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FOUR CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR.

The political developments usually come at the week-end, and the past one has exceeded all others in interest. Thos. C. Barret made formal announcement of his platform, the most noticeable plank being the prohibition one. Mr. Barret advocates raising the local option unit from the parish to the congressional district, and says further that if elected, he will sign a measure for state-wide prohibition.

This announcement was the first crack o' doom that would have given talk for longer than the traditional nine days for new sensations. But on Sunday Mr. John M. Parker, foremost among Louisiana's Progressives, announced his candidacy for governor, with promises of economy of administration. Mr. Parker is for local option and the status quo in the liquor situation.

So much for the week-end's surprises. The liquor question has been brought to the fore by Mr. Barret, and will undoubtedly be a leading issue of the campaign. Dr. Pierson is for local option, but says unequivocally that if made governor he would veto state prohibition. Mr. Pleasant straddles as usual: he says he is for local option, but whenever given a chance to vote on the prohibition of liquor, he votes, yes. The announcement of Dr. Pierson's complete platform is awaited with interest, because clear-cut ideas and plans would be very acceptable amidst the glittering generalities (except as regards liquor) offered by the other candidates.

MAKE NO MISTAKE.

The hour has arrived when every voter in the State of Louisiana is awaking to the necessity of making his choice of the four candidates for governor. Before this is done, one fact should be impressed upon the mind of each and all, and that is, that no one candidate, however noble his character, however admirable his principles, however determined to do the right and never falter, however sincere in his promises to the people, can perform those promises or carry out any program for economy or progressiveness of administration without adequate support in the government.

This sound like a truism—would be a truism—if the great army of voters had not shown by their actions in the past that they are blind in this respect to the obvious. Whether this is due to the candidate himself hypnotizing the people into the belief that to secure desired reforms or improvements, it is only required to elect him, and he will do the rest, the fact remains that in each campaign the proletariat deludes itself with such pleasures of the imagination. The fallacy of this presumption is demonstrated at least every four years, but it never fails to arise anew and unabashed to deceive the thoughtless and unobservant.

Therefore, it is well to repeat the warning: The voter must not delude himself with the belief that alone and unsupported, Mr. Barret can bring about prohibition, or Mr. Parker, woman suffrage, or Dr. Pierson, economy and businesslike methods of administration. Any of these gentlemen, though great their personal ability and sincere their motive, cannot accomplish ANYTHING WORTH WHILE without the support and co-operation of the co-ordinate branches of the state government. In other words, he should have a sympathetic and helpful set of state officers, and he must have with him a working majority in both houses of the general assembly, or his best efforts will prove abortive, and his promises are born but to die. A governor, without a legislature behind him, can say like Johnnie Sands in the old song, when opportuned by his wife to save her from drowning: "I would, my dear, with all my heart, but you have tied my hands!"

Be not deceived. The sort of governor one wants must have a legislature to match. Have a care in choosing the legislators.

UNITE THE PARTY.

The True Democrat is, and has ever been such a staunch admirer of John M. Parker as man and as citizen, that it is very painful for us to come to any parting of the ways in matters political. His first defection as a Bull Moose was to us a cause of keen regret, his present announcement to run for governor on the same ticket produces real sorrow. It would be a source of pride and pleasure to support a man of his character. But there is no recourse,

but to be true to Democracy. The Progressive party has absolutely no standing as a national organization, and as a party in Louisiana, conceived in anger against the Democrats, born for vengeance, and bred to new ambitions, it has no influence on national legislation, and even with so fine a man as John M. Parker for governor it could do nothing without a majority in the general assembly behind him, and that is not possible at this time, if ever. For if Mr. Parker were elected governor, we believe it would be as a personal tribute, and not because of any real turning of the State to Progressivism. Such is our attitude to Mr. Parker. But the Democratic party should not shut its eyes to the fact that a very grave danger of not electing a Democratic governor confronts them.

