

To the Democrats of the Third Congressional District.

I announce my candidacy for Congress to succeed the Hon. R. F. Broussard for the term beginning March 1913. I favor governmental protection of the agricultural interests of Louisiana as the long established policy of this country, and I am opposed to the movement which threatens the great sugar industry of our State. I favor the development to the fullest extent of our matchless waterways.

HENRI QUEYDAN.

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SEWERAGE MEETING.

The mass meeting of citizens called by Mayor Power at the City Hall last Thursday night to discuss the Sewerage question and consider the reports made by the committee of attorneys selected some time since, to make proper amendments to the present charter, setting forth plans of operation under which the sewerage system should be built was attended by several dozens enthusiastic property holders. The question of whether the City in building the Sewerage system should operate under the present charter enacted by the legislature in the year 1910 or whether the improvement should be made only upon the adoption of the Commission Form of Government which will shortly be submitted to the people for their adoption or rejection. Among the citizens taking part in the discussion were Messrs. E. T. Weeks, J. Robert Perry, Jules Dreyfus, R. S. McMahon, Dr. J. W. K. Shaw. The meeting was finally concluded with the following resolutions being carried: Resolution of Mr. Perry: "Resolved, that it is the sense of this meeting that we respectfully recommend to the City Council the adoption of the majority report of the Commission on Charter amendments and that the same committee be requested to frame the necessary amendments to either or both charters." The advocates of the Commission Form of Government were so numerous that this important question effecting the welfare of the property holders at this time was discussed in all its phases and Mr. McMahon introduced the subjoined resolution, which was carried unanimously:

"Resolved, that it is the sense of this meeting that we respectfully recommend to the City Council that the charter providing the Commission Form of Government for New Iberia, passed by the Legislature of 1910, be immediately submitted to the people for their adoption or rejection."

Now that a good strong sentiment prevails in New Iberia for the submission to the voters of the important questions confronting the people we have no reason to doubt that the City Council will call an election at an early date to have the charter ratified giving the people the Commission Form of Government. While a majority of the voters are anxious to vote a Sewerage tax, still many feel that the taxpayers will only support the measure after they are convinced that the new charter will be accepted.

THE FRISCO DEMONSTRATION TRAIN.

Promptly at 2:30 o'clock on Tuesday, the Frisco Demonstration Train pulled into New Iberia and stopped at their station, foot of Jefferson street as scheduled. As the train with its experts entered the City limits they were in a deluge of rain, but notwithstanding that fact all during the afternoon the citizens interested in good roads were inspecting the exhibits prepared by the Federal Department of Agriculture in the handsome coaches of that great railroad system.

A short while later hundreds of citizens congregated at the Elks Theatre, the use of which was tendered free by Manager Schaff to enable the people to hear the able lectures by the experts on road building and the benefits accrued from good roads. The meeting was opened by Mr. Wm. DeBerty, assistant general manager of the Gulf Lines of the Frisco, explaining the objects and motives of the railroad in transporting a demonstration train of that kind over its lines.

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F. M. WELCH

The most notable figure of the most recent history of the awakening of New Iberia was, beyond rivalry or contest, F. M. Welch.

Endowed by nature with phenomenal energy, an iron will and grim determination; possessed by an irresistible force of optimism and saturated with the impulse of irrefragable courage; working against difficulties, prejudices and jealousies; climbing obstructions and sneering at tradition and custom, he was by far, the most perfect and efficient type of the promoter of railroads and big public enterprises, involving in the success, ingenuity and character amounting almost to genius, that ever disturbed the sluggish dreams of romance, song and fancy, giving famous distinction to the life and character of our people. He not only tickled with the live wire of vim and energy the dormant resources of our surrounding territory, but by sheer pressure of insistence and persuasion he forced upon them, a realization of the potential possibilities and active development of our latent, untouched wealth would mark the immediate future.

How well and accurate his prophecies measured the now known results, is reflected by the qualities and character of his achievements.

He may be called the pioneer in this field of transformation. Like the alchemist he transmuted the dross of the inertia of man and land into living gold of action and productivity.

Respecter of no forms and no false idols; repudiating in most emphatic manner, fetich and talisman, he went at his onerous task with the mind of the master and the hand of the performer.

Work was his God—
Duty his religion—
Service to man, his prayer.

Can any human being do more for the destiny of his future, for the eternal journey of his immortal soul.

Service to man is the song of the archangel; love of men the sacred psalm of humanity's religion.

The hymn of the world is the preservation of the light of civilization. The rapture of the note, the enchantment of the music is the unselfish hammer-blow on the anvil of life's progress and betterment. The poet's siren voice, the sage's alluring path into the wonderland of undigested mysteries of man's existence is not more inspiring than the humble dew drop of morning moisture and the opening eyes of the swelling seed.

Some of the work of our departed friend discloses these germs moving a great soul, a greater patriot and the greatest citizen.

