

PERSONAL BUT POLITE

Trimble Garner spent Sunday here. Miss Sarah Stern is visiting relatives in Baton Rouge. Mortimer Taylor was in Baton Rouge for several days. Miss Robbie Quinn was with Miss Mary Tooraen for the week-end. Little Virginia Howell was christened recently. Mrs. Edward Butler drove into town Wednesday. Mrs. J. A. Ventress returned last week to relatives at Woodville. Miss Evie Rosalee has concluded a visit to Miss Rosalie Richardson. Miss Alice Mansker concluded a visit here last week. Mrs. Ruffin Barrow leaves today for Touros to receive treatment. Mrs. Riley Thoms is visiting relatives in Clinton. Cadet Charlie Tooraen came home for the week-end. Bertrand Haralson is spending the week-end in Pointe Coupee with friends. Messrs. O. H. Briedenbach and G. W. Newman spent Sunday at Freedland. Little Miss Shraeder, of Port Hudson is visiting her sister, Mrs. Reeve Mahoney. Mr. and Mrs. Reeve Mahoney have recently moved to Bayou Sara, as he has employment at the sawmill. Messrs. Frank and Bert Willis have gone to Louisville, Kentucky, with the government boat, "Plaquemine." A. H. Sandman, of Laurel Hill, was in town on business, Wednesday. Cadet Edward Newsham was at home from L. S. U. for the week-end. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Buquoi will spend the weekend at Turnbull, Miss., with relatives. John T. Barrow has been here attending to his drug business since early in the month. Mrs. H. Vaughan and brother, G. L. Plettinger, spent Wednesday afternoon in Baton Rouge. Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Levert have returned after an absence of several weeks. At present they are with Mrs. Mary Raynham. John Betheny, of Crowley, after several days spent in attendance to Grand Lodge of Masons in New Orleans, visited his brother, Ike Cutrer. Miss Ida Perkins, of Colorado Springs, Colo., will be the guest soon of her brother, Mr. Jas. Perkins and family. Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Montfort have rented the A. Schlesinger residence, furnished, and will move in as soon as it is vacated by the owners. Mrs. Stirling Clack and her two youngest children have been spending several days in town with relatives. Mrs. Sidney Frier and sweet little daughter, Muriel, have arrived to enlarge the family party at Mr. and Mrs. Frier's. Mr. Edward B. Fort left Sunday afternoon for San Antonio, Texas, for the benefit of his health. Dr. Thos. Butler accompanied him as far as New Orleans. Mrs. Bertram Babers, of Laurel Hill, has gone to Baton Rouge to be with the Misses Lemon while their mother is in Concordia parish with their father, who is quite ill. Dr. G. B. Adams is making a good impression on every one by his unassuming, affable manners. He will take a room at Dr. Taylor's so as to have a sure anchorage on his weekly returns to town. Mr. A. Schlesinger and family expect to leave for St. Louis, their departure having been delayed for one cause or another. Clearly the fates (as well as friends) do not want them to go. Mrs. M. P. Albin, (formerly Miss Mattie Frier) and Mrs. Norman Frier are guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Frier. It is not often that a house shelters two brides, which is the case in this instance. Mr. Albin is expected Sunday, having been called to Kansas meanwhile.

ABSENT FRIENDS.

Mrs. R. C. Wickliffe was in Baton Rouge for a day or two early in the week for a hurried visit. She has returned to Washington to be the guest of Mrs. Champ Clark till after the inauguration. Mrs. Hancock has returned to New Orleans, and Miss Betty Cooke, of Louisville, Ky., has come on to Baton Rouge to take charge of little Brent in her mother's absence. Miss Cooke may visit St. Francisville shortly also. From the pretty invitation sent us we see that Miss Mildred E. Tenney will graduate from Tenaha Academy, Tenaha, Texas, on the 21st. Old friends here send her loving congratulations. Ed. C. Lee, formerly of this place, has been named postmaster at Ramos, La. Read our "Little Ads" every week. You may find something that will interest you.

CHURCH NOTICES.

