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THE MESSENGER.

Why We Advocate the Election of James E. Mouton Esq.

Because he is an honest man;
Because he is profoundly versed in the law;
Because he will make an impartial judge;
Because he is a man of sound and firm convictions;
Because his election will bring peace in the district;
Because litigants can depend on cases being speedily tried;
Because, his election is demanded by nearly every white, and a great many colored tax payers, in this parish.
Because the bench will be honored by his occupancy of it;
Because we sincerely believe, he is the most available man to down Mr. Fontelieu; and
Because he is a gentleman with all that the word implies.
We have other reasons, but these will suffice to show that he is deserving of the support of every intelligent voter, white or black, who places any value on merit.

Beer on ice at 5 cents a glass at B. Audicert's.

The Unkindest Cut of All.

From the St. Bernard Eagle.
St. Martin parish has a board of reviewers which recently met and assessed that portion of the Morgan railroad within its limitations at \$10,000 a mile for the main line and \$7,500 a mile for the branch road. The day following a Mr. Natili, one of the Morgan employees, interviewed these honorable men, and a reduction was promptly effected of \$4,500 a mile on the main line and \$3,500 on the branch. The Reveille, whilst conceding that the citizens of St. Martin will not properly appreciate the action of their fathers, does not mention whether the trade in jewelry and buggies has received the customary impetus. Messrs. Natili and Kruttschnitt have however, failed to work the Iberia parish police jury up to date.

Italics ours. How do the members of the Police Jury like the broad insinuation that their action was influenced by "boodle"? How do they fancy the possession of the unenviable notoriety they have gained?

No one, that we are aware of, in this parish, has, even for a moment, harbored the thought that they received a money consideration in this, to us, inexplicable matter. The most that is said, and believed, is that it was either a grievous error of judgment in placing the proper value on the railroad property, or that they were thoroughly flattered and cajoled, by a master mind, to do what they did. We have found none to exculpate them entirely from blame. For, it cannot be denied, that the equalizing process whereby the assessment on other property was raised, from the lists of the assessor, and whose returns on the labor and

money expended, are very meagre, coupled to Mr. Natili's significant expression of: "you tickle me and I'll tickle you," had a tendency to engender much criticism and hard feeling on the part of the people.

It is but simple justice to say, right here, that at the next mornings session, Messrs. Gillard and Gutekunst, no doubt hearing of the storm of indignation their action had raised, moved to reconsider what they had done, but the three others voted against reconsideration.

The Messenger advises each and every member, either individually or collectively, to make a published statement as to the reasons that impelled their action in this matter, so as to disarm all criticism and dispell all doubts that may be entertained by the public.

The Coming Campaign.

The Parish Democratic Executive Committee met last Monday and after filling existing vacancies, organized thoroughly, and is in shipshape order for the coming election. As now constituted it is a body from which faithful work, to the party, can be expected. One of their acts which is highly commendable, and appeals to the good sense of all fair-minded Democrats, is the calling of a mass meeting to pass upon—either to ratify or reject—the appointments made on the Committee. This is entirely Democratic. Fair play and equal justice is a fundamental principle of Democracy, a fact recognized by the Committee.

The day fixed for the mass meeting is the 22nd instant, when we hope the "old unterrified" will assemble in large numbers in Breaux Bridge. It is of the utmost importance that the Democrats should carry this election and they must put forward all their strength and employ all legitimate means for that purpose. Therefore, let all good Democrats meet on that day, perfect a solid organization, and be ready for the fray.

Local Lights.

Beer on ice at 5 cts, a glass at B. Audibert's.

The Misses Thomas gave an ice cream party, last Tuesday at their beautiful home, St. John plantation.

We call the attention of the Police Jury, to the bridge leading to Mr. G. W. Bancker's place, which is in a very dangerous condition.

We believe there is a municipal ordinance forbidding under penalty of a fine, bathing in a state of nudity in the bayou which, if reports that reach our ears are true, should be speedily enforced.

Old dame Rumor says that Cupid is shooting off his darts, of late, with appalling recklessness, and which bids fair to occasion several interviews with the district clerk.

The pic-nic last Saturday, at Declouet's Spring, given in honor of the visit of several charming young ladies from the city, who are sojourning in our midst, was a pleasurable success.

In the glass ball shooting match, at the tournament, in New Iberia last Saturday, Messrs. L. J. Voorhies and Paul Bienvenu of our town took part. Mr. Voorhies, captured the second prize, a beautiful tea set, comprised of 60 pieces, over which he is quite elated. Mr. Bienvenu also got a prize,

Miss Corinne Gillard, the beautiful and charming daughter of Mr. Leon Gillard, was married, last Saturday, in Breaux Bridge, to Mr. M. Dupuis, an enterprising young merchant of Rayne. The Messenger tenders to the young couple its best wishes, and hopes that on their voyage on the sea of life, not a ripple will mar the course of their bark. They will make Rayne their future home.

