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

## Mr. Gay Re-Nominated.

The Honorable E. J. Gay, was re-nominated, by acclamation, at the Franklin convention, last Saturday, as the people's candidate for the Fiftieth Congress. This endorsement of his official course, must be highly gratifying, and of which he may well feel proud.

The impartial citizens of this District will concede that Mr. Gay has fulfilled the trust reposed in him with marked fidelity. He has been diligent and active in the exercise of his duty, and, in his hands the interests of the people have been safely guarded. His course in Congress has been closely followed and to show their approval the people through their representatives have tendered him a unanimous re-nomination. And it is not only at home that he is well thought of for the Washington correspondent of the Picayune in a special to that paper has this to say: "Mr. Gay who has just been re-nominated in the Third Louisiana District, was a very useful member last session and made a good impression upon his fellow members in Congress. He exercises a very considerable influence in the House and will very likely be assigned to some very prominent position in the organization of the next house if it should be Democratic.

That the people will reaffirm the verdict rendered by them at the ballot box two years ago, we are firmly convinced.

Detectives are expected to resort to some pretty mean devices but probably the meanest on record is that of a Pinkerton man in Denver, who courted a girl suspected of firing a ranch to obtain \$5,000 insurance money, with which to get her mother and brother out of trouble. The girl told the whole to her supposed lover and soon realized that she had confided in a base deceiver. Instead of being led to the altar as she fondly hoped she will be hustled off to the penitentiary. The cruel punishment of a broken heart is to be added to that which the law imposes.

## He Will be Elected.

If the assurances which Mr. Mouton has received from all quarters of the District may be relied on, and we can see no reason why they should not be, his election is a foregone conclusion. He is a candidate solely in conformity with the wishes of the people. Iberia, we doubt not, will show up handsomely; this parish, his home, will give him a large majority. But we do not want a small majority, we want a signal victory. It

can be achieved easily if every man, white or black, who desire to see impartiality and justice in office, will but take the trouble to bring the merits and demerits of the respective candidates before their wavering friends. Let only the truth be told and we do not fear the issue. At various times in the columns of this paper, we have shown what kind of candidate the Democracy is supporting. We have shown beyond the shadow of dispute, that he possesses every qualification to adorn the bench. We have shown, that with him as Judge, the laws will be impartially administered. In fine, we have shown that he is the right man for the position. Now let the people give him such a majority as he deserves.

## Local Lights.

The Police Jury meets next Monday.

Cotton is coming in very freely.

Mrs. Z. T. Fournet returned from a visit to Lake Charles last Tuesday.

A horse-fiddle serenade was in order last Thursday night.

A criminal term of the district court opens here next Monday.

We have had a cool wave here Wednesday and Thursday.

Wiggins has postponed his big earthquake to some future time.

Mr. John Ennis returned from New Orleans, Thursday, with his young bride.

The special delivery system was put in operation at all post offices on the 1st. instant.

We should be thankful that the "chestnut gong," has failed, as yet, to strike us.

This is the kind of weather that makes our planters feel happy. Cotton opening fast and picking actively going on.

There are a number of fine chess players in this town, and it would not be a bad thing to organize a chess club.

Mr. J. D. Briant, after an agreeable sojourn of a few days in town departed for Houma, his home, last Thursday.

About a dozen persons left here last Sunday for New Iberia, to take the Opelousas excursion train to the Salt Mines.

There is a little activity around the Court House, preparing for Court Monday next. The docket is a large one we are told.

When a husband is heard boasting that he holds the reins, it is a safe thing to wager that the wife says just where the wagon is going.

Our popular friend Mr. A. V. Fleming has opened a grocery store at the corner of Railroad Avenue and Main street, where he will be only too glad to serve his numerous friends with fresh, and cheap goods.

Several young people of this town will attend the dramatic entertainment at Breaux Bridge to-day and to-morrow.

Extensive repairs have been made at the oil mill and everything is now in fine order for the season's business. We believe operations will soon begin.