A very large number of Democrats admit that they propose to vote for Mr. Parker, and in addition to this condition, there are three candidates dividing the Democracy, on issues that will arouse great bitterness if not productive of an actual split in the final vote. The situation is critical. It may not seem wise to admit this in all candor, but it is of such truth that Democrats should awake to the importance of getting together without delay.

WHISKY DID IT.

Not often is it presented in such concrete form the harm that whisky can, and does do, as is shown in the lamentable murder and suicide that electrified the community, on Tuesday morning. "I don't care what you say about it," said one of the murdered man's brothers to us, "except that you can't bring it out too strongly that whisky did it."

A thoughtful review of the facts confirms this view of the terrible event. A young man of health and energy, whose life was full of usefulness and promise, except for his periodical lapses from sobriety, paid a sudden and supreme—an awful—penalty. The miserable suicide, "who had not a friend on earth" as he averred, not only taking his own life but that of the two others, was fired by whisky to do these terrible deeds. One cannot say how much the wreck of his health, and the hapless events of his previous life, were not also due to whisky, but it is fair to presume that his whole life was influenced for evil by whisky, and the end but the logical conclusion of his luckless career.

Truly, whisky did it.

The Louisiana State University has two of its alumni as candidates for governor: Ruffin G. Pleasant and Clarence Pierson, M.D. The University should therefore be neutral.

ARE YOU A PORCUPINE?

(Alexandria Democrat.)

The Loyal Order of Porcupines is a new movement just starting in California, by the Hon. Lyman J. Gage, former secretary of the treasury. There is no mystery, no initiation fee, and no ceremony, and yet it has caught the public fancy and is growing by leaps and bounds, and is spreading all over the country, wherever people live who are loyal to our country and its flag.

The porcupine is the only animal that never bites any one and yet is never bitten. Its myriad quills are its protection, and all other animals give it a wide berth.

Mr. Gage would have the United States in the position of the porcupine:—so surrounded and girded by quills of defense that no foreign nation would care to invade these peaceful shores.

He would not have a great standing army, nor would he have us bristle with the curse of aggressive militarism; but he would have every loyal citizen possess the rudiments of military knowledge, and when the time comes we may be in a position to hurl the invader into the seas and give adequate protection to our homes and our wealth.

Like the porcupine, we are a peace-loving people and ask only to be left alone to pursue our honorable course to the end.

Are you a porcupine? Say "Yes."

PRACTICAL TRAINING IN THE SCHOOLS.

The idea of giving practical training in the schools is pretty well grounded in Louisiana, and is securing a firmer hold on the people each year. There are now about 150 schools in the State that teach sewing, cooking, and other household arts. In fifty-two of the high schools there are agricultural departments in which the boys are taught the best-known farming methods. Many of the schools have manual training departments which give instruction in the various forms of mechanic arts.

According to State Superintendent Harris, every country school will soon be teaching the girls how to make a home, and the boys how to provide it. This training does not take the place of the older subjects in the curriculum but is given in addition.

LEGAL BARREL.

Congress has fixed the legal standard size of the barrel for fruits, vegetables and other orchard and garden products, except cranberries, at 7,056 cubic inches, which is equal to three "heaping" bushels. The law went into effect in July of this year.

ROTATION OF CROPS FOR HOGS.

After many experiments we have come to the conclusion that the following succession of crops will give the cheapest pork in the greater portion of Louisiana: Oats and clover to be sown in separate fields in October, the oats grazed until early February, when the hogs should be transferred to the clovers, allowing the oats to make a crop of grain in May. Pasture the clovers until the middle of April or the first of May, and transfer the hogs to Bermuda pasture, and allow the clover to make a crop of hay. Two fields sown to mixed oats and clover may sometimes be preferable to the single crops, using one field for early pasture and grain, and the other for late pasture and hay. Keep hogs in Bermuda grass until cow peas are ready to be grazed, in July for early peas or August for later plantings; pasture cow peas until peanuts are ready, this crop having been planted after the oats are harvested. Continue on peanuts until sweet potatoes are ready for grazing, and continue on sweet potatoes until the hogs are ready for the market. When the hogs are on cow peas, feed them a moderate amount of corn. When they are on peanuts feed half as much corn as when on cow peas. When on sweet potatoes feed as much rice polish or rice bran as they were fed corn on cow peas. The feeding period actually begins with the cow pea pasture, as the main purpose up to this time is to keep the animals growing nicely at as low cost as possible.

