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## Advertisement.

### FOR CONGRESS,

THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT,

**Edward Simon,**

of the Parish of St. Martin.

Democratic Nominee,

FOR CONGRESS,

Third Congressional District,

**HON. EDWARD J. GAY,**

of Iberville parish.

Democratic Nominee,

FOR JUDGE,

Twenty-first Judicial District,

**JAMES E. MOUTON,**

of St. Martin parish.

### Splendid Performance.

The young amateurs of Breaux Bridge have reasons to be gratified of the success of their last two dramatic representations. It is within the bounds of strict veracity to say that this last effort of theirs surpassed, by far, any of its meritorious predecessors. All the appointments were thoroughly in accord with the requirements of the plays, and every detail were carefully studied. The play selected for the first evening was an emotional drama, portraying scenes in the life of the unfortunate Catherine Howard, one of the wives of Henry VIII of England. To even faintly portray its principal characters, demands talent of no mean order; and, we can truthfully say, that our young amateurs seem to understand fully the task they had undertaken, for they acquitted themselves with credit as the frequent applause of the large audience plainly testified. The principal parts were taken by Miss Sidonie Wiltz, the charming young daughter of the late Gov. Wiltz, and Messrs. Arthur Guilbeau and Armand Martin. These three characters were exceptionally well rendered. The Messenger congratulates them, on their success.

The scenery was appropriate, and seldom, especially in amateur representations, have we seen as much care bestowed upon what is so frequently neglected—the scenic effects. After the dramatic performance, the seat were cleared away and dancing was indulged in until nearly daylight.

The succeeding evening, two pretty comedies were acted, and they were well received by the large audience. The amateurs due to the success of the previous evening, were on their mettle and we are happy to say more than filled every expectation. The scenery again, was very appropriate. Our young friends had spared no expense to make these two representations, not only their best, but to closely follow all the demands as to costumes, scenery, etc., and for our part, we cheerfully bear witness to the fact that nothing was wanting—and the audience showed that they must have felt that way. They were two pleasant soirees. The Messenger tenders to all and every one, its felicitations on this successful effort.

We understand that at the popular request, the amateurs will to-morrow night again play the drama. We advise those who want to spend an agreeable

### District Court in Session.

Our District Court has been in session since last Monday. The Grand Jury is composed exclusively of white men, and it is said to be one of the most intelligent Juries ever empanelled for many years. They have been actively at work and we doubt not their report will be interesting. They made a partial report last Tuesday.

The business of the Court seem to be working along smoothly and we dare hope that this term will show much work accomplished.

We must here note, that the elevated platforms and benches that have been placed in the Court room is proving a great convenience to the people who are called there.

No criminal cases have been tried this week, but every day of the next two weeks will be devoted exclusively to such cases. The venire is a good one, and we think that infractors of the law will have a hard time.

Without the Bayou Boutte affair, the docket would be cleared, but as it is some cases may have to lay over. Still we hope to see the term fruitful.

### Local Lights.

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

The Police Jury met last Monday.

The ginny of the cotton oil mill is in full blast.

This being court week, a great many strange faces are seen on our streets.

Mr. M. M. Voorhies made a flying trip to New Orleans this week.

We will furnish the Messenger from now to the end of the year for 25 cts.

Died Sunday Oct. 3rd. in this parish, Mr. Paul Dore, at the age of 24 years.

The saw-mill yard of Gueriniere Bros. is covered with sufficient lumber to meet all demands.

There are yet many persons who have not registered. This is a matter that should not be neglected.

Wiggins is now engaged in writing an essay upon the ingratitude of predicted earthquakes.

It will not be long before the toasting of the sugar house whistles will be daily heard.

Mr. Henry George, a member of the Knights of Labor, is the choice of the working men, for Mayor of New York.

Our friend J. A. Hitter, is prepared to repair carriages—make them as good as new. His charges are moderate.

Have the young men who congregate in front of the Church doors, during services, ever taken in consideration the propriety of so doing.

Twenty-five cents will secure the Messenger, for the balance of the year.

We acknowledge receipt of an invitation to attend a grand ball, which will be given at Broussardville, to night. Our thanks.

Our friend, Louis J. Voorhies, left for New Orleans, Wednesday. Mr. Voorhies expects to make New Orleans his

Twenty four dollars is the ruling price per thousand pounds of cotton in seed.

Mrs. A. Como, paid a visit to Broussardville, this week and was the guest of her daughter Mrs. Louis Gardemal.

The Gates-Fontellien election case will be tried at Franklin, on the 18th. inst. by Judge Beattie.