A high fence around the jail is needed. As it is now it furnishes an incentive to those incarcerated to aid them to escape. Our Police Jury should attend to this without delay.

Cotton is beginning to come in quite freely and the prices quoted is \$24 per thousand pounds in seed. In view of the numbers of buyers in the market, prices may yet go up a little.

We were pleased last Monday, to meet our young friend Armand Veazey, from New Orleans, who is spending a few days in town. Armand was solo cornetist this last summer in Prof. Sontag's military band at Spanish Fort.

We noticed several big boxes in front of Mr. Gernaud's store last Wednesday, shortly after the arrival of the train, which fact leads us to believe that this enterprising merchant is laying in his winter stock.

We are informed the Morgan railroad will issue round trip tickets from here to Jeannerette good from the 7th. to the 11th. inst., for one dollar. This reduction is made only to those attending the fair.

The public schools after a continuous session of eight months, will be closed on the 3rd. instant. There are 16 schools in the parish and the fact of their having been opened for so long a session, speaks well for the admirable management of the Board.

The amateurs of Breaux Bridge will give their dramatic entertainments to-night and to-morrow night. We are assured that nothing has been left undone to compass an agreeable time for those attending. Our thanks to the management for a complimentary ticket.

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

We confess that we were greatly surprised in reading, in the city papers a special from Baton Rouge to the effect that Mr. Jules Rousseau had resigned as Returning Officer of this parish. However, the appointment of Mr. A. V. Fleming in his stead, we have a strong belief will meet with strong approbation. A better selection could not have been made.

The towns of St. Martinsville and Breaux Bridge, being in the same parish yet 18 miles apart, should have facilities for quicker communication than the slow way we now have. If the people of the towns would but understand each other, it would not take long to find a way. Supposed the monied men of the two towns would form a stock company and have a telephone line. The cost would not be heavy. It would soon pay for itself.

We were a little to previous in announcing in our last issue, a barbecue at Grande Pointe. We published the item believing our information to have been reliable.

Sub-campaign committees in each ward of this parish, could accomplish much good by bringing out a full vote. There are always a few voters that will lag behind, unless they are made to understand the vital issues at stake. What say the members of the Parish Executive Committee?

It will only require a little work to make the Democrat hosts victorious all along the line. Let every well wisher of pure and honest government do his duty.

The agricultural fair in Jeannerette on the 7th. inst., promises to be a grand affair. We advise those of our farmer friends who can attend, by all means to do so. It is just such fairs that have made the prosperity and advancement of the West, what it is to-day. Interchange of ideas has never yet failed to be productive of good.

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The excursion given by the Opelousas Fire Company No. 1 to the Salt Mines last Sunday, was attended by at least 500 people. The services of the Breaux Bridge Brass Band had been secured for the occasion and discoursed sweet music to the great enjoyment of the excursionists, and had it not been for about half a dozen drunkards who created some disturbance, it would have been a complete success.

Just before going to press we hear that J. Sluby Davidson, a colored man from Iberville, and now a member of the State Legislature, was nominated for Congress by the Republican convention that met this week at Houma. Mr. Gay we are please to say, will be re-elected to Congress by a majority of something like a couple of thousands.

New Iberia was visited last Monday morning by a disastrous fire which is supposed to be the work of an incendiary. Several valuable buildings in the business part of the town were completely destroyed. The fine steam engine purchased about a year ago by Fire Co. No 1 of that town was also destroyed.

Developments of the past few months have demonstrated that the Merchants' Bank of this place through its unscrupulous young cashier or some "Great I Am's" hand has been engaged in a systematic robbery and misappropriating of funds entrusted to them by business men from all parts of the country for collection. So the disgrace and discredit of this community it has been allowed to outlive its allotted time.

Judge J. E. Mouton, on the 17th. inst. ordered the liquidation of the bank appointing P. L. Ronouet, W. B. Merchant, and Robert S. Perry liquidators.  
—Enterprise.