GRACE CHURCH. Rev. Alvin W. Skardon, Rector. Third Sunday in Lent—Holy Communion, 7:30 a. m.; Sunday School, 9:30 a. m.; Morning Prayer and Sermon, 11 o'clock; Evening Prayer, 5 o'clock. Monday, St. Mattheas—Holy Communion, 9 a. m. Daily Morning service 9 o'clock. Daily evening service, 5 o'clock. The following schedule of services will be observed during Lent: SUNDAYS Holy Communion..... 7:30 A. M. Morning Prayer and Sermon..... 11:00 A. M. Evening Prayer and Address..... 5:00 P. M. WEEK DAYS Monday— Matins..... 9:00 A. M. Vespers..... 5:00 P. M. Tuesday— Matins..... 9:00 A. M. Vespers..... 5:00 P. M. Wednesday— Matins..... 9:00 A. M. Vespers..... 5:00 P. M. Thursday— Holy Communion..... 9:00 A. M. Vespers..... 5:00 P. M. Friday— Matins..... 9:00 A. M. Vespers..... 5:00 P. M. Saturday— Matins..... 9:00 A. M. Vespers..... 5:00 P. M. CHILDREN'S SERVICE Fridays..... 4:00 P. M.

CATHOLIC CHURCH.

During Lent, Way of the Cross every Friday at 4 o'clock p. m.

LEAKE-PALFREY.

Mr. and Mrs. George Palfrey, of Franklin, La., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Jessie Palfrey, to Mr. Harry Johnson Leake, of Laurel, Miss. The marriage, which will be very simple on account of recent family bereavement, will take place at one of the clock, Saturday afternoon, March 1. The bridegroom-elect is the only son of Mrs. Elrie Robinson of this paper, and is well-known in the Felicianas. His bride is a niece of Col. W. C. Gorgas, of the Canal Commission, who has achieved fame for having cleansed Havana of yellow fever and having made the Canal Zone habitable for white men. Immediately after the ceremony in the family home at Franklin, the young couple will leave for their home at Laurel, Miss., where Mr. Leake is editor and manager of the Daily Chronicle at that place. Mrs. Robinson and her two daughters, Misses Amy and Edith Leake, will go to Franklin for the wedding. Last Friday afternoon while Perkins Ball and Feltus Leake were rabbit hunting, the latter tripped on a vine, and his gun was accidentally discharged, wounding his companion in the thigh. The wound was not serious, and Perkins is doing very well.

PERSONALS FROM THE JACKSON RECORD.

C. T. Norworthy, of St. Francisville, was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Norworthy, on Sunday. Mr. Turner Bynum of Baton Rouge enjoyed a hunt with Mr. R. S. Connell on Wednesday. Mrs. S. K. Connell was called to Whittaker on Friday, by the death of Mrs. Josephine Cage. Mrs. Sallie Decker Whiteman, of Cuero, Texas, spent Saturday night with relatives at Ethel. Her Jackson friends were sorry that she was unable to drive over even for a few hours. Hugh Gilmore left Sunday for Vicksburg, where he will engage in business. Howard Frazier, colored, who escaped from the marshal in December, while under arrest for assault, was apprehended in Natchez and returned here Saturday night. A coconut in its original bark (not stripped of the shell as is usually seen) came through parcel post to come one in this parish from Palm Beach, Fla. It was quite a curiosity to many who saw it.

Rub-My-Tism will cure you.

The button-hole party given by the Methodist ladies, complimentary to Mrs. J. B. Fulton, their pastor's wife, was a pleasant affair, and as all brought useful articles, most of which required button-holes, which were subsequently made, it proved a successful affair also. Misses Edith Bickham, Ladye and Robbie Quinn served the refreshments. Miss Ladye Quinn prettily played a violin solo. Miss Raynham was a most genial hostess. Dr. A. F. Barrow left early in the week to visit different Odd Fellows Lodges in North Louisiana in his capacity as Grand Master. Mr. Matt Gilmore writes instructing us to take out his "Little Ad", as he has sold all his hogs. "Little Ads" are business-getters.

PRAISES OF MRS. WICKLIFFE.

