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PLATFORM OF THE PROGRESSIVE DEMOCRATIC TICKET

Lafayette, La., Feb. 17, 1913.
To the People of the City of Lafayette:

We hereby submit our candidacies to the voters of Lafayette subject to the Primary election to be held Feb. 26th, and in doing so we believe it to be proper to place before them our views on all questions of public interest.

1st. We believe that a system of sewerage should be established in our City without further delay, not through a tax, but by Franchise Rights, with the proper and absolute safeguard of the interest of the people.

2nd. The principal street of the City should be paved. We understand that under the law the abutting property owners are required to pay two thirds of this expense and the City the other third. It seems to be the wish of nearly all along this street that this should be done, and we say, that the City should and must make provisions for its share of the expense; and that the other streets should be properly drained.

3rd. For sanitary and other important reasons we believe that the dust nuisance should be abated and better provisions made to facilitate the removal of the garbage; we will give every assistance and support possible to the Ladies of the Civic League towards that end.

4th. Our electric light and water works plant has been run at a loss to the tax payers for some time. We are not concerned with the past, but with the present and future, and we believe that the plant should be run on a self-supporting or paying basis;

and we promise our best efforts to bring about this condition.

5th. There has been talk for years back of installing a fire alarm system in order to place the Fire Department on a more efficient basis; and to also bring about a reduction in the high insurance rates now being paid. We promise to set aside annually the revenues derived from the licenses paid by the insurance Companies for the sole purpose of erecting a fire alarm system in this City.

6th. We believe that the water mains of this city should be extended in such a way as to give its citizens primarily, protection in case of fire, and secondarily to better assist in reducing the said present high insurance rates.

7th. Lafayette is destined to become a great and important City. Let all the forces of her citizenship unite for her moral, social and industrial upbuilding and advancement if elected, we pledge ourselves as public servants, and if defeated as true citizens, to work for her welfare.

On this platform we solicit your votes "and sink or swim, perish or survive" we remain yours FOR GREATER LAFAYETTE.

G. A. MARTIN, For Mayor.

For Councilmen:

THOMAS HOPKINS, JR.,
JACK DOUCET,
RENE DELHOMME,
FELIX H. LANDRY,
THOMAS ROGERS,
ELOI C. BROUSSARD,
DAN DEBAILLON.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

Committee Appointed to Outline Program for Convocation Day.

The sixth monthly teachers' institute was held Saturday at the High School with Principal Jordan as conductor and Misses May Bowden N. Mattes, Clara Long, Carrie Lessley, Lella Winnifred, Mildred Smith, Hazel Bateman Messrs. J. A. Andrus, A. M. Bourque, R. A. Miller, Guy Smith, O. W. Scott and V. A. Guldroz on the program.

Reviving Convocation Day, which was originated by Supt. Alleman, but omitted for several years, was discussed, and G. P. Marait, principal of the Scott Graded School; J. A. Andrus, principal of the Northside City School; O. W. Scott, principal of the Broussard Graded School; Alcibiades Broussard, principal of the Broussard Graded School, and F. M. Bacquet, principal of the Carencro Graded School were appointed as a committee to outline a program for convocation day, with instructions to report at the next meeting.

Negro Kills Another at Broussard. Saturday night Paul Steiner, a negro, killed another negro by the name of Theogen Joseph by shooting him with a shot gun. The deed was said to have been caused by jealousy. Steiner was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Peck and lodged in jail.

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baillon, in withholding from the Council the information that I had deposited amount required to cover my license—and that such deposit had been made with him by me personally, was actuated by any feelings of personal animus against me or desired to subject me to an unnecessary prosecution, but the fact does remain that a word from him to the Council on the night of its meeting whereat the Chief of Police was ordered to arrest me for conducting a saloon without a license, would have spared me much annoyance, expense and unfavorable notoriety.

I fully appreciate the fact that Mr. Debaillon cannot usurp the duties of the tax collector; I know, also, that the deposit with him of the check for the license might not be construed in a legal sense as a payment of the license and I did not tender the check to him for his acceptance or rejection, but solely for the purpose of rendering me a favor as a friend, my opportunities for attending to business matters being almost eliminated by reason of my time being taken up with matters attending the illness of my wife. Mr. Debaillon faithfully promised me that he would gladly render the favor, and relying on his word I left the matter in his hands. How, well he played the part of friend is evidenced by his conduct in supinely sitting by and permitting the Council to order my arrest and prosecution when he held in his own possession the check left with him by me covering the amount of my license. Of course, if Mr. Debaillon has gained any satisfaction from the fact that he is the direct cause of my arrest and of the circulation of the report of my arrest, thereby injuring my credit and placing me in a false light with those unfamiliar with the facts he is welcome to enjoy the full measure thereof, but it strikes me that his conscience would be clearer

IT IS TIME TO WAKE UP.

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It is time for the people of Lafayette to wake up to the fact that they are paying too much for BAD roads.

