

SATURDAY, MAY 21, 1904.

The Election Comedy.

The people of St. Martinville have been having a kind of political burlesque here during the past few days. Some time ago Mayor Fournet issued his proclamation ordering an election to be held at the Town Hall for town officials, the week following the Board of Supervisors issued a proclamation, and named commissioners ordering a town election to be held at the Court House. In view of this complications the Mayor and Town Council sought the advice of their attorneys, Messrs. Mouton & Simon, who gave them a written opinion that they were to hold the election under the provisions of the charter.

The Board of Supervisors got a written opinion from Messrs. Martin, Voorhies & Martin, and that opinion was that the town election was to be held under the supervision of the Supervisors, Mayor Fournet visited Baton Rouge and submitted the whole matter, town charter, state laws, ordinance of the council, the opinion of the attorneys, and informed them that it was his desire to hold the election under the law, and he returned home satisfied that he was right.

Mr. J. C. Bienvenu chairman of the Board of Supervisors and Mr. Taylor Daspit also visited Baton Rouge, interviewed Governor Heard and returned home satisfied that they were right, consequently two elections were held.

The Supervisor's side held a meeting at the Court House, and the chairman announced that that meeting was non-partisan and Republicans took part in the deliberations, and the ticket was headed by Mr. Felix Bienvenu who is a gentleman high in the esteem of every one, but who is the leading Republican of this parish, the ticket selected at this non-partisan meeting was composed as follows: For Mayor Felix Bienvenu, For Councilmen, P. J. Fleming, Luke Bonin, Edwin Delahoussaye, Sr., C. M. Olivier and L. J. Duchamp, and these candidates were held as the candidates of that faction until the morning of the election, but to the surprise of many of their own supporters, they found a ticket headed "Democratic Ticket" and under the picture of a big rooster were the following names: For Mayor, C. M. Olivier, For Councilmen Luke Bonin, Edwin Delahoussaye, L. J. Duchamp, Frank Robin and A. G. Goulas.

The leaders of that faction say that was only a little trick; the opposition say that the Baton Rouge bosses gave them a scolding for running a Republican, and every one gave his own idea about the reason for so sudden a change.

The election was the talk of the town, and we presume it is proving interesting for other people too.

Monday night the Supervisors asked Mayor Fournet to give them the keys of the City Hall for them to hold their election, but the Mayor refused, telling them that the election held under their supervision would not be legal.

Tuesday two elections were held, one at the Court House, one at the Town Hall, eighty seven votes were cast at the Court house and ninety one at the Town Hall.

The result of the elections was as follows:

Town Hall Election.

For Mayor

H. P. Fournet.....91 votes
For Councilmen
D. C. Labbe91 votes
Oscar Resweber.....91 votes
T. L. Broussard90 votes
L. F. Gary.....89 votes
A. L. Domengeaux88 votes

Court House Election,

For Mayor

C. M. Olivier.....84 votes
For Councilmen
Luke Bonin.....85 votes
Frank Robin.....85 votes
A. G. Goulas.....84 votes
Edwin Delahoussaye...85 votes

Now the question being discussed is who will get the commissions from the State authorities. Both factions claim that they have acted according to the instructions given them by the state officials who are supposed to be familiar with the state laws in regard to election matters.

The curtain is now down until the commissions are issued, both factions say they will get them.

An Open Letter.

From the Chapin, S. C. News: Early in the spring my wife and I were taken with diarrhoea and so severe were the pains that we called a physician who prescribed for us, but his medicines failed to give any relief. A friend who had a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy on hand gave each of a dose and at once felt the effects. I procured a bottle and before using the entire contents we were entirely cured. It is a wonderful remedy and should be found in every household. H. C. Bailey, Editor. This remedy is for sale by T. J. Labbe druggist.

Heavy Rainfall.

Monday evening the heaviest rainfall recorded in this section for many years fell, the rain fell in such torrents that the ditches and other drains were insufficient to take the large volume of water that poured down and for a few hours every thing was under water, several of the streets of the town were under water. The Teche rose about four or five feet in about two hours.

During this heavy rain the atmosphere was heavily loaded with electricity, and the roaring of thunder, the frequent flashing of lightning was something fearful.

Lightning struck the new store of Mr. T. T. Bienvenu, on Main street, which is yet unoccupied, and played mischief there, the work done by this mysterious agency is curious, two of the posts supporting the front gallery were split into shreds, the four corners of the building were touched and the wood that came in contact with the electric fluid was reduced to wooden pulp, one glass of the front was broken, and the inside of the building was blackened.

The entire building was wrapped in flames and the fire alarmed was sounded, but the flames lasted only a short time.

The damage to the building will not be very large, but it shows very plainly the peculiar freaks of a stroke of lightning.

Lightning also struck the electric wires at the Railroad and had set fire to that building, but it was quickly put out without damage.

Cured His Mother of Rheumatism.

"My mother has been a sufferer for many years with rheumatism," says W. H. Howard, of Husband, Pa. "At times she was unable to move at all, while at all times walking was painful. I presented her with a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and after a few applications she decided it was the most wonderful pain reliever she had ever tried, she is never without it now and is at all times able to walk. An occasional application of Pain Balm keeps away the pain that she was formerly troubled with." For sale by T. J. Labbe.

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-The Ladies Social Club was entertained by Miss Cora Tertrou at the Tertrou Hotel Tuesday evening. The game of euchre was played and resulted in Miss Cora Tertrou winning the first prize, a pretty oriental bust, Mrs. J. R. Bienvenu winning the second prize a pretty jardiniere on pedestal. After the game a nice lunch was served to the members of the club. The next entertainment of the club will be by Miss Louise Hitter.

Whooping Cough.

"In the spring of 1901 my children had whooping cough," says Mrs. D. W. Capps, of Capps, Ala. "I used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy with the most satisfactory results. I think this is the best remedy I have ever seen for whooping cough." This remedy keeps the cough loose, lessens the severity and frequency of the coughing spells and counteracts any tendency toward pneumonia. For sale by T. J. Labbe druggist.

HOMOLOGATION OF TABLEAU.

In the matter of the Estate of Leonie Bulliard, deceased wife of J. O. Bourdier.

Probate Docket No. 3092.

19th Judicial District Court,

State of Louisiana, Parish of St. Martin.

Whereas Estelle Bourdier, joined assisted and authorized by her husband J. C. Bienvenu, and Victor J. Jaeger, Administrators of the Succession of Leonie Bulliard, deceased wife of Jacques O. Bourdier, have filed in the office of the Clerk of Court of the 19th Judicial District Court of the State of Louisiana holding session in and for the Parish of St. Martin a final tableau of Classification and distribution of the aforesaid Estate.

Notice is hereby given to the creditors and heirs of said Estate and to all others whom it may concern to show cause if any they have within ten days from this publication, why said tableau should not be homologated as prayed for.

Clerk's office this 11th day of May A. D. 1904.

Geo. S. Eastin,
Dy. Clerk of Court, Parish of St. Martin.
Martin & Voorhies, Attorneys.

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