Mrs. Robinson has spent all the odd hours at her command during the week, making a house to house canvass securing letters, testifying to the estimation in which Mrs. Wickliffe is held in the two towns where she has so long made her home. It being a well-known fact that other women are any woman's severest critics, it has been in itself highly creditable to Mrs. Wickliffe that her cause is espoused with interest and enthusiasm by her fellow-townswomen. It has amazed and delighted the canvasser that such broadness of spirit, such absence of littleness has been shown. "Yes indeed" said one little lady, "I certainly think Mrs. Wickliffe is the woman for the place. I saw with my own eyes the good that she did among the old and the sick, and the poor in Bayou Sara. And she was so good to the children. On Christmas morning, her wagon would come in town, all decorated in holly and with nice presents for the children, not common things like most people give to the poor, but real nice things, little chairs and wagons and things like that. She was always interested in anything about the children." (Be it remembered that the Wickliffes were not rich people.) Another equally interested little woman exclaimed: "There is nothing too good for Mrs. Wickliffe." A woman who is a good judge of womankind as of other things remarked: "Mrs. Wickliffe has all of the qualifications that would be required in the position she seeks. She has a wide outlook, fine executive ability, and unflinching sympathy with children and the problems of the poor." Some one else said: "The best argument against woman suffrage is the Era Club." It is related of Mrs. Wickliffe by still another person that the late A. Villeret, a family friend, had dubbed her "Mis-led" because of her over-weening zeal for philanthropic work. "Miss Led," he would greet her, "Who is sick today? Who gets the flowers and books?" She in her surrey was a familiar sight on her charitable rounds through our streets. Only a physician, and not always he, could beat her to the home where sickness and poverty sat side by side. All of these matters are cited to show that Mrs. Wickliffe has so pronouncedly shown the bent of her mind and sympathies in the quiet work of her home town with no outside incentive to such efforts, and has won in so doing, the approval of the women who know her best. These are high testimonials indeed. Mrs. Robinson wishes to say further that she has not completed her canvass yet, and will greatly appreciate it if any one will not wait to be called upon but will send in a few lines on the subject. The various testimonials will be collected and pasted on sheets of paper for forwarding to Mrs. Wickliffe at Washington. Those who have already done so are thanked most sincerely.

BEAUTIFUL RESIDENCE BURNS.

The beautiful residence of Mrs. S. H. Barrow at Ambrosia plantation, about three miles from St. Francisville, was totally destroyed by fire Sunday night between eleven and twelve o'clock. Nothing was saved, not even necessary clothing. Mrs. Barrow is at a loss to account for the fire as she did not retire till after ten o'clock, and personally looked after the fires, naturally being very careful in this particular, having lost her other home by fire. Shortly after eleven she was awakened by the crackling of the fire which had enveloped the dining-room in flames. By the time the members of the household got out of the house, the roof fell in. They took refuge in the cabin of the yard man, who was ill and knew nothing of the fire until too late. Neighbors and friends from town flocked to Mrs. Barrow's aid and comfort as soon as the news reached them in the early morning. With her accustomed energy Mrs. Barrow at once had a carpenter on the ground to build her a cottage for temporary occupancy. Although insured in the R. M. Leake agency, Mrs. Barrow's loss is extremely heavy—and irreparable, as jewels and family heirlooms were destroyed. The building, originally a small cottage, which Mrs. Barrow had occupied after the burning of the beautiful old Dederick homestead; had only recently been enlarged, and further beautified by verandas and porches, all done in the most substantial manner in fine wood, so that it was one of the most attractive houses in West Feliciana. Every one sympathizes deeply with Mrs. Barrow, but feels sure that she will bear this affliction with the cheerful courage so characteristic of her. 5 or 6 doses 666 will break any case of Chills & Fever; and if taken then as a tonic the Fever will not return. Price 25c. Get the "Little Ad" habit.

COMMUNICATION.

