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PUJO HAS CLEAR FIELD.

As the outlook now presents itself Congressman A. P. Pujo will have no opposition for renomination, and it is hardly probable, since the withdrawal of Mr. Bailey from St. Landry, that any other aspirant for that honor will receive sufficient encouragement to make the race.

Representative Bailey, of St. Landry had signified his intention of making a canvass for the position, but last Friday at Opelousas he announced his withdrawal and made it known that he would be a candidate for district judge.

As a result of this announcement it suddenly occurred to Judge A. V. Coco, of Avoyelles, that the old Louisiana Seventh would be without a representative in congress unless he present his name to the voters of the district. He at once began feeling the pulse of political leaders to determine upon his candidacy, and after a trip to Opelousas, Crowley and Lake Charles, gave up the idea of making the race. In Lake Charles, the home of Pujo, he received scant encouragement, and it is said the opposition to the present congressman in other portions of the district is not sufficient to justify any other man, no matter how popular he may be, to make a contest.

The Roosevelt-Parker bout on the eighth of November promises to be a lively affair.

The sheriff squabble has been amicably settled and Jennings' defaulting postmaster captured. What next?

A New York woman has deserted her husband on the ground that he is too good to her. This is a new plea and should serve as a warning to other husbands.

The millions effected by the strike of meat packers throughout the country should not despair. Rice is now retailing at five cents a pound and is much more nutritious than meat.

With five sheriffs within the short space of two months, outsiders would naturally believe that Calcasieu parish is located in Texas or Colorado instead of law-abiding Louisiana.

The election held Tuesday for the purpose of voting on a proposition of levying and collecting an annual five mill tax for a period of ten years for the maintenance and support of the public schools of the town of Welsh, carried by a three-fourths majority. Forty-five votes representing a total valuation of $48,000 were cast for the proposition, and fifteen votes representing $17,000 were cast against.

It had become persistently rumored that Senator H. C. Drew of Calcasieu would become a candidate for congresss from this district, but a Baton Rouge dispatch Saturday says: Senator Drew has not yet announced himself a candidate for congress and it is extremely doubtful that he will. He has received a number of letters and telegrams urging him to come out, but his health is such that he fears it would be unwise to undergo the arduous duties involved in a campaign.

One circumstance that is calculated to add to the gaity of nations and lend color to the forecast of a Texas evangelist that the millenium is due to arrive about the middle of September, is the disappearance of the crop liar. The car window expert is probably wandering up and down the Pike trying to convince people that the rice planted in the front yard of the Rice Kitchen will swamp the market this fall because it will not have to pay freight into St. Louis.—Crowley Signal.

Hon. A. P. Pujo, our representative in congress from this the seventh congressional district, was in Welsh Saturday straightening up some legal business and incidentally informing his friends that he was a candidate for renomination. Although a comparative young man and a "freshman" in the halls of congress, Mr. Pujo made a splendid record and was recognized by his colleagues as an able man. Relative to opposition in the coming congressional campaign, the Lake Charles American says: "The impression that a congressman needs and is entitled to two terms to show his capabilities, amounts to an unwritten law. Mr. Pujo has had but four or five months' active service, but during that has shown great promises of giving his district good and faithful service. Added to this feeling, is the pride Calcasieu naturally takes in having a congressman, and it is safe to say that very few Calcasieu people would vote to deprive the parish of the honor to which she is entitled."

Council Proceedings.

WELSH, LA., July 6, 1904.

Council called to order in special session, object of meeting to transact such business as at a regular meeting, by H. A. Davidson, Mayor pro tem.

Members of council present C. P. Martin, Frank Cotton, S. W. Dan and J. H. Cooper.

Meetings of previous meetings both regular and special read and approved.

Matter of bills taken up and disposed of.

