

The Rice Belt Journal.

Official Journal of the Police Jury of Jefferson Davis Parish

Official Journal of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Welsh

VOLUME XVI.

WELSH, JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH, LOUISIANA, FRIDAY, JUNE 4, 1915.

NUMBER 1

CHICKEN THIEF CAUGHT

Marshall Fontenot made a raid on the chicken thieves one day the latter of last week. While passing through the quarters on a call Dr. Cooper discovered one of his nice chickens in a yard down there whereupon he notified the marshal to that effect and in company with him proceeded to the scene. The darkey, Manson White, in whose yard the chicken was found was unable to give a satisfactory explanation of title under which he claimed the ownership and possession of the said chicken, or even how it came to be on his premises and so he was brought before Judge Lognon on a charge of larceny and was committed to jail.

Incidentally while searching about these premises for chickens the marshal discovered a lot of fresh cleaned rice in one part of the house occupied by another darkey. Mr. Bloch up at the rice mill has been missing quite a lot of rice from time to time and when this discovery was made known to him he immediately conceived the idea that this formed a workable clue to the whereabouts of some of his absent rice, and so in company with the marshal he proceeded to the scene. The darkey, Lyne White, who occupied these premises saw the two men approaching his house and in the limited time he had at his disposal he began putting ideas together with the result that his line of reasoning rapidly reduced itself to a conviction that the further away he could get in the shortest possible time why the better and he promptly suited his conduct to this thought and all that Messrs. Fontenot and Bloch could see was a vanishing cloud of dust down the distant highway.

JOE REED ARRESTED.

Marshall Fontenot arrested Joe Reed in town here yesterday morning and carried him to Jennings where he was lodged in jail. It is charged that Reed interfered with domestic relations in the home of Joe Lognon in the northern part of the parish. Wednesday he and Lognon's wife eloped and stayed on a place north of town that night. He left the woman above town and came on down into town to get a check cashed. While he was here engaged in that undertaking Marshall Fontenot arrested him. Reed has been around in the northern part of the parish for some time.

Mad at Paint

A gallon for paint is about \$2.50 the average job, and lots of men had had last year for that; but they reckon: they got mad: wouldn't it.

There are times to get mad and reason to pay; but when one's property is being protected is no time to get mad and not paint.

Besides, it costs more to get mad and wait than to paint.

Nothing mad doesn't do any good to your property; paint does it good by keeping out water: no water no rot; no rot, some water and rot: and a little more than enough to make a liberal towards his painter and not.

Paint costs not a cent. All the paint in the world, so long as it keeps out water, costs not a cent.

DEVOTE

Lumber Co. sells it.

Watch and Clock and Jewelry repairing See J. M. Soniat at The Tailor Shop.

TEACHERS ELECTED BY PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

The Parish School Board met in Jennings Monday and elected teachers for the various schools of the parish for the session of 1915-16.

The following is a list of those elected for the High Schools which is incomplete and will be filled in later by the board.

Jennings—Prof. J. L. Anderson Miss Amy B. Hutts, Mrs. Wise. Misses Cora Miller, Audrey Wiggins, Kate Funk, Marion McDowell, Blanche Coffin. Cleo Coffin, Katherine Veid.

LaLake Arthur—Prof. E. A. Crowell, Kate E. Perkins, Flora Herold, Nannie Stevens, Grace Childress, Lucy Ledeaux, Sara Thompson, Lizzie McCall, Minnie Willie.

Welsh—Prof. I. R. Aylesworth, A. H. S. Trappey, Misses Duncan McMahon, McLees, Wetzell, McDowell and Elsie Reeve.

Woodlawn—May Jones, Stella Tuttle, Mildred Montgomery, Annie Lawrence.

VINCENT-FINDLEY

On Tuesday evening, June 1st, at six thirty o'clock, as the setting sun was gilding earth and sky with its softened tints, a very pretty wedding took place in Iowa, La.

Miss Alice Margaret Findley, and Mr. William Samuel Vincent were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents; only the immediate relatives of the contracting parties being present. Rev. J. A. Carruth of Lake Charles officiated.

The bridal party took their places in front of a bower of white and green, to the strains of Lohengrin's "Bridal Chorus," played by Mrs. J. J. Vincent, sister of the bride.

