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## THE MESSENGER.

### A Happy Day.

The Democratic mass meeting in Breaux Bridge Sunday was one of the largest and most enthusiastic of any that has been held in many a long day. This itself is a happy augury. The great interest manifested was largely due to the fact that in the existing state of political sentiment there was more than reasonable ground for the belief that the unexpressed choice of the convention—unexpressed because the meeting was called for a single object, which was to pass upon the appointments previously made by the Parish Democratic Executive Committee, only—would be ratified by the people at the polls in November.

Among the speakers, we note particularly Mr. Armand Martin, because, firstly he is a young man, and secondly, because this is his first appearance before the public. He displayed forensic abilities of no mean order, and we predict for him a bright future. His address was replete with sound ideas and was attentively listened to.

Such a gathering cannot but tend to strengthen the party, for if we expect to down the enemy and keep him down we must have a strong organization. As Mr. Estillette, of St. Landry aptly puts it: "It is needless to call your attention to the universally admitted doctrine that strict discipline and adherence to rules, usages and precedents is indispensable to the existence of any political party. Any departure therefrom must eventually bring about its destruction. It has more to fear from that than from its enemies."

### Local Lights.

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

Fish fry parties are now all the go.

Considerable money changed hands, we are told, on the race track, last Sunday.

The beef that is being sold by our butchers is of first quality, and the price asked is not high.

The soiree given by the Misses Bancaker, Thursday evening, was a delightful one.

Miss Rita Gueriniere, of Broussardville is in town, and will spend a few days among her friends and relatives.

Our swampers are about through with their arduous labors in the swamps and are now taking a well earned rest.

Mr. C. Harrison is having the store building opposite his store painted and repaired.

Some of our local sports have been "banging" at the papabottes. While not plentiful, still fair hunts are reported.

We were pleased to meet our popular young friend A. Hilliard, in town last Monday. Hilliard is assistant cashier at the mint now.

You can now pay your freight at point of delivery, if you choose, on the Morgan Railroad.

The public schools of this parish are in a flourishing condition; a fair attendance and satisfactory progress.

Nearly any place in the bayou, on the town front, is fordable on horseback. We are told that in many places the gauge would mark about 4 feet and less.

Arthur Dutel was arrested and jailed last Tuesday.

A friend informs us that the crops on both sides of the Teche between here and Arnaudville, with very few exceptions, are in fine condition, and an average crop is assured. Cotton though shedding some shows up splendidly. It is just as an old darkey said: "those who complain of poor crops never did make a good crop."

The registration office will be opened: at the Court House from Sept. 2nd to 11th. At John Case, Bayou Chene, on Sept. 15 and 16th. At Clerfe Gauthier's on Sept. 23 24 and 25th. At Bourdier's Breaux Bridge, on Sept. 27 28 and 29th. At Placide Leblanc's, Grand Pointe, on Sept. 30th. and Oct. 1 and 2nd. And at St. Martinsville, again, from Oct. 4th. to November 1st. inclusive.

From the Sugar-Bowl, we learn that a scheme is on foot, at the head of which is Mr. J. C. Morrison, an immigrant agent, to secure a large Pennsylvania catholic colony, with a view of locating them in this parish, where good inducements have been offered. Those are the people who will probably occupy the Bush and Levert tract on the west side of the St John Plantation.

Deputy Sheriff Fleming took Ernest Miel (one of the Bayou Boutte warriors) to Franklin this week, to stand a preliminary examination under the charge of murder. Judge Allen we understand, said he had no power to try Miel because he is now a prisoner in the hands of the Sheriff of St. Martin. Miel is at the present writing in our parish jail awaiting trial in this parish.

One who has not for a year been up in the 4th. and 5th. wards of this parish can have but poor idea of the large number of fencing that has been put up since last fall. Where one than me miles and miles of open prairie now is fields upon fields in full cultivation. There is yet much prairie land but it is being rapidly utilized.

After a long and painful illness of several years, Miss La Perle Gauthier, died last Sunday at the age of 38 years. A large concourse of friends followed the mortal remains to their last resting place. This lady whose afflictions were great and many bore her heavy cross with the spirit of a true Christian, awaiting with fortitude the summons of her heavenly Father. She is at rest now near the throne of her Master.