J. M. Hall, marshall, June	$75 00
H. A. Davidson, street com.	10 00
Peter Johnson, street work	50 00
Welsh Printing Co., June	16 15
C. F. Cox, street work	2 00
S. A. Covey, Drays	1 50
Labit Lumber Co., lumber	23 40
L. E. Robinson, bond for treas.	40 00

Board of health bills allowed:

S. A. Cover, dray to cemetery	$ 1 50
B. Kelly to A. E. Bell	7 50
M. L. Farlow, attending sick	15 00
J. H. Cooper, med. attendance	12 00
A. E. Bell, coffins, undertaker	41 00
Cooper Drug Co., drugs	2 00

On motion duly seconded and carried the above bills were allowed and ordered paid.

Moved and seconded that the mayor be authorized to make contract with McGinnis & Reimer for building school house and payment made according to general usage in such contracts. Carried.

Moved and seconded that the mayor and Councilman S. W. Day be a committee to negotiate a loan for a sum sufficient to carry on the school and report to the council at the earliest time possible. Carried.

Moved and carried that the architect, Burt McDonald's, proposition as superintendent on building be accepted.

Moved and seconded that the street commissioner be authorized to proceed to the construction of the bridge on South street as soon as the parties interested in said street shall furnish him a sufficient guarantee that the town will be at no expense on account of right of way. Carried.

Motion to adjourn carried.

SAMUEL BLACKFORD, Sec.

Fighting Mermentau Levee Bill.

A Gueydan dispatch says: The opposition to the Mermentau Levee Bill is growing stronger and spreading rapidly since the people are getting an inkling of its meaning. A representative delegation, composed of W. D. Spencer, President of the Gueydan Drainage Board: Mayor T. J. Curtis, W. L. Doss and H. L. Gueydan, left Friday afternoon for Crowley to confer with the taxpayers and land owners of that section to devise means and ways whereby the bill can be killed, as well as other missions, which they would not divulge. The following call has been issued by the representative citizens of this section:

"To the Taxpayers of the Mermentau Levee District. We ask your attendance at a mass meeting to be held at Gueydan, La., at 10 a. m., Saturday, July 16, 1904, to organize, in order to fight and kill the Mermentau Levee District Bill. We know the bill to be unjust, and believe it to be unconstitutional, and the intention is to take it to the Supreme Court."

The call is signed by the following: T. J. Curtis, W. L. Doss, W. L. Gueydan, Valerie Broussard, J. L. Melvin, W. M. Spencer, J. H. Broussard, W. F. Fisher, R. T. Gill and E. E. Broussard.

Merchants Well Abandoned.

The second well of the Merchants Oil Company, located about six miles north of the proven field, has proven an absolute failure and was abandoned Monday. Bailing under the supervision of Driller Clay continued until the latter part of the week, and as he was compelled to be away a while L. Whitsett was engaged to look after the company's interests. Mr. Whitsett washed out the well, bailed it for some time and after making repeated tests pronounced the well a failure. It is to be regretted that success did not crown the efforts of the Merchants people, not because it will injure or interfere in any great measure with the future development of the Welsh field, but because the officers and members of this company are all enterprising and deserving gentlemen. C. A. Richmond, of Peoria, Ill., a director in the company, said Tuesday he was as yet undecided as to whether or not they would continue operations here.

Estrayed.

There estrayed or was stolen from P. W. Daniels' plant on July 2nd or 3rd a grey mare mule, nine years old with long mane, weight about 1,000 pounds Any information leading to the discovery of the animal will be liberally rewarded by calling on or applying to MRS. OLLIE BUSHNELL.

Estrayed.

There estrayed from my place Saturday, June 25, a brown mule with "cocked ears," they sticking straight up. Any information leading to the recovery of the animal will be liberally rewarded by calling on or addressing

R. R. MUNGER,
Fenton, La.

Jas. Glick and family arrived Friday, after spending two or three months among kindred and friends at their former home in Missouri.

Mrs. Ida M. Layne and daughter, Miss Mabel, of Jennings, who had been visiting relatives here the past three weeks, left yesterday afternoon for Siloam Springs, Ark., where they will visit the family of M. E. Morse two weeks and attend the Chatauqua. About the first of August they will all go to Neosho, Mo., where they will in all probability spend the remainder of the year.

