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MEETING OF THE WELSH CIVIC LEAGUE

The Welsh Civic League met in regular session at the home of Mrs. Chas. Stewart. The members responded to roll call. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Only two committees supplied reports. Membership committee submits the following report for the month ending Nov. 3, 1916: 1916 dues collected \$3.60 Rena S. Cooper, Chairman. Cleanup committee reported having collected \$3.00. The treasurer being under quarantine, telephoned the league has \$29.79 in treasury. Moved and accepted the reports be accepted. The special committee in regard to flower culture among the school children, reported having met Prof. Pierce and he is in favor of the flower contest and asks committee to meet

with the teachers Monday evening to ask their co-operation. Moved and unanimously carried that a delegate be appointed to attend the State Federation. Mrs. Aylesworth, delegate. Mrs. Terry, alternate. Moved and carried we meet the first Friday in December at 2 o'clock with Mrs. LaCour to hear the delegate's report and for election of officers. NETTIE WILLARD, Sec'y. NORA A. GRAY, President.

NOT BIRDS OF A FEATHER.

The wife of a Methodist minister in West Virginia has been married three times, says the Vallen Enterprise. Her maiden name was Partridge, her first husband was named Robins, her second husband Sparrow, the present Quale. There are now two young robins, one sparrow and three quails in the family. One grand father was a Swan and another a Jay, but he's dead now and a bird of Paradise. They live on Hawk avenue, Englewood, Canary Island, and the fellow who wrote this is a Lyre and a relative of the family.—Ex.



PRESIDENT WILSON AND VICE PRESIDENT MARSHALL.

WILSON'S RE-ELECTION IS CONCEDED BY REPUBLICANS

That President Wilson has carried California, thus giving him the thirteen votes necessary to assure his re-election, is conceded by the republican headquarters, according to late reports this morning.

The California returns showed that with only 48 districts yet to be heard from president Wilson's plurality in the state was 2970.

Wilson now has a total of 269 electoral votes, Hughes 235, with 27 doubtful.

Anxious waiting since Tuesday evening has filled the bosoms of the supporters of the two leading political factions with many emotions, early reports from eastern states led Hughes supporters to the belief that he was safely elected. All day Wednesday the smile lingered but late in the day was stricken with pallor, finally disappearing. No one will begrudge these worthy patriots their one happy moment in eight years.

LOUISIANA STATE FAIR THE BIGGEST AND BEST

"The biggest and best ever," was the comment of Parish Agent H. C. Fondren, who returned Monday afternoon from the State Fair at Shreveport. The agricultural hall which has been enlarged by an addition of about 4,000 square feet floor space, was filled to the doors with every variety of farm products, the quantity and quality of which would make Ceres green with envy. Mr. Fondren visited the Texas State Fair at Dallas two weeks ago and says that Louisiana has already passed that state in her exhibition of farm products as well as boys and girls' industrial club work.

Every available space in the big beef and dairy barns was taken and a good number of cattle was being housed under tents and other improvised barn room. A large swine barn recently erected along side of the original hog barn for the purpose of accommodating the swine from the pig clubs, was filled to its capacity, the quality of which may be attested by the fact that little Robert Reid of Tallulah, La., won six blue ribbons over the best swine breeders of Louisiana, Texas and Mississippi. Many sale of dairy and beef cattle were recorded, the most noticeable of which was the purchase by P. H. and A. A. Hoag and Del Marshall of nine head of pure bred Red Polled cattle from the famous Knight Bros, herd, of Caspians, Okla., and which brings to Jefferson Davis parish the first high class herd of this well known dual purpose strain of cattle. This marks the fifth entry into the big registered beef type breeding in Jefferson Davis parish, and augurs well for the future of this parish as a producer of beef stock. Mr. Fondren says he met up with 28 people at the fair from Jefferson Davis and there were doubtless others, as the crowd was such that one could easily spend a day there without seeing all the visitors from your home parish. The attendance on Saturday was about 25,000, while Sunday brought nearly 30,000 visitors to the fair. The state fair has made a big advance this year in every department and with a continuance of such growth every building on the grounds will have to be enlarged or rebuilt to accommodate the exhibitors.

JENNINGS WOULD HEAR STEAMBOATS WHISTLE

That Jennings will soon have steam boats anchoring within her corporate limits now seems assured. At the regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Monday night the question of constructing a canal from the Mermentau river to a point inside the corporation lines of the city was discussed and a committee of three, T. C. Mahaffey, John Gamble and G. B. Zigler was appointed to secure an estimate of the cost and report the result at a special meeting next Monday. Mr. Mahaffey gave as his opinion that Jennings could be made a river port at very small cost.

