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Democratic State Ticket.

For Governor,
MURPHY J. FOSTER,
Of St. Mary.

For Lieutenant Governor,
ROBERT H. SNYDER, JR.,
Of Tensas.

For Secretary of State,
JOHN T. MICHEL,
Of Orleans.

For Auditor,
W. W. HEARD,
Of Union.

For Attorney General,
M. J. CUNNINGHAM,
Of Natchitoches.

For Treasurer,
A. V. FOURNET,
Of St. Martin.

For Supt. of Public Education,
JOHN V. CALHOUN,
Of Orleans.

The State election takes place on the first Tuesday after the third Monday in April—the 21st.

True to their monopolistic instincts and training the Republicans in Congress have smothered the "Anti-Options Bill."

Lafayette will vote on March 23 on the question of levying a five mill tax to establish a system of water-works and electric lights for that town.

In the contested election case of Coleman vs. Buck from the Second Congressional District of this State, the elections committee decided by a unanimous vote in favor of Buck, (Dem) the sitting member.

What was Capt. John's little evening pastime when on Era No. 27? Was he a kind "Christian gentleman?"—Franklin Banner.

They say it was stretching a nigger over the stage and whipping him.

The Morgan City Review praises Senator Caffery for voting against the Cuban resolution. If they win their independence by force of arms it is all right, but the United States should not interfere in any manner whatever. Let us attend to our own affairs.

Wednesday the Cage or Regular Republican State Central Committee met in New Orleans, and by a vote of 39 to 18 refused to endorse Pharr. This looks as though Kellogg was going to give it to the "old swamper" in the peck!

"Tis sweet to die for one's country and family, says Sapt. John Pharr, in the piping times of peace, but in the days that tried men's souls—in the days when we had the boom of cannons and the rifle's sharp crack in the land—what thought Capt. John Pharr then? When we got out of the safe transportation business, where, oh! where was he.—St. Mary Banner.

WHAT WILL THE HARVEST BE?

Capt. Pharr, the candidate of the Republican Populist-free-silver-gold-standard-protectionist-free-trade-black-and-white-and-yellow combination, says the Natchitoches Enterprise, in making his campaign on two issues, viz: Honest elections and pure government.

Of course every sensible man knows that his only chance of success lies in his ability to control the solid negro vote of the State. The Populist vote will be but a drop in the bucket. If Pharr is elected—which he never will be of course—the negroes and Republicans will know that he owes his success to them, and they will control the offices and policies of the administration. What sort of honest elections and pure government would we have with Kellogg, Warmoth and Cage and Allain in charge of the machinery? Is not the mere thought of such a thing enough to make any decent white man in Louisiana sick?

The Populists in this part of the State are composed of two classes—greedy office-seekers and their deluded followers. We believe that the latter class, as a rule, are honest men, who are honestly mistaken. We would like to ask these men if they are willing to turn the State over to the negroes and Republicans on the mere promise of the latter that an honest ballot and good government will be given to the citizens? What is there in the record of the Republican party in Louisiana to warrant the belief that an administration conducted by it could be otherwise than dishonest and corrupt?—Ex.

MASS MEETING.

Owing to a pressure of business last week we failed to make mention of the rousing Democratic mass meeting held at the courthouse on February 29th. The building was crowded from top to bottom when Dr. Abshire called the meeting to order and asked Hon. M. T. Gordy to preside.

Hon. Julien Mouton, candidate for Judge made a stirring speