If he should consent to the request of his friends and make the race, we are persuaded that a majority of the voters would be attracted to his support by the many qualifications which he possesses to make a most excellent governor. He would add strength and dignity to the ticket by becoming its standard bearer, and his friends are convinced that nothing could be said or done that would in any manner militate against his success. He has only one in his career, and then when a mere youth, submitted to political preferment, and the fidelity and conscientiousness with which he discharged the duties of legislator was evidence of talent and ability that should be given the State in the solution of the many problems that demand intellect, character and disinterested public service. They believe that the strength of the party as well as harmony among the rank and file would be materially benefited if such men would permit themselves to become candidates for the office of Chief Magistrate of the State. But, as stated, it is too early yet and Mr. Burke may or may not consent to enter the race. If he does, it will be in response to the urgent solicitation of his friends.

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LEARNED A LESSON.

Welsh, La., has learned its lesson. Hereafter there will be no structure in the business district but are of the nature of so-called fire proof buildings. But the lesson was learned at a great cost, just as so many other lessons.

There was no excuse in the first instance for the construction of flimsy fire traps in the heart of the City except that this settlement like so many others grow up silently and steadily and the old buildings that did duty at first were retained even after the business warranted improvement, simply because the owners did not care to go to the expense of replacing them with buildings that would protect the goods therein. If these old structures had been made way with at the proper time there would have been no great fire loss like that of last Sunday morning. But they were permitted to remain long years after they should have been torn down and the result was just what it may be in all of the old time towns of the State at any time. The owners not only lost their buildings but all of their goods stored therein and the insurance they could carry did not reimburse them for their loss. But now that the town is to be rebuilt a fire ordinance will prevent the construction of flimsy buildings in the business district and it is presumed that this will be obeyed and the fire in the end prove a benefit instead of the reverse.

The question arises, however, should any town allow structures to remain in the heart of their business districts that are a menace to the rest of the City? Should not the people themselves see to it that their buildings are proof against the ravages of the flames? Should not the merchants for their own protection against the existence of these fire encouragers insist that they be torn down and replaced before they are forced to suffer losses?

In great cities there is always going on the tearing down of old structures to make way for the modern fire proof structure. Why not in the smaller City? Are the merchants of the big cities any more progressive than those of the smaller ones? If it pays them to improve why will it not pay the man of business of the small City? If it is necessary for the business man of the big City to have his premises of modern style and protection, why is it not just as necessary for the merchant of the small town, on a moderate scale at least?

As a matter of fact does it not pay in the long run to be up-to-date, to do business in the modern way and not to inhabit places of business until they are ready to fall apart of old age?

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DRAINAGE SCHEME WOULD MAKE SOUTH LAND OF PROMISE.

In Louisiana Alone Could Reclaim 10,000,000 Acres at a Trifling Cost.

Governor Jared Y. Sanders, of Louisiana, who has been urging national help toward draining the swamp lands of the Mississippi Valley made the following remarks: "I think it costs the Government about \$30 an acre to irrigate arid places in the West that they may produce. Yet in my State of Louisiana alone there are 10,000,000 acres that might be made arable by drainage at an expense of \$10 an acre. This land is now to be had at \$2 or \$3 an acre. With drainage it has been demonstrated that it would be worth \$50 an acre. In New Orleans the other day B. E. Youkum, the railway president, declared that it would soon bring \$100.

"How much land might be reclaimed in the whole Mississippi Valley, from Cairo, Ill., to New Orleans, La., has not been estimated. What I advocate now is a topographical survey by the National Government which would inform us of that, give us maps, analysis of soil, plans for ditches, etc.

"Migrations of people have hitherto been to the West. 'Westward Ho' has been the cry for ages. People drifted West between the ice line of the north and the fever line of the south. Now that space has been filled—they have settled it as far as the Pacific Coast there is no chance for migration, is there? The eyes of the Orient have occupied, ever over-occupied, everything. Then what? Why, I tell you the next great migratory movement of the Caucasian race is to be southward, toward the tropics.

No Fever Barrier Now. "The ice barrier still exists at the North, but the fever line South has been abolished by science. Look at me—I am a good specimen of the 'enamic' Southern, am I not?"

