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THE ETERNAL QUESTION.

On this page appears in parallel columns, Two Views of Woman's Suffrage and we place them thus because these brief editorials set forth with clarity the opposite opinions on this subject. If merely a beautiful-idea were practical enough to do the world's work of to-day then the Bossier Banner's pretty dissertation on woman's place being in the home only, would be acceptable without any reservations whatsoever. But most of us who know affairs as they exist, are convinced that a condition and not a theory confronts the world. Woman is queen of the home, at least some women are, and God grant that it will always be so. But changing circumstances, the removal of her old-time occupations of soap and candle-making, pork-curing, spinning, weaving, dyeing and a hundred kindred duties abolished by modern invention or system, has left woman less to do in the home, so that naturally she looks abroad for other occupation, either of bread-winning or philanthropy. Each home is big enough for one woman, but when there are maiden sisters and daughters, they are no longer willing to eat the bread of idleness, and until they have homes of their own, insist upon work outside of the home. These recruits of self-dependence reinforce the ranks of more than one profession, besides accomplishing tasks of civic duty as outlined by the pro-suffrage editor quoted elsewhere. No one finds them unwomanly in consequence of this outside work, but on the contrary, their aid is sought in every great crusade in politics or religion.

If such women looking for further opportunities of service, see other work that the men are too busy, let us say, to accomplish, and which they, as women, are debarred from doing on account of lack of suffrage rights, who can rightly deny them such opportunity?

The great mistake made by anti-suffragists is that they dread some change in woman and the home by her possession of the right to vote. Does voting mean any such change in a man's character or life? The good citizen or the bad; the gambler, the rake, the drunkard are neither better nor worse after casting a vote, which would be to most women, as to most men, no more strenuous an act than putting a letter in the post office. As for the home, suffragists as a class are better home-makers than the old "sit-by-the-fire-and-spin" sort of woman, because for one thing suffragists are above the average in intelligence and are therefore more able to cope with the scientific appliances and hygienic demands of the modern home.

All women are alike in certain respects.

"The Colonel's lady And Judy O'Grady Are sisters under their skins" and so long as sex remains there will be in every woman's soul a capacity to love some man and a deep desire for a home. These impulses are God-given, and suffrage neither hurts nor hinders their expression. On the contrary as woman develops to her full height in womanhood will she be able to become "a help meet (fit) for man," in the trying competitions of the twentieth century.

THE STATE TAX FOR ROADS.

In another column is reproduced an editorial that appeared perhaps two years ago in "Florida Parishes," relative to the state tax for "Good Roads." It is as pertinent to-day as when first printed, as the questions asked then remain unanswered, while the never-gotten answers are as interesting now as then. For though tax payers have been paying with tiresome regularity this tax of one mill for good roads, there has never appeared, so far as we know, a tabulated statement of what has been done with the funds thus created. One hears from time to time, that one parish or another has taken advantage of this fund, but actual public knowledge of the fact and the sums received and expended rarely go beyond the newspaper paragraph making the announcement.

Doubtless, the accounts are imbedded in the ledgers of the state auditor and state treasurer, but who has leisure, opportunity or patience to dig them out? Clearly, there should be a concise report published at least annually of what is done with the Good Roads money. Besides being a business-like proceeding with regard to

ANNOUNCEMENT.

The name of HON. CLAY ELLIOTT of Amite City, La.

is presented as a candidate for Judge of the Court of Appeals, subject to action of the Democratic primary. He respectfully solicits the support of the voters of this district.

JUDGE S. D. ELLIS.

Judge Stephen D. Ellis announces himself as a candidate for Judge of the Court of Appeal for the First Circuit, Third District, State of Louisiana, subject to the action of the voters in the Democratic primary to be held in the latter part of August, or the early days of the coming September.

public funds, recognizing the people as share-holders in a great undertaking, it would reveal whether or no the tax is a paying proposition, and if it is, would give a tremendous impetus to the propaganda for better roads.

SCHOOLS FOR ADULTS.

