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**"You Pay It, Who Gets It?"**

"The State of Louisiana sorely needs the enactment of common sense rural credit legislation, to enable our farmers to borrow on long time at low rates of interest, the interest only to be paid annually."—John M. Parker.

Let us eschew politics for a few minutes, and see if a few facts from authoritative sources will not show the farmer what Mr. Parker means—no other candidate seems to take this part of Mr. Parker's platform as serious, or of any importance.

The Southland Farmer, published at La Porte, Texas, under the above heading, says:

"The banker and the time merchant do not get all of it, but your experience and that of thousands and hundreds of thousands of farmers like you, show that they get more than they are justly entitled to in serving you by lending you money or selling you goods on time, till you can make and harvest and market your crop."

John Skelton Williams, Controller of the Currency, says:

"Some reports from the South and West, the Northwest and the Southwest, especially in the wheat and cotton section of the Southwest, are blood-curdling. \* \* \* We find from our score of reports from all sections of the South that buying on 'time prices' in an average State is equivalent to paying interest at the rate of 70 per cent per annum."

(The printed table gives ten states, the rate ranging from 54 to 90 per cent. Louisiana shows 60 per cent.)

"The list shows that there were a total of 1206 banks charging 12 per cent, or more, of which six were in Louisiana. \* \* \*"

Controller Williams, in his report, is particularly severe and bitter in arraigning national banks, and says that Uncle Sam will soon show such bankers that their banks are public service corporations and must serve the public on reasonable terms.

There is no way to regulate the "time price" merchant (who charges 60 per cent in Louisiana, according to the Controller's report), but Mr. Parker has undoubtedly advanced one sound business proposition as a platform declaration, that should be forced to the front in this campaign, instead of the airing of personal differences by two office holders, when Louisiana is so sorely in need of instruction along economic and industrial lines.

The farming interests of this state need and deserve more consideration at this time than ever before, better banking and transportation facilities, with a business like rural credit system, are of more importance than the preservation of any political organization or party. The defeat of a political organization has never injured any country or state, but the uninterrupted triumph of one political organization has hampered the economic and industrial progress of Louisiana too long and too sorely for her to submit to it any longer. Conditions speak too plainly, if the uncultured facts for men not to see and realize what remedy is necessary.

"You pay it, who gets it?"—seems to be a large enough question for any State campaign. Yearly payments to the State seem to be fairly regular and exact, but equivalents and results seem to be rather irregular if not altogether lacking. Of what value to the people is the opinion of one office seeker of another office seeker's past record, or of what good is it for one office seeker to parade up and down the State picking the bones of the Hall administration? The people are concerned about the future and not the dead past of office holders; they are rather inclined to forget the failures of the past and to live in the hope of a better future; they are interested in being free and independent, both politically and industrially; they are inclined to avoid the "fetters of freedom" advocated by the two primary election contestants. Business men run things in a business way; politicians run things in a political way. Will the people get a rural credit system for this State by going after it, according to political methods, or will they

find more hope of success by adopting business methods? The commercial banking system of Louisiana is as good as that in any State of the Union, but a farmer rural credit system must come from a business administration of the State, just as the federal system under Controller Williams, is coming from the administration of practical bankers and business men, and not from political leaders and office holders.

Nearly every State is waking up to this necessity, and they are electing business men to office for the purpose of making State affairs, business administrations instead of political machines. Let Louisiana wake up and get into the game. Let the candidates now on the hustings, cut out fussing and bickering, and let each candidate state plainly what he proposes to do if elected Governor, for the State and the agricultural interests, instead of,

"With geometric scale  
Measuring pots of ale."

**The Bankers' Conference.**

The Nine-States Bankers conference was permanently organized this week in New Orleans. The class of business men who compose this organization, of course makes it a serious and important matter; it would be gratuitous to say that it was not a serious movement. But nine states, all at once, covers a great deal of territory, and makes the Bankers conference a rather ambitious undertaking.

As we understand the object of the conference, it is to assist the farmers to move and store the crops in order to safeguard against declining markets. This is all very good, but after all, it increases the farmers capacity to go in debt; it means, probably, short term debts which carry with them a large rate of interest, storage, commissions, etc., all of which, of course, is better than sacrificing any crop upon a low and declining market.

