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### The Boom is Still Booming.

The candidacy of Hon. James E. Mouton, for the district judgeship, is steadily gaining strength and that to the extent of safely permitting us to say that he is St Martin's nearly unanimous choice.

Daily, friends, acquaintances and well-wishers, are seen wending their way to the office of Messrs. Mouton and Martin, offering congratulations on his appointment and proffering the wish that he will be elected to the position at the approaching election.

These manifestations of esteem must be highly gratifying to the Judge and is a convincing proof of the regard entertained for him.

St. Martin is showing up splendid for him. And it is to be hoped that Iberia will look favorably upon his candidacy. He numbers many friends in that parish, who, we doubt not, will view with pleasure his growing popularity.

Some of the strongest Republican leaders recognize his worth and are among his most ardent supporters.

With such good wishes and strong backing, Judge Mouton, will be elected, such, at least, is our firm belief and sincere wish.

### No Better Place.

We do not, and never have, advised men to come to this parish, landing here utterly without means to help themselves, though we have known such men, endowed with energy, and endomitable perseverance, to accumulate a home and a fair living. But we do advise men of fair means to come here, and say that no where under God's footstool is there a better country to make a living in and lay by a little money for a rainy day, if industry and economy is practiced. In no other country can a farmer live an easier life, subject to no extremes of the weather or other ills. Ours is a great State, and there is room within her borders for many who come prepared with prudence and perseverance, to carve out for themselves a good home. Especially, is this the case in this parish, where nature has been so lavish of her blessings. And we want, especially, capital to develop our unbounded resources—agricultural, horticultural, etc. This beautiful and fertile section, combines every advantage necessary for the establishment of manufacturing enterprises.

### Local Lights.

Beer on ice at 5 cts, a glass at B. Audibert's.

Wednesday morning we had a pretty heavy rain.

Several races were run on the race track last Sunday.

We are under renewed obligations to Hon E. J. Gay, for public documents sent the Messenger.

The New Iberia Farmer has positive information that Hon. Jos. A. Breux, will not be a candidate for the Judgeship.

Miss Sidonie Wiltz, the charming daughter of the late Governor Wiltz, is spending a few weeks in town, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Eastin.

Mr. Thiburse Delahoussaye died in this parish Wednesday, his funeral took place from the Catholic Church in this town, Thursday morning.

The report is published that the cotton worms have made their appearance in North Louisiana. Up to now, none have been seen hereabouts.

Dr. F. M. Thomas, who has been seriously ill, is, we are happy to state, rapidly convalescing, and will probably be out in the course of a few days.

Jailor Bertrand has had the jail thoroughly cleaned up, neatly whitewashed inside, so that now it looks as clean and bright as a new silver dollar.

Mr. Oscar Renelke, and his daughters Misses Blanche, Berthe and Francine, and Miss Isabella Vautier, of New Orleans are on a visit to Mr. H. J. Dittman and family.

From a gentleman from Breaux Bridge we hear that there is a very ugly mud hole, in the public road near Isidore's Hall, that need, the immediate attention of the road overseer of that district.

The recent rains have caused complaint among many of our planters. On that account, in some parts of the parish a small yield is looked for. However, as a general thing, the prospects are not gloomy for a good crop.

This week was really "social week." Last Saturday, Miss Louise Duchamp gave a charming dancing soiree to her friends. Miss Kate Hart entertained her friends with an ice-cream party. And last Tuesday Miss Mary Baumgardner, gave her friends a dancing soiree.

A Republican meeting was held in Breaux Bridge last Sunday, by whose call, and for what purpose we do not know. But from rumors floating around it seems that ex-Judge Pontelieu was in attendance. What impression his candidacy made upon his hearers, if the subject was broached and we suppose it was deponent saith not.

It is reported that Judge Edward Simon, of St Martin parish, will be a candidate for the nomination before the Third Congressional Democratic Convention. How long has Judge Simon been a Democrat?—*Lafayette Advertiser July 24th.*

Always has been Mr. Advertiser.

We are told that twenty families, from Iowa, will settle, this fall, in this parish, on the tract fronting Bush and Levert St. John Plantation. They are said to be of the same worthy class that have made the Jennings's neighborhood, a garden spot. Many such are desired in this parish.

Joshua Thomas, Jack Paul, John and Spring James, and two of Lorenzo Randall's boys, all colored, are the names of those arrested being complicated in the Bayou Boutte war. They are in jail, except Joshua Thomas who has furnished bond. The two first are charged with intent to murder and the four others are charged with murder.