Governor Sanders, as husky as they grow them in any part of the country. "Yet," he said, "I've lived in the swamp regions of Louisiana. We have no typhoid in my State, nor typhoid. And fever has been eliminated. So I say that the land of promise for these days is the Southland, and the drainage of the Mississippi Valley will present an opportunity in the 'back to the land' movement scarcely yet equalled.

"For years we have had drainage districts there, paid for by the people whose land was benefited. I've seen land bought for twenty-five cents an acre jump in price to fifty as soon as drained. In one parish land that was thirty rose to fifty just on the passage of a vote to drain it. This is the reason. We have no cold weather!"

"You can grow a crop every month on this rich soil relieved of its excess water. Last year 60,000 Americans immigrated to Canada. They took with them 1,000 apiece. There's \$60,000,000 that went away from the country of ours to be spent elsewhere. And in Canada they have only six months crop season, while in the South the season is continuous.

"Why I have green vegetables from my farm the year round, all sorts. At Christmas I picked strawberries for dinner. Think of what is bound to come in a land like that. From my parish we send ten carloads of strawberries a day to the markets of Chicago, St. Louis and New York—ten carloads. It is fanciful to say that down there are the fruit-fullest market garden possibilities on the continent! You are agitated about the cost of living. Well, down there a farmer is disappointed if an acre does not yield, gross \$500 to \$600.

Ohio-Indiana Comparison. "The famous black soil of Indiana and Ohio cannot equal in productivity the valley lands that have been drained. My argument for national aid in the reclamation is based on two things: "The nation has adopted the policy of irrigating desert and arid lands, why shouldn't it reclaim rich wastes by ditching away water?"

"Then the condition is not due to local causes. The waters of the Mississippi came to us from the north. We have spent hundreds of millions in dykes and levees to our selves against the overflows. We have paid our share toward watering Arizona and other States; it seems reasonable that the country should aid us in drying off our lands—aluvial lands that have been washed down from about everywhere between the Rockies and the Alleghanies.

"Just in a radius of seventy-

Secretary Hill of the Iberia Truck Growers' Association has received the following letter relative to the soil survey of this Parish:

Washington, D. C., March 29th, 1910. Mr. H. J. Hill, Secretary Iberia Truck Growers' Association, New Iberia, La.

My dear Sir—In the absence of Mr. Broussard, I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th inst., transmitting a copy of the resolution adopted by the Iberia Truck Growers' Association with respect to a soil survey to be made in Iberia Parish. Referring thereto, and for your information, will say that I am today sending the copy of the resolution to Hon. James Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture with the request that this survey be ordered at the earliest practicable moment. Upon receipt of an answer from the department, I will again communicate with you. Very respectfully,
L. E. FRENCH, Secretary.

five miles of New Orleans there are about 10,000,000 acres of swamp, purchasable, Mr. Youkum says, at from \$1 to \$2 an acre—I put it from \$2 to \$3—an acre, at an expenditure of \$10 an acre, would be worth \$100. I put it at \$50. But, take either figure, and see what values drainage would create in this one twenty-five-mile radius, not to mention the rest of the Mississippi Valley up to Cairo, Illinois.

Worse Than Bullets. Bullets have often caused less suffering to soldiers than the ezema L. W. Harriman, Burlington, Me., got in the army, and suffered from, forty years. "But Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured me when all else failed," he writes. "Greatest healer for Sores, Ulcers, Boils, Burns, Cuts, Wounds, Bruises and Piles. 25c at all druggists."

STATE POLITICAL GOSSIP.

Another name was added to the possible list of candidates for governor in the coming State primary, this week, when prominent men from Iberia Parish, who were in the city, stated that Mr. Porteus R. Burke, a well-known lawyer of New Iberia, was being wooed for governor by friends in the Third District.

It was said that Mr. Burke was being mentioned in connection with the governorship by several of his friends. He is a young man, active in politics in his parish and said to be a good campaigner. He was a member of the House of Representatives from Iberia during the sessions of 1900 and 1902. Governor Sanders was then speaker of the House and Mr. Burke was the youngest member.

