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THE SALARY BILL.

There has been an insistent demand in Louisiana for years to abolish the fee system and place all officials on a salary basis. The demand has grown so strong that the legislature has at last taken the matter up and to that end a bill is spending in the legislature which is intended to bring about the desired reform.

From a smattering knowledge of the impending bill we are of the opinion that it is not calculated to work for the best interests of the people. We do not doubt the honesty and sincerity of the sponsors of the bill but we doubt if it is framed in such a manner that it will save money for the entire population of Louisiana. Undoubtedly it will serve to cut off the income of some of the officials affected, but on the other hand it will increase the income of those who are receiving small sums under the fee system.

The fee system may be vicious but it can be no worse than to save at one place and lose at many others. The fee system has one thing in its favor—every official is treated exactly the same and his income is gauged by the amount of business his office transacts. In prosperous times his income grows large. It languishes when times grow harder and money scarcer. There would be no fluctuations under a salary basis. The fees, however large or small, would go into the state or parish treasury and from that treasury he would receive his salary.

It is a beautiful theory but we doubt if it will altogether work out in actual practice. The legislature went at the matter in a slipshod fashion. It was in a hurry—too great a hurry—to enact legislation demanded by the people. In its efforts to please all it is about to commit a monumental blunder. The idea of passing this bill in its present shape ought to be abandoned at the present session. It could well be over until the session of 1918, by which time it could be so framed or amended as to meet the demands of everybody affected.—Opelousas Enterprise.

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MRS. HENRY POIMBOEUF.

The sudden death at Lafayette last Saturday morning at 7:30 of Mrs. Henry Poimboeuf, a native of Loreauville, was a distinct shock to her grief-stricken parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Decourt of the above place. Deceased was apparently in the best of health when she retired the night previous. During the latter part of the night she was taken suddenly ill and her family physician gave her such relief that she soon went into a deep slumber. Early the next morning her husband discovered her in a dying condition and at the hour above mentioned she expired. Mrs. Poimboeuf, nee Louise Decourt had only reached the age of twenty-six years and her bereaved husband, father and mother and several brothers and sisters who survive her have the deep sympathy of a legion of friends. The remains were brought to New Iberia and interred in St. Peter's Catholic cemetery on Sunday morning in the presence of a large number of friends of the family.

The New Iberia States team scored their third consecutive victory at Abbeville last Sunday when they kalsomined the Abbeville team, score 15 to 0. Manager Davis' squad hit the ball hard and won the game in the first inning. Jones held the Abbeville boys at his mercy. They were only able to secure one hit.

THE BIG BRIDGE PROPOSITION.

It is gratifying to note that the proposition to bridge the Mississippi River at New Orleans has engendered such deep, widespread, earnest interest. It is likewise gratifying to note that there is action a-foot to nip-in-the-bud the original proposition to give to private interests the exclusive right to construct, control, and reap the revenues from such a structure.

One of the most prominent firms of architects in the United States has declared the belief that such a bridge, or a tunnel beneath the river, would easily pay six per cent on whatever investment might be made in it. The cost of a span which would accommodate double tracks for street and steam railroads, causeway for other character of vehicles and for pedestrians, has been reckoned at, approximately, \$13,000,000. It would be possible to complete it within two years. Within seventeen years, perhaps less time, the bridge would pay for itself, according to estimates of the experts.

The bridge idea had its origin with the late E. L. Cortell, one of the world's most noted bridge designers and builders, almost thirty years ago. Since that time it has been agitated, from time to time, and of late certain holders of extensive tracts of land on the west side of the river, in the vicinity of Twelve-Mile Point where Mr. Cortell proposed to locate the west bank approach, have been particularly active. Should it be decided to build the big span their property holdings would be inestimably enhanced in value, naturally, and there would be a boom in land in that vicinity immediately.

While, even though it would cost approximately \$13,000,000, the structure would be a bonanza investment for private capital, it is doubtful if private capital could be induced to finance it under the safeguards for the public interest which the State would, necessarily, cast about such a franchise right in granting it. The owners of land, and the holders of options on lands, in the vicinity of the west bank end of the proposed site, will care little, however, who constructs the bridge—they are bound to benefit immeasurably by it. Such, however, should not influence the locating of the structure. It must be built where the most stable foundation and most advantageous location can be found.

Some engineers favor a tunnel, others favor the bridge proposition. Notwithstanding the fact that the United States government probably will insist that such a bridge must be upwards of 100 feet in height, the bridge is the most feasible proposition, however viewed, since only a bridge will make possible the railway tracks, causeways, etc.

