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MEETING OF THE LOUISIANA PRESS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday next the Louisiana editors will begin to assemble in New Iberia for their twenty-first annual meeting, and will remain the guests of the city until Thursday. That they will be accorded a hearty welcome and made to feel at home is a duty that devolves upon our citizens. Some families have opened their homes already, and as there is no better way to make a guest feel at home than to receive him at your fireside, if there are others who can conveniently entertain in this way our visitors, they should at once make known their willingness to the members of the committee on accommodation. Another way to come in contact with the visiting members of the press will be to attend their sessions, which are all open to the public. This we specially urge upon our people, as it will be the best opportunity to give manifestation of interest in the presence of our guests. If we will but do this we are sure that they will leave New Iberia with pleasant recollections of their first meeting here, as other provisions have been made for their entertainment which will be very gratifying to them. Among these will be a visit to the Avery Salt Mine, where they will be lowered into the mine, the management having consented to suspend operations for the occasion. After this, Gen. Dudley Avery, on behalf of the Avery family, will extend the visitors an invitation to enjoy a luncheon *a la fourchette* under the majestic oaks in the front of the Avery mansion. A steamboat excursion on the Teche will also be given the visitors, while on Wednesday evening they will be tendered a public reception at the rooms of the Attakapas Club. On this occasion, Mr. Walter J. Burke will address the visitors on behalf of the Board of Trade, and they will be welcomed to the Club rooms by Mr. W. F. Dunbar, vice-president of the Club. Mr. Dunbar will also deliver the address of welcome on behalf of the town at the opening session on Tuesday morning. On Tuesday evening Mr. M. H. Carver, the eminent attorney of Natchitoches will address the editors on the great and growing economic question of the day—The Single Tax.

Every one of the Eastern leaders to whom I have talked has assured me that he will heartily support Mr. Bryan whether the platform of 1896 is reaffirmed or not. All the talk about a "Democratic conspiracy" in the East to nominate Admiral Dewey or to injure Mr. Bryan is pure bosh. Mr. Bryan is supreme throughout the party. No man challenges his authority, no man seeks his defeat. The change which the brutal and corrupt policy of the McKinley Administration has wrought in politics is almost without a parallel in America. Mr. Bryan has become a platform in himself, standing as he does for honesty, decency, fairness, plain speech and true Americanism as opposed to hypocrisy, corruption, duplicity, evasion, imperialism and shameless servitude to trust domination.

Mr. Bryan has no choice for Vice-President; I can say that advisedly. No candidate for the second place has yet organized sufficient strength to be considered seriously. All seem to be waiting for Mr. Bryan to speak the word, but I have been assured by Mr. Bryan himself that he will not interfere in any way. The Vista of Two Years. Two years ago to-day Spain declared that a state of war existed between that kingdom and the United States. Two years ago to-day, with no dreams of imperialism and united as in the days of Washington, we had taken up arms not only to free a struggling people from tyranny, but to vindicate our honor as a nation. What have these two years brought forth. Victory and mourning—the return of great heroes and the disbanding of armies, but not the content that should follow peace. On opposite sides of the world we have acquired islands and coaling stations and the care of brown peoples. On these islands we have seen our flag welcomed, our soldiers hailed as deliverers and our country blessed as a protector. We have seen the patience of these peoples and their faith in our honesty gradually worn beyond endurance by the degeneracy of the party in power. We have seen them—already naked and starving—burdened with additional taxes. We have seen established in the islands we assume to own a system of tyranny and injustice such as Spain never dreamed of. We have seen the dawn of imperialism—the dream of government by the few and for the few—the lust for colonies, the overriding of pledges, and a financial rapacity on the part of the Administration such as would do credit to the old Carthaginian kings. Was the war worth all this? Should it not have left something nobler in its wake than chicanery, injustice and legalized robbery? These are questions for the people to answer at the polls.—N. Y. Journal.

