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Death of Mrs. L. C. Duchamp.

At fifteen minutes past one o'clock Wednesday morning death reliev ed Mrs. L. C. Duchamp of her earthly sufferings.

Mrs. Duchamp who was Miss Marie Emma Voorbies before her marriage, was aged 62 years, and months past, it was visible to her family and friends that her ailment was doing its work slowly and as medical science and the best of nursing failed to stop the progress of the disease, all realized the fact that there was no hope of her recovery and that it was only a question of time, and the end was expected at every moment.

Mrs. Duchamp was for several days between life and death, unconscious and not suffering and take her pure and noble soul away, it left without causing any suffering except to those dear ones who were present to witness her dissolution.

Mrs. Duchamp was one of those noble christians who had only good words for all, kindness and charity for those in need of sympathy, a dutiful wife, a loving mother, a sincere friend and a devout the State, can be looked for. christian.

Her funeral took place at four o'clock Wednesday evening and her remains were followed to the grave by a large number of sorrowing relatives and friends.

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The public schools all over the parish were opened Monday with iull attendance in every school. The faculty of the St. Martinville High School are as follows : J. L. Fontenot, principal; R. G. Resser, safe at \$25. agriculture; Miss Helen Johnston. English; Miss Ruth O. Baker, Latin; Miss Gabrielle Thomas, Fifth and French; Miss Laura Williamson, First and Third; Miss Corinne Durand, Fourth. The enrollment at this High School this year is larger than formerly and there not enough teachers to properly class all the pupils, but it is hoped that more teachers will be here in a few days.

New Iberia had a disastrous fire Thursday morning that was for a while threatening the whole business portion of the town. Mayor Broussard was telephoned for our steam engine which was at once taken to the depot to be shipped to New Iberia, but when the train coming for it reached Cade, the fire had been gotten under control and there was no need for our steamer.

I buy and sell pecans

George J. Olivier.

The Lash of a Fiend would have been about as welcome to A. coper of Oswego, N. Y., as a merciless lung-racking cough that defied all rem-ST. MARTINVILLE, - LA. edies for years. "It was most troublesome at night," he writes, "nothing helped me till I used Dr. King's New Discovery which cured me completely. I LAIZAIRE BIENVENU. Publisher never cough at night now." Millions know its matchless merit for simbborn colds, obstinate coughs, sore lungs, lagrippe, asthms, hemorrhage, eroup, whooping cough, or hayfever. It relieves quickly and never fails to satsfy A trial convinces. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. It's positively guaranteed

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Interesting Political Situation.

The Assumption Pioneer.

The political drama which is to be presented in this State beginning in 1911 and ending with a fitting climax in January 1912, was in falling health for several promises to be the most thrilling and exciting ever enacted in "old Louisiana." Those who are to play the leading roles, are already rehearsing their parts, and watch ing closely the direction the wind is likely to blow. The stakes to be played for in the coming campaign are the highest within the gift of the voters, and all indications point to a contest that will echo from the Arkansas line to the Gulf.

Aside from the nomination of when the angel of death came to the State ticket, and parochial in every parish, two United States Senators will be nominated in the 1912 primary, and later in the same year, a judge of the Supreme Court will be nominated in this section of the State. At this early date, it seems certain that there will be two or more candidates for each of the offices, and a campaign in every ward of every parish in

> In order to have a voice in the naming of the officials, every citizen is bound to register and pay his poli tax. No one will be entitied to vote in the Democratic primary election of 1912 who does not hold a poll tax receipt of 1910 and 1911, and registered as a Democrat. Often in the past citizens of this parish have neglected to pay their poll taxes for the two years preceeding an election, and debarred themselves from going to the polls and performing the important duties of citizenship. It is to be hoped that with the great interest that has been aroused in political affairs throughout the State, that few citizens will forget to qualify as voters for the coming

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The People's Bank and Trust Company is the name of the new bank started at Lafayette this week with a capital stock of \$50,-000. John M. Keith, formerly of White Castle, was elected president; Dr. F. E. Girard, Dr. P. A. Dupleix and Rev. J. Roquet vicepresidents, with the cashier and other officers to be elected later. This institution expects to be open for business about December 1. A number of representative citizens of Lafayette are represented on the board of directors. This makes the third bank that Lafayette now nas.

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MRS. F. FOTI.

AS TO GRAFTERS.

By Brand Whitlock.

I am not sure that corruption in legislative bodies in this land is increasing. Rather, I incline to the opinion that the standard of morals has improved, that the pubhe conscience is more delicate and therefore more easily shocked and outraged by revelations which twenty years ago it was either ignorant of or disposed to treat with cynical indifference. We have been thinking more of money than we should, certainly we have been thinking more of making money than of making men; but the people at heart are sound, and you may depend upon it that those in legislatures and municipal bodies who are found grafting are not representing the people. They are representing, of course, some privileged corporation, and the way to get rid of graft is to get rid of the privileged corporation. That is to say, public utilities in cities, instead of being given over to private companies to be used for private profit, as Crassus conducted his private fire department in Rome, should be operated by the city itself. And then, grafters get into legislative bodies because the voters stupefied by partisanship, because they get into a frame of mind in which they always vote the party ticket no matter who is on it, and when they do this it is very easy for the boss, who always, of course, represents some publicservice corporation or some immense private interest, to nominate men who will represent those interests instead of the people. Politicians, like frogs and some other animals, take on the color of their environment. The corporations send men to the legislature who will represent the corporations; and if the people want a man to represent them and their honest will, they should send the man there themselves and not leave the job to the party boss. I think, too, that the referendum ofers a very practical means of curbing the lobbyists at State legislatures. As it is now, a corrupt lobby can put many measure through legislative bodies for the benefit of private privileged interests, and to do this, of course, they have to bribe legislators. The people as a rule pay little attention to the legislature while it is in session and too seldom take means to prevent the enactment of evil legislation. This is due to the fact that they are busy with their own affairs, that they are not properly One gentle mare and informed, and that they are not represented at the legislature, where nearly everything seems to Also an iron be represented but the people. Inasmuch as the habit is to consider legislation after it has been L. F. Gary. enacted, it seems to me that the referendum would give them the opportunity they desire and at the same time fall in with their habits. In this way the corrupt practices of legislators could be avoided so far as their effect upon the whole public is concerned, and it would not be long until corrupt lobbying was discouraged if not discontin-As for the moral effect upon the lobbyists and those they represent and those they corrupt I suppose they can be left to Nemesis.

To Whom It May Concern.

From and after September 1st 1910 I will not rent borses, carriages or teams on credit, I can't afford to employ a book-keeper I wish to announce that I will and I am too busy to keep them, so when you want a team, be sure to come with the cash.

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