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## WOULD SET UNWISE PRECEDENT

At the meeting of the State Central Committee, a resolution requesting the resignation of Thos. H. Harris, was not acted upon, a motion to adjourn prevailing. It is hardly worth while attempting to account for the motives underlying the action of the committeemen, whether a disinclination to take a stand on the subject and reawaken factional feeling, or merely unpreparedness for action. In our opinion, and as much as we denounce the course of Mr. Harris in the premises, it would have set a bad precedent for the committee to call for the resignation of a regular nominee. Occasion will arise when it could be used as freely to cut the other way, according to the factional majority in the committee. Some other way must be found to meet such cases and punish treachery as it deserves to be punished. The stability of the primary law demands that its nominees shall be in violation.

## CONGRESSMAN PUJO WILL RETIRE.

The announcement by Congressman Pujo that he would retire after concluding his present term of office is received with regret by all who appreciate the congressman's many fine qualities, and who would like to see him realize in his future career his higher ambitions and receive some solace for past disappointments. One cannot but wonder indeed, if the experiences of the past campaign had not engendered in him a distaste for public life, a lack of relish for its empty plaudits and promises.

Mr. Pujo says that it is because he feels that he should devote his time to his private affairs. He has, in this respect, chosen the better part, for cultivating one's own little garden spot in life is vastly more satisfactory in the long run than to labor in the larger and more sterile field of public office.

## A UNIQUE PERSONALITY.

Busy as a cagefull of monkeys is a comparison that aptly describes Dr. Oscar Dowling to any one who has ever watched a cage containing a half dozen of the active little simians, heads down, then up, hanging by their tails, climbing, intertwining, falling, catching themselves; ceaseless motion. Such is the active president of the State Board of Health. Now, down on his knees cleaning up a restaurant for day wages; next closing a filthy eating-house with all the vigor and dignity of his official position. Now, planning public instruction in various and sundry ways, by health leaflets for the schools, by demonstration trains; then forcibly reprimanding the head of a state hospital. Now making his name a bugbear to the uneasy restaurateur later proving a good advertisement for the cleanliness of another place for eating.

No man in so short a time has caused the subject of health and sanitation to become so prominent a matter of public interest, at once spectacular and convincing. Such is Dr. Dowling.

## PUJO FOR NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN.

Congressman A. P. Pujo and Senator Murphy J. Foster were mentioned for national committeeman. Louisiana industries may maintain a bureau in Washington, placing national committeeman in charge.

The name of Congressman Pujo makes particular appeal at this time to those who feel that he was not well treated in the late campaign, and who would like to see him honored.

For sureness' sake, Capt. Amunsen should have taken a picture of himself sitting on the pole.

Sheriff Swords says he may run for Pujo's place. Bill Polk is yet to be heard from.

Only in St. Landry is the pen less mighty than the Swords.

## "YOURS RESPECTFULLY"

Senator Percy firmly declines to resign at the request by resolution of the Mississippi legislature, incidentally giving his opinion, more forcibly than politely, of that body; an opinion, of which it may be said in passing, that it is shared by most disinterested observers. Partisan feeling has reached the limit among Mississippi law-makers, passing the bounds of all self-restraint. It is rather anomalous however that Senator Percy should sign himself "Yours Respectfully" to such an effusion, and it is an instance of the follies that convention sometimes betrays one into, that he let the trite phrase slip from his pen. One could have wished that he would have originated something like Benjamin Franklin did when he wrote: "You are my enemy, and I am

"Yours, B. Franklin."

## NEW STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Col Thos. H. Lewis, as chairman of the State Central Committee, is pursuing a broader policy than his predecessor in giving the minority faction representation on the State executive committee. His appointees include fifteen machine men and twenty Hall men with several of the latter formerly for Aswell. This is a generous apportionment and shows the right spirit.

The committee is composed of: George K. Bradford, Acadia parish; W. H. Price, Lafourche, Andrew H. Gay, Jr., Bienville; John M. Caffery, St. Mary; D. M. Watkins, Bienville; Dr. C. C. Pritchard, Catahoula; John A. Richardson, Claiborne; Alex. Pujol, Orleans; J. T. McClellan, Madison; John P. Parker, Sr., Ouachita; C. B. Hicks, De Soto; Andre Martin, Lafayette; Edward McCullom, Terrebonne; Dr. Thos. P. Singletary, East Baton Rouge; Frank Hardesty, East Feliciana; B. H. Brooks, LaSalle; Porteous R. Burke, Iberia; E. B. Dubuison, St. Landry; A. Barksdale, Lincoln; C. M. Mixon, Tangipahoa; Robt. Ewing, Orleans; W. L. Foster, Caddo; W. C. Murphy, Orleans; J. A. Berthlot, St. John; J. T. S. Thomas, Red River; Dr. T. L. Abbingdon, Sabine; Louis LeBourgeois, St. James; D. C. Scarborough, Natchitoches; John S. Flandry, Orleans; S. A. Dickson, Caddo; G. C. Goldman, Tensas; Wade C. Martin, St. Martin; J. L. Smith, St. Tammany; P. F. Shroder, Morehouse; Edward Everett, Union.