The Messenger extends its sympathy to the family in their bereavement.

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In some parts of the parish they are picking cotton, though to a limited extent. There is not the appearance of the dreaded caterpillars in the fields and the belief is that we will escape their visitation.

### Storm at Galveston.

Galveston has experienced last Friday the most severe storm since 1875, the wind blowing at a velocity of sixty miles an hour. The city was completely covered with from one to fifteen feet of water, and skiffs had to take the place of street cars. About one hundred and fifty houses were wrecked, causing a damage estimated of about two hundred thousand dollars. The destruction on the beach was great. A schooner from Lake Charles to Galveston, capsized outside of the jet ties, and three men drowned.

### TRIAL OF THE CHICAGO ANARCHISTS.

#### All to Hang But One.

The jury has returned a verdict, finding August Spies, Michael Schwab, Samuel Fielden, Albert P. Parson, Adolphe Fisher, George Engel, and Lewis Linnig, guilty of murder in the first degree, and Oscar W. Neebe, guilty of manslaughter, and sentenced to fifteen years of hard labor.

#### The Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Ten thousand pilgrims passed at Paris on their way to Lourdes, last Saturday, over eight hundred cures of invalids are announced.

Hon. E. J. Gay, has returned from Washington to his home in Iberville parish, last week.

Charles Edward, will be hanged in New Orleans, on Friday Oct. 1st., for a murder committed in that city, June last.

Editor A. K. Cutting, who was held in prison for over a month by the Mexican authorities; was set at liberty last Monday by a decree of the Supreme Court of Chihuahua.

Assistant District Attorney Henriques, of New Orleans, has received warning letters, that a gang of hoodlums will attempt to take his life, and that of Mr. Hennessy, for prosecuting some members of that gang.

The Plaquemine Protector informs us that our young friend, Paul Renand, has left the city on a wedding tour. Contrary to the general plan, he goes away to bring home a bride, instead of taking one away.

Graham, the cooper, has successfully navigated the whirlpool rapids, last Friday, with his head protruding from the barrel.

James Scott a fisherman, of Lewiston, attempted to swim the whirlpool rapids, in a cork suit. His dead body was picked up at Lewiston, an hour later.

Susan McMahon and Mary Smythe, perjurers in the Ford case, were sentenced last Monday, to five years in the penitentiary.

### Democrtic Mass Meeting.

Breaux Bridge Aug. 22nd. 1886.

Pursuant to a call issued by the Parish Democratic Executive Committee for the Parish of St. Martin, a large and enthusiastic number of Democratic voters met in the town of Breaux Bridge this day.

Mr. Cyprien Guidry, member of Parish Democratic Executive Committee for the 4th. ward, called the meeting to order, and proposed the following gentlemen for permanent officers of the meeting and they were unanimously elected.

For President: Hon. Charles Delhomme. For Vice-Presidents: Messrs. Valerien Martin, Cyprien Melancon, Adolphe Dupuis, Sidney Babin, Chas. Rees, Omer Martin, Ulgere Webre, Olivier Broussard, Sr., P. U. Broussard, Cesaire Angele, Leon Gillard and Emile Babin.

For Secretary: J. Numa Domengeaux.

In a few remarks Mr. Robert Martin stated the reasons which actuated the Parish Democratic Executive Committee in convocating this meeting. And the President then stating the object thereof the following preambles and resolutions were then read and unanimously adopted:

Whereas, on the 2nd. day of August 1886, the Parish Democrtic Executive Committee of St. Martin, met in the town of Breaux Bridge, and filled existing vacancies on said Committee by the appointment of Messrs. A. V. Fleming and Robert Martin, to fill vacancies from the First ward, and Mr. Felix Berard for the vacancy from the 3rd. ward, and Mr. Gustave Ledoux, to fill vacancy in the fourth ward; and

Whereas, this meeting being called for the purpose of either ratifying or rejecting said appointments, therefore,

Be it resolved, That we the Democratic voters, in mass meeting assembled do hereby ratify the action of said Parish Democratic Executive Committee.

To call, addresses were delivered by Messrs. J. E. Mouton, C. H. Mouton, Edw. Simon Armand Martin and A. V. Fournet.

At the conclusion of the latter's remarks the meeting adjourned *sine die*.  
J. N. Domengeaux,  
Secretary.

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