But the first and most important matter for the farmer (we are now considering the Louisiana farmer), is to increase his capacity to GET OUT OF DEBT; and this can be just as easily done as it will be to help him store and move his crop.

The crop must first be made, and made on land, the purchase price (and interest), of which will not eat him up before he reaches the storing and moving stage.

In short, the most important issue in the present State campaign is that which means some emancipation for the farming class. The rural credit system, which is becoming the vital issue of both national political parties, should be the one vital issue in the Louisiana campaign. This state needs a Governor who is able and will lead the Legislature to the enactment of laws that will provide some such scheme as will permit rural credits upon long time mortgages secured by farm land. The present laws seem to favor every other branch of industry but the farming industry, this is the neglect of the most vital and important matter to Louisiana. Less politics and more business in every branch of the state government; less partisanship and more patriotism and business.

What is termed the "Party", is the very smallest concern of a farmer or a business man. Business, economy, management, method, and then politics and party if you must have the latter. Few men get office, compared to those who do not. The masses pay the expenses and they should get the equivalents and results first; the farmers bear the burdens and they should have their rewards first.

For the second time in sixty days a grand jury in Lafourche parish has been declared illegally formed by Judge Howell. The quashing of the present grand jury resulted from the fact that one of the jury commissioners, recently appointed, was not sworn in before being called from the parish. The other commissioners, all legally qualified, drew the names for the grand jury, but according to the interpretation of the law upon the matter, it seems that the commissioners are not qualified to act unless they have all taken the oath of office.

Don't fail to remember that you must pay your poll tax before the first of January, 1916, if you want to vote in the State election next April.

Over 20 years experience as horse-shoer, carriage and auto trimmer and painter, wagon-builder, etc., is my claim for a share of your patronage. C. S. Brenn.

(Communicated.)  
FRANKLIN, LA., Dec. 10, 1915.  
To the Editor of the St. Mary Banner:—

It has been brought to my attention by mutual friends of Senator Murphy J. Foster and myself that Senator Foster never voted in the United States Senate against his party, and that, therefore, my reference to him, stating that he did, does him an injustice.

Any injustice or criticism was entirely foreign to my purpose or thought in writing the article and, therefore, I willingly withdraw any reference in same to Senator Foster or his party record.

My article was entitled, "To Whom Allegiance is Due", and was published in the St. Mary Banner and Weekly Watchman, of Franklin, Louisiana, of November 27th, 1915, and was intended as an answer to certain statements, which I was told, were made by speakers at a Democratic meeting held in Franklin the previous week, wherein the parish officials were charged with party disloyalty for having left the Democratic Party and having joined the Progressive Party.

It was solely the purpose of my article to assert, as the reason for having done so, the belief that this action was in the best interests of the people of the Parish of St. Mary, feeling that the same honesty of purpose should be accorded myself and others as had always been accorded our public men in Washington when they felt compelled to vote against party measures which they believed to be inimical to the best interests of their people.

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John Emerson in Charles Frohman's Recent Dramatic Success, "The Conspiracy," Latest Famous Players-Paramount Production.

A new epoch in the advancement of the motion picture is marked by Charles Frohman's first offering to the motion-picture public, "The Conspiracy." The four-part film version of this recent theatrical success was produced by the Famous Players Film Co., with which Charles Frohman is affiliated, and appears on the Paramount program.

Aside from the unique interest which attaches to the production as the initial film offering of this celebrated theatrical producer, the original stage presentation of the play created a distinct sensation, and thrilled and amused metropolitan audiences throughout an unusually successful season.

"The Conspiracy" is a detective comedy-drama of modern New York, and is full of laughs and thrills. John Emerson, who created the role of the detective in the original stage production and is co-author of the play, is seen even to better advantage on the screen than before the footlights, by reason of the amplification of the film version of the drama.

Interwoven with the story of the crime that is the basic element of the theme is a pretty and tender romance that softens the sterner dramatic note of the play. John Emerson is supported by an unusually competent cast, including Lois Meredith, who may be said to be a strong drawing-card in her own right, having been the recent star of the noted dramatic success, "Help Wanted."

The production will appear at the Opera House on Tuesday, Dec. 14. Prices 10-15 cents.