Spurning all claims to saintliness, to immunity from sins, to exemption from the weaknesses and evils of human nature, his public service bears the angel's wings, the unselfishness of the philanthropist, the fire and fervor of the patriot.

True to his promise, he offered uncomplainingly, unflinching, his life blood on the altar of our city's development.

The consecration is complete. Will his successors, his beneficiaries, the people, worship his deity—the triumph of his individual energy, of human endeavor?

F. M. Welch came here thirty years ago. With the instinct of the seer and the unerring touch of the philosopher, he foresaw the possibilities this country had in store for the future, especially in the slumbering fertility of these unscratched waste lands overrun by scrub cattle and degenerated horse-stock.

The prototype of all professional colonizers, he is the first to introduce, with method, order and intelligence, a colony of Western settlers in Iberia Parish, in the neighborhood of Rosedale.

The unsettled condition of the most serious political problems of the State and the unsolved state of the most acute phases of those questions contributed a good deal to the failure of that first experimental enterprise. Our country then, was not ready to receive new blood, new enterprises, new capital with open arms. Everything new bore the weight of suspicion and indifference and failure was natural in such an environment. Seeing his labor misunderstood, misrepresented and ahead of the time, he transferred his activities to Alexandria, which, when touched by the elixir of his monumental hustling capacity and endurance, grew into one of the most important, most populous inland towns of Louisiana. The record of his activities and successful achievements in that town are a large part of the brightest and most attractive pages of Alexandria's rapid growth of population and wealth.

Numerous railroad systems and bridges spanning the Red River were induced by Welch to tap that territory and posterity will eventually acknowledge the credit due to his civic pride and genius.

His return to our City was marked, not by the bitterness of the return of a prodigal son or exhausted child, but the heroic efforts against money and man, bitter times of sleepless nights, disappointment of days and ingratitude of friends, which the building into New Iberia of the two railroads will always be ascribed with.

Fighting panic at one time, scourge of calamity-howler at another, he conquered and presented the trophy to Iberia's public.

Having no taste for literature, no ear for music, no eye for the beauties of art and harmony, he was a scientific architect and appraiser of the value of public utilities which respond to the long felt needs and interest of the people.

He opened new opportunities for character and skill and new world's to the commercial explorer and the artisan's career.

He was both a genius and a hero.

His asset was courage and persistence.

His coin the faith in his projects.

No crusade was imbued with more faith in the redemption of the cross than he in the conquest of new transportation domains.

He changed the geography of New Iberia and the aspirations of the community by his introduction of tastes for the subtleties of cosmopolitanism. He was a successful and practical demonstrator of a new road builder, an illumined path to hidden treasures of men, mind and material. He made the country open its store house and yield its stock.

The hand of the magician and the clairvoyance of the sorcerer could not frame to the eye and idea greater novelties, overpowering amazements than Welch's consummation of railroad adventures.

The defeat of the skeptic and the doubting Thomas, of the scheming user and financier and the malicious, rancorous, unprogressive type of nature is accomplished. The strategy of Commerce and industry furnished by new arteries of freight carriers and new connection of unexploited territories gave the momentum to the recent step of a new life.

F. M. Welch may not rank with statesmen, with national figures, with authorities on life and science; he has not invented new methods or discovered new thoughts that may affect the higher phases and deeper aspects of man's life; he has not even kept pace with the fads and frills of the most modern social problems; but from our municipal standpoint he must be, beyond evil and controversy, accorded pre-eminence in the field of public service, measured by the accrued benefits and advantages his work bestowed upon everything that enlists the attention and time of the army of New Iberia's citizens.

An acknowledgement of these accredited victories will perpetually inveigle, in a spirit of emulation, other brave and stout characters cast in the mould of public benefactors, to duplicate or outdo, for the people, those deeds and hand them to the changeable condition of a succeeding, progressive generation.

New Iberia can well afford to place a crown of public approbation upon the humble brow of Welch and supplement the gift with the diadem of love and high esteem of a town.

May his ashes rest in peace. D. J.

THE GOODS ROADS ASSOCIATION.