SHREWD PARTY MEN FORESEE DEMOCRATIC SUCCESS.
BY GEORGE C. BENTLEY OF THE N. Y. JOURNAL.

An impartial investigation of the present political situation ought to convince any man that the Presidential election were to take place now Mr. Bryan would be elected by a decisive plurality. Four years ago the plain facts compelled me to predict Mr. Bryan's defeat, and I repeated that prediction almost every day from the time when I accompanied Mr. Bryan from the scene of his nomination to the hour when I stood beside him in Lincoln and saw him cast his vote. Facts equally plain point to his election this year. There is but one serious point of difference between the most extreme of the conservative Democrats of the East and the great body of the party which supported Mr. Bryan in 1896. Many of the Eastern leaders desire to have the ratio of sixteen to one omitted from the money plank of the platform. The leaders in the South and West are practically unanimous in their opposition to any change. I have been present at several important conferences of Democrats representing these two views of party policy, and I can speak with some certainty of the actual situation. The aim and intention of the great mass of the party who were loyal four years ago has been to readopt the Chicago platform, and to incorporate it, word for word, in the platform to be made in Kansas City on July 4. I can say authoritatively that Mr. Bryan will oppose the abandonment of a single plank in the Chicago platform. It is demonstrable that an overwhelming majority of the next Democratic National Convention will refuse to abandon, alter or modify the Chicago platform. The one great question that now remains before the Democratic leaders is this: Will the Kansas City Convention content itself with a simple reaffirmation of the platform of 1896 in three or four lines and devote the rest of its utterances to the issues of 1900, or will the convention reiterate the Chicago platform. All other questions are, for the present, subordinate to this. Mr. Hill says that Mr. Bryan will be renominated. Mr. Hill declares that he will work hard to elect Mr. Bryan. No man who has met Mr. Hill within the past two weeks can doubt his earnestness or his determination to lead his whole strength to the Democratic party in the approaching campaign.

Justice N. C. Blanchard, whose term as a member of the State Supreme Court expired April 5, will be named by Gov. Foster to succeed himself. Patrolman S. Robinson, of the Boston police department, who died on Sunday, leaving \$53,000, has bequeathed \$40,000 to the town of Gilmanton, N. H., the income to be expended for good roads. The remainder of the fortune is divided among the friends, relatives and police associates.

A MODEL TOWN.

Results of Intelligent Control of Public Utilities.

BY GEORGE C. BENTLEY. The following article will prove interesting to New Iberians on the eve of the proposed public control of its water and light systems, indicating what can be accomplished in this direction by intelligent unity of action:

I have made a discovery. I have found and studied the very prettiest, happiest, and in its unambitious way, the most prosperous small town I ever saw. I have seen there an almost ideal object lesson in the municipal ownership of public utilities.

The town is Vevay, Ind. It lies on the Ohio River, about midway between Cincinnati and Louisville. I was born there, and I have been revisiting the town after an absence of forty-five years.

The county of which Vevay is the seat has not one foot of railroad within its borders. The town has no factories. And yet its people, less than three thousand in number, are enviably well-to-do. They have two banks and three prosperous weekly newspapers. Their homes are all comfortable, and many of them luxurious. They have a court house that would do credit, in its architecture and its proportions, to a town twenty times the size of Vevay.

Their main thoroughfare, leading down to the river, and the broad wharf or levee, at its foot, are well paved with stone. All their other streets are macadamized after the best modern methods, and are kept in perfect order. So are all the main country roads that lead out from the town into the rich and highly cultivated farming regions round about.

In all the residence streets there are perfectly laid and perfectly kept sidewalks of artificial stone. Every where the sidewalks are free even from dust, and the streets clean enough to satisfy the demands of a Waring. They are bordered on either side with stately sycamores, tall elms and broadly-spreading maples—all jealously cared for by the municipal authorities.

In addition there is an adequate water system supplying water in lavish abundance for all uses. There is a telephone system with astonishingly cheap rates—so cheap that almost every house of any consequence has an instrument in it—and with long distance connections to Cincinnati, Louisville, Indianapolis and all towns between. Still further, there is an electric light plant which furnishes light so cheaply that no gas company can exist in the town.