It is to be hoped that both of the bills—that before the United States Congress, and the other before the State Legislature—authorizing the construction of the big span, will go through without a hitch.—Building Review



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Class Flower: Maiden's Blush.

Class colors: Pink and Green.
Diplomas and Graduating Pins presented to the graduates of Mt. Carmel Convent:

Academic Course: Miss Lily Emmer, Miss Lucy Katherine DeRouen and Miss Laura Marie LeBlanc.

Course in Stenography: Miss Mabel Mary Couvillon.

Court in Typewriting: Miss Marietta Delahoussaye, Miss Maude Gueifoe, Miss Mabel Agnes Howorka, Miss Rosita Nelly Estrada, Miss Ada A. Hymel.

Gold Locket for Church Singing, donated by Rev. J. M. Langlois, drawn for by the Convent Choir. Won by Miss Lucy Katherine DeRouen.

Gold Locket for Bible History, donated by Rev. J. M. Langlois. Awarded to Miss Mabel Howorka.

Gold Medal for Lady-like Deportment, donated by Rev. G. Frohn. Drawn for by Misses Lily Emmer, Laura LeBlanc and Lucy DeRouen. Won by Miss Lily Emmer.

Gold Medal for Lady-like Deportment, donated by Miss Laura LeBlanc's friends. Awarded to Miss Laura LeBlanc.

Gold Medal for Literature, donated by Rev. J. Solignac. Awarded to Miss Maude Gueifoe.

Gold Locket for Christian Doctrine, donated by The Holy Name Society. Merited by Miss Mabel Howorka who won the Medal last session. 2nd in Merit, Miss Irma Vuillemot.

Gold Medal, donated by The Knights of Columbus, drawn for by the members of Convent Orchestra. Won by Miss Valerie Lienhard.

Gold Medal for Lady-like Deportment, donated by Mr. Jules Myers, awarded to Miss Lucy Katherine DeRouen.

Gold Medal for Music, donated by Hon. Edwin Broussard, drawn for by Misses Maude Gueifoe, Florentine Fages, Mabel Howorka, Ethel Gajan, Carmen Harry, Rose Estrada, Ada Renouet, Jeanne Gonsoulin, Oliva Martin, Elodie Broussard, Mabel Conrad. Won by Miss Mabel Howorka.

Gold Necklace for Application, donated by Hon. Walter J. Burke, drawn for by Misses Olga Delcambre, Marietta Delahoussaye, Ethel Gajan, Maude Gueifoe, Mabel Howorka, Oliva Martin, Inez DeBlanc, Florentine Fages, Ada Renouet, Alberta DeBlanc, Sophie Landry, Carmen Delahoussaye, Irma Vuillemot, Agnes Renouet, Carmen Harry. Won by Miss Inez DeBlanc.

Gold Medal for Music, donated by a friend, drawn for by Misses Edna Howorka, Valerie Lienhard, Marie Landry, Alberta DeBlanc, Louise Gonsoulin, Rose Romero, Louise Mequet, Bernice Mequet, Marjorie Darby, Lucille Fagot. Won by Miss Louise Mequet.

Gold Necklace for French, donated by Mr. E. E. Delhomme. Awarded to Miss Oliva Martin.

Gold Medal for Penmanship, donated by Rev. E. DeWilde, Canada, drawn for by Masters Dick Landry, George LeBlanc, Harold Dietlein, Emmett Muntz, Julius Coutois, Jeff Segura, Robert Renouet, Ireanus Estrada, Francis Siebeck, Birney Broussard, Laurence Aucoin. Won by Master Robert Renouet.

Gold Necklace for Application, donated by Messrs. DeBlanc and Landry, drawn for by Marie Emmer, Heloise Theriot, Lucille Delahoussaye, Lucille Barbour, Roberta Lienhard, Genvieve Martin, Cecile Disch, Marie Borrell, Martha Braquet, Fabiola Lienhard. Won by Heloise Theriot.

Gold Medal for Mathematics, donated by Mayor H. S. Sealy, drawn for by Misses Oliva Martin and Inez DeBlanc. Won by Miss Oliva Martin.

Gold Medal for Arithmetic, donated by Mr. Robert Lienhard, drawn for by Misses Sophie Landry, Irma Vuillemot, Myrtis Sealy, Mildred Power, Mabel Conrad, Jeanne Gonsoulin, Elodie Broussard, Susie DeBlanc, Irma Segura, Essie Dozart, Josephine Breaux. Won by Miss Elodie Broussard.

Gold Medal for Application, donated by Mr. A. Estorge, drawn for by Masters George LeBlanc, Jacob Landry, Laurence Aucoin, John Estrada, Julius Coutois. Won by Master Laurence Aucoin.