Wakefield, La., Feb. 17, 1913. Editor The True Democrat: In reply to your criticism of my letter I beg leave to submit the following. A deep sense of gratitude and obligation for the honors conferred on me by my fellow citizens, and a full knowledge of how little able they are to meet any increase in taxation, is my reason for taking up the matter of good roads in their behalf. My record as a citizen of our state and parish is well known to our people and speaks for itself. Neither censure nor praise from any source can add to or detract therefrom. And be it known, I would not alter it a single jot if I could. But my course, be it good or bad, right or wrong, is not the question at issue. Therefore one can only infer that it is brought in, to quote our distinguished neighbor, Governor Vardaman, in order to muddy the waters. I take it that the question of good roads is not a political but an economic one. And The True Democrat only weakens its case in trying to give it a personal tinge. It further weakens its case by treating every one who disagrees with its findings, as an enemy not only of good roads, but as a public enemy. Now as a matter of fact I don't know of a man in our parish who is not in favor of good roads. The writer wishes now and forever to set at rest his status as to good roads. He is in favor of the very best roads that the means of the people will allow. But he is not in favor of building them on long winded credit, for the very plain reason that they would cost about twice as much as if built for cash. Again one job, the road building should be completed before the other job of bridge constructing is begun. Ordinary prudence demands this. Further, we believe that the roads can be best and most economically built by the people themselves in their own wards. The roads of the 2nd, 9th, 3rd, and 4th wards all run in straight lines towards St. Francisville, each ward having a main thoroughfare leading directly there. The people from each of these roads use their own main roads in going to town, until they merge into the 1st ward road or St. Francisville's streets. What is to prevent these wards organizing and either jointly or severally working their own roads and seeing to it that every dollar collected is put where it will do most good. The 5th ward is especially well located to be organized into a road district. The people in the upper part of this ward do all their business at Nerwood and Wilson. Those in the central and eastern part trade in Jackson. The main roads in these two parts of the ward lead to these towns. It would therefore be manifestly unjust to ask them to pay taxes to work roads they never use. The roads in the western part of the ward lead to St. Francisville, and could be easily worked with the tax collected on this side of the middle prong of Thompson's creek. The 10th, 6th, 7th and 8th wards could organize jointly or separately along the same lines and work their roads. This is the plan pursued in Mississippi, where the beats, a subdivision of the counties, corresponding to the wards with us, organize for road building. The counties are also authorized with the approval of the people by election to issue road bonds. Are we less able to handle this matter than our neighbors? To sum up: Building roads by wards means building them at once, with the cash. Building on long winded credit means getting them how and when you can, and paying two prices for them. You speak of state and federal aid for roads. Be it known whenever federal or state aid is given, U. S. or State engineers take charge, and standard roads are built. These roads cost anywhere from \$3,000 to \$4,000 per mile, and are therefore out of the question. As we have managed to get along for over one hundred years with the present road system, we can certainly manage to pull through with it until the people have time to thoroughly enquire into and decide on what is best to be done. There is no occasion for any hurry. That taxation is high the following goes to show: In 1895 my taxes were.....\$22.23 In 1908 my taxes were..... 60.26 In 1911 my taxes were..... 63.93 In 1912 my taxes were about. 60.00 This shows an increase of nearly three hundred per cent—here is food for thought. As to graft no charge either direct or indirect has been brought. As to the fertility of our soil, it is simply a question of opinion. The question of price is a matter for the seller and buyer to settle, neither good or bad roads have any bearing thereon. The capacity of the soil to produce paying crops is

