

TO WELSH FOR THE GLORIOUS FOURTH.

Largest Celebration Ever Given Northwest Louisiana Planned to be Held at Welsh.

When making your plans for the Fourth don't forget that Welsh, the best in Jeff Davis Parish and the most accessible to all her people, is neither time, nor expense, nor effort, nor arranging for the best celebration ever held in Southwest Louisiana. We have our visiting friends every year in the form of amusement that can be had for such an occasion.

Welsh has one of the best Uniformed Bands of the state, which will furnish music in quantity and quality that will satisfy all. The speakers, who will speak in English and French, are among the foremost men of the state, and worth spending the day to hear, and that was all we had to offer. Money has been secured to offer some very attractive prizes for the winners of the races, which assures us of some fine races.

Base Ball, Field Sports, a Merry-go-round and sundry other attractions to make this the very best Fourth that we have ever given, and then you will want to meet us, and we have the assurance that we will have representatives here from every section of the new parish.

YOU WILL BE MORE THAN COME.

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION IN BALTIMORE

Col. Bryan Playing Loosing Game, Similar to the One Played by Roosevelt at Chicago.

The second big event of the season, the Democratic National Convention is now in session in Baltimore, having followed the Republican convention without giving the public any intermission between events.

While Teddy is not at Baltimore, a fighter of almost equal fame, in the person of Col. William Jennings Bryan, is on hand and making the leaders of the convention realize that they have a fight on their hands. The Col. took his first stand against the nomination of Hon. Alton B. Parker for temporary chairman and was defeated by a vote closely resembling Roosevelt's defeat in the preliminary skirmishes at Chicago, the vote being 510 to 529. Following this first defeat Mr. Bryan placed in nomination Mr. Kerns as an opposing candidate to Mr. Parker. Mr. Kerns' name was withdrawn before the vote was taken, and the name of the Commoner himself was submitted as the opposing candidate for the temporary chairmanship. The Colonel's defeat on this vote was even more decisive than the previous test had shown, being 506 to 573.

Whether Bryan will be able to recoup his losses, or will take the downward course as Col. Roosevelt did, remains for time to tell.

TAFT AND SHERMAN CHOSEN TO HEAD REPUBLICAN TICKET.

Roosevelt Accepts Nomination From Third Party That Was Born During Work of Republican Convention.

At a little before midnight Saturday was brought to a close the greatest political convention of this, or any other age or country. For ten days the eyes of the entire civilized world have been focused upon Chicago, where the Republican party has been making history the importance of which time alone can foretell. The Republican party, which for more than a half a century has shaped the destiny of this nation, as well as moulded to a very considerable extent the history of the world during that period, was split into pretty nearly equal parts that seem to foreshadow the complete repudiation of the party at the coming election.

At a little after nine o'clock in the evening the vote was taken for the nomination of a candidate for the Republican party for President, which resulted in William Howard Taft receiving 541 votes, or 21 more than majority, thereby being elected upon the first ballot.

A short time later the vote was taken for a candidate for Vice President when, the present incumbent, Mr. Sherman was nominated by a vote of 567.

The vote for the presidential nominees were, Taft 561, Roosevelt 107, LaFollette 41, Cummins 17, Hughes 2, present and not voting, 315 and absent 2.

The vote on the vice presidential candidate was Sherman 567, Borah 21, Merriam 20, Hadley 14, Beveridge 2, Gillette 1, absent 71, not voting 352.

Perceiving that he and his supporters stood no chance before the powerful steam roller, Col. Roosevelt, shortly before the vote was to be taken requested that his name be not presented, and that his supporters indicate their disapproval of the means used to secure his defeat, not by withdrawing from the convention, but rather by remaining in their seats and refusing to vote. In this way 352 Roosevelt delegates, by their silence refused to participate in the final work of the convention, while 107 of the Colonel's supporters voted for him on roll call, even though his name was not formally presented to the convention.

Almost simultaneously with the nomination of Mr. Taft, Theodore Roosevelt was made the nominee of the third party that was brought into existence at that time. Assembled in Orchestra Hall, and delegates who had been elected to nominate Roosevelt, the delegates who were for the Colonel, and had been refused a seat by the National Committee, and a number of other Progressives called into existence a new progressive party and nominated Mr. Roosevelt as their Standard bearer.

The Colonel accepted the nomination and asked that a convention be called some six weeks later to ratify the work they had done.

Thus through the strife engendered, to a large extent by what a large portion of the American citizenship will look upon as unmitigated presumption, on the part of the ex-president, and an equally large portion of citizens will attribute to the fraudulent methods of the Republican machine, the Republican party was divided, a new party has been formed, and the chances for a Democratic victory has been greatly enhanced.

"Jake" is Furnishing Big Game For Bargain Hunters.

We want to call especial attention of our readers to the big 10th Anniversary Sale, that J. S. Gerson, our progressive dry goods and clothing merchant is advertising this week. This sale gives promise of being the biggest thing for bargain hunters that has been held in Welsh for a long time. Mr. Gerson's reputation for giving bargains unsurpassed, during these clearance sales is too well known to require comment from the JOURNAL. However if you are out after the most for the money during this sale, you can hardly afford to miss the opportunity that will be presented to you for ten days following June 28th, at the Signal Clothing Store.

Clearance Sale now on in all Ladies' Hats.

-Southern Mercantile Co.

WELSH ENTERING UPON GOOD ROADS CAMPAIGN

Grading Crews Began Work This Week That Will Connect Elton and Lake Arthur With Welsh by Splendid Roads.