If you had a leak of 25 or 50 per cent in your business, you would either stop it or go bankrupt.

You are losing money every day on account of BAD roads just as surely as you would lose money by exchanging TEN dollar gold pieces for FIVE dollar gold pieces.

Here is how the thing works out in actual practice:

Example 1.—A well-known farmer in the 7th. Ward of Lafayette parish when asked recently to make a safe estimate of the average annual loss he sustained on account of BAD roads, stated that it was not less than \$100. In other words he acknowledged that he was paying a TAX of \$100 a year for BAD roads. When shown in black and white that a good-roads tax of 5 mills on his property assessment of \$4,306.00 would amount to only \$21.53 he readily understood that he would gain over \$75 a year by a change from BAD roads to good roads. This farmer says he is very willing to vote a 5 mill tax for good roads. Do you wonder why?

Example 2.—A prominent physician of the 5th. Ward estimates his loss from the same cause at a minimum of \$100 a year. After paying a 5-mill good-roads tax this physician would have \$81.38 left in his pocket from the \$100 a year he is now paying for BAD roads.

Example 3.—A merchant of Carencro who admitted that BAD roads certainly cost him over \$50 a year in lost profits, found out by a little figuring that \$6 would cover a 5-mill good-roads tax levied on his property. The saving in this instance would be \$44. He says he would rather pay \$6 a year for good roads than \$50 a year for bad ones.

Example 4.—One of the leading merchants of Lafayette is convinced that he loses from \$200 to \$300 a year of profits in his business on account of BAD roads. His good-roads tax would be less than \$25 a year. He says he is willing to pay a tax of \$50 a year for good roads. Of course he is; can't you see the reason of it?

Those who have given thought to this problem will readily agree that no better investment of money can be made than in the building of permanent roads.

The lack of good roads is greatly retarding the progress made possible in Lafayette parish by the lavish favors of nature.

The lack of dependable transportation facilities from farm to market is costing our farmers countless thousands of dollars, and in that way is lessening the earning capacity of every man who tills the soil, which means that its depressing effect is felt in every channel of trade and every walk of life.

Is it not strange then that a progressive people will permit the existence of such a great obstruction to the prosperity and advancement of the country?

Give Lafayette parish good roads and you will marvel at the changes that will follow. Our towns will all thrive because of the wonderful improvement which will take place in the rural districts surrounding them. Country schools will be made better and country homes brightened.

The spirit of civic improvement spreads rapidly when once well started. Wherever you may travel over good roads you will find the best tilled farms and the greatest evidence of progress and prosperity.

Let us all pull together and secure for Lafayette parish a system of improved highways that will reflect credit upon us as a progressive and enterprising people, and bring great and lasting benefits to us and our children.

GOOD ROADS COMMITTEE.

ANOTHER CARD TO THE PUBLIC

In view of the fact the report has gone broadcast, and in fact has been published in the New Orleans newspapers, to the effect that I was arrested on a charge of conducting a saloon without a license, it is but natural that anyone not familiar with the facts, and not well acquainted with me, would reach the conclusion that I was either inclined to violate the law or was unable to pay the required license. In a previous statement published in this paper I narrated the facts and circumstances leading up to the making of the affidavit against me, above referred to, and gave an explanation of the methods adopted in preferring the charge against me. At that time I was not aware that the resolution of the City Council offered by Mr. Caffery ordering my arrest was made by it under a misapprehension of the facts, and for that reason felt that an injustice had been done me by that body. I called at the office of the Tax Collector to pay my license before any action was taken by the Council, but not finding him I called on the Clerk of the Council, Mr. Dan Debaillon, and deposited

with him my check for \$1,000 to cover the license due by me, and requested him to inform the Council that I had complied with the provisions of the law, having been prevented from doing so sooner, as already explained by me. I subsequently learned that Mr. Debaillon, though in possession of my check, failed to notify the Council of that fact though present and acting as Secretary at the very meeting at which the resolution ordering my prosecution was adopted. I was further informed by members of the Council that had they known that the required amount to cover the license had been deposited by me with the Secretary of the Council the resolution ordering my arrest and prosecution would never have been adopted, and when, in fact, they were assured that my statement was correct the Council met in extra session and ordered the affidavit against me withdrawn and all proceedings against me thereunder discontinued, as will appear by reference to the proceedings of the Council of date February 24th 1913.

Now, I do not know whether Mr. De-

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had he adopted more honorable tactics.

I am making this statement solely for the purpose of apprising my friends and the general public that the unwarranted prosecution, authorized and instituted by the City Council through error and a misapprehension of the facts, has been dismissed and that the council has made an honorable effort to make amends for the worry and expense my unjust arrest has subjected me to as a result of the withholding by Mr. Debaillon of the information that check for the amount of the license due by me had been deposited with him.

In conclusion I would be pleased to have Mr. Dan Debaillon explain to the public the reason for his action above.

Respectfully,
H. H. SANDOZ.

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