St. Martinsville is billed to play a double header in Welsh, one game Monday afternoon and one Tuesday afternoon. Arrangements were made yesterday for the games and those enjoying witnessing good ball will have no better opportunity this season. St. Martinsville defeated Welsh Sunday in a ten inning contest by the close score of 4 to 3, with three of Welsh's best players absent. Both teams will be materially strengthened for Monday and Tuesday's games and a battle royal is anticipated.

Camp meeting will begin on the 28th of this month at Lake Arthur and continue ten days. Already a number of campers are on the grounds, preparing for the event, by improving their cottages and grounds. The management expects and unusually large attendance this year. Rev. E. A. Ferguson will be the evangelist in charge and Luther R. Robinson, singer. Special rates have been secured over the railroad; hacks will be run from Jennings and boats from Mermentau. Accommodations will be ample for all who may come. A boarding house will be conducted on the grounds, and there are three hotels in town.—Herald.

If you want to raise your boys for the penitentiary the recipe is very simple. When he don't want to go to school let him loaf, when he gets into some mischief and reports to you curse your neighbor in the presence of the boy, but don't reprimand the boy. When he gets a little larger and purloins something of little value and you find it out, laugh at him and let him go. When he gets into something that calls him into justice court and he is found guilty and fined, pay the fine, curse the court, the jury and every one connected with the matter, and pity the boy and you will soon have a splendid candidate for the penitentiary.

The bite of a large water-moccasin snake caused the death of Charlie Gill, the thirteen-year-old son of J. M. Gill, a merchant of DeQuincy, this parish. The little fellow, in company with several boys, was playing in the neighborhood of Buxton creek Sunday afternoon when the snake was seen, and they immediately gave chase. Gill was the first to arrive at the place where the snake was hiding, and while bending to get a clear view the snake sprang from its hiding place, coiled itself about the boy's arm and sank its deadly fangs into the flesh above the wrist. The boy died early Monday morning after suffering agony all night. The unfortunate boy was a nephew of ex-District Clerk H. C. Gill, of Lake Charles.

Garland, the fourteen-year-old son of Mrs. Alcide Hebert, of near Hayes Station, was painfully, if not fatally injured in a peculiar manner Friday afternoon. It is said that young Hebert became intoxicated and started home on horseback. Like a typical western bronco-buster he used spurs, so it is reported, and soon the horse became unmanagable and ran into a barbed wire fence. Both the horse and rider were entangled and with every lunge the animal made the wires were drawn tighter about the boy's limbs until his clothing and much of the flesh were torn into shreds. The animal was cut to pieces and died shortly afterward. The young man did not regain consciousness until the following morning. The chances for his recovery are decidedly against him.

World's Fair Rate, May 1 to Dec. 1, 1904.

Welsh, A $33.55; B $27.90; C $22.95. By class "A" it is understood to apply to season tickets, on sale April 15 to November 15, final limit December 15, 1904. Class "B" applies to sixty-day tickets, on sale April 25 to December 25, final limit 60 days not later than December 15, 1904. Class "C" applies to ten-day tickets, on sale April 27, to November 30, final limit ten days from date of sale, not later than December 5, 1904.

In addition to the above there is also a Coach Rate during the month of May. These excursions will be run at periods of about ten days on basis of about 70 per cent of the regular one way fare for adults and 50 per cent for children. Coach tickets will not be honored in parlor or sleeping cars. Date of sale for Coach tickets, May 17 and May 31, 1904, final limit, good to leave St. Louis seven days from date of sale. Coach excursion, Welsh rate: "D" adults, $15.00; "E" child's, $10.50. J. F. TUBBS, Agent.

Some of the neighbors and friends of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Winterton, south of town gave them a pleasant surprise Saturday evening last. An extemporary musical program consisting of instrumental solos, duets and especially the fine singing of a male quartette was greatly enjoyed by all. An abundance of fine home-grown melons were served as refreshments, proving equal to the emergency of a surprise. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Heald, Messrs. L. D. Abbott, J. W. Peabody, B. L. Roberts, B. M. Heald, C. Woodall, O. H. England, A. Cheek, Misses Carrie Abbott, Louie Peabody, Maud Coleman, Elva Abbott, Esther Cheek, Gladys Heald, Cassie Abbott.