The "moonlight schools" of Tennessee, or is it Kentucky?, are familiar to readers of newspapers, planned by one public-spirited woman, an editor by the way, and resulting in the bringing of education to the illiterate grown people of the mountains. At work by day, they attended school eagerly on moonlight nights. The current issue of Collier's shows the changes that have come to pass at Irish Bend Hollow, through the efforts of two young women and a twelve year old boy, who spent a summer there in a tent, and taught young and old alike. A neat schoolhouse has since been erected, and the older people have greatly changed their habits of life, while obtaining the rudiments of education.

With Louisiana among the six states with the highest percentage of illiterate whites, there should be something of suggestion and incentive in the instances cited as having accomplished wonders elsewhere. There is no doubt more than one young woman or young man in this state who is yearning to become a foreign missionary, and who fails to see this great patriotic work so near at hand. There are dozens, hundreds, of young women going into the more obscure parts of the state as school-teachers, who do not realize that they could immeasurably raise their occupation in point of usefulness if they would determine to do something more than merely teach the boys and girls in their schools, making the schools a social and educational center, so that the older folk would soon be interested and gathered into classes for getting an education.

Just educating the children as they come on is not means fast enough to remove the shame of illiteracy from Louisiana. Let schemes be laid and plans devised to get the older folk into moonlight schools or summer courses.

INCONSISTENT POLITICS.

Horace Wilkinson, of Port Allen, chairman of the Democratic state central committee, will offer his services to the Democratic campaign organization of the third congressional district, in the battle being waged between Democrats and the Progressives.

"I am a sugar planter," said Chairman Wilkinson, "and if any one has a grievance I have. No one in Louisiana has suffered more from present conditions than I, yet I cannot see anything to be gained by jumping the Democratic party, to which we owe white supremacy and other blessings in Louisiana.

"To go to the Progressives is inconsistent on the part of Louisiana protectionists. If they want protection, then go the route and join the Republicans. It was the tariff issue that caused the rift in the Republican ranks. Roosevelt and his followers demanded tariff revision and reductions in existing schedules. Taft and the standpaters disagreed and there came the split. Roosevelt and his followers demanded tariff revision and reductions in existing schedules. Taft and the standpaters disagreed and there came the split.

"More than that, it was by Progressive votes that Wilson passed through Congress the present tariff bill, over which the third district Democrats take umbrage. Yet they now propose flopping into the very ranks that made the Wilson tariff bill possible. This feature of the situation, it seems to me, should be put up squarely to the sugar people and let them choose either the Democratic or the old line Republican. There can be no consistent middle ground."

In the latest issue of Collier's, Edward E. Moise, the Governor's assistant secretary, makes his debut as a story-writer. "A Streak of Gold" is a realistic story, told in a vivacious style. The scenes are laid in Natchez and Vidalia, and the characters are so true to type that the Southern reader will feel that he has a speaking acquaintance with more than one of them. We heartily wish Mr. Moise may go farther along the literary path, and find it streaked with gold all the way.

Between 150,000 and 300,000 Americans are said to be in Europe for business or pleasure, and are in more or less straits to get home. The United States is arranging to bring them back in safety.

Two Views of Woman's Suffrage.

(Bossier Banner.)

We agree with the editor of the Sentinel when he says the majority of the women of our state do not care for the franchise. The women of our country are the corner stones of our homes, our state, our nation and society. It is important then that we have God's ideals in life. They are not made to baffle with the ballot box, whisky-soaked demagogues and the rough ways of the world, but were created to make home and society better by being their corner stones. It is necessary for woman to learn of her sphere and the Bible is where they learn of it. God has settled the question long since that woman should be polished "after the similitude of a palace," and that man should be the burden bearer. The happiness of our homes depends on the women in those homes, whose Christian character represents strength and beauty, and who are contentedly occupying the position God has made for them.

(Lake Charles American-Press.)

It does not unsex women to form school improvement leagues and cooperate with school officials to make the schoolhouses clean and comfortable, as they are doing all over the state, or to do practically all the church work of the state, or to form park associations, as they did at Jennings and Morgan City, to improve the city's breathing spots, or to form civic organizations to supplement the work of the town councils, or to stay on duty night and day at large railroad stations to keep young girls out of the hands of beasts, or to run hospitals, nurse sick people, even those with the most dangerous diseases or aid in frightful surgical operations. So why should it unsex them to step in a public office and stick a little piece of paper into a ballot box? To be sure, the commissioners and clerks may be obliged to keep the floor clean, their coats on and their feet off the table, but many of the male voters would enjoy that kind of a change themselves.

