

# THE WEEKLY MESSENGER.

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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.

**Keep Your Money Home.**

Patronize home industries where your interests are and help maintain and support these interests—our interests, your neighbor's interests. Get that selfishness out of your heart that is envious of every success; that wants to pull down every interest that seems to reach beyond yours, and is in reality an advantage to it and the town. Neither imagine that when a few shekels accumulate in your wallet you must necessarily go out of town to spend it, thinking it would never do to distribute a little cash among your home merchants since you can stand them off for six months or a year. Mistaken idea. They'll appreciate the cash and give you just as good bargains as any merchant in your neighboring city that may get your cash. Encourage home dealers in everything, not only by your patronage but by words of encouragement and commendation. This is the way to build up a town and make things lively, and be sure to patronize your home paper when you see it stand by your interests, lauds every legitimate enterprise and waits to the world doings, holding out inducements, and in a thousand ways building up your interests. Stand by your town and support all its interests.

**Rally! Rally!**

Posters are out announcing a grand Democratic Mass Meeting and barbecue to be held at Grande Pointe, near Calais store to-morrow. The Hon. E. J. Gay, the regular Democratic nominee for Congress and the eloquent campaign speakers that are with him will expound sound Democratic doctrine and we hope a large number of voters will assemble there. The Messenger was possessed with the idea that it would have been a good stroke of policy to hold three or two meetings on that day in different parts of the parish and divide the speaking force, thus covering all points at once. However, since the campaign managers have determined on only one meeting let all Democrats from every part of the parish, who can do so attend this meeting and show that the Democrats of St. Martin are practically a unit for the Hon. E. J. Gay, the regular nominee of the Democratic party.

**Stand to Your Colors.**

We publish in other parts of this paper some mighty interesting political literature. Especially so is the well timed article, showing the status of the independent candidate. We strongly recommend its attentive perusal. The deductions drawn, we are sure will meet the full approbation of the unbiased mind. In our judgment, no man, however brilliant and varied his attainments is above his party. If the duly and fairly constituted representatives of a party, after maturely weighing the qualification and availabilities of the different aspirants, select a standard bearer, is it not the bounden duty of every voter who claims fealty to that party to support the action of those representatives? Were it otherwise no party organization could be possible. Therefore, we trust, that no Democrat will throw away his vote on a candidate that has not the ghost of a chance to be elected. Stand by the regular nominee of the party, Hon. E. J. Gay.

**A Rare Chance.**

We offer to our readers, and the public the grandest offer ever made in this parish. We will furnish the Messenger and The Mayflower, of Yarmouthport, Mass., an eight page family paper, for one year, for \$1.35.

**A GREAT REMEDY FOR CATARRH.**

In another column of this paper will be found an advertisement of a Catarrh remedy, of which a sample is sent free to any sufferer of this terrible scourge. We know B. S. Lauderbach & Co., the proprietors, to be a responsible firm and those who write them will receive prompt attention and square dealing.

**Local Lights.**

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

Rumors! Oh, Rumors.

Cotton is still coming in town quite lively.

What about the St. Clair bridge. Have any steps been taken to have it built.

Deputy Sheriff C. A. Judice, of Iberia was in town last Wednesday.

A man who in discussing politics will lose his temper is, in our estimation, a fool.

Come out into the graveyard, Maude, and see the planting of Judge Simon's little boomlet.

There is many a slip 'twit the cup and the lip" is an axiom that might be realized sooner than expected.

The prospects for success are not very encouraging to the Republicans. To the independent they are very gloomy.

We had the pleasure of an agreeable visit this week from our friend Numa Domengeaux of Breaux Bridge.

Messrs. R. F. Hogsett and Sidney J. Heard, of New Iberia, were in town last Saturday and paid us an appreciated visit.

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

Gay will be the next Congressman from this district. If you doubt it look in the countenance a Darrall or Simon supporters. He knows it.

There is no doubt but that the large store at present occupied by Mr. B. L. Fournet would afford splendid skating room.

Vilmond Holler convicted last week, of manslaughter, was yesterday sentenced to five years at hard labor and to pay one dollar fine with cost of court.

The Messenger and the Mayflower of Yarmouthport, Mass., one year for \$1.35.