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what fixes its value in spite of all the hot air to the contrary. Very truly yours, MATT GILMORE. IN REPLY. The True Democrat most assuredly does not regard one who disagrees with it as an enemy, though naturally feeling a partially for the booster when compared with the knocker. Mr. Gilmore's statement that he would not alter his past course if he could, brands him as being indeed a remarkable man, or like one of whom a wise man has said: "The man who looks back on his past life and says, 'I have nothing to regret' has lived in vain. The life without regret is the life without gain. Regret is but the light of fuller wisdom from our past, illuminating our future." However there was no intention of muddying the waters, but rather of clarifying the argument by reference to Mr. Gilmore's duty to his fellow-citizens in the premises. The statement that road building should be completed before bridge building is begun is like putting the cart before the horse, for every one knows that to get the maximum of efficiency from good roads all streams should be bridged. The road system, under Mr. Gilmore's plan, would be only as strong as its weakest link, or rather would be bound by a chain of weak links as represented by every branch, bayou or creek that crosses that road system. If it should be proven impossible to build roads and bridges simultaneously, then by all means let the bridges come first. The comparison of the amount of taxes which Mr. Gilmore paid in four different years is no proof that his taxes are excessive. The only thing it shows is that in 1908, under the Blanchard plan, a more equal form of assessment was employed than had been in vogue previously, and Mr. Gilmore, in common with many others, was made to pay more nearly his just proportion of the expense of the government. Mr. Gilmore's assessment is not high and the taxes he pays are very low on the amount of property he owns. We fail to understand the logic of some of Mr. Gilmore's conclusions. If ten separate wards could build good roads and pay cash for same, why could not ten wards acting as a unit do the same thing? The recent fiasco in the second ward is not very encouraging towards a belief that immediate results would follow any attempt to create road districts. The men in the second ward are among the most industrious and progressive in the parish. They were in a majority as polls. Unless it was certain that a like majority existed in the other districts proposed, it would be useless to attempt their creation. Mr. Gilmore's statement that good roads have no bearing on the price of land is, of course, erroneous; every one knows that a piece of property situated on a good road where trips to market may be made 365 days in the year is worth more than another piece just as fertile but located on indifferent roads and cut off by natural barriers, such as creeks. But most of his arguments are entirely beside the question, as they relate to the theory of extra taxation, when the beauty of the plan suggested by Mr. Matthews in his talk before the police jury was that it was shown how bridges could be procured at once on the installment plan, 1/4 down with interest at 5 per cent for the balance, without adding one dollar of extra taxation upon the people. The parish is nearly out of debt, although Mr. Gilmore was advertising to the world, last year, through his correspondence with outside newspapers, that the parish was nearly bankrupt. That debt could be paid NOW but the holders of the certificates think them good enough to keep until legally due. Bridges could be built on this plan. They would make access to all parts of the parish possible despite bad roads, and would afford an added incentive to make better ones. It is childish to talk of waiting to pay cash, as that would be probably in Mr. Gilmore's great grandchildren's day, certainly not any time soon. And speaking of bonds, which he now suggests, the amazing has indeed come to pass, as only a short time since, the mere word "bonds," drove him into a frenzy. But, seriously, the plan suggested by Mr. Matthews is simpler than bonds, and just as good. On Thursday, Feb. 13th, at her country home near Whittaker, Miss. Mrs. Josephine Cage, aged 84 years, died suddenly. Her grand children, Mr. and Mrs. Brook Munson and Mrs. D. H. Taylor, Jr., of Baton Rouge, and Mrs. R. S. Connell of Jackson, and Mrs. S. K. Connell and Mrs. Nonie Richardson attended the funeral on Friday. Get the "Little Ad" habit. AT STAR HILL. Miss Kitty Percy was the week-end guest of Miss Mary Folkes. Miss Ella Daniel and brother, Claude, spent the week-end at home from their respective schools. Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Bickham are receiving congratulations on the birth of their fourth daughter. The young lady arrived on the 7th inst. Get the "Little Ad" habit. The Y. & M. V. R. R. has had a force of men at work here, this week, strengthening the company's portion of the levee around Bayou Sara. Dirt is being hauled from the hills and put on the levee. The L. R. & N. has also had a dirt train at work in this vicinity strengthening its roadbed. THE GRAND OLD NAME OF GENTLEMAN. The Baton Rouge Review contains the following short but beautiful tribute: "Hon. J. Burruss McGehee was one of the most widely known and best beloved citizens of Louisiana. Mr. McGehee spent his long and useful life at his beautiful plantation home at Laurel Hill and has stood for many years as the leader, par excellence, in scientific agriculture in the South. "The scion of distinguished ancestors who have left their impress upon the life and social customs of the country, Mr. McGehee worthily illustrated the best traditions of his race. He lived in ease and dignity the quiet, wholesome life of the country planter, a true representative of a splendid but fast-vanishing type in the South, a citizen who bore loftily and without reproach, the grand old name of gentleman."