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NAGGING THE RAILROADS

Charles American Press:
The state railroad commission held an "important" meeting in New Orleans this week. Representatives of railroad labor organizations were present, and passenger department officials were on hand from all parts of the state representing all of the different railroads. The burning question before the commission was whether the railroads should be allowed to charge an extra dime when a passenger is too indifferent to reach a railroad station on time to buy a ticket, or when he hopes by not buying a ticket to find some method of depriving the railroad of its full pay for carrying him.

There are two outstanding facts in regard to this extra charge for carelessness. One is that nobody is obliged to buy a ticket. The other is that the railroads do not want the revenue gained in this manner. They would much prefer for everybody to have a ticket before entering the train.

It is not hard to understand why the railroads desire to enforce the ticket buying rule. The only method by which a railroad may be assured that it is receiving all of the passenger revenues it earns is by having the money pass through the hands of the ticket buyers. The conductors are as honest and scrupulous as men in other responsible positions; but they have enough responsibility and work in caring for their trains without having the added job of collecting cash fares, giving receipts and making change, liable in their hurry to make mistakes for which they will be obliged to stand up. Testifying before the commission, one conductor said that it would take three times as long to go through the ticket buying rule as it would if the ticket buying rule was not enforced. With the long trains now run, the conductor should not have obstacles placed in the way of prompt attention to his work.

Neither is it possible for the railroad to know that every conductor in its employ is honest. It cannot take the ordinary precautions that business men take against dishonesty, and its only recourse is to institute a system of espionage, humiliating to its employees, all of whom may be men of integrity, and disagreeable to the patrons of the railroad. The employment of separate ticket collectors increases the expense of the service without increasing the revenue.

Now, who are those upon whom the charge for paying cash fare falls? The man who is habitually late for trains and makes them "on the jump"; the man who dislikes taking the trouble to go to the ticket window to obtain his ticket, or the man who hopes

to tempt some employ of the road to be dishonest. We hear tales of ticket agents who are not at their posts, just as we hear of surly and unaccommodating ticket agent—but seldom see them. We venture the assertion that it is very rare that a man is unable to buy a ticket in time to catch his train, and even these contingencies may be safeguarded.

The railroads of Louisiana, as well as those of the entire country, are having a hard enough time now, without Louisiana people adding to their burdens by "nagging" over what are trifles to the patrons, but necessary precautions to the railroad itself. Railroad commissions are constantly edging in on their sources of revenue, while their patrons are demanding better service, and their employes better wages. This resulted, in 1915, in the building of less than a thousand miles of new track in the entire United States—the smallest addition to the mileage since 1864.

Men are not going to put their money into enterprises which are subject to continual attack by public bodies, and the railroads have been the victims of unceasing and sometimes senseless warfare for so long that those who have money prefer other investments. We need more railroads and better service in Louisiana, and to make railroad officials drop their work and rush off to hold a two or three days meeting whenever some indifferent or unpunctual man is fined ten cents for not having a ticket presents itself to us as a poor way to get more railroads and better service.

Hebert-Hebert Nuptials.

Monday afternoon Feb. 28th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alcide Hebert six miles south of Welsh occurred the marriage of Miss Odele Hebert to Mr. Avery Hebert of Abbeville, Rev. J. P. Ferret officiating. After the ceremony and congratulations refreshments were served and the happy couple departed for Abbeville where a big reception awaited them. They will spend some time visiting the groom's parents Mr. and Mrs. Octave Hebert and other relatives, after which they will go to Orange, Texas, where Mr. Hebert holds a position with the Orange Rice Milling Co.

Birthday Party.

Last Saturday about fifty little girls gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Hebert to help their daughter Florence celebrate her sixth birthday. Little girl games and amusements were indulged throughout the afternoon and refreshments of home-made candies, popcorn balls and cakes were served. The little girls wished Florence many happy birthday returns.

DEMOCRATIC NOMINATIONS IN SECOND PRIMARY

Only two wards in Jefferson Davis Parish required a second primary to select the democratic candidates before the coming election, but in these two wards the vote was warmly contested.

In ward seven the contest for Police Juror resulted in the election, by a majority of 3 over the present incumbent, Mr. F. A. Arceneaux, battle-scarred veteran of many primaries, over Mr. A. E. Bourgeois.

In ward eight the battle for the office of constable resulted in the election of Mr. Adam LeBlanc by a majority of 18 votes over Mr. Ben Verrett.

Calcasieu Parish.

Returns from all but three small precincts in Tuesday's primary indicate that S. M. Lyons J. Orton Stewart, W. L. Fisher and W. C. Braden are winners, the total vote cast being 3070, or 200 less than in the first primary.