The ring ceremony was used, and Nellie May, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wilcox of Lake Charles, was ring bearer, carrying the ring in a half blown magnolia bud. With grace and dignity the little maiden did well her part.

The bride's costume was a becoming gown of ivory messaline and oriental lace. The shower bouquet was of ferns, cape jasmine and magnolia buds.

The groom was dressed in conventional black.

The color scheme of decoration was white and green; the flowers were cape jasmine, and magnolia with ferns.

Refreshments were served in two courses, Mrs. H. I. Longenbach presiding at the punch bowl.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Findley, a young lady of rare worth, whose modest and refined manner won for her many friends. With the exception of three years away attending school Mrs. Vincent has grown to womanhood in Calcasieu Parish.

The groom is a young man of fine business qualifications, and irreproachable character. He is the youngest son of Mr. J. J. Vincent Sr.

Many presents, both beautiful and useful, were bestowed upon the happy couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent left overland for Lake Charles, and will be at home after June tenth at the Vincent homestead by the Calcasieu river, south of Lake Charles.

Drop in at Murphy's and see the new line of Racket goods just received.

WELSH GARAGE CHANGES HANDS.

An important transfer took place this week of interest. Messrs. Bacon & Buckingham have sold out their interest in the Welsh Garage. The purchasers are: Messrs. F. B. Dennett, Jesse Buckingham and L. E. Robinson. Messrs. Dennett and Buckingham will both be in the garage and Mr. Stuart Robinson will assist in the management of the new concern.

Mr. Bacon, the only member of the old company who retires has not decided just what he will do yet. He expects to go out west however for the summer and recuperate his health and next winter or spring return to Welsh and enter some line of business.

NEW OIL WELL BROUGHT IN.

Mr. John W. Carrodine brought in another good oil well in the Welsh Field Wednesday afternoon. The well was brought in at a depth of about 1350 feet and is located on a lease from the Gulf Coast Oil Co.

The initial output of the well was a little over 100 barrels per day which has of increased considerably. This is considered a good paying well at this shallow depth and will serve to increase still more the activity in this field.

See the Lake Breeze Motor Fan at Welsh Bakery & Grocery.

Notice To Telephone Patrons.

The Planters' Telephone Company will issue a new Directory within a few days and requests that its patrons who wish corrections or changes made in their listing call Tel. No. 85 at once. PLANTERS, TELEPHONE CO., Inc. W. C. Peters, Mgr.

A Surprise

Last Tuesday night the enrolled members of the Anti Kant class of the Methodist Sunday School, accompanied by their matrimonial partners, in all to the number about fifty met at the home of Mrs. Nellie Scoggins from which place, at an appointed hour they proceeded to the parsonage to surprise Rev. and Mrs. Webb. The occasion being the tenth wedding anniversary of the pastor and his wife, who knew nothing of the plans till they heard the soft strains of the familiar hymn, "Tell me more about Jesus," as it was sung by the happy throng as they crossed the lawn of the parsonage.

The evening was delightfully spent enjoying the various entertainments provided for the occasion, after which were served light refreshments of cream and cake.

Surprise Party

Misses Lillian Hebert and Marybelle McAffry entertained a few of their friends at a nice little surprise party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hall Friday evening from 8:30 to 10:30.

Various games were played and music furnished by several present, after which dainty refreshments of fruit punch and cake were served.

Those present were: Ella Hebert, Gertie Robin, Lena Bates, Lillian Carroll, Mary Yantis, Marybelle McAffry, Lillian Hebert, Miss McLees, Miss Durio, Dr. Martin, Ben Goldsmith, Richie Mason, Raymond Abel, Wilbur Hebert and Mr. Maund.

Neuralgia Pains Stopped.

You don't need to suffer those agonizing nerve pains in the face, head, arm, shoulders, chest and back. Just apply a few drops of soothing Sloan's Liniment; lie quietly a few minutes. You will get such relief and comfort! Life and the world will look brighter. Get a bottle today. 3 ounces for 25c, at all druggists. Penetrates without rubbing.—Adv. No. 1

MASS MEETING

There will be a mass meeting at the Town Hall next Wednesday evening, June 9th, at 7:30. The object of the meeting will be to discuss and lay out plans for a Fourth of July celebration. Everybody interested in the matter come out and join in the project. W. B. GABBERT.