The municipal tax rate of a people who enjoy all these benefits—the well-made and well-kept streets, the smooth, artificial stone sidewalks, the abundant water supply, the trees which make the whole town a park, the telephone and electric light conveniences, and all the rest of it—is only one per cent, and the growing profits of the municipality from the telephone and electric light plants promise, within a year or two, to reduce even that tax to one half.

All this is the result of the municipal ownership of public utilities, under the vigilant scrutiny of an alert public opinion, acting in perfect harmony for the public good, the town's ownership of the profitable utilities has enabled it to provide the comforts and to create the beauty, from which there is no direct profit, without imposing more than the very lightest tax burden upon the people. The total municipal debt is only \$70,000, with an interest charge of less than \$3,500 and both are diminishing at a rate which will extinguish them within a brief period.

"But what about politics?" I asked. "Suppose a gang of rascals should get control of your city government?"

"They never can," was the answer. "Every man of us makes it a part of his personal business to prevent that. We have party nomination for municipal offices, of course, but everybody in parties feels that no man should be nominated for local office in whose hands we cannot confidently trust the control of the vital interests of the community. No such man is nominated in fact; and if by chance any such should be, his own party would leave him without any votes to count when the polls close. We cannot afford any such mistake as that, and we all know it."

Under the system of municipal ownership it has been the care of every citizen that all works of construction should be well done, at honest prices, with no "rake off" for anybody. Nothing has been undertaken by the municipal authorities till a committee of the wisest citizens of both parties had thoroughly investigated methods and counted the cost. Then the authorities have adopted the methods found by the committee to be best, and in no instance, I am told,

School Board Proceedings.

New Iberia, La., April 7, 1900.

The regular meeting of the School Board was called to order by the President with the following members present: Messrs. Lawton, Robin, Weeks, Oscar Broussard, Breaux and Pierson.

The minutes of the last meeting, Nov. 7th, were read and approved as read. President Lawton stated that many things pertaining to the school interests of the parish had occurred since the last meeting of the Board, and during this while had been acted upon after conference with other members of the Board. As per agreement, Mr. W. B. Hale was allowed to remain in New Iberia as assistant to the principal at a salary of \$75 per month, and Mr. A. J. Dupuy had been selected to take Mr. Hale's place as principal of the Jeanerette schools at a salary of \$60 per month. The following teachers had been selected by the Committee on Teachers to fill the following schools: Miss Lantier, 3d Assistant Jeanerette Schools, salary \$40; also Misses Mattie Harrop and Mary Kader, Jeanerette, salary \$40 each; Guy Tanner, Bernard School, vice Miss Basile, salary \$40; Miss Clifton, Stewart School, vice Miss Steele, salary \$40; Miss Nell Campbell, Avery Island, salary \$40; J. D. Hunter, Cotton School, salary \$45; W. H. Smith, Park Perdu, salary \$40; Miss M. LeBrun, Benna Vista, salary \$40; Miss Laura Reid, Doreen, salary \$40; A. S. Renick, Dugas, salary \$35; Miss Lucy B. Wells, Stecker, salary \$40.

President Lawton stated that Prof. Dupuy, of the Jeanerette schools, asked that his salary be increased to \$75 per month. In accordance with the request, and the good services rendered by Prof. Dupuy, Dr. Pierson moved, which motion was seconded and carried, that the request be granted, and that from the 1st of April, the salary be \$75 per month.

President Lawton also announced the acceptance of the resignation of the principal of the city schools, Prof. J. E. Keeny, who had accepted a chair in the State Normal School at Natchitoches, La., and in his stead the selection by the Committee on Teachers of Mr. W. B. Hale as principal at a salary of \$100 per month.

A severe storm swept over a large portion of the State of Texas on Friday, causing loss of life and great destruction of property. It is reported to have been very disastrous also at Lake Charles.