The Ladies of the Episcopal Church of our town, having organized an Aid Society for the purpose of improving and assisting their church, cordially invite the assistance of their well wishers in the community. And request their presence and co-operation at an entertainment to be given at Mr. E. R. Knight's residence on Thursday evening the 12th inst.

Dancing and refreshments will be the leading features.

The Dramatic Club of Breaux Bridge, last Saturday gave a representation, before a large and appreciative audience, selecting for the occasion a pretty French comedietta in one act, which was admirably rendered. The scene was on shipboard—the scenery, the costumes in fact all the appointments were carefully and with fine judgment splendidly studied and brought out in pleasing relief, giving the whole an aspect of faithful portrayal to all the requirements demanded by the play. We congratulate the young people on their success and hope it will not be long before their friends will be invited to another treat.

Rooms Parish Democratic Executive Committee.

Breaux Bridge La. Aug. 2nd 1886.

Agreeably to the subjoined call:

In view of the election lately ordered by Gov. S. D. McEnery for Judge of this district and of the election of a Congressman to succeed the Hon. E. J. Gay, we the undersigned President and Members of the Democratic Executive Committee of St. Martin Parish, La., wishing to follow the first principles of Democracy and believing that we have done our duty as good party men do now call a meeting of our Committee to meet at Breaux Bridge, St. Martin Parish La, on August 2nd 1886 for the purpose of reorganizing and filling vacancies now existing in said Democratic Executive Committee.

(Originally signed.)

Chs. Gutekunst
Sebastian Smith
Wm. Denis Tally
Armas Gillard.
Cyprien Guidry
Jules S. Broussard

the Democratic Parish Executive Committee met at 11 o'clock A. M. this day.

The president being absent, although having been notified, Mr. Armas Gillard was called to the chair and Mr. T. L. Broussard was appointed Secretary pro tem.

The roll was called and the following members answered to their names viz: Cyprien Guidry of 4th ward; W. D. Tally of 5th. ward; Armas Gillard of 5th. ward; Jules S. Broussard member at large and S. Smith and Chs. Gutekunst of 2nd ward represented by proxies duly read before the members, all the actual members being present, except the president, and a quorum the Committee proceeded to fill the vacancies.

On motion of Cyprien Guidry seconded by Mr. J. S. Broussard and carried, Mr. Gustave Ledoux was re elected as a member from the 4th ward.

On motion of Mr. J. S. Broussard, seconded by C. Guidry and carried, Mr. Felix Berard was elected to represent the 3rd. ward in place of Mr. Alce Wiltz, who has removed from that ward.

On motion of Mr. W. D. Tally seconded by Mr. C. Guidry and carried, Messrs. R. Martin and A. V. Fleming were elected as members to represent the 1st ward in place of Messrs. A. L. Durio and Arthur Domengeaux the former having left the parish and the latter having removed from that ward.

On motion of Mr. W. D. Tally seconded by Mr. J. S. Broussard and carried Mr. C. A. Thomas was elected permanent Secretary of the Committee.

The members elected were notified of their election and invited to participate in the further deliberations of this body.

On motion of R. Martin seconded by G. Ledoux and carried, it was resolved that a mass meeting or convention of the Democratic party be called to meet on the 22nd of this month in Breaux Bridge in order to either ratify or reject the new appointments made to fill vacancies on the Democratic Executive Committee and further that the Secretary is hereby directed to have the call published in the papers of the parish and also by posters.

On motion of Felix Berard, seconded by J. S. Broussard and carried, a committee of two was appointed, being Messrs. J. S. Broussard and Cyprien Guidry, to wait upon Mr. Cyprien Melancon to secure the use of the Firemen's Hall for the meeting of the 22nd inst.

There being no further business before the meeting same upon motion of C. Guidry seconded by G. Ledoux and carried, was adjourned subject to call.

T. L. Broussard,
Sec. Protem.

NOTICE.

To the Democratic Voters of the Parish of St. Martin.

Agreeably to a resolution adopted by the Democratic Executive Committee, at a meeting held in the town of Breaux Bridge, on the 2nd instant, the Democratic voters are cordially invited to attend a mass meeting to be held in the town of Breaux Bridge on

SUNDAY THE 22nd. OF AUGUST 1886.

to either ratify or reject the appointments made to fill vacancies on said committee at its sitting of date before mentioned, and other business that may be called up relating to the pending election.

C. A. Thomas,
Sec'y Psh. Dem. Ex. Comm.