

The True Democrat.

VOL. XXIV

ST. FRANCISVILLE, WEST FELICIANA PARISH, LOUISIANA, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1915

NO. 45

Hon. T. C. Barret

ANTI-RING CANDIDATE FOR THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION FOR GOVERNOR

Will Address the Voters of the Feliciana Parishes, as follows:

WILSON—Friday, Dec. 17, 10:30 a. m.

CLINTON—Friday, Dec. 17, 3 p. m.

JACKSON—Friday, Dec. 17, 7 p. m.

SLAUGHTER—Saturday, Dec. 18, 10:30.

ST. FRANCISVILLE, Sat., Dec. 18, 3 p. m.

If you are opposed to turning the State's affairs over to the ward bosses of New Orleans, come out and hear Mr. Barret.

Advertisement—

FEDERAL HELP IN ROAD-BUILDING.

In order to promote the improvement of rural post roads, military roads and roads for interstate commerce, the American Association of State Highway Officials has had drafted and has approved a proposed Federal aid road bill, which provides that the United States shall aid the states in the construction of these roads. Should the bill be enacted and become a law, the State of Louisiana would be entitled annually to about \$350,000 to \$400,000 Federal aid for good roads construction.

That Louisiana may do its part towards getting this bill enacted by Congress, and that Louisiana may soon reap the great and many benefits following such a law, it becomes incumbent upon the police juries of the state collectively and individually to go on record, by resolution and by letters, as instructing, petitioning and urging Representatives and Senators to support and work for the enactment of this Federal aid road bill.

The Highway Department, Board of State Engineers, is asking for this cooperation.

The seed of the good crop was planted in the spring. The time to make the good town of the future is now.

TO MARKET COTTON.

Definite steps, towards the complete organization of the cotton forces of the South to provide a system of handling the staple so that it may be marketed throughout the entire year, instead of during the months of October and November, were taken at the convention of bankers from the cotton states which convened in the Association of Commerce auditorium in New Orleans, Monday.

In the gathering were big bankers of the Southern states, with a sparkling of visiting financiers and others from Chicago, New York and St. Louis. This is the third meeting of the bankers in this connection during recent months and is held with the intention of perfecting a permanent organization to conduct a crop diversification campaign in each of the Southern states, to build local warehouses of a government standard sufficient properly to house the entire crop and to make warehouse receipts for cotton the finest collateral obtainable.

This town would look better if some of the people who go out driving would take along a hammer and nails.

A coat has to fit as well in the back as it does in the front; a town needs not only good streets but clean alleys.

BARRET TO TOUR THE FELICIANAS.

Hon. T. C. Barret, anti-ring candidate for governor, will spend Friday and Saturday, December 17th and 18th, in the Feliciana parishes, where he is scheduled to make five speeches.

Mr. Barret will open at Wilson, at 10:30 a. m. on Friday, the 17th. He will speak at Clinton at 3 p. m., and at Jackson at 7 p. m.

On Saturday, the 18th, Mr. Barret will speak at Slaughter at 10:30 a. m., and at St. Francisville at 3 p. m.

After speaking at St. Francisville, Mr. Barret will go to New Roads, for a meeting at 7 p. m. He expects to return to Bayou Sara in time to catch the L. R. & N. train for Shreveport.

CAN YOU FOLLOW?

Mr. Parker's environments are such that it is impossible for us to believe that he would make a good official, even if he should be elected governor of this state. The fact that he has been in cahoots for a number of years with the Republicans and enemies of the Democratic party is enough to cause any conscientious Democrat to cast his vote against Parker. He has voted for Teddy Roosevelt and William Taft, so it is said, and would undoubtedly cast his vote for Roosevelt or any Republican who would aspire for the presidency of the United States.—St. Landry Clarion.

A TIMELY WARNING TO AUTOMOBILE OWNERS

In an effort to put an end to the reckless running of automobiles, which, if permitted to continue, is certain to result in some serious accident, Mr. J. S. McGehee is sending out circular letters to automobilists in Wilkinson county, Miss. As most of the circular is equally applicable to the Feliciana parishes we reproduce the greater part of it from the Woodville Republican:

Laurel Hill, La., Dec. 1, 1915.