Our new Judge, the Hon. James E. Mouton, held court here on Monday to examine some cases of persons who have been confined in the jail and awaiting a chance for release upon bail. The business before the court was dispatched with the promptness and urbanity of one who knows what is required of his position and has the decision of character and nerve to make it command the respect due it.—*New Iberia Enterprise July 28th.*

Among those who secured prizes at the Jennings's fair, Calcasieu parish, recently held, were: G. A. Fournet, for grapes; C. St. Germain, for grapes of French importation; L. Ledoux, for watermelon and musk melon. These gentlemen are natives of this parish, and have been living in their new homes only for the past few years. Their energy and enterprise, thus displayed, we are glad to note, and doubt not they are doing well.

Tuesday morning the lowering clouds prognosticated a storm. The rapidly recurring vivid lightning flashes apparently in a mad freak overhead made the timid think that the millennium was at hand. It was not long before a heavy rain began to fall. During the thunder storm, lightning struck a pecan tree, in the yard of Thos. Ashford, demolishing it, glanced off and struck a corner of the house doing considerable damage. A horse hitched to a buggy and tied to the rack before Mrs. Castillo's hotel, got frightened by one of the heavy claps of thunder and broke the buggy into smithereens. No further damage was done.

The members of the Dramatic club of our sister-town Breaux Bridge, have decided on a worthy move. It is the organization of a free reading room. They have received, last week, a lot of books, and with the donations promised, they will be able to open their room under bright prospects. It is their intention to give frequent entertainments and with the profits accruing invest in books and papers. That they will be successful in their enterprise, we have every hope to believe, for they never undertake anything without carrying it to a successful issue. The Messenger wishes them full success, and would be pleased to hear from them occasionally as to the prosperity of their worthy efforts.

The Lafayette Advertiser says: Charbon is prevailing among the horses and cattle in the prairies near Opelousas. Two colored men who had been working diseased stock were attacked, but have been successfully treated.

### The Ballot Box.

Few in this State are aware, of the character sustained, the responsibility assumed, or the accountability entailed, when they accept the trust of voters; he who acts in ignorance of those qualifications is a fraud, his act is fraudulent, and the Ballot Box poisoned with irresponsible votes, involving ruin, disgrace, and contempt, ruin on the parish, disgrace of the parish, before the United States, and the contempt of that government to the State, wherein that parish is a part or parcel.

The foundation, upon which the institutions of this nation rests; the conservator of its character and impress; the safeguard of its liberties, is the Ballot Box; that arbiter of fate, "while" she sustains the equipoise of the powers comprised in the Divine problem, for the development of the intellect, and moral, of man, the Star of Liberty illumines the Dome of the Republic, or becomes a fallen meteor, with its consequences. Mysterious Box; in whose bosom revolves the destinies, of the aspirants to her favor: Witness how without coquetry, tho' fastidious she honors her favorites, and rejects the less-favored: What anxieties, fears, hopes long deferred await her verdict, and when rendered, what volleys of artillery, and rejoicing over the length, and breadth of the nation, echoed over the civilized world. *Vox populi, Vox dei.* The machinery of this government is worked by the agents of the people, elected by the votes of each individual supporter, to represent his opinions, and desires as to the issues involved, thereby, implying honesty, ability, and capability, in those agents to discharge the duties of their several offices, creditable to themselves, reflecting honor, on the citizenship of their constituents: to all of which the voter, who is the trustee, of the *Cesti que trust*, the national welfare; is responsible, he stands before the Bar of Conscience, in the performance of his duty with a higher accountability than ever fell to the lot of man, and to exonerate himself, he must place purity of Political action. Above Policy. Loyalty to country, above loyalty to party, public good, before individual aggrandizement, he cannot discharge the duties of his trust, in the interest of private ends. They are the principles of an American Citizen, loyal to the Spirit that brought into existence this Republic, faithful and true to the vows that were there and then offered up, and by a resolute adherence to which we can redeem and triumph, over the depravity that now menaces unfortunate Louisiana.

Prenez Garde.

Unknown parties broke into the post-office at New Iberia, last Monday night and carried away a small amount of change from the cash drawer, and a few special delivery stamps.

The steamer New Iberia of the Belt line, was destroyed by fire last Tuesday morning, at Algiers.