For city judge W. C. Braden carried every ward over W. H. Haskell, the incumbent, the total vote being 349 to 593.

J. Orton Stewart, 22-year-old candidate for the legislature, defeated E. F. Gayle, the vote being 1807 to 1170. Stewart carried every city ward and all but three boxes in the parish.

S. M. Lyons has a vote of 1572 for S. P. Wetherill. Wetherill led until the Sulphur box came in, the last big one to report. It gave Lyons 405 and Wetherill 59.

W. L. Fisher, candidate for re-election as coroner, polled 1562 votes and E. L. Clements 1415 votes.

In ward two Paul V. Lorrian defeated J. R. Jones, the present member of the police jury, by a majority of 36 votes.

Acadia Parish.

Louis Fontenot was renominated for sheriff of this parish over J. A. Barousse in the second democratic primary Tuesday in one of the closest elections ever held in the parish. His majority was thirty votes. The vote was Fontenot, 1756; Barousse, 1726.

Allen Parish.

Dr. K. E. Oden defeated Y. O. Reed for sheriff of Allen parish by a majority of 200 C. H. Love won over Dick Powell for representative. David Cole was re-elected assessor.

Fontenot-Seale.

Last Wednesday evening at the home of Deputy Sheriff and Mrs. Isaac Fontenot in Jennings occurred the wedding of their daughter Alma to Mr. L. G. Seale of New Orleans.

The ceremony was a beautiful affair conducted by the Rev. Fathers Either and Paroe, Miss Inez Arceneaux played the wedding march and Mesdames A. J. Benoit and J. R. Romero sang "I Love You Truly."

The bride, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Fontenot, grew to womanhood here in Welsh where she was one of the most popular of the younger set and only moved to Jennings about two years ago when her father was appointed to the office of Deputy Sheriff. She has many friends here whom the Journal joins in wishing the couple a long and happy life.

Mr. Seale is a prosperous business man of ability and splendid habits.

Among those who attended the wedding from Welsh were Mesdames P. Fontenot, F. A. Arceneaux; Messrs. and Mesdames A. J. Benoit, J. R. Romero, A. L. Fontenot, A. G. Fontenot, Raymond Fontenot; Misses Rena and Inez Arceneaux and Pearl Fontenot; Messrs. J. B. and A. J. Fontenot and Mr. Percy Barnes of Lake Charles.

If elected to the office of Sheriff I will run the office in a business-like manner, and not as a family affair, having made no promises or pledges to any person or faction. I will fulfill my duties as Sheriff and protect the interests of the people to the best of my ability and will enforce all of the laws regardless of faction or friendship.

Respectfully,
ISAAC FONTENOT.

Eggs from my prize winning Reds, \$2.00 per fifteen. G. R. Boling.

TEMPERANCE RALLY DAY FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

In Jefferson Davis Parish is Set For Friday, March 10th.

Sometime ago the school board of this parish together with Supt. Arnette at a regular business meeting, passed resolutions without one dissenting voice whereby a day was set apart for the observance of temperance in all public schools to be known as Temperance Rally Day. In as much as this action was taken at the suggestion of the Parish W. C. T. U. to that body of women was given the pleasure of designating the date and they have selected the second Friday in March which this year is the 10th.

Jefferson Davis has the distinction of being the first parish in the state to have a day authorized by its school board for special Scientific Temperance Instruction in her public schools and it is hoped that parents, teachers and pupils will unite and make the observance of this day so entertaining and successful that other parishes will soon follow the good example. It is expected that each school will give a specially prepared program on that day and where possible in the evening that every one may have an opportunity to enjoy it.

CHARBON VACCINATION

To the Liver Stock Owners of the State:

Due to the prevalence of charbon last year, in various sections of the state, this board earnestly advises early inoculation or vaccination this season on the part of the live stock owners in order to anticipate a re-occurrence of the infection and for the purpose of having their stock protected in ample time before the advent of warm weather, which is the charbon season.

In accord with Federal regulations, supervising the manufacture and distribution of biological products, this particular vaccine should bear a date of expiration not to exceed three months which will insure a better and more potent material, consequently more satisfactory results, this season.

Past experience has taught that best results are obtained when animals are vaccinated against charbon early in the spring so as to allow thirty days in which to secure protection before the season approaches, when charbon infection usually develops.

The state live stock sanitary board strongly urges, therefore, that, in those sections of the state in which charbon infection has been known to exist in previous years, vaccination of animals should be commenced not later than March 1st. That is, the first dose, of a double dose vaccine, should be given at that time.