Dear Sir:

You are among the number of those fortunates (or unfortunates) who own automobiles. These can be made the source of some pleasure to us, and also great convenience; but any one who goes over our roads sees at once that at best their sharp curves and narrow rounding tread, often fringed with deep ditches, furnish a setting for danger that is seldom lacking. It is almost a certainty that the number of machines in our community is going to increase, and if unusual care is not taken to run these machines carefully, reducing speed at curves and on hills and on meeting and passing, some sad accident will certainly happen, involving the lives of possibly five or six citizens, maybe ladies and children. The writer believes he is an extremely careful driver, and yet on one occasion he has succeeded in stopping his machine within six feet of another machine that was standing on the wrong side of the road in a cloud of dust. On another occasion he has touched the back wheels of a lady's buggy in front of him that in a rainstorm stopped suddenly. On another occasion, on a sharp curve, he has had a meeting machine run by him rapidly, missing his machine scarcely six inches, as he drove it into a ditch and brushheap. Had he met the machine thirty feet beyond the actual meeting place, a disastrous collision would have been unavoidable, and there were three ladies in each car, some of whom would have been almost certainly killed.

We have no hesitation in saying that the life of one person is worth more than all the cars in the State of Mississippi. We do not believe it is necessary to destroy any life or maim anybody at all. We think it is a much simpler matter to take the proper steps to prevent disaster before it comes than to raise a hue and cry after one or several good people in our community have been extinguished to leave mourning in the hearts of their relatives as long as the latter live.

*** We suggest the following points, not that we are particularly impressed with any one of them, but simply as matters of consideration. We can adopt them or not, just as we please:

Should any one be allowed to drive a car without an examination and license as a driver?

Should every one driving a car be required to have a copy of the county law in his pocket?

Should every car have a signal device?

Should all cars rounding curves where the road is not visible for 100 feet ahead be required to slow down to six miles an hour (the pace of a "fox-trot"?)

Should all cars meeting or passing vehicles be required to slow down to six miles an hour?

Should all cars approaching vehicles coming from the opposite direction on roads that are too narrow to admit of their passing each other, be required to come to a full stop at not less than 40 feet from each other?

Should all cars not in garages be required to carry, from sunset to sunrise, both front and rear safety lights, and also, when running, headlights that will plainly show an object as large as a man walking 150 feet ahead of them?

Would it improve matters for the automobile owners to form an association and sign by-laws agreeing unequivocally to equip their cars according to the county laws and to operate these cars according to the same laws and to require any one else operating them to conform to the laws?

Would it be desirable for the automobile owners to offer a reward for conviction for any infraction of the law?

Would it be desirable for the automobile owners to post signs at danger points in the road, or petition the county to do so?

What penalties would you recommend? Fines, jail, revocation of license or all of them or anything else?

It seems inevitable that unless we take some regulatory steps there will be accidents that will be the cause of regret and grief for the natural lifetimes of most of us that are living now.

J. S. McGEHEE.

PROPOSED GIFT TO ARKANSAS.

The humorist on the Mansfield Enterprise suggests the following part of a legislative bill for the next general assembly and wants to know if Native Son Pleasant will sign it, if he be governor:

A BILL

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, in legal session convened, that whereas, there are eight parishes in the State of Louisiana, that receive more money from the state for public schools alone, than their entire state taxes amount to, and whereas they are a burden to the taxpayers of the other parishes of the state; therefore, be it resolved, that the governor of this state is hereby instructed to open negotiations with the State of Arkansas, to cede certain of the said parishes to that state, to-wit:

Claiborne, Union and Lincoln, they being contiguous to said state, and that the sum of one thousand dollars for each of the said parishes is hereby appropriated, to be given to the State of Arkansas, as a bonus, in consideration of their accepting said territory, and relieving the State of Louisiana of expense and responsibility for their upkeep.

