

Local News.

—Miss Aimee Gernaund went to New Iberia Monday.

—Mrs. Rena Simon returned from New Orleans last Sunday.

—Mrs. J. C. Bienvenu is sojourning in Breaux Bridge among relatives.

—Miss Felicie Durand after several months in St. Louis, returned home last Monday.

—The politicians are holding little ward meeting almost every night, in the different sections of the parish.

—The fruit trees are all in full bloom and the trees are shooting out their buddings. It begins to look like real spring.

—Mayor A. V. Fleming went to Lafayette Monday, having been called there on account of the serious illness of his sister, Mrs. H. M. Bailey.

—We publish today the cards of Robert Martin, Candidate for Senator, C. H. Mouton, Candidate for District Attorney and that of Felix Voorhies, Candidate for District Judge.

—Messrs George Eastin and Leopold Lopez have bought the property of Mr. S. V. Martin, Main street, and will soon transform the building into a stylish saloon. They are now in New Orleans, to buy the fixtures and stock for the new establishment.

—There will be a regular meeting of the Board of Trade next Friday. We would like to see all the business people of the town join this organization, which has been of so great benefit to the town, and which may yet accomplish great good for St. Martinville.

—More stocking than dogs, if every man, woman and child in St. Martinville should purchase a pair of stocking at L. J. Gardemal's "The Cheapest Store in Town," this enterprising firm would have enough stocking left to cover the pedal extremities of all the unlicensed dogs in town.

—The public road leading to Breaux Bridge, West side, right at the St. John plantation is impassable; the police jury should expend a few dollars, say about \$25, to make ditches to drain this road, that is all that is necessary to keep this road in good condition. There is no reason for this public highway to be bad, except that there is no drainage, and the water remains on the road.

Some people believe that when a man becomes a candidate that he becomes public property; and they also believe that his purse, if he has any, becomes public property, and the rush made upon the latter is large. Our candidates of both factions should teach these low class voters who are always looking for money rather than the fitness or worth of a candidate, before they give their votes; that they are not in the market to buy votes. Let the candidates show their manhood by refusing squarely and promptly to bribe the voters.

We are told that the Rees parish committee has ratified the nomination of Mr. Gates as their candidate for Senator. Has Mr. Gates gone back on the suffrage amendment? If not, what kind of a combination will this make, if Rees is opposing the amendment and favoring the candidacy of Gates, the father of the amendment. This endorsement of Gates by that little committee will not give Gates any votes; but it may cause Rees and his faction to lose a good many voters who are bitterly opposed to anything that smells the suffrage amendment.

—We publish in this issue, the Mayor's proclamation, ordering an election to be held for the election of five town trustees, on Monday the 6th of April next. Some time ago it looked as if the politicians were disposed to make a fight to capture the town, which is now in the hands of business men. But of late everything looks quiet as far as municipal affairs are concerned. If any faction, or the politicians are not satisfied with the present administration, they have a right to put their candidates in the field. The MESSENGER believes in rotation in office, and as some of the members of the present council have served several terms, we believe they should be relieved of the duty, but not to be replaced by politicians with the object of appointing favorites to the paying offices of the town. We believe and are in favor of electing business men to conduct the affairs of the town. The MESSENGER will oppose the election of any politician from any faction on the town ticket, and will only favor the election of men who have no political record or inclination. The town council should be all business, not political.

Letters from the People.
St. Martin must get the Judge.

In the past, at a time when the judicial district was composed of three and more Parishes, up to the radical regime, the district judges were elected and taken from the Parish of St. Martin.

Thus after the fortys when the office was made elective, that bench was, successively filled by lawyers from said Parish, to wit: Cornelius Voorhies, Albert Voorhies, Thomas C. Nicholls, and Edw. Simon, all residents thereof. Edward Simon's term of office should have expired in 1870, as he had been re-elected for the third time for four more years, and this without opposition, in 1865, when he was ejected forcibly by federal authority.

Now, why should the good people of the Parish of St. Martin vote for a man for judge who resides in Iberia, rather than one living among them? What good will it do them to assist Mr. Hacker or Mr. Felix Voorhies both of Iberia, when by a concert of action they easily can defeat these two Iberia candidates and secure the prize.