POLICE JURY PROCEEDINGS.

St. Francisville, La., August 5, 1914. The Police Jury met this day in regular monthly session with Dr. C. F. Howell, President, and a full board as follows: Chas. Weydert, A. S. Brasseaux, Ruffin Daniel, Lovett Wright, J. D. Sadden, T. H. Row, N. H. Barrow, Ike Cutrer, S. L. Laverne.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted. The following bills were read and ordered paid:

Table with columns: Roads, Amount. Includes items like E. S. Muse, road contract, Geo. McCray, J. Bob Daniel, etc.

Sundry Accounts.

Table with columns: Name, Amount. Includes Chas. Tooran, drawing jury, Henry Graber, same, Jas. P. Bowman, Jr., same, etc.

TOWN COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

St. Francisville, La., August 4, 1914. At a regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen held this day the following members were present: A. B. Briant, Mayor; Geo. Rettig, F. O. Hamilton, G. W. Newman, Rudolph Yunkes, L. W. Rogers, Board of Aldermen.

Minutes of last regular and adjourned meeting read and adopted. Mayor and Marshal reported 2 cases. Clerk submitted statement of receipts and disbursements.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the Month of July. St. Francisville, La., August 1, 1914. Cash on hand last statement, \$249.52

Table with columns: Disbursements, Amount. Includes Sundries, Plant maintenance, Operating cost, etc.

the roads that are now in evidence.

The writer has paid close attention to the cost of making the roads near here, and especially the results. In each instance I considered the cost much less than I had anticipated, my calculations being influenced by other means employed for the same purpose; an additional advantage being the general condition and width after completion, which insures their remaining good for quite a while.

I am to-day hauling 2,100 pounds of potatoes to Bayou Sara with two mules. Before working the roads 1,500 pounds was the maximum. This will prove quite an item for growers of truck, not alone from the reduced cost of hauling, but as a means of rushing to market with their products in the limited time that the market allows good prices, as the limited team supply is a serious handicap.

The roads in this section will no doubt show an advance cost, as compared with road cost from other sections, but this should not indicate a continued expensive operation, as many of the deep cuts have been abandoned for several years and travel has sought better service by pulling over the cotton rows and small saplings on top of the cut, through which the machine has now made good roads. I should now think that the most skeptical would admit that we have in the hands of the present competent force, a most practicable, efficient and economical means of maintaining good roads, which I believe that you must recognize is the great incentive to the planter and especially the truck grower, whose success here is no longer doubted.

I will volunteer the suggestion, if you will permit, that the cost of road making in sections where the machine has not yet reached would be materially reduced if a force of several men could go in advance and prepare the road for the machine, thus keeping the machine constantly busy. This advance force would be much cheaper than the force now employed, to fell trees and grub stumps, etc.

In conclusion, I wish to say that I have discussed this matter with many of the taxpayers on this side of the creek and I feel that I am voicing their sentiments. Such sanction means satisfaction. I only hope that your good judgment continues.

Yours very truly, F. S. PERCY.

Secretary was instructed to write to engineers in regard to the proposed bridge across Big Bayou Sara Creek and to ascertain the cost of cement work for same.

Secretary was requested to write Texas Oil Co. to rush orders for gasoline. On motion, Secretary was also instructed to write L. R. & N. Co. relative to killing of mule.

Treasurer's report reads as follows: St. Francisville, La., August 5, 1914. The Honorable the Police Jury, Parish of West Feliciana.

Gentlemen:—I beg to make report of the affairs of my office since last report, as follows: Balance on hand July 1, 1914, \$2,051.17

Table with columns: Receipts since, Disbursements since, Total. Includes Receipts since: G. S. Davidson, \$20.00; Water and Light, \$319.95; License, \$25.00.

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"LITTLE ADS."

FOR SALE—A few fine Duroc-Jersey pigs. PARKER STOCK FARM. tf WANTED TO BUY—40 bushels of seed Irish potatoes. J. A. LANGLOIS, Bayou Sara, La.

For Sale—Young, pure-bred, Barred Rock rooster, price \$2.00. Mrs. McKowen Smith, St. Francisville. tf FOR SALE—2 h. p. Fairbanks Morse gas engine at a bargain. W. C. Howell, Wilcox, La.

