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State Superintendent Calhoun has made the first apportionment for the public schools. It is the largest on record. Lafourche with its 9,396 educable children receives out of the apportionment fund the sum of \$5,167.80.

The assessment rolls of this parish show that there are only 27 negroes who are over 21 years of age owning property amounting to not less than \$300, and who by reason of this fact are entitled to register and vote at all elections.

The Baton Rouge Truth says that the deeds of cruelty practiced on the Philippines, a people struggling for liberty as did our forefathers, should cause a blush of shame to mantle the cheek of every American who loves honesty and fair play.

The following well deserved compliment was paid our honored and much esteemed State Senator by the Capitolian Advocate:

Senator Will H. Price of Lafourche, handsome as a prince, courteous as a Chesterfield and genial as the typical Southern gentleman that he is, was a visitor at the Capital yesterday.

The Missionary a monthly Journal says, that though martyrdom by the scaffold of the sword be past, there are other martyrdoms to be suffered. There is the martyrdom of charity in the pestilence, the martyrdom of zeal in wearing out life and strength for the souls of men; there is the martyrdom of a will prompt and ready for life or death in behalf of the truth and the Church.

The Lafayette Gazette in commenting on a bill recently passed by congress which carried with it an appropriation of \$40,000 to entertain Prince Henry, of Germany, who will soon visit this country says, that it is a damnable outrage to squander \$40,000 of the people's money to pay obsequious homage to a man because he happens to be a brother of the Emperor of Germany.

### A FITTING RECOGNITION.

Dr. J. L. M. Curry, connected with the Peabody and other educational funds, and well known to the people of this State, has been appointed special envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to represent this country at the coming of age of the King of Spain. Dr. Curry was minister to Spain at the time of the birth of the young King and it is interesting to hear him relate of the custom prevailing in that old world nation when an heir to the throne is born.

The President could not have appointed a better or more able man, and it will be gratifying to Dr. Curry to return to Spain on such an occasion. He served our country well as our representative at the court of Spain and the appointment is a fitting recognition of the past services of this truly good man.

### EXCELLENT ADVICE.

The people of our State are continually wondering how it is that Crowley is making such unparalleled strides in the field of progress, but if the following which is taken from the Crowley Signal is carefully read more light will probably be thrown upon the matter. Hear this excellent advice:

Crowleyites should make it a practice when traveling never to miss an opportunity to put in a good word for the town. Talk Crowley on the trains, on the streets, in the hotel lobbies, be interviewed and don't be afraid of saying too much, as Acadia parish and Southwest Louisiana haven't a peer in the whole United States. Talk Crowley to everyone, everywhere, all the time.

The people of Thibodaux should profit by this advice. We have many reasons to feel proud of our town and want of words on part of our people should never be lacking whenever the occasion presents itself. Few parishes in the State can compare with Lafourche and few towns with Thibodaux in wealth, resources and advantages; none can excel our population in intelligence, hospitality, and enterprise so we should talk Thibodaux on the trains, on the streets, to everyone, everywhere and all the time.

### GIVE US YOUR AID.

The SENTINEL is devoted to the best interests of the community in which it is published. To build up and advance the material prosperity of Lafourche parish will be its constant aim. Whatever is published in these columns, we wish it to be distinctly understood, is done, "with charity to all, and malice towards none." While the SENTINEL will discuss political questions as it is the duty of every public journal, and while our utterances will always be heard without doubtful meaning, we wish to subordinate these political issues to those nearer the heart of our people: the material enhancement, industrial, commercial and agricultural, of our great parish.

To accomplish our work we need the co-operation of our people. Correspondence from every section of our parish is solicited. We want to publish everything that transpires of interest and advocate every movement that has a tendency to improve and better our condition.

Give us your aid, seriously and actively, and we will make old Lafourche boom with prosperity from centre to circumference.

Send us your items of news, disclose to us your projects, subscribe to and advertise in the SENTINEL and you will see how well it pays to aid a worthy enterprise.

United we are strong and can accomplish a great deal. The SENTINEL is not published for us alone but for the people, whose zealous champion of their rights it will ever be fodder or no fodder.

### A WORTHY CAUSE.

Our esteemed contemporary, the St. Bernard Voice, is "striking telling blows" in behalf of the cause of public education. Always zealous in the advocacy of whatever will redound to the people of the section in which it is published, it upholds to-day a movement started in St. Bernard to build public school houses. The step taken by the citizens of our sister parish should be imitated by other parishes. When money is the great desideratum to conduct our free schools the citizen cannot employ his funds more advantageously than to aid in building and rendering effective the public school system. Every locality desiring a school should offer the School Board at least the house to teach in. It would cost but a few dollars to each family and would show that spirit of enterprise and go-aheaditiveness which is so desirable to be found in every American community. The free school is to educate the masses—to prepare them for society and citizenship—and as Dr. Alderman, of Tulane University, very properly says, "is as much for all as the electric light, water works and parks." He who neglects the cause of education does himself and his country a great injustice.

We cannot express it more forcibly and appropriately than in the words of the Voice, which says:

Public education is one of the most important questions which can be considered by a civilized, intelligent and progressive people. In fact, the condition and standing of a community is measured by the advantages which it offers for educating its children. Upon education depends the future of any place on the globe—whether it will be peaceful, prosperous and progressive, or whether it will retrograde and do justice to the days in the dark ages. The relation which education bears to government, individual well-being and general advancement is too evident to require expatiation. No people are capable of self-government who do not possess the blessings of education. They are unfit to govern themselves, because they do not have the very first qualification—the ability to judge and know what is good and best for them.

Some of the country papers of Louisiana are still harping on the gubernatorial question. Why this should be troubling them to such a considerable extent is beyond our comprehension. We do not believe that the agitating of political questions a year or two ahead of time will prove injurious to the people, but we rather think that such discussions are too premature as we once had occasion to say editorially a few weeks ago.

A question "causing much discussion" at Washington is whether Special Ambassador Whitelaw Reid, the civic representative of this austere Democracy at the coronation of King Edward of England, shall or shall not wear knee-breeches, says the New York Journal. It is fitting that the large minds responsible for the sending of the embassy should concern themselves with this vital matter. It is also natural that the bead of cold perspiration should glisten on their majestic foreheads. The agony of uncertainty is far harder to bear than any decision can be. In our judgment, however, there is no just ground for this painful anxiety at the republic's capital. Edward VII is a gracious monarch, and if properly approached there is every reason to believe that he will consent to the appearance of Mr. Reid at the coronation without his trousers.—T.D.

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