The injustice and slight put upon the citizens of St. Martin by the selection of district candidates all from the Parish of Iberia has been shown in a previous communication in the St. Martin Messenger. But apart from this and owing to this also, the voters of St. Martin should concentrate on a home candidate. The convenience to have such officer at our county seat, alone should invite that course. It is inappreciable. We would not have to be constantly running to New Iberia after him at great expense and delays for orders, or action. Every lawyer and litigant feels this inconvenience.

Felix Voorhies Esq., now judge of the district and before the people for re-election, was elected from St. Martin; and stood among them in the attitude above expressed. By voluntarily removing to Iberia, he has certainly forfeited his claim upon our people; for he has abandoned them, when he should have remained in St. Martin to serve them there. Will not the good people of St. Martin open their eyes in furtherance of their own interest, welfare and cease to listen to the political tricksters who can but lead them wrong in the matter. Choose a candidate for judge from your parish and elect him. JUSTICE.

If a man is a Democrat because he calls himself one, no matter what he believes or advocates, then it is not obligatory on him to support the suffrage amendment; but if he is a Democrat because he believes in the principles advocated by the party, he must support this measure, passed by a Democratic Legislature and approved by the Democratic convention. As a matter of fact, no principle is more thoroughly in accord with the doctrines and teachings of Democracy than the suffrage amendment, which means good government, honest elections, white supremacy and Democratic rule.—Times-Democrat.

NOTICE.

St. Martinville, La., March 4, 1896.
Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern that Mr. Stanislas Dabadie, having resigned as secretary and treasurer of the St. Martin Oil Works, Limited, a special meeting of the Board of Directors, was held in the office of the said St. Martin Oil Works Limited at St. Martinville, La., on March 3rd 1896, for the purpose of appointing a secretary and treasury to fill the vacancy caused by the said resignation of Mr. Stanislas Dabadie, Mr. Frank T. Guilbeau was unanimously elected as secretary and treasurer of the St. Martin Oil Works Limited, and will immediately enter upon the discharge of the duties devolving upon him as such.

FRANK T. GUILBEAU,
Secretary and Treasurer.

The Smallpox.

As we feared, the smallpox has continued to increase here, and ninety-three cases now exist in New Orleans, all save one of them confined in the pesthouse.

What we said the other day as to the necessity of prompt and vigorous action to stamp the disease out before it gets a foothold here can only be said again, and more emphatically. Now is the time to fight this loathsome malady. Every day that the matter is put off increases the cost of getting rid of the disease, increases the difficulty of doing so and the danger from it.

The City Council should give the matter its immediate attention, and vote whatever money may be needed for the campaign against the smallpox. As for the citizens themselves, they can do a great deal of good by being vaccinated and encouraging others to be. With a thorough system of vaccination, Dr. Olliphant believes that the disease can be crushed out in a very short time, and that within a week we will not hear of another case.—Times-Democrat.

The Way of the World.

Labor cleared away the forests, builded the cities and towns, opened the mines and erected the school houses.

Labor built all the shops; all the docks, all the steam engines, all the cotton gins and the spinning jennies and all the looms.

Labor creates all the wealth that exists, all that ever did exist, and will create all that ever will exist.

And the producer is entitled to the entire results of his industry.

But what the actual facts in civilized (?) society?

Labor feeds the world and goes hungry itself; it builds fine carriages for droues to ride in and carves fine farms out of the wilderness to mortgage to the usual usurers.

Labor clothes the world; but wears rags; creates capital and is tyrannized over by capital.

It invents machinery and is thrown out of employment by the invention. Builds railroads and is robbed by railroads corporations. Erects fine buildings and lives out o'doors, exposed to the inclemencies of the weather, tramping the highways in search of an opportunity to toil and slave for the benefit of others.

Labor votes for politicians and is denied the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Labor has been a clump, will it always remain so?

Usury never built a railroad, but owns all of them and the telegraphs to boot.

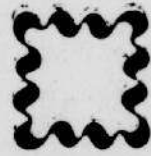
Usury never opened a mine; or built a workshop, never cleared an acre of ground or planted a kernel of golden grain, but it gets there just the same.

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