Be it further enacted, that the transfer of said territory shall carry with it a full and complete title to all candidates for state offices that may claim residence in said ceded territory, without any guarantee of good behavior on the part of the State of Louisiana.

ABOUT THE SIZE OF IT.

(Baton Rouge State-Times.)

"But how about prohibition?"

We have our opinions about prohibition. But in the nomination of a Democratic candidate for governor, or in the general election of a governor thereafter, prohibition is not an issue. All that has happened is that Tom Barret and Dr. Turner have declared the Democratic primary to be a "straw vote" upon that question. This paper has not expressed its opinion hitherto, and will not express its opinion now, nor in the future. Therefore it is not going to get a "straw vote" and a gubernatorial election mixed up in its system. We advise our readers to avoid the same error. Pick our head "hired man" on other grounds. He'll neither give nor keep away a "state-wide" law.

OUT OF A SHARK'S MOUTH.

(Beaumont Enterprise.)

It is not generally known that the three high officials and one subordinate officer of the Hamburg-American line, recently convicted of conspiracy, had as principal witness against them a shark. The captain of a German vessel at a South American port was alleged to have been violating neutrality, and his ship's papers were said to have been conclusive evidence of the violation. When called on for his papers, he claimed that he had lost them, but a shark was caught by a fisherman a day or two later and in its stomach the papers were found, tied up in a sack.

If this circumstance had been recorded in a novel it would have been regarded as a bit of fiction. But, according to trustworthy reports, it actually occurred, which proves again that truth is stranger than fiction.

S. I. Reymond Company, Ltd.

THE STORE THAT SELLS THE BEST MERCHANDISE.

Baton Rouge, La.

OUR CHRISTMAS SAVINGS SALE

Begins Monday, December 6th—Continues For 20 Days.

In arranging this Christmas Savings Sale, it is our desire to give our patrons the opportunity to spend their Christmas Savings for useful and appropriate gifts, to the best possible advantage, and have special prices on every article, making it to their interest to shop here.

SECOND FLOOR.

Every article on this floor will make an acceptable gift.

Our Ladies' Suits are accepted by ladies who wear only swell garments. At this sale we offer suits at twenty to twenty-five per cent. less than any other house.

Beautiful dresses for street and evening wear.

Embroidered silk robes and corduroy house robes. Bath robes of soft, fine blanket and eiderdown fabrics.

Dainty Crepe-de-chine and Georgette crepe waists. Some organdie French models.

The Coat Department has made special arrangements for this Christmas Savings Sale, with all that is new in Sport Coats of wool mixtures, corduroy and fancy velvet.

Exquisite Furs. Our stock of fine furs consists of every kind of fashionable scarfs and muffs of Red Fox, Kit Fox, Isabella Fox, Black Wolf, Muffoon, Hudson Seal, Cooney, Badger and Minx, all at savings prices.

MEN'S SECTION

Christmas Suggestions

A nice Dress Suit Case.

An Umbrella or Cane.

Gloves. Ties.

Handkerchiefs

Stetson or Knox Hat.

An Overcoat.

A Raincoat.

Silk Shirt.

Bath Robe. House Robe.

Fancy Vest.

Auto Gauntlets.

Gloves. Half Hose.

Safety Razor.

Sweater.

BLANKETS COMFORTS RUGS

Art Squares make splendid Christmas gifts. We have a complete stock, consisting of beautiful

Silk Comforts

Down Comforts

Wool Comforts

Wool Blankets.

Beautiful Rugs and Art

Squares

SHOE SECTION

Bronze Kid and Gun Metal Boots—the latest thing for ladies. Bed Room Slippers—kid, satin and felt.

Dry Goods Section

Christmas Suggestions

Ladies' Handkerchiefs.

Cut Glass.

Silk Sweaters. Neck Ruffs.

Stationery in pretty boxes.

Silk Hose. Kid Gloves.

Linen Towels.

Linen Sets.

Linen Napkins.

Linen Damask.

Bed Spreads. Bath Sets.

Perfumes. Extracts.

Soaps. Powders.

Manicure Sets.

Toys for the kiddies.