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FOR CONGRESS,
THIRD CONGRESSIONAL
DISTRICT,
Edward Simon,
of the Parish of St. Martin.

The Free Press of Morgan City

We were much pleased with the explanation given by the Free Press of Morgan City, concerning what that paper calls the Bayou Boutte war buncombe as coming from a gentleman who knows all the circumstances connected with the case. Court will meet here on the first Monday of next month, when all the facts of this affair as those growing out of the preliminary examinations held before Judge Mouton will be fully investigated by the Grand Jury and the truth will come out. In the meanwhile we would be thankful to the Free Press if he could explain how it was that Spring James, the would be deputy Constable appointed specially to execute the warrants for the arrest of Ernest Miel, was sworn as such by the magistrate on the 21st of July 1886, in Morgan City, when it was proven by Spring James himself and other witnesses who testified in the preliminary examination that he Spring James did not go to Morgan City on said day; but was and remained all of said day on Bayou Chene in the parish of St. Martin.

As the Free Press, seems to take much interest in this Bayou Boutte war, and anxious to know all the circumstances connected with this case we take this opportunity to inform the Free Press that on the 15th. instant on the preliminary examination of Sandy and Lorenzo Randall Jr. charged with shooting at the dwelling house of Valsin Sparks, a gentleman from Morgan City or vicinity by the name of Lewis Paul alias Jack Paul was sworn and testified as a witness on behalf of the Randalls, and was immediately arrested by the court on motion of the District Attorney, for perjury: Affidavit was made by the District Attorney against said Lewis Paul alias Jack Paul for perjury. And Mr. Paul is now in our jail.

The Democratic Mass Meeting

Seldom, if ever, have we seen a larger gathering of the sturdy Democracy of the Parish, than was seen at Breaux Bridge last Sunday. To give an idea of the number of people present, it is only necessary to state that the Firemen's Hall, where the meeting was held, has a seating capacity of over 700, and it was crowded, hence, allowing a pretty fair guess of the number present.

The meeting was harmonious and enthusiastic throughout, and marked interest was manifested in all the proceedings. Mr. Cyprien Guidry was "master of ceremonies" and acquitted himself of his onerous duties with credit.

Judge J. E. Mouton, was called and addressed the people in his usual felicitous happy and vigorous style. His remarks elicited much applause.

Gen. Alexander Declouet was discovered among the audience, and to prolonged calls, the venerable gentleman ascended the platform. He received a perfect ovation. He spoke feelingly and with telling effect. He traced the course of the Democratic party, from the past to the present day, and in strong convincing language showed that the future prosperity of our country depended upon the continuance of a wise Democratic administration. Throughout the course of his remarks he was often interrupted by deafening applause.

Addresses were also made by Judge Simon and Mr. Armand Martin.

It may be remembered that the Messenger said last week that the party was never more united than now; we have no reason to change that assertion.

St. Martin will undoubtedly give Judge Mouton at the approaching election, such a majority as will even surprise his friends.

The delegates selected are among the most respectable men of the parish, and their selection reflects credit on the meeting. They will represent St. Martin wisely.

The official proceedings of the meeting are published in another column of this paper.

We Must Stick Together.

The Ascension Democrat, in an able article, on unity in the party says:

Schism usually leads to severance and severance means the co-alition of the weaker side with the common enemy, and in that step a renunciation of the title of Democrat is virtually accomplished.

It is absolutely essential to a healthy condition that difference of opinion should exist within the party; it is in the multitude of opposing councils that the wisest policy is found and the best men selected for standard bearers. Let each one valiantly fight for his own end, let him insist with all his powers of argument and persuasion upon the adoption of his views, let him urge the nomination of his favorite candidate and advance his interest by every available legitimate means. But when the contest is over, and the fight lost if he claims the name of Democrat let him acquiesce in the result and labor loyally for the common cause.

This is good Democratic doctrine and what the Messenger has always preached.

DIED.

Monday Sept. 13th, in the parish of Lafourche, F. A. Bienvenu Jr., at the age of 47 years. The remains were brought here for interment, which took place from the Catholic church, Wednesday morning, and were accompanied to their last resting place, by a large concourse of sorrowing friends.

Bien was a kind father and a devoted husband, a loving son and faithful brother, a true and helping friend, kind and generous to all, a good and useful citizen.

We extend to the family our heartfelt sympathy in their sad affliction.