WM. F. TIETJE ON THE BOND ISSUE.

If given my choice to create a subject of great interest alike to city and country, I believe I would choose the subject of Good Roads.

In the choice of this subject I would not be actuated, at least not primarily so, by the material gain which would come to the parish of Jefferson Davis as a result of the net work of graveled highways, such as is being outlined by the good road commission created by the Police Jury of Jefferson Davis Parish.

My first and all absorbing reason in making my plea to the people of this parish, asking their support and cooperation in a Parishwide movement for good roads is to eliminate isolated neighborhood conditions, for it is ever under such environments that we foster narrow sectional thought and opinions, retard progress and spell death to the fraternal spirit which would leap beyond the boundary lines of self-interest.

It is of the most fundamental importance that Jefferson Davis Parish should think together. Should think and act ultimately as a whole being ever alert to the fact that in as much as we fail in this principle must we appear as a whitened Sepulchre, beautiful perhaps in part, yet the manifest decay giving the lie to the claim of prosperity.

Now it is not my aim to charge any particular neighborhood, section or city with this narrow sectional spirit, for I fear if called upon to appear before a tribunal of Justice we would all have to plead guilty, but I would through this system of good roads introduce an agency, making it impossible for such conditions to breed, for good roads eliminate distance and the elimination of distance makes possible the social intercourse of the people of the Parish as a whole and experience gives ample proof that when men touch shoulders and have an intelligent understanding of one another's needs there will be little difficulty getting unanimous action to succor the need of the hour.

However, somebody says talk is cheap, but it takes money to build roads and keep them in repair.

Granted.—Says a divine writer, THE Liberal Soul Shall Be Made Fat. And it is no doubt a fact that men everywhere are made to cry hard times because they keep their hands closed with a clamlike grip to the need of the hour until even almighty God can't fill them for the inevitable laws governing loss and gain is comprehended in this principle: Except a grain of wheat fall in the ground and DIE it abides alone hence it is in the favorable attitude toward this bond issue that the people of Jefferson Davis Parish serve their best interest, bringing new life and activities to the business interest of the Parish and set in motion individual effort, building good dirt roads to connect with these gravel highways.

But even it viewed from the narrow angle of self interest this bond issue making possible the building of about 130 miles of gravel road, not counting bridges, would still be a profitable investment. For every Ward is carrying an additional five mill road tax. Said taxes would cover the five mill taxes under a bond issue eliminating 130 miles of dirt roads, leaving the regular road taxes for the upkeep of dirt roads, the only additional burden to the parish that this system of roads in the near future would call for, would be a possible 1-2 mill tax for upkeep and bridging, giving this parish roads such as she has never enjoyed heretofore.

And last and by no means least the people of our parish set in the event that this bond issue carries are willing

WELSH HIGH SCHOOL CLOSES GOOD SESSION

The 1914-15 session of school will come to a close to night with a concert at the auditorium. The closing exercises began last night with a play at the auditorium by pupils of the school. A splendid audience greeted the presentation of the play which was entitled "Hunkers' Corners"

To night the primary grades will present "A Fairy Consiracy" which will be followed by the presentation of the seventh grade certificates by Supt. Arnette.

There is no graduating class this year on account of the absence of a tenth grade last year in the school.

The last year has been a very successful year for the school and the Welsh school ranks very high among the best high schools in the state.

Prof. Aylesworth, the principal is a man of unusual attainments and is recognized as one of the best high school men in the state. He has been re-elected for another year. He has been supported by an able corps of assistants and it is probable that the board will be able to retain the entire body.

RESOLUTION AT MASS MEETING IN JENNINGS.

The Citizens of Jennings held a mass meeting on May 31st and adopted the following Resolution which is self explanatory:

Resolved, That improved highways and drainage is of paramount importance to any other public improvements for Jefferson Davis Parish and in order not to burden the people with excessive taxation it is also further,

Resolved, That action be postponed for a term of not less than five years looking to the erection of a new Court House, and that we pledge ourselves over our own signatures not to ask for such a building, provided the proposed bond issue to be voted on July 27th, 1915 is carried favoring the issue. And, whereas, the present Court Room now used and donated by the Town of Jennings can be used for several years more as per agreement and without expense to the Parish.