Other questions of interest were discussed. The various committees are at work and good results for Jennings and Jefferson Davis parish are expected from their efforts.

The commercial committee reported plans for celebrating a Thanksgiving Trade Day on the Saturday preceding Thanksgiving, the total expense of conducting this celebration to be met by the merchants. The movement was approved by a unanimous vote of members present.

The Good Roads committee and the civic committee are considering planting a row of palms on either side of the main highway now in course of construction through the parish from the Mermentau river to the Calcasieu parish line, to conform to the plans contemplated by the Jefferson Highway association, which is to line the highway with palms from New Orleans to California.

LATEST ELECTION RETURNS

New York, Nov. 10.—President Wilson and Vice President Marshall have been re-elected President and Vice President of the United States. This became certain late yesterday afternoon when returns from California placed the Gold State in the democratic column. Minnesota is still in doubt. If it goes for the president it will only swell his plurality. If it goes for Hughes it cannot change the result. Revised figures show Wilson and Marshall, 276; Hughes and Fairbanks, 243. Minnesota still in doubt with 12 electoral votes.

—Fourteen Rhode Island Cockerels for sale at \$2.00—G. R. Boling, Welsh, La.

BOOZE GETS BIG MAJORITY FOR MEMBER SCHOOL BD.

The election last Tuesday developed a considerable interest in the two precincts of Ward Six, in Welsh and Roanoke, due to the late announcement of opposition to the regular nominee for member of the parish school board. A few days before the election the insurrectionists brought out Mr. J. W. Narans in opposition to Mr. J. M. Booze for member of the school board, thereby injecting a little local interest into an election that would otherwise have been very tame.

The Welsh precinct gave Mr. Booze 94 votes and Mr. Narans 17; Roanoke precinct, Booze 19, Narans 9; a total in the ward for Mr. Booze 113, Narans 26.

In the Welsh box there were 81 spoiled ballots and at Roanoke 30. This was due to an unusual splitting of ballots and to the fact that the voters had not enlightened themselves as to the new election laws, a promiscuous use of the lead pencil having spoiled the majority of them.

There never was an election held here wherein the commissioners adhered more closely to the letter of the law.

Two hundred and two votes were polled in this precinct; 78 stamped the head of the democratic ticket, voting for Wilson and Marshall, while 93 voted for the democratic electors. Hughes and Fairbanks received 8 votes, 23 voting for the republican electors. John M. Parker did not receive a single vote in this precinct, a very peculiar incident considering the hearty support accorded him by the voters of this precinct a few months ago. Three socialist votes were cast, but two of them were spoiled.

LAFAYETTE WILL VOTE ON GOOD ROAD BONDS

The promoters of the latest idea in good roads for Lafayette—that of doing away forever with the present dirt roads by covering them with a thick, firm layer of gravel—called on the police jury Thursday afternoon while the body was in regular monthly session, and as a result the jurors agreed to meet again in the 11th of this month and act on the matter of calling an election for a special tax to pay for the work.

There is every indication that the proposition will be pushed with the characteristic energy of Lafayette boosters. No sooner was the news of the movement given out Thursday, as it appeared in yesterday morning's issue of the Press, than the first step was taken to submit it to the people.

From what can be gathered by the Press in conversation with citizens from various sections of the parish, it seems certain that the idea of building permanent roads all over the parish is acceptable generally and that the proposed tax of five mills for twenty years will be voted.

When the police jury issues the call for the election, as no doubt that body will, the promoters of the idea will wage a campaign for the tax in every ward; but, as said before, the sentiment of the people seems to be so markedly in favor of the proposition that a campaign will not be much needed.—Lafayette Press.

GILSON PLAYERS AT THE AUDITORIUM

Thursday, November 16, the Leon Gilson Players will open at the Auditorium for a three nights' engagement, presenting a repertoire of Broadway's latest successes, with the great emotional actress Miss Blanche Hazleton in the leading role, supported by William Winterhoff, and an all star cast. On the opening night this company will present E. P. Roe's famous novel, "Barriers Burned Away." The play is built around the great Chicago fire and although the fire made paupers out of thousands, it brought two loving hearts together.

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NOTICE.

My attention has been called to a report that has gained some credence to the effect that I am a relative of Prof. Arnold Pearce, the principal of the Welsh high school. This report is an error as applying to myself and also as it applies to Supt. W. P. Arnette. Neither of us are in any way related to the professor, although we would feel very highly complimented if such were the case. We simply want the public to be correctly informed as to the facts. J. M. BOOZE.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION NOVEMBER 15TH.

On account of conflicting date the District No. 1 Sunday School Convention which was announced to be held at the Presbyterian church in Welsh November 14th is postponed one day to Nov. 15.

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