As per call a number of gentlemen interested in forming a Parish Good Roads Association to work in conjunction with the new Police Jury of Iberia Parish met in mass meeting at the City Hall last Wednesday evening to accept the charter of the new association as formulated by the committee in whose hands the important work was placed. Despite the very inclement weather the attendance was very good, but few of the residents of the country were in attendance owing to the inclement weather. The charter was accepted which showed the following gentlemen were chosen to serve for the ensuing two years as follows. Messrs. P. A. Landry, president; Chas. C. Henshaw, vice-president; John R. Taylor, treasurer. Executive Board—Rev. J. Cognais of Patoutville; Jos. J. Smith, Olivier; Geo. L. Fisk and John D. Walet. Loreauville; Leon Lozes, E. A. McIlhenny, Adonis Delcambre, F. J. Beaulieu, Geo. J. Labau, H. B. Hewes, Silvio Broussard, John R. Taylor, C. C. Henshaw, A. J. Mammus, S. C. Sunrall, E. S. Broussard, Lazard Kling, P. R. Burke, Dr. J. W. Sanders, Jules Dreyfus, J. W. Eckart P. A. Landry, Alphe Fontelieu and E. L. Estorge. The dues being so small there is little excuse for any citizen to withhold his name from the membership and Mr. Silvio Broussard is adding many names to the Association. The charter will appear in our next issue. Indications point to a strong organization and there is no doubt that much good will be accomplished in the betterment of the public roads of Iberia Parish. The cash value of good roads has been summarized under the following headings: First—A reduction in the cost of hauling. Second—An increase in the value of lands. Third—Increase in productive value through making uncultivated lands accessible. Fourth—The substitution of the more profitable crops for the less profitable crops. Fifth—The ability of the producer to market his produce at a time when the prices are more favorable instead of marketing his produce when the roads permit.

Good roads are the most essential improvements that the Parish is in need of and once our people learn how easy these things can be obtained and how easily maintained, when gone at in a business manner then every public road in the Parish will be a credit to the people.

Almost A Miracle.

One of the most startling changes ever seen in any man according to W. B. Holselaw, Charndon, Tex., was effected years ago in his brother. "He had such a dreadful cough," he writes, "that all our family thought he was going into consumption, but he began to use Dr. King's New Discovery, and was completely cured by ten bottles. Now he is sound and well and weighs 218 pounds. For many years our family has used this wonderful remedy for Coughs and Colds with excellent results." It's quick, safe, reliable and guaranteed. Price 50 cents and \$1.00. Trial bottle free at all druggists.

PARO PERDUE NOTES.

Some of the farmers are going back to the cotton patch. The farmers seem to have recovered from their scare, because of the advent of the boll weevil here, and like the farmers of Texas are determined to raise cotton in spite of the boll weevil problem. If farmers would employ modern methods in fighting the pest they would be able to raise cotton.

The average in corn will be increased about 40 per cent of that of last year.

The farmers here are anxiously awaiting the decision of the Senate Committee on sugar.

Free sugar is simply unthinkable and only a misguided desire to secure some sort of partisan advantage can explain the hasty and intemperate action of the House of Representatives in railroad-ing such a measure through. If the members of the Senate Committee report the free sugar bill unfavorably a big point will have been gained, as ordinarily the Senate does not act contrary to the advice of its committees.

When the measure was before the House the sugar interests were accorded no opportunity to present their side of the case, but it is evident that a very different policy is being pursued in the upper house of Congress.

Masters Simon Landry and Paul Chastant and Miss Martha Romero returned to the Lafayette Industrial Institute on last Monday after having spent the Easter holidays with relatives and friends.

Mr. Lobdell paid a business visit to our section this week.

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AGRICULTURAL EXHIBIT TRAIN.

New Orleans, April 5th.—The announcement that the Louisiana Bar Association at its session at Shreveport, on April 19th and 20th, will discuss the subject of corporation laws of Louisiana has aroused the greatest interest not only among the lawyers of the State but the business men generally, especially where they have any corporate interests, realize the great benefits which will accrue from the discussion. The railroads of the State have agreed to give excursion rates from all points in the State to

Not the heat of a semi-tropical climate, but the light, threatens the Caucasian.

Scientists have determined only recently that the danger from heat in hot climates is negligible, but that the danger from light is very real. Not alone to the eyes, nor indeed chiefly to the eyes, but to the tissues, and fluids of the body, unprotected as is the Caucasian by the dark pigments of the skin with which Nature carefully equips races native to the torrid zone.

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JEANERETTE WINS FIGHT FOR TRAINS.

Jeanerette won before the federal court of appeals here Tuesday in its fight to force the Morgan's Louisiana and Texas Railway and Steamship lines to stop certain trains at that town. The case, it is said, will be taken to a still higher court.

The original case was styled the Railway Commission of Louisiana versus Morgan's Louisiana and Texas Railway and Steamship Lines, as the matter was taken up before the state's railroad commission, with the result that the organization sought to have certain trains stopped at Jeanerette.

An appeal was taken from the decision of the lower court, which was unfavorable to the railway company, and a motion was made to dismiss the appeal. The motion was granted.

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Messrs. Frank P. Stubbs, Jr., of Monroe; J. H. Overton, of Alexandria; E. H. Randolph, of Shreveport; P. M. Milner and John Dymond, Jr., of New Orleans are among those who will participate in the debate.

Hon. W. A. Bolunt, of Pensacola, who will address the Convention, will have for his subject, "The People and the Court." This is a topic which has engaged the attention of the public and has been brought to the front by the press of the country for months past and the fact that Mr. Blount has chosen it as the subject of his paper insures an address of interest.

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