Since then Mr. Burke has taken a prominent part in politics in Iberia and is one of the leaders of the Henderson faction at the present time. It was said by those presenting the name of Mr. Burke that there was nothing in the rumor that an effort would be made to get Congressman Robert F. Broussard to retire from Congress and run for governor.

"I spoke to Bob about the matter only recently," said this member from Iberia, "and he told me that he had no such intentions and that he was too well satisfied with what he had, his place on the ways and means committee, etc., to drop it and get into a scrimmage for governor. His ambitions are for Senate and I am convinced that he has no thought of trying for any other place than that which he holds, until there is an opening for the United States Senate."

The mention of Mr. Burke's name by his Iberia friends, is another indication that the young men are likely to have a lively tryout in the coming State campaign.

With the retirement of Hon. John T. Michel, secretary of state, from that office, and with the discussion among leaders in this city that Mayor Martin Behrman might remain where he is for a third term, the name of Mr. Michel has been mentioned for either state or congressional honors.

In recent interview in this city, Representative L. E. Thomas, of Shreveport, advanced the suggestion that several prominent men in north Louisiana would like to see Ex-Governor William Wright Heard, of Union Parish, become a candidate.

President James B. Aswell, of the State Normal School at Natchitoches, La., is said to have ambitions looking to the governorship, and that his friends are casting about, keeping a close tab on political developments.

So, with the mention of Mr. Burke's name, by friends from Iberia yesterday, the possible field of gubernatorial timber has already assumed interesting proportions. It is generally agreed by all parties concerned, however, that there will be no definite moves and no announcements made until after the coming session of the State Legislature, which opens in Baton Rouge on Monday, May 9. Many of the issues which will either make or break gubernatorial hopes will be threshed out during that session.

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The rules of the contest are as follows: Any school in a community of fewer than one thousand inhabitants is eligible. Each school desiring to enter the contest shall file with the parish superintendent on or before April 10th, 1910, a detailed statement of the present conditions of the (1) Buildings, (2) Grounds, drainage, etc., (3) Interior of buildings, (4) Equipment, including libraries, (5) Water supply, (6) Number of athletic, literary, or civic associations, (7) Any other necessary information.

This statement shall be filed with the parish superintendent and signed by them and principal of school.

The parish superintendent shall send notice of application of said school to the president or secretary of State League.

On or before December 30th, 1910, schools in the contest shall send to the parish superintendent a detailed statement of improved conditions following the outline as given above.

Said statement shall be signed by the parish superintendent and principal and forwarded together with one first led to the chairman of Committee on Awards.

THE CALL OF THE BLOOD

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WELSH TAKES WARNING.

Welsh, La., March 31.—The city council in special session here passed an ordinance prohibiting the permanent erection of any building in the business section of the town destroyed by fire on the 27th inst.

It is permitted to construct temporary structures with corrugated siding and roofing so as to facilitate business till modern and fireproof buildings can be provided; but all temporary structures must be demolished on or before January 1, 1912.

Considerable opposition was encountered in the consideration of this measure. Owing to losses

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE STATE NATIONAL BANK

Loans and Discounts	\$552,841.36
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	130.43
U. S. Bonds for security, circulation	100,000.00
Reserves on U. S. Bonds	3,000.00
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	2,400.00
Other Real Estate owned	10,500.00
Due from National Banks (not re-credited)	13,927.11
Due from State and Private Banks and Banks, Trust Companies and Building Societies	1,107.75
Due from Federal Reserve Agents	75,000.00
Checks and other Cash Items	133.67
Due from National Banks	1,000.00
Fractional Paper Currency, Nickels and Cents	64.50
State Money Reserve in Bank, etc.	10,200.00
Local bank notes	19,500.00
Reclamation fund (10-1/2%) Treas.	5,000.00
For 10 per cent of population	5,000.00
Total	\$1,000,000.00
LIABILITIES	\$1,000,000.00
Capital stock paid in	100,000.00
Surplus fund	25,000.00
Undivided profits, less Expenses and Reserves	6,971.78
National Bank Notes outstanding	98,700.00
Due to Federal Reserve Agents	125.00
Individual Deposits subject to check	256,451.94
Demand Certificates of Deposit	4,457.67
Time Certificates of Deposit	3,400.00
Other's checks outstanding	35.50
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