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THE BANK OF ST. JOHN

RESERVE. LOUISIANA
BEGAN BUSINESS DECEMBER 5 1904
PAID UP CAPITAL - - - \$15,000
SURPLUS - - - - - \$15,000

OFFICERS: Aug. Lasseigne, President; E. J. Caire, Vice-President
James Clément, Cashier, James J. Montégut, Assistant Cashier.
DIRECTORS: Augustin Lasseigne, Clément Maurin Dr. Sidney Montégut Lucien Montégut Jr., Paul Berthelot, Etienne J. Caire, Dr. L. T. Donaldson, Emigde Ory, Thos. F. Ory, Charles E. Thibodaux, George Bourgeois, James Clément J. V. Chenet
3½ PER CENT. INTEREST PAID ON TIME DEPOSITS.

GARY STATE BANK

GARYVILLE, LA.

PAID UP CAPITAL - - - - \$10,000.00
SURPLUS - - - - - \$2,000.00

OFFICERS— F. REYNAUD, President; DR. O. J. ORY, Vice-President; J. J. GEBELIN, Cashier.
DIRECTORS — Emile Graugnard, J. J. Gebelin, Léon Keller, Z. Montz, Dr. O. J. Ory, E. J. Poche F. Reynaud.
3½ PER CENT. INTEREST ON TIME DEPOSITS.

ST. JAMES BANK

LUTCHER, LA.

BEGAN BUSINESS NOVEMBER 15 1904.

PAID UP CAPITAL \$30,000 00
SURPLUS \$40,000.00

OFFICERS: F. Reynaud, President; Leonaro Waguespack, Vice-president; L. Keller, Second Vice-president; A. H. Mears, Cashier; Eugene J. Poche, Assistant Cashier.
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CHURCH FAIR NEWS.

Everybody is busy, busy, busy! So busy that your Publicity Chairman could hardly snatch the few minutes required to give an account of this week's doings.

The news of our Fair is spreading even to busy New Orleans, and some of the business firms there are truly living up to their reputation for generosity. Witness these splendid donations for the worthy cause:

J. Watts Kearny & Sons, check for \$10.00
I. L. Lyons & Co Ltd., check for \$5.00
Stauffer, Eshleman & Co Ltd., check for \$5.00
American Paint Works, check for \$5.00
Cudahy Packing Co., one boiled Ham,
Henry Lochte Co Ltd., two Dove Hams,
Riverside Wine & Brandy Co., one case Sauterne wine
Finlay, Dicks & Co Ltd., one dozen Dental Cream,
Robt. P. Hyams Coal Co., one ton Coal,
Swift & Co. two boiled Hams, Whitney & Sloo Co Ltd., one fine Riding Bridle,
Weiss, Frank & Co., two boxes Mint Juleps
Schwartz Bros & Co., one pair Blankets,
Armour & Co., two boiled Hams, Morris & Co., one boiled Ham,
J. B. Camors & Sons, half-bbl I. H. Flour

The above donations were made thru The Store of the People.

Miss Elmire Fabre, and the Mrs. Léopold Ory, M. J. Becnel, and Alfred Songy are out soliciting donations for the Fair in their vicinity and they all report "DOING FINE". At this rate there will be an abundance of good things to eat and drink and the Committee in charge of the Restaurant and the different stands assure us that the prices will be very moderate. It is intended to carry on the sale of food, drinks, etc., etc., on a through business basis, giving full value for each expenditure, and each and every one will receive the same personal and courteous attention.

Each and every one is courteously but strongly urged to bend every effort towards securing as many visitors for the Fair from outside the parish as he can reach or see: as we say in French "L'eau va à la rivière": the more people will talk of the Fair and boost it up, the larger will the crowd be. And above everything else we need a big crowd! So, go to it! Talk about it! Write about it! Think of it all the time! The fine result which will follow will more than repay you for all your troubles.

Next week we hope to be able to give a complete program of all the plays, sketches, songs, etc., being prepared by the Committee on entertainment. We shall also announce the names of those who have accepted the offer of acting on the Reception Committee.