It is pleasant to note that East Feliciana has Frank Hardesty and East Baton Rouge Thos. P. Singletary, stalwart and unmistakable Hall men to represent them, since these parishes have been recognized in the appointment.

## REFORM MEASURES PLANNED.

The report comes from New Orleans that Judge Hall and his advisers—the strong men of the Good Government League are planning the introduction of bills to cover each plank in the League platform. Each bill will be introduced by especially strong and safe legislators, whose care it will be to get the bill passed in as good form as possible.

The most sanguine must remember that no bill, unless conspicuously innocuous, can pass as written, but must be trimmed and amended to meet individual views, consequently there should be a disposition felt to make due allowance and not expect more than is humanly possible where so many interests are clamorous.

The House naval affairs committee will probably recommend fortification of the mouth of the Mississippi River by floating batteries or protection of the river by stationing a large number of submarine and torpedo boats at the Algiers Navy-yard, and also the continuance of the Naval Station at New Orleans.

A case of spinal meningitis was reported at the week-end in the upper part of the 5th ward of West Feliciana parish. A negro had it and died. Dr. A. R. Holcombe, the physician on the case, says that the negro was ill, and the trouble developed into this disease. The report that others had it is not true.

The remains of Riley Higginbotham, who died at Port Hudson, was brought to the 5th ward for interment. The deceased was a native of this parish, and at the time of his death was about 70 years old.

The heavy rains of Monday last have again made the roads to McManus and other points almost impassable.

## WHY A CONVENTION AND NOT A PRIMARY.

The following preamble to the resolution explains why the State Central Committee failed to order a presidential primary:

"Whereas, the Legislature of this State has not provided by the primary election law or otherwise for a direct primary for the selection of delegates to the nomination convention of the national Democratic party, nor for the selection of presidential electors, nor for the selection of the member of the Democratic Executive Committee; and

"Whereas, it is impracticable if not impossible to hold a primary for the selection of the above mentioned delegates, electors and members of committee and alternates because such primary, if held, would be entirely too expensive to be borne by said delegates, electors, committeemen and alternates, and for the further reason that such primary could not be held under the authority and protection of law, but only by the order of this committee or the consent of all parties who might be candidates for the above mentioned positions."

The manner of selecting delegates to the convention is left to the parish committees, the number of delegates being regulated by population, as follows:

Acadia 13, Ascension, 10, Assumption 10, Avoyelles 14, Bienville 9, Bossier 9, Caddo 23, Calcasieu 25, Caldwell 3, Cameron 2, Catahoula 4, Claiborne 10, Concordia 6, DeSoto 11.

East Baton Rouge 14, East Carroll 5, East Feliciana 8, Evangeline 9, Franklin 5, Grant 6, Iberia 13, Iberville 12, Jackson 6, Jefferson 7, Lafayette 11, Lafourche 13, LaSalle 4, Lincoln 7, Livingston 4, Madison 4, Morehouse 8, Natchitoches 15, Orleans—First Ward 6, Second Ward 7, Third Ward 15, Fourth Ward 7, Fifth Ward 10, Sixth Ward 7, Seventh Ward 13, Eighth Ward 6, Ninth Ward 10, Tenth Ward 9, Eleventh Ward 11, Twelfth Ward 9, Thirteenth Ward 7, Fourteenth Ward 6, Fifteenth Ward 6, Sixteenth Ward 3, Seventeenth Ward 3.

Ouachita 10, Plaquemine 5, Pointe Coupee 10, Rapides 18, Red River 5, Richland 6, Sabine 8, St. Bernard 2, St. Charles 4, St. Helena 4, St. James 9, St. John 6, St. Landry 18, St. Martin 9, St. Mary 16, St. Tammany 8, Tangipahoa 12, Tensas 7, Terrebonne 11, Union 8, Vermilion 11, Vernon 7, Washington 3, Webster 8, West Baton Rouge 5, West Carroll 2, West Feliciana 5, Winn 7, Total, 664.