Hons. Martin and Albert Voorhies who were summoned to their mother's death bed arrived here yesterday morning, too late to attend the funeral of their beloved mother.

The mission and jubilee being conducted at the Catholic Church by the eloquent divine, Father Ponce, has attracted to the sacred edifice, large numbers of people.

Quite a number of people from this town attended the entertainments at Breaux Bridge, and speak in glowing terms of the splendid time they had there.

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Some one has discovered a substance that can be seen through clearer than glass. We don't know what it can be unless it is Judge Simon's motive in being an independent candidate for Congress.

The Post-office did a big business for three days during this week forwarding in that time over eighteen hundred dollars. The money brought to the Post-office being mostly gold. This town is not quite dead yet.

Mr. S. N. Burdin has sent to this office a bottle of honey, which is of a very fine quality. Mr. Burdin intends to go into the bee culture this spring and give it a fair trial. Mr. Burdin keeps honey always on hand, and sells it at a reasonable price.

Our thanks to Mr. Henri Van der Croyssen stage manager of the Breaux Bridge Dramatic Club, for complimentary tickets to attend the entertainments to be given at Breaux Bridge on Sunday the 10th., and at St. Pierre on Sunday the 17th. of the present month.

It rarely happens that a Congressman is solicited to be a candidate in the different district at the same time. This is the case with Gueuther, in Pennsylvania. Another curious feature is that in one district he is solicited to run by Democrats, and in the other district by Republicans.

Our young friend Homer Mouton who was employed as typo on the Lake Charles Commercial for the past five months has quit that paper and is now in town. We trust Homer will soon be employed for he is a worthy boy.

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

The business season is about to open and our merchants are preparing to meet the trade that is coming. They undoubtedly have large and varied stocks of the best and freshest goods on hand, and they would be pleased to receive customers. It would pay them to let the people know through the columns of their local papers, just what they have got and the prices at which their wares will be sold. A trial would not

Mrs. Widow Cornelius Voorhies, nee Marie Cidalise Mouton, died last Wednesday at the residence of her son Mr. Felix Voorhies, at the ripe old age of 78 years. This venerable lady had been ill for some time, but it is only within the last few days that her illness became serious. After traversing the span allotted to life, spent in christian charities, known far and wide, she is now in the Kingdom of her Father. She was a kind and loving parent; a friend to humanity; she was, indeed, one of those good and kind persons whose life but makes this world better. To the large family who are left to deplore her demise the Messenger tenders its most sincere sympathy in their great bereavement. A large concourse followed her mortal remains to the burial ground.

Frosts has gradually injured the tobacco crop of West Virginia.

### Election Notice.

By virtue of a Proclamation issued by his Excellency Samuel D. McEnery Governor of the State of Louisiana bearing date August 4th. 1886, and in accordance with law, all the qualified voters of the Parish of St. Martin in said State are hereby notified that an election will be held on

Tuesday November 2nd. 1886

it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said month, from 7 o'clock in the forenoon until 6 o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of electing one Representative for the Third Congressional District of the State of Louisiana composed of the Parishes of Iberville, Assension, Assumption, Lafourche, Terrebonne, St. Mary, Iberia, St. Martin, Lafayette Vermillion, Cameron and Calcasieu.

Also for the election of one Judge for the 21st. Judicial District composed of the Parishes of Iberia and St. Martin, to fill the vacancy occasioned in that office by the resignation of the Hon. F. L. Gates.

The polls will be open on that day "The 2nd. day of November A. D. 1886" from 7 o'clock A. M. until 6 o'clock P. M. for the purpose of receiving the ballots of all qualified voters of the Parish of St. Martin under the supervision of the following commissioners of election to wit:

Poll No. 1. 1st. Ward, at the Court House under supervision of Commissioners W. A. Bienvenu, Chs. Guirard and Felix Baker.

Poll No. 2—2nd Ward, at or near John Case under supervision of Commissioners A. J. Verret John Case and Sebastian Smith.

Poll No. 3—3rd Ward, at or near Clerfe Gauthier under supervision of Commissioners Areade Gauthier, Martin Ducrest and Marcel Francois.

Poll No. 4—4th Ward, in Breaux Bridge at the office of J. O. Bourdier under supervision of Commissioners Jules Rousseau, David Roes, and Jacques Delhomme.

Poll No. 5.—5th. Ward, at or near Placide Leblanc under supervision of Commissioners Uric Melancon, Polk Zouingue and Jean B. Lichard.

The election to be conducted and returns made according to law.

St Martinsville this 9th. day of October A. D. 1886.