Messrs. Oscar Durand and G. W. Banker shipped 20 barrels of new molasses to New Orleans by the Morgan Railroad last Monday.

Local Lights.

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

Our swampers have "exoded" to the swamps.

The month with an "R" is with us, but where is the oyster?

We hear that the public schools will be closed at the end of this month.

The round boat is advertised to resume her trips.

There is some talk of organizing a military company in Breaux Bridge.

The excursion given by the colored people will take place to-day. The train will leave the depot at—o'clock a.m.

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

There were several races, last Sunday on the town track and the day was enlivened by several "little excitements."

Some people must have faith in cotton as a paying crop to judge by the number of gins being put up in different parts of the parish,

By inadvertence, we failed to mention in our last issue, the agreeable soiree given by Miss Laurence Mouton to her friends.

The spell of obstinate drouth that has been so severely felt, was broken last Monday, when a heavy rain fell, and did much good.

Several young people from this town attended a social gathering, at Miss Martha Mouton, in Lafayette parish, last Saturday, and were highly pleased with the evening.

We acknowledge receipt of a complimentary ticket to attend the Grand Tournament which will take place to-day, at New Iberia, under the auspices of the Attakapas Rangers. We invite all to attend as the fete promises to be a grand affair.

The Messenger tenders its thanks to the "boys."

Democratic Mass Meeting.

Breaux Bridge Sept. 12 1886.

Regular Democratic Mass Meeting called by the Democratic Executive Committee of the Parish of St. Martin, upon due call from the Hon. Wm. Vincent Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of the Third Congressional District at Breaux Bridge on this Sunday September the 12th. 1886.

The meeting was called to order at 10 o'clock a. m.

On motion duly seconded the following officers were unanimously elected.

President: Arcade Patin.

Vice Presidents: Olivier Broussard Jr. Valerien Martin, Alex. Thibodeaux, Cyprien Melancon, Charles Rees Sr., P. U. Broussard, Ulger Webre, Emile Babin, F. A. Domengeau, Cesaire Angelle, Sidney Babin, Adolphe Dupuis.

Secretary: W. A. Bienvenu.

The object of the meeting was explained. It being for the purpose of electing

Delegates to represent this Parish in the Convention to be held at Franklin on the 25th. day of Sept. 1886, to nominate a Democratic Candidate to represent the Third Congressional District in the Fiftieth United States Congress.

On motion the following report and resolutions submitted by the Parish Executive Committee were unanimously adopted.

To the mass meeting of the Democrats of the Parish of St. Martin, convoked and held at Breaux Bridge, St. Martin's Parish this Sunday the 12th day of Sept. 1886. By call of the members of the Democratic Parish Executive Committee acting through Armas Gillard Esq., their President pro. tem, now their President, in the absence of Valery Guidry the then President.

Whereas the Democrats of this Parish in view of the approaching Congressional election in this District, have called upon Valery Guidry then President of said Committee, through a well known Democrat holding proxies from members of said Committee, and have requested him to call a mass meeting of the Democrats of this Parish at the usual place in said Parish where such meetings are held to appoint parish Delegates to the Congressional Convention which will assemble in the town of Franklin on the 25th. of Sept. 1886, then to select and nominate a Democratic Candidate for Congress at the November election.

And whereas the said Valery Guidry then President of said Committee, has refused to do so and has declined to declare when he would do so.

Be it resolved by the Democrats of this parish in mass meeting assembled, that it was the duty of the members of the Democratic Parish Committee (all agreeing thereto except the then President) to take the matter in hand and to call through their President pro tem, this mass meeting for the purpose above stated.

Be it further Resolved, that whereas notices of this mass meeting at Breaux Bridge have been published in the two issues of the two weekly newspapers of this town (both of which are Democrat) and whereas, Breaux Bridge is the most central point of the parish where all general mass meetings have invariably been held, the Democrats present at this meeting represent the true sentiment wish of and the party in this parish.

Be it further resolved. That the Democrats of this parish do hereby approve and ratify as a whole the action of the members of the Democratic Parish Executive Committee at Breaux Bridge on Thursday Sept. 9th 1886; and condemn as disorganizing and destructive of the unity of the Democratic Party in this Parish the action of Valery Guidry to have called a mass meeting of the Democrats of this parish for the same day, at a remote point of the Parish for the same purpose to wit: to elect delegates and all this after he had had cognizance, that this meeting had already been called and after the said notice had been published in the newspapers and by posters all over

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