FOR SALE—100 bushels rust-proof seed oats at 60c per bushel, f. o. b. Bayou Sara. Sample on Application. W. C. HOWELL, Wilcox, La. tf

Second hand doors, transoms, blinds and sashes for sale cheap. Write to Lock Box 26, St. Francisville, La.

FOR SALE—Two iron wheel log wagons, two heavy two-horse wagons, one lot disc records for graphophone, one lot buggy axle oilers, one lot buggy top supporters, one spring tooth riding cultivator with stalk cutting attachments, one 12x16 disc harrow, one second hand one-horse wagon, one second hand buggy, all at bargain prices. Also anti-carbon automobile oil.

FOR SALE—Grade Hereford Cattle. Lespedeza Hay and Seed. EDWARD BUTLER, St. Francisville, La.

FOR SALE. Red Rust Proof Seed Oats and Peavine Hay. JAS. P. BOWMAN.

Rettig. That salaries, fees, and bills be paid: J. J. Muller, salary, \$100.00; G. L. Plettinger, salary, 60.00; G. S. Davidson, salary, 65.00; G. W. Newman, attending meeting, 1.00; Geo. Rettig, attending meeting, 1.00; Rudolph Yunkes, attending meeting, 1.00; F. O. Hamilton, attending meeting, 1.00; L. W. Rogers, attending meeting, 1.00; R. W. Tempel, special police, 8.00; A. B. Briant, fees and pauper, 6.50; G. S. Davidson, fees, 2.00; Jas. Butler, salary, 10.00; H. R. Worthington, supplies, 76.44; Dr. H. J. Patterson, veterinary, 2.00; Times-Picayune, publish. proposal Ft. Wayne Electrical, repair meters Ahrens & Ott, tapping material, 4.80; A. C. Pierce, castings, 19.50; The Fairbanks Co., supplies, 26.10; Holmes & Barnes, oats, 14.25; Chas. Weydert, supplies, 3.80; J. A. Lawson, shop work, .60; Geo. Rettig, supplies, 1.25; J. C. Storm, supplies, 9.00; Rudolph Yunkes, supplies, 2.00; Frank Sansoni, oyster shells, .30; E. Newman, supplies, 11.49; Crane & Co., supplies, cash expended, 8.44

Recess Warrants. Robert Ball, road, \$1.00; Booze Jackson, road, 1.00; Southern Coal Co., on account, 270.35; Robert Ball, road, 1.00; Robert Ball, road, 1.00; G. S. Davidson, part salary, 15.00; Booze Jackson, road, 6.00; Robert Ball, road, 6.00; Robert Ball, road, 6.00; John J. Barrow, salary, 37.81; Chas. Evans, labor, 2.00; Jas. Barrow, brick work, 6.00; Grant Hardy, labor on brick work, 1.85

Motion made by Rogers, seconded by Yunkes, that the Mayor be instructed to notify Mr. Ben Mann to remove the house belonging to him now occupying a portion of Florida street from said street, and on his failure to do so that said house be removed by the Mayor at Mr. Mann's expense.

On motion, meeting adjourned upon call of Mayor. A. B. BRIANT, Mayor. G. L. PLETTINGER, Clerk.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true copy as they appear on pages 300 and 301, Minute Book "4."

Notice is hereby given that the Parker Stock Farm is posted against trespass of any kind, and violators will be dealt with according to law. JNO. M. PARKER, Jr.

French and German citizens now in this country are returning home in large numbers in response to call.

Catharine Douglas, an excellent colored woman of Bayou Sara, died Monday afternoon. The Friday previous she was in a coma for two hours and supposed to be dead, but recovered consciousness after her coffin was brought to the house.

The little ten-year old grand-daughter of Maria Mix, colored, died Wednesday from eating too much watermelon. The child swallowed a great many of the seeds.

War in Europe is sure to advance price of sugar and rice, but may temporarily depress cotton and lumber.

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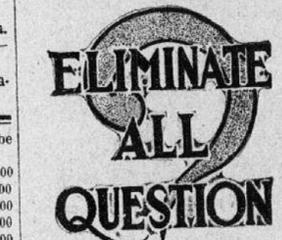
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