There will be times when a little grain ration may be necessary. One must exercise judgment in matters of this kind.—W. R. Dodson, Director, Experiment Stations, L. S. U.

CORN EXHIBITS BY THE BOY FARMERS.

A spirit of rivalry that has grown up among the young farmers of the state and a large list of premiums offered for the best exhibits will serve to give the Louisiana State Fair another splendid display by the Boys Corn Clubs this year. There are about 10,000 members of boys' clubs. It is expected that at least 2,000 of them will be represented with exhibits, each exhibit containing ten ears, making a grand total of 20,000 ears of fine corn on exhibition by the boys.

In order to help the boys in getting their exhibits to the fair, the management has had cartons manufactured. Each carton will hold ten ears. They are used for mailing. Prospective exhibitors may obtain them free upon application to Secretary Louis N. Brueggerhoff, Shreveport, who will also furnish catalogue and premium lists. J. A. Redhead of Baton Rouge is superintendent of the Boys Corn Clubs.

ADMISSION TO FAIR VERY REASONABLE.

That the Louisiana State Fair is not conducted as a money-making institution but as a great educational factor is evidenced by the generous action of the management in fixing the prices of admission at a minimum. This plan was adopted so as to give as many people as possible an opportunity to attend. Just enough to defray expenses and provide for the next fair, is all the management expects the admissions to bring, including admissions to various entertainments, some of which are worth several times the prices charged.

An idea of how small the charges are is gained from the following list, applying this year:

- General day admission to fair grounds, adults 50 cents.
- General day admission to grounds, children 25 cents.
- General admission after 6 o'clock in the evening, adults 25 cents, children 10 cents.
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- General admission to grandstand for races, 25 cents.
- General admission to grandstand for football games, 50 cents.
- Admission to grandstand each night for horse show and vaudeville, free; for reserved seat, 25 cents.

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FERTILIZING CORN LAND.

For the past several years the L. S. U. Experiment Station has been carrying on a test to compare the effect of the use of commercial fertilizer in connection with a clover crop and light application of stable manure plowed under in the spring with commercial fertilizer alone on the yield of corn.

The plots are located on sandy bluff soil that is about on the average with this class of soil around Baton Rouge. The corn on these plots has just been harvested and, as the past season was about on the average for a corn crop in this section, the results of this year will give a good comparison between the two methods of growing corn.

The yield of corn where clover and stable manure were plowed under before applying commercial fertilizer was 66.1 bushels per acre. The yield of corn on the plot where commercial fertilizer alone was used was 17.1 bushels per acre.

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This paper is authorized to announce the name of D. M. Pipes as a candidate for the State Senate for this, the 17th Senatorial District, subject to the Democratic primary.

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The True Democrat is authorized to announce Willis R. Daniel as a candidate for sheriff of the Parish of West Feliciana, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

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same amount was applied to both plots, and charging \$4.00 per acre for the cost of clover seed and planting, \$4.00 for the cost of applying manure, and putting the price of corn at 50c per bushel, there is not only a profit of \$16.50 per acre in favor of the clover crop and stable manure with commercial fertilizer, but the land is in a much better physical condition for the crop of next year.—A. P. Kerr, Assistant Director, Experiment Stations, L. S. U.

IMPROVEMENT IN RURAL LIFE.

According to State Superintendent of Public Education T. H. Harris, the agricultural extension work in Louisiana is beginning to be fruitful of good results. Mr. Harris makes frequent trips over the State and is a close observer of rural conditions. Better farming methods, better homes and better roads, as well as better schools, are in evidence, he says, and he attributes much of this improvement to the influence of the extension movement.

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