People that are apt to gather at the post office long before the mail time no doubt wonder why it takes so long to distribute the mail.

A colored woman got stupidly mad one day this week because the Postmaster did not forward a letter she had posted with only a one cent stamp on.

The Republican Mass Meeting and Barbecue, will be held in St. Martinsville Friday Oct 29th. Addresses will be delivered by prominent Republican speakers.

Were married in this town last Monday, Mr. Gus. Cahanin of Opelousas to Miss Emma Amy, of this town. We extend to the young couple, our best wishes.

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

The Ladies Aid Society, we hear it stated, will soon organize a Literary Society. We hope the rumor is true and that they will succeed in their praiseworthy endeavors.

A St. Martinsville man lost his knife recently and was asked the usual question: "Do you know where you lost it?" "yes, yes," he replied, "of course I do. I am only hunting in these other places to kill time.

Thursday was a happy day for the children. One hundred and forty little children under the care of the good Sisters of Mercy, marched processionally from the Convent to the Catholic Church, to receive their first communion. The ceremonies at the Church were very imposing.

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

The sad news was brought to town last Monday that Mr. P. P. Guidry a prosperous merchant of Breaux Bridge, was dead. Deceased was possessed of sterling qualities as a man, was popular with the public and a devoted friend. He leaves a young widow and one child we believe, to deplore their sad loss. Our sincere sympathy is extended to the bereaved family in their affliction.

The Republican press are a unit in asserting that Mr. Gay was nominated on account of his "bar'l." But they seem to preserve great silence over the fact that Davidson the colored man, was hauled down, because firstly on account of his color and secondly because he could not come up with the boodle. Davidson knows this, vide his letter; Davidson's friends knows it. And we do not doubt they will resent the slap in the face that they have received.

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Rumors are current in town that three negroes had been shot a few days ago at Portage Guidry. The details as far as we have been able to corral them are: The steambot, Mary Alice belonging to Mr. Jules Guidry, is now lying at Portage Guidry. The owner had placed a white man camping near by, who is killing alligators, in charge of the boat. During the night this man a heard noise on the boat and upon investigation found four negroes depleting the larder. They heard him coming and fled. While fleeing he fired two barrels of his gun and saw that he had hit two of them, a shot immediately answered his, and he fired again and believes that his aim was true. Since that time three well known characters are missing from their neighborhood.

We stated in our last issue that the entertainment given by the Ladies Aid Society was not as successful as those given previously but we erred and it is with pleasure we learn the contrary.

Don't judge from outside appearances M. L'Editeur—Our entertainment was a decided success. We had a very pleasant evening, though of course we missed the many friends who so kindly aided us on former occasions and we have a good round result for our exchequer.

Belle J. Robertson  
Ass't Sec. Ladies Aid Soc'y.

**DIED.**

Tuesday Oct. 19th. at 3 a. m. Mrs. Sebastian Hitter at an advanced age.

Wednesday Oct. 20th. at 5 p. m. Mr. Louis DeBlanc.

The Messenger extends its sympathy to the families in their sad affliction.

We are reliably informed that among the causes which induced Mr Davidson to decline running for Congress, one is, that Judge Fontelieu, late President of the Third District Republican Committee, openly declared to support Judge Simon the independent Democratic candidate in preference to supporting the "Black Prince" of "Sweet Iberville"—If the report be true it strikes us that it is about time that the black man in this as well as other sections of this country give such men as Judge Fontelieu to understand that we have as much right to think and act independently as he or any other white republican. The time has come that the Negro must assert his manhood, and do it in manly way and in such a manner that his white brethren will learn to respect him.—St. Mary Herald.

Dr. J. H. Cunningham, editor of the Robeline Reporter, and father of Attorney General M. J. Cunningham, died at Robeline on Monday the 18th. instant at the ripe old of 76 years.

Two hundred and fifty persons were drowned at Sabine Pass and Johnson's Bayou, by the storm of last week, great sufferings prevail in that section. The loss of property is estimated at \$100,000, besides 8,500 cattle.

The reason some men never meet with any failures in life is because they never make any efforts to succeed.

Never ridicule sacred things or what others may esteem as such, however absurd they may appear to you.