DIED.

On Thursday, August 19th, 1915, at 7:30 p. m. MRS. MARIE AMELIE DUFRESNE, (née Marie Amélie Daron) aged 41 years and 2 months.

She leaves a heart-broken husband and seven children to mourn her sad and untimely death.

The funeral was held last Friday at the St. Peters Catholic Church, Reserve, La., with interment in the St. Peters Cemetery.

Le Meschacébé extend its sincerest sympathy to the grief-stricken ones.

Election Next Tuesday.

On next Tuesday, August 31, 1915, a general election will be held in this parish, and throughout the State of Louisiana, the purpose of this election is to submit to the voters of the State the question of whether or not they are for or against a Constitutional Convention at this time and also to select a delegate to this Convention.

Before another issue of the "Meschacébé" goes to press, the voters of this parish will have visited the polls and cast their ballots for or against the holding of this Convention.

Knowing the intelligence of the good voters of St. John parish and the interest of their parish and state which they have constantly at heart we need not question the result of next Tuesday's election as to whether a Constitutional Convention is desired at this critical time when a political crisis is in full swing not only in St. John but throughout the State.

We invite our readers' attention to the brilliant address of Hon. L. E. Thomas to the Citizens of Louisiana on a call of a Constitutional Convention being held at this time. Valuable, and very interesting quotations from Mr. Thomas' address appears in another column of this issue and is instructive, interesting and is certainly worth the few minutes it will take to read it.

Read it, reason it out and Vote accordingly.

Hon. L. E. Thomas needs no introduction at our hands. He is our present Speaker of the House, a great statesman, and a citizen who is above criticism who can be relied upon, being an authority on matters pertaining to the best interests of Louisiana.

LOCAL PERSONALS.

Those We Meet, Hear of and See During the Week.

Visitors in and out of the Parish.

A grand dance was given last Thursday, August 26, in the Berthelot Schoolhouse by the younger set.

From information received we are informed that the dance was very largely attended and was a grand social success. Delicious refreshments and cakes were served throughout the evening. Sweet music was furnished by the famous THREE FRIENDS BAND, of Lucy.

Mr. Eugene Bourgeois, for a number of years overseer for the Léon Godchaux Company at their Reserve place, has recently been transferred to the Diamond plantation, at Sellers, St. Charles parish, La., which place is also owned and operated by the Godchaux Co.

The many friends of Mr. E. S. Dutreix, of Edgard will learn with much pleasure that he has fully recuperated from a severe attack of appendicitis, which confined him to his home for several days. If nothing happens to interrupt the patient's progress toward recovery, it is hoped that Mr. Dutreix will soon be mingling with his many friends throughout the parish.

Miss Evelynne Bienvenue, a charming young lady of Gramercy was the honored guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph D'Arensborg this week.

Miss Louise André of New Orleans is visiting friends in St. John.

Public Schools Reopen On September 13.

Vacation days are numbered and the children will be glad (?) to know that the public schools will reopen throughout this parish on Monday, September 13.

With but few exceptions, the teachers have been selected for the coming school term and all preliminaries have been complied with. Indications point to a record breaking attendance on opening day.

As soon as available, the Meschacébé will publish the official list of teachers.

As previously stated all preliminaries have been carefully looked into and the buildings and lots present a spick and span appearance.

The children are enthusiastic and will undoubtedly enter the school rooms on opening day with a determination to do even better than before.

We respectfully suggest to the parents the advisability of sending their children to school on the opening day. The different classes will be organized then and all late comers will lose by procrastination.

Grand Church Fair In St. Charles Parish.

Posters distributed throughout St. Charles and neighboring parishes announce a grand Church Fair at C. C. Champagne's on September 4th, 1915, for the special benefit of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Taft, La.

Elaborate and very extensive preparations are being made by the different committees and the Fair promises to be the Grandest yet given for such a purpose in St. Charles parish.

