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The parish seat election, which was the biggest event that this parish has ever experienced in the way of an election, is now a thing of the past, but this by no means signifies that we are to have a political rest. The presidential election comes off Tuesday after next, when we will not only elect a president, but what is far more important to the people of Louisiana we will vote for or reject nineteen amendments to the constitution of the state. Every one of these amendments are worthy of the hearty support of the voters of the state, and we hope will receive it. However, there is one Amendment, the Tax Amendment, that is of especial importance to every taxpayer of the state, and should have the unqualified support of every voter who has the best interests of the masses of the people of the state at heart. By means of this amendment the property upon which the state will levy taxes for its support will be separated from that upon which the parishes and towns will levy taxes. This has the advantage of forcing a number of large corporations and concerns that have hitherto practically escaped the greater portion of the burden of taxation to bear their just proportion of the support of the state administration. It will also permit the local assessing powers to raise the value of assessable property upon which the locality levys taxes, without forcing upon them the burden of paying a greater rate of taxes to the state government, as they have been compelled to do in the past. If the Tax Amendment carries the parish of Jefferson Davis will receive from \$10,000 to \$12,000 annually more than they will receive under existing conditions, and the rate of their tax will not need be increased to produce this result; in fact it will be slightly decreased. **DON'T FAIL TO VOTE FOR THIS AMENDMENT.**

In spite of the fact that Welsh failed by a few votes of being elected the parish seat, she still remains in the CENTER of the parish, the LOGICAL PLACE for the parish seat, and with all the best town in the parish. Welsh is a live wide-awake hustling town, situated in the midst of a fertile agricultural district as can be found in Southwest Louisiana, and did not need the parish seat in order to prolong her existence, neither will she enter upon a period of business stagnation, or material decadence because she did not get it. Neither have her good people and their hundreds of good friends throughout the parish any cause to regret the fight they have made to locate the parish seat in the CENTER of the Parish instead of upon the boundary. They have fought a good clean fight and have forced the enemy to resort to every trick of coercion, intimidation, and political trickery in the catalogue, in order to locate the parish seat in Jennings, instead of the Center of the parish, the logical place for it.

It is reported that the man who cast the single vote in the Welsh box that was cast for Jennings, became so anxious to foregather with his friends in Jennings shortly after the votes were counted that he made a flying trip a foot to that town, and that he made such good speed that he overlooked the automobile bearing the Jennings watchers, although they had about half an hour the start of him. That's what you might call going some even for a Jennings supporter.

The parish seat was lost to Welsh for less than \$250.00 properly expended. Strange, isn't it? And yet it is true, as there were more than enough men registered in this voting precinct who were disqualified to vote because they had failed to pay their poll tax, to have carried Tuesday's election by a handsome majority, and they could all have qualified for less than \$250.00. Looks like there is a lesson in this don't there?

Now that the parish seat fight is settled, watch the candidates get out and hustle for office. There are lots of candidates who have been wanting to get out so bad that they could taste it, that will doubtless be calling on the "dear people" in the next few weeks. Come in Gentlemen, the water is fine, and the JOURNAL is the best medium in the parish in which to let the people know you are in the race.

Since Our neighbor on the east has assured us all the time, that if they got the Court House, they would consider they had enough at the hands of the parish, we may reasonably expect that the numerous candidates that are out for office from Jennings will now withdraw and let the candidates from the outside have the offices. Will they do it? Just watch and see.

It is estimated in Calcasieu parish, Louisiana, which has nearly one-sixth of the American rice acreage, that the light yields from the late planting will reduce the net production from ten to fifteen per cent below the August estimates. Thresher yields from the late planting have been disappointing wherever late rice has been threshed.

Study the amendments contained on the inside pages of the JOURNAL, upon which you will be called to vote, on November 5th, so that you can vote on them intelligently. They are of vital importance to every taxpayer of the state, and should be voted upon by every voter of the state.

Now that the Parish Seat Election is over the voters of the parish will have time to consider things of such minor importance as the Presidential election, the 19 amendments to be voted on November 5th, the wounding of Teddy and Graylow Trial.

It looks as though we might have a chance to test the strength of Jennings oft repeated promise that they would donate the use of their city hall for a period of TEN years to the parish FREE. We are still from Missouri, though.

Welsh received a majority in 12 of the 16 polling precincts of the parish, and in six of the nine wards but were unable to over come the heavy Jennings vote combined with the votes bought in one or two of the doubtful precincts.

A charter has been issued to the People's Rice Mill Company, of Lake Arthur, La., authorizing it to conduct a rice milling business on a capital of \$10,000.

According to the Crop Reporter, issued by the Department of Agriculture, the rice crop of 1912 is a million bushels short of that of 1910.

Excursion Train Wrecked Near Iowa Sunday Night.

A second wreck on this division of the Southern Pacific occurred near Iowa station Sunday night, when two coaches of a returning excursion train were derailed, as a result of the wooden support having been burned out of a culvert about a half mile this side of Iowa. The engine passed over the defective bridge in safety, but it seems the rails were spread so that two of the coaches were derailed, causing a wreck that took several hours to clear up. No lives were lost, and no one was seriously injured as a result of the wreck.

The Youth's Companion For 1913.

The Youth's Companion appeals to every interest of family life, from housekeeping to athletics. It begins with stories of youthful vim and vigor, with articles which disclose the secrets of successful play in the great games, with charming tales of life at the girls' colleges. But The Companion does not surrender these readers when they have entered the more serious paths of life. Mother will welcome the page for little children and the weekly doctor's article. Fathers will find the important news of the day as it is, and not as it is rumored to be. The entire household will appreciate the sketches which touch gently on common foibles or caricature eccentricity. In short, for less than four cents a week, The Companion brings into the home clean entertainment, pure inspiration, fine ideals increase of knowledge.

Names rarely seen in tables of contents will be found in The Companion's Announcement for 1913, which will be sent upon request—with samples of the paper, to those not familiar with it.

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Semi-Annual Session of the Louisiana Presbytery Will Convene in Welsh, October 29th.

The Presbytery of Louisiana will hold its regular fall meeting in the Welsh Presbyterian Church, beginning next Tuesday, Oct. 29, at 7:30 p. m.

Business sessions will be held in the mornings and afternoons of each day. Preaching services in the evening at 7:30 daily.

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