Gold Necklace for Application, donated by Mr. E. F. Marin, drawn for by Misses Myrtis Sealy, Mildred Power, Mabel Conrad, Jeanne Gonsoulin, Elodie Broussard, Susie DeBlanc, Louise Mequet, Mercedes Romero, Rena Delahoussaye, Lucille Fagot, Louise Arnandez, Olive Gaudé, Rose Romero, Yvonne Deneausse, Laurence Braquet, Lucille DeBlanc, Valerie Lienhard, Edna Howorka, Louise Gonsoulin, Marjorie Darby, Sylvia Guillot, Irene Dusmenil, Bernice Mequet, Marie Landry. Won by Miss Jeanne Gonsoulin.

Gold Necklace for Application, donated by Mr. George Deric, drawn for by Misses Irma Segura, Juanita Power, Margaret Bodin, Alberta Decuir, Mercedes Cousin, Ruth Guillot, Anna May Bodin, Marie Louise Voorhies, Marie Courrege, Louise Judice. Won by Marie Courrege.

Gold Medal for Arithmetic, donated by Kling Mros, drawn for by Masters Emmett Muntz, George LeBlanc, John Estrada, Steve Campeau, Anthony Braquet, Harold Miguez, Howard Dehoussaye, Edouard Burguieres, Dalton Babineaux, Louto Broussard, Felix Broussard. Won by Master Dalton Babineaux.

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Gold Medal for Application, donated by Rev. J. M. Langlois, drawn for by Masters Edwin Broussard, Preston Gajan, Herman Segura, Jules Burguieres, Lee Estrada, Clet Girard, Laurence Renouet, R. F. Girard, Alphonse Landry, Oran Burke, Kenward Power. Won by Master Kenward Power.

Gold Locket for Catechism, donated by Mother Augustin, drawn for by Misses Valerie Lienhard, Edna Howorka, Loulou Marin, Rena Delahoussaye, Louise Arnandez, Lucille Fagot, Marie Landry, Josephine Judice. Won by Miss Josephine Judice.

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FOR SALE—A scholarship in the Tyler Business College at 10 per cent. discount.—Enterprise.

ANDREW J. CAMMACK.
On Tuesday night, June 20th, at 10 o'clock P. M. all that was mortal of Mr. Andrew J. Cammack, one of our highly esteemed citizens and a member of the New Iberia bar passed to the Great Beyond after an illness of about nine months, at his residence in East End, aged 52 years. Deceased came to New Iberia from his native home, Alexandria, about twenty-four years ago and at once began the practice of his profession, winning such prominence that he was soon elected City Attorney and his services to the City were so much in demand that he was re-elected for four consecutive terms. During the past four years Mr. Cammack was associated in the practice of law with Hon. Edwin Broussard, one of the most prosperous law firms in this section of the State. Some years ago he was betrothed to Miss Laura Sorrel of Olivier who survives him. The funeral services were conducted from St. Peter's Catholic church on Wednesday evening by Rev. J. M. Langlois at five o'clock in the presence of sympathetic friends and relatives of the widow of the deceased. The active pall bearers were Messrs. Octave Renouet, Courtland Compton, Edwin Broussard, Harry Winters, Silvio Broussard and S. E. Sorrel. The bar of this City served as honorary pall bearers.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

TEN ACRES AND BRAINS.

"We don't care much who wrote the speech which 8-year-old Vertis Wilkinson of Mauriceville delivered to the Beaumont Rotary club recently, it was chock full of sense," says the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "Maybe he 'made it up' himself, maybe he didn't, but that does not affect the things he said."

"Something was written back in the dim ages about learning wisdom out of the mouths of babes. Listen to this from this 8-year-old boy:

Scientific farming has begun to pay. I know a farmer whose income would excite the envy of high finance. He said to me: Don't be afraid of education; the land will soak up all we can get and yell for more."

My friends, if I knew half the secrets in ten acres of land I believe I could make my fortune off

them in five years. We have sent the smart boys to the city, and we have kept the fools on the farm. We have put everything on the farms but brains.

Anybody can learn Blackstone and Greenleaf, but the book of law that is writ in the soil is only for keen eyes. We want our young men to know that it is more dignified to search for the secrets of God in the land than to pore for the secrets of Satan in a law book.

"Well, sonny, we are not sure but that you are a little hard on the fellows who have remained on the farm and just a trifle rough with the gentlemen of the legal profession. Taken all in all, however, we want to say that your little speech is just plain 'boss' sense. There's no denying that ten acres and brains is a mighty hard combination to beat."—Beaumont Enterprise.



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