Therefore, be it further resolved, that we favor a liberal agreement with the Parish authorities for a continuation in the use of the buildings occupied by parish officials and equipments thereto belonging.

In the spirit of wanting the greatest good to the greatest number of our Parish Citizens, we subscribe hereto our names:

Geo. Hathaway, W. S. Shelton, John Gamble, C. E. Daughenbaugh, Theo. Kahn, C. D. Andrus, M. C. Holt, G. H. Rankin, L. L. Gilbert, L. T. Moss, R. M. Carter, J. F. Hervey, C. J. Nohe, L. B. Ford, L. L. Richard, A. C. Brainerd, B. A. Tabor, Martin Walters, R. M. Cole, Ed. Morris, Edw. C. Hart, Fred J. Gimbel, F. N. Liffen, Morgan Smith, M. D., H. F. Clark, S. F. Shear, L. O. Jackson, Wm. Worrel, F. Huber, J. E. Parsons, Adam Esterly, E. E. Butson, Aaron Longanecker, G. P. Randolph, D. W. Rankin, J. H. Unroe, Wm. Williams, Nicholas Keller, J. G. Richard, D. S. Castille, Wade H. Roberts, J. H. Heinen, J. O. Modisette, W. H. Adams, Tony Truxillo, J. A. Harper, A. O. Eastman, Fred I. Getty, J. P. Black, J. Mahaffey, F. B. Caffall, W. Z. Richhart, John McHugh, Marius Fuselier, Lloyd R. Deputy, J. D. VanGundy, P. H. Hoag, H. R. Proctor, W. J. Liddle, L. Crowl, W. E. Gorham, I. Fontenot, B. D. Igenfritz, H. H. Nordyke, P. H. Hosea, J. R. Mouton, C. J. Montague, W. A. Eishelberger, H. L. Boudreaux, H. L. Davis, D. O. Keilman and Earl Stewart.

of a new court house for at least five years and if the writer is correctly informed make us a preset of the office rooms now in use free gratis.

W. F. Tietje, President of Good Roads Commission.

SOUTHWESTERN REFLECTIONS

Nature has indicated by the profusion of forage crops that can be produced in Southwest Louisiana and by our mild and equable climate, that live stock production is the one industry which may be produced here at greatest profit. Indeed many ample fortunes have been made simply by permitting the cattle to grow up on the wild ranges without an ounce of other food from the day of birth until brought to market.

How much more important the industry will become when it shall be conducted upon a scientific basis—when cattle tick and charbon shall be eradicated, when highbred cattle shall take the place of "scrubs" and silos shall be as conspicuous by their abundance as they are now by their absence:

This leads up to the subject of silage, for many silos have been constructed already in southwest Louisiana and the number is growing continually. Corn, soy beans, sorghum, sugar cane tops, etc. furnish cheap and excellent material with which to fill silos; and as the season is rapidly advancing, no time should be lost by those farmers who may be planning to have an abundance of succulent food for their cattle next winter.

It is coming more and more to be understood that the farms of Southwest Louisiana can be put to no more profitable use than to that of producing fat butcher and dairy stock, and the sooner we get into that line of work the sooner will the prosperity of this section be placed upon an enduring basis. In an important sense the live stock industry is a manufacturing industry, inasmuch as through that means the rough provender and other raw material produced upon the farm are converted into toothsome steaks, chops, hams, bacon and many other etceteras.

"But" whines the inevitable objector, "we have no packing-houses, and until we have them, what shall we do with our cattle and hogs after we raise them? Everywhere we find the man who would put the cart before the horse. Enterprise is blocked and investments discouraged because every time a building is suggested some man is sure to bob up who insists that the roof should be constructed before the foundations have been laid. We have no more use for a packing-house in Southwest Louisiana at this time than a dog has use for another tail. If some one should be foolish enough to put one up how it would use up all the available cattle supply within ten days.

When we get live-stock sufficient to justify a packing-house no difficulty will be found in getting one. In the meantime, there is a large and increasing demand which is presently supplied from Kansas City and other western packing houses and dairy products and after we have done that we can profitably ship our surplus cattle to Fort Worth, St. Louis and Kansas, until production becomes sufficient to justify a packing plant.

After the industry shall be firmly established and our production shall justify it we may take up the subject of establishing packing houses with assurance of successfully putting such enterprises over.