Lake Charles, La., April 27.—The plant at the sulphur mine near the town of Sulphur will be started to-morrow. The establishment has been shut down for a year or more. A force of men have been at work for several months making repairs and betterments. Additional boiler power has been provided and additional facilities have been installed for getting the sulphur out of the mines and for handling the product. A force of fifty to sixty men will be employed as soon as the works are under full headway.

The Democrats in the Senate will prevent, by filibustering tactics if necessary, the passage of further unsatisfactory legislation at this session of Congress. The ship subsidy bill will not come to a vote if they can prevent it.

Some of the administration's acts which the Republican platform will not endorse are the pro-British conduct of the State Department, the attitude of hostility against the Boer republics, the Macrum incident, the favoritism shown by the Secretary of the Treasury for the Standard Oil banks, Alger's beef contracts, rotten transports and plague-ship scandals, Root's dredging permits and Griggs' crusade of passivity against the trusts. But the Republicans can't put everything they have done in their platform. It would read too much like a treatise on crime if they did so.—Kansas City Times, Dem.

A call for proposals for a municipal telephone system, to be acquired by the city of San Francisco, has been drawn up by request of the public utilities committee of the Board of Public Works. Included in the specifications are: A central station and a sub-station, wires to all parts of the city, conduits and poles, switchboard and all other apparatus necessary for a complete telephone system. The capacity must be sufficient for 25,000 subscribers, with provision for its increase to 50,000 when required.

History Contest a Tie.
The History Contest held at the City Hall, on Tuesday afternoon, resulted in a tie. The judges, who had first marked the result—

Lillian Hills.	David Todd.
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of course awarded the medal to Lillian. Discovering almost immediately, however, that David had misunderstood the ninth question and being convinced that he had correctly answered the question contained in the first half of it, they decided that he was entitled on that to 5 instead of 2.

Miss Fannacht, with her usual sense of justice cheerfully made the correction, in which Miss Pollard concurs, so that the matter now stands—

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the result being a tie, though Lillian having already been given the medal, retains it. David challenges her to another public contest immediately.

Also the selection of Mr. John T. Mosely at a salary of \$85 per month, to succeed Mr. Hale as assistant principal.

The completion of the commodious new school building at Loreauville, at a total cost of \$—, was announced. The present standing old school building at Loreauville being of no service to the School Board, it was decided to sell same to any bidder. For particulars any one who desires to purchase same, might apply to Mr. J. B. Lawton, president of the Board. The furniture for the Loreauville school having already been ordered, would shortly reach here.

The President of the Board stated that in accordance with a previous resolution of the Board, appropriating the sum of \$25, which was intended to assist in the maintenance of the free night in New Iberia, La., had been given the Rev. C. C. Kramer a warrant for the above amount.

Supt. Pierson reported to the Board that an institute of one week had been held in Jeanerette during the month of February, the corporation of Jeanerette bearing all the expense of the institute, where all the white teachers of the parish with two exceptions were in constant attendance. Prof. J. B. Aswell, State Institute Conductor, ably assisted by Miss Elsie Cross, conducted the week's institute, and it is not extravagant to say that the institute with its superb good results, was the best in the history of the parish.

Mr. T. Duplantis, of the second ward, appeared before the Board with the request that a new school be established at or near Lidian, claiming that there were many children in that neighborhood without school opportunities. Thereupon it was moved, seconded and carried, that in so far as the present school term was so far advanced and the new school board would be appointed before long, it was deemed best to take no definite action just yet, but to refer the matter to the School Board of the parish at some future meeting.

Similar action was taken with reference to the establishment of a school at Grand Marais, at this particular season of the year.

A bill of Dr. Pierson of \$4.65, for stamps, stationery, telegrams, telephones and expressage, being found correct, upon motion of Mr. Weeks, was ordered paid.

Upon motion of Dr. Pierson, duly seconded and carried, the school board adjourned till some day in May, subject to the call of the President.

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