Due to prompt action on the part of the American Cities Company, of which the New Orleans Railway and Light Company is a subsidiary, and the Cumberland Telephone Company, the City of New Orleans has received \$500,000 with which to repair the damage done to public property by the big storm of September 29. A few days after the storm the city announced it would not be able to make prompt repairs unless a loan could be negotiated, and the American Cities Company came forward with an offer to lend the city \$100,000 of this amount.

**NOTICE.**

This is to give notice that I will apply for a pardon or commutation of sentence at the next meeting of the Board of Pardons.  
BILL AMEDIO.  
November 24, 1915.

**LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE.**

I will apply to the city council of the town of Franklin, La., for the issuance of a permit to sell liquors during the year 1916 in my building situated on Willow street, over the S. P. Railroad.  
C. Bosco.  
Franklin, La., Dec. 7th, 1915.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,  
23rd Judicial District Court—Parish of St. Mary.

Union Bank  
vs.  
Gaetano Giuffrida. No. 11,101

By virtue of an order of seizure and sale issued out of the Honorable 23rd Judicial District Court in and for the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, and to me directed, in the above numbered and entitled suit, I have seized and will offer for sale, to the last and highest bidder, for cash, without appraisal, at the front door of the Court House in the Town of Franklin, Parish of St. Mary, Louisiana, on SATURDAY, THE 15TH DAY OF JANUARY, A. D., 1916,

between the hours of 11 o'clock a. m., and 4 o'clock p. m., the following described property, to-wit:

That certain lot or parcel of land, lying and being situated in the Town of Patterson, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana, having a front on the West side of Main street of said town of ninety-two (92) feet, by a depth between parallel lines of one hundred and ninety-one (191) feet, more or less, being bounded on the North by the property of the Estate of Bernard Levy, deceased, on the East by Main street, on the South by the property of the Estate of A. J. Stansburg, on the West by the property of the Estate of Will Cissou, deceased. Together with all the buildings and improvements thereon situated and thereto belonging, and particularly the gas machines and piping, electrical apparatus, wiring and fixtures; also the bar fixtures, contained in the said building and attached thereto; together with all the rights, ways, servitudes and appurtenances thereto belonging or in any manner appertaining.

W. T. PETERMAN, Sheriff,  
Sheriff's Office, Parish of St. Mary, La.,  
December 6, 1915.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,  
23rd Judicial District Court—Parish of St. Mary.

William Schwan  
vs.  
George W. Walker, et als.  
No. 11,087.

By virtue of an order of seizure and sale issued out of the Honorable 23rd Judicial District Court in and for the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, and to me directed in the above numbered and entitled suit, I have seized and will offer for sale, for cash, without appraisal, at the front door of the Court House in the Town of Franklin, Parish of St. Mary, Louisiana, on SATURDAY, THE 15TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1916,

between the hours of 11 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m., the following described property; to-wit:

The undivided four fourteenths interest in and to the following described property:

Second: That certain tract of land or sugar plantation lying and being situated in the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, having a superficial area of Eighty acres, bounded north by Grand Lake, east by lot or lands of Paul and others, being lot number 8 on a map of lands of Romain Verdun, south by Bayou Teche, and west by lot No. Ten, on said map of William and Ernest Verdun, with the buildings and improvements thereon situated, known as "Little Buskeye Plantation."

W. T. PETERMAN, Sheriff,  
Sheriff's Office, Parish of St. Mary, La.,  
December 2, 1915.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,  
23rd Judicial District Court—Parish of St. Mary.

Succession of Baptiste Olivier, deceased. No. 3606.

Notice is hereby given to the creditors of this estate and to all other persons herein interested to show cause within ten days from the date of this notification, why the final account, presented by David Olivier, administrator of this estate should not be approved and homologated and the funds distributed in accordance therewith.

In evidence whereof, witness my official signature and the impress of the seal of my office this 30th, day of November A. D. 1915.

WILBUR H. KRAMER,  
Clerk of Court.

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**Notice to Hunters and Trappers.**

A few days ago I was appointed by the Conservation Commission of the State of Louisiana as a Game Warden. I wish to impress upon the public that the laws of this Commission must be respected. Excuses for violations will not be accepted. Be careful.  
WALTER S. BERWICK,  
Conservation Agent, State of Louisiana.

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