While Welsh and the surrounding territory have for years been noted as having more miles of good public roads per capita of population than any like community in south western Louisiana, an effort is being initiated this week that will greatly increase the miles of splendid roads in this locality, and will connect the thriving little cities of Elton and Lake Arthur, with Welsh by ideal roads for teams or automobiles.

Mr. J. T. Peck began grading the road leading north from the Gulf Mill, and expects to put in perfect order this stretch of road, from the city limits to the township line some six or seven miles north. The work will be taken up at that point by Mr. C. H. Findley, an experienced dirt man, who has been secured to construct a graded road from the township line to the McBurney Ranch fourteen miles north of town. From that point a good road has already been constructed into Elton and beyond, so that it will, when this work is completed, be possible for people of Elton to come to Welsh in their cars, or to drive here and be assured of having a first class road all the way. It is expected that this work will be completed within sixty days if the weather remains favorable.

Mayor, L. G. Lewis in behalf of the town has secured Mr. Clyde Moor, who with his gasoline tractor will grade up all the roads within the corporate limits leading south and east of town, this means an addition of several miles of roads that will be put in excellent shape in the very near future. Beyond the work that Mr. Moor will finish, we are informed that Police Jaror E. A. Arceneaux, will have the convict road crew grade several miles of road leading toward Lake Arthur, so as to connect that prosperous little city with Welsh by a well graded road.

Taken as a whole this is the most concerted and extensive movement that has been made by any one community for the establishment of good roads in this section of the state, and will result in a very material benefit not only to Welsh, Lake Arthur and Elton, which will be connected by a splendid system of good roads, but will be a great advantage to every planter living in the section through which these roads will pass.

July Fourth Will Be Appropriately Celebrated in Lake Charles.

We are requested to announce that Lake Charles has prepared one of the best Fourth of July celebration programs that has been offered in that city in years. The events of the day will be many and varied, among the chief of which will be Harness and Running Races, Automobile Races, Base Ball Games, and many other amusements to be given at the Fair Grounds, the admission to which will be free to all.

The Casino will be open for Roller Skating, Dancing and Bathing, while the three picture shows with good Vaudeville Bills offer their attractions to visitors with the assurance that they will be highly pleased with their productions.

Lake Charles extends a cordial invitation to everyone to enjoy the Fourth in the city by the Lake.

Lake Arthur, Jennings and Northern R. R. Tax Carried Big in Ward 10

One of the hottest contested elections that Ward Ten has experienced in a number of years was held Tuesday, when the proposition of voting a five-mill ten year tax for the purpose of completing the Lake Arthur, Jennings and Northern Railroad was before the people for their decision. The tax carried by a large majority in the Ward. The vote and property valuation was as follows:

Jennings, 330 votes for; 85 against. valuation, \$350,685; against, \$49,345. Lake Arthur, 167 votes for; 21 valuation for, \$129,715; against, \$10,450.

Elton, 16 votes for; 55 against. valuation, for \$42,350; against \$30,340.

Mrs. Felix Arceneaux and baby of Lake Charles who have been visiting friends and relatives for the past few weeks, returned to her home Thursday morning.

NEW PARISHES ELECTIONS TO BE HELD DEC. 17TH.

Parish Seat Elections To Be Held Sometime in September. Many Candidates Out.

Second only to the question of parish division itself is the question of the location of parish seats in the new parishes. And the date upon which the election will be held for the selection of the new seats of government, and also for the selection of the new parish officials is a matter of more the passing interest to most of our citizens.

The new parishes will be legally created January 1st, 1912. The legislative enactment creating the new parishes also provided that the date of holding an election for the selection of parish and ward officers, consisting of sheriffs, clerks of court, assessors, police jurors, constables, and justices of the peace, will be held on the 17th of December.

The date for the selection of the parish seats has been a matter of a good deal of speculation heretofore, although it was generally believed that it would be held at the same time that the general parish election would occur. This, however, according to the Lake Charles Daily Times is an error. The Times is authority for the statement that this election will be

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held sometime in September, possibly about the middle, although the actual date has not yet been selected.

The contestants for parish seat honors are several in each of the new parishes. Jeff Davis has two contestants already in the list with the strong possibility of a third one. Welsh and Jennings are both in the fight, and it is more than likely that Lake Arthur will enter the race, believing that her natural resources and prospective water transportation facilities, will in a large measure offset Jennings larger population and Welsh's more central location.

In Allen parish it seems probable that Klauer, Oberlin and Oakdale will be in the fight for the parish seat.

In Bonnetreard the fight will be between DeLidder and Bess, and in this case DeLidder has the advantage of larger population, while Bess has the advantage of a more central location.

There seem to be no candidates of material from which to choose the different parish officials, although already a number of gentlemen in the several parishes who have announced their willingness to serve the people in the capacity of sheriff, assessor, clerk of court, and in other capacities, in case they are called by the Democratic Primary.

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The U. S. Government Farmers' Co-operative Demonstration Work under local charge of Jno. A. Redhead, Lake Charles, urge and advise all farmers to plant every possible acre from NOW, and UNTIL JULY 1st in MEXICAN JUNE CORN. This is the best corn for late planting and may mature in time to be used for feed for the later rice harvestings. The more corn we grow the greater will be the NET returns from the RICE. This corn has been tested and is a success in this parish. Buy your seed now. This corn can be entered in competition for premiums at the Parish and State Fairs and for the \$200.00 premium offered in connection with the Boys' Corn Club by the CALCASIEU NATIONAL BANK and CALCASIEU MRUST & SAVINGS BANK.

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