If stock owners will give this matter their careful attention, it will increase the number of protected animals at the beginning of the charbon season, and materially limit the spread of the disease. Should the coming summer prove favorable to the development of charbon infection.

Louisiana State Live Stock Sanitary Board.

DR. E. PEGRAM FLOWER,
Secretary Executive Officer.

Social Dance a Financial Success.

The social and dance given by the Catholic ladies at their hall Wednesday night was a decided success financially and from point of entertainment. The music, dancing and refreshments were enjoyed by a large crowd. The affair netted the ladies about \$50, with gross receipts of \$75.

Ladies' Aid Society.

The Ladies' Aid met last Friday Feb. 25th at the home of Mrs. Nellie Scoggins. The meeting was called to order by the President who read a chapter from James which was followed by prayer and singing. "What a Friend we have in Jesus." Twenty members responded to the word Hope. Three visitors were present. Membership committee reported one new member. The response word for next meeting is "Truth."

Some times was then taken in transacting business pertaining to the society, after which they adjourned to meet with Mrs. Reeve March 10th.

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Candidate for Sheriff AT THE AUDITORIUM

FRIDAY, MARCH 10TH



Solicits Your Support

To the People of Jefferson Davis Parish:

I promise and pledge you in the event of my election to devote my every effort and all my time, that the affairs of this office may be conducted in a clean, honest and efficient manner.

As a public servant it shall be my care that the administration of the office of Sheriff shall be entirely unbiased, and to the interest of ALL the people of the Parish.

Sincerely yours,
ALFRED J. BOURGEOIS.

The third number of the Welsh high school lyceum course will be given Friday night, March 10th in connection with the regular program of the Welsh Motion Picture Company for that night.

This number of the lyceum course, the Morphets, is a refined exhibition of the most mystifying flats in magic, illusion and ventriloquism; vocal solos and instrumental solos on a number of novel instruments such as the Octavine, Hosophone, musical coins, hand bells, etc. There is just the right touch of refined comedy to make the entertainment highly enjoyable.

The picture program will be a four reel Paramount feature "What a Woman Will Do," and one of those popular scenic American travelogues of one reel.

This combined entertainment will be furnished to holders of season tickets for the lyceum course without any extra cost.

The single admission will be 20 cents for children and 50 cents for adults. Tickets on sale March 8th at Cooper Drug Store. The entire proceeds of the entertainment will be given to the Welsh high school.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Ladies of Welsh and Vicinity are

Cordially Invited to Attend my

Grand Millinery Opening

March 17th and 18th

The Elaborate Showing in New and Nobly

Millinery will be of interest to

all the Ladies

Mrs. W. T. McAffrey, The Ladies' Bazaar

AUDITORIUM

Friday, Mar. 10

Welsh High School
Lyceum Course

THE MORPHETS

MASTERS OF MIRTH
MELODY AND MUSIC

Together with

Paramount Pictures

5 REELS 5

"What a Woman Will Do"

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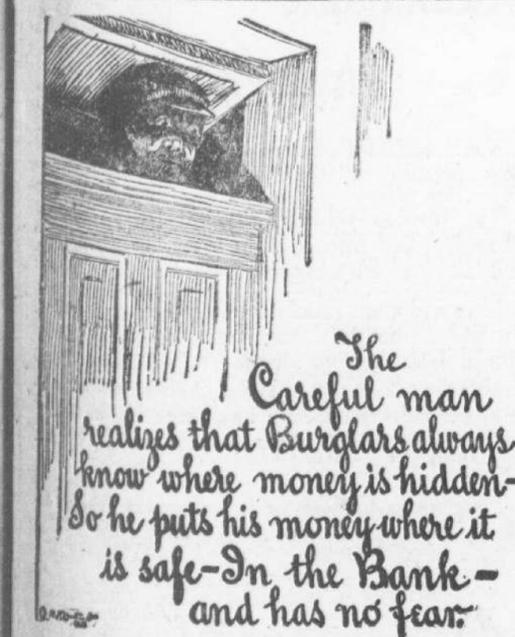
South American Travelogue

Proceeds for Benefit of
the Welsh High School

7:30 Sharp :- Come Early

Tickets on sale at Cooper Drug Co.,

Wednesday, March 8th.



The Careful man realizes that Burglars always know where money is hidden—So he puts his money where it is safe—In the Bank—and has no fear.

More than one-half the money in the United States is not in the banks. Nearly every paper you pick up tells how someone has been robbed.

Where is your money? Is it safe in our bank or unsafe in your house or pocket?

It is "dangerous" to carry money or hide it. A burglar may kill you. That's his business.

Quit being careless and bank your money.

BANK WITH US

Calcasieu Trust and Savings Bank.