## SIXTH DISTRICT HAS A CLAIM.

One of the most thoughtful of Louisiana exchanges, the Morgan City Outlook, quoted in another column, remarks that of the rival claims of Hon. L. E. Thomas and Hon. Ferdinand Claiborne for speakership of the House, it should be remembered that not only has North Louisiana the major part of the newly-nominated state officials, but in the person of the lieutenant-governor has the ex-officio president of the Senate and it is manifestly unfair that that section should also have the Speaker of the House, and both from Shreveport. This is an unanswerable argument against the election of Mr. Thomas, however ably he would fill the office, for it is idle to plead that these geographical distinctions should be ignored. They rarely are, and from the viewpoint that all sections should be represented in government, it is but just that each should be recognized, other considerations being equal.

In addition to this important point that South Louisiana should have the speakership, it must be noted that in the recent primary every District in the State received recognition by the election of one official except the Sixth. The Third claims that it got nothing, but overlooks that in the choice of Robert Broussard as a United States Senator, that District is in the lead. The Sixth got nothing, and this fact, in connection with his undoubted fitness for the position, should be a point in the Hon. F. C. Claiborne's favor, when his competitors in the House ballot for a Speaker.

## ANNOUNCEMENT.

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Located at St. Francisville, La., Parish of West Feliciana.

Report furnished to the State Examiner of State Banks by the above Bank at the close of business on March 7th, 1912.

RESOURCES  
Demand loans \$24,720 00  
Mortgage loans 48,750 00  
Other loans and discounts 113,038 67  
Overdrafts secured and unsecured 19,817 62  
Stocks and bonds 1,233 23  
Banking house, furniture and fixtures 22,700 00  
Other real estate owned \$495 66  
Due from Banks 5,483 02  
Cash items 149 11  
Gold coin 950 00  
Silver, nickel and copper coin 3,082 60  
Currency 2,510 00

Total \$248,349 36  
LIABILITIES  
Capital Stock 50,000 00  
Surplus 18,000 00  
Undivided profits, net 207 39  
Individual Savings deposits 8,338 85  
Individual deposits 68,898 67  
Certificates of deposit 58,480 65  
Dividends unpaid 80 00  
Bills Payable 45,000 00

Total \$248,349 36

State of Louisiana, Parish of West Feliciana, I, S. M. C. Lawason, President, and L. J. R. Matthews, Cashier of the above named Bank do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of March, 1912.

E. S. MUSE, Deputy Clerk and Ex-officio Notary Public, St. Francisville, West Feliciana Parish, La.

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Report furnished to the State Examiner of State Banks by the above Bank at the close of business on March 7th, 1912.

RESOURCES  
Demand Loans \$12,312 25  
Loans secured by mortgage 38,381 38  
Other loans and discounts 65,064 97  
Overdrafts secured and unsecured 23,147 89  
Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc. 500 00  
Banking house, furniture, fixtures, etc. 2,158 71  
Other real estate owned 7,350 00  
Due from Banks and Bankers 8,523 28  
Check for Clearing House 2,232 69  
Checks and other cash items 844 43  
Gold coin 520 00  
Silver, nickel and copper coin 1,143 50  
National bank notes and all issues of U. S. Government 3,041 00  
Suspense account 1,019 39

Total \$166,758 92

LIABILITIES  
Capital stock paid in \$50,000 00  
Surplus fund 10,000 00  
Individual savings deposits 14,044 76  
Individual deposits subject to check 43,724 58  
Time certificates of deposit 38,059 69  
Bills payable 10,000 00

Total \$166,758 92

State of Louisiana, Parish of West Feliciana, I, K. C. Smith, President, and L. D. I. Norwood, Cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of March, 1912.

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The colored school was on fire Tuesday, caused by the flue. It was extinguished before much damage was done.

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State of Louisiana, Parish of West Feliciana, 24th Jud. Dist. Court. By virtue of a commission to me directed by the Hon. the Judge of the 24th Jud. Dist. Court in the above titled Succession, I will offer for sale to the highest bidder, on the premises of the late Mrs. Mary J. West in the 9th ward of said parish on Saturday, March 23, 1912, at the hour of 11 o'clock a. m., following property belonging to Succession, to-wit:

11 head of cattle. One lot of household furniture consisting of tables, chairs, beds, stands, etc.; 1 carriage, 1 piano sewing machine, 1 lot silver ware. Also a certain piece of real estate with all buildings and improvements thereon, situated in the 9th ward of the Parish of West Feliciana, containing three hundred and one (301) acres more or less, bounded N. Mrs. N. Richardson, E. by estate Maryann, S. by lands of estate Wm. Hartson, W. by P. S. Johnson being the late residence of deceased. Terms of sale—Cash, with benefit of appraisal.

J. H. CLACK, Sheriff

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