Music will be furnished by a special organized and first class band. Delicious refreshments and all sorts of fine eatables will be served at very moderate prices. It is also announced that there will be an accommodation ferry at Sellers, La.

The different Committees follow:

Refreshments and Music: Léon C. Vial, Steve Keller, Donatien Lorio, James S. Patterson, Paul Lorio, R. A. Dubroca, A. E. Picard, and Henry Hirsh.
Arrangement Committee: A. L. Keller, Télesmar Becnel, Victor Hymel, Amélie Fauchoux, George Becnel, Lionel Hymel, A. E. Hubert, and Stanley Keller.

Floor Committee: Aubert Champagne, Willie Patterson, Oscar Oubre, and J. C. Fauchoux.
Special Committee: George Lorio S. Hymel, Thos. Landeche, J. Louis Blouin, and A. Madere.

Everybody is most cordially invited to attend this grand fair and thereby help the good cause.

Political Gossip.

None of the candidates for our parish offices have made public announcement of their candidacy as yet.

So far we have heard of but one candidate for the office of Sheriff one for Assessor, and one for Coroner, but it seems to be the consensus of opinion that more will soon follow.

The present incumbent, Hon. Paul Berthelot, is serving his fourth term as Sheriff and he has given such universal satisfaction as such that the people are very much inclined to let well enough alone.

We don't suppose that there is a more vigilant sheriff in the State than Paul Berthelot and his constituents are aware of this and are not troubling themselves just now to find his successor.

Mr. and Mrs. Edrington Reach The Pacific Coast

The editor of this paper takes pleasure in announcing that on August 24th., 1915, he received a letter from our popular and genial District Judge, Hon. Prentice E. Edrington. The letter was postmarked Vancouver, B. C., under date of Aug. 18th., 1915.

The many friends of Judge and Mrs. Edrington will be glad to learn that they are enjoying their trip to the utmost. They seem to be especially delighted with their short trip on the Pacific Coast, and inform us that Vancouver, B. C., is really what we may term a beautiful City, the climate being most delightful.

On August 18th., Judge and Mrs. Edrington left Vancouver, B. C., on their way to Seattle, an all day trip by water.

Grande Foire Pour Le Profit De L'Eglise St. Jean Baptiste.

Une grande foire aura lieu le mois prochain a Edgard. La foire a pour but de réaliser un certain montant nécessaire pour le profit de l'église Saint Jean Baptiste.

La population de notre bonne paroisse est cordialement invitée à y prendre part et contribuer libéralement à cette oeuvre méritoire.

Cette fête sera, outre le mérite de son objet, une occasion de réjouissance, car ses organisateurs n'ont rien négligé pour la rendre agréable et attrayante, et toutes les personnes qui s'y rendront trouveront à y passer le temps de la façon la plus charmante.

Approaching Nuptials.

Bienvenue-Decareaux

It will be of interest to the many friends of Miss Evelynne Bienvenue, winsome daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Bienvenue, of Gramercy, La., (formerly of this parish) to learn of her approaching marriage to Mr. Adolphe Decareaux, a prominent young man of Gramercy, La.

The happy and notable event to take place on Wednesday evening, September 29, 1915, at the Saint Joseph Catholic Church, Paulina, La.

Both the bride and the groom-elect are popular industrious, and worthy young people, and have a host of friends throughout this parish who will be gratified to extend them warmest felicitations and the best of good wishes for a generous measure of substantial prosperity and unalloyed happiness in the years to come.

LANDAICHE-PROFFITT.

Mrs. James Proffitt of Donaldsonville, La., announces the approaching marriage of her daughter, Miss Nancy Helen Proffitt, to Mr. J. I. Landaiche of New Orleans, which will be celebrated on September 8, at 5 o'clock in the morning at the Donaldsonville Catholic Church.

As no invitation have been issued friends and relatives are invited through this medium.

In advance of the happy event Le Meschacébé joins the many friends of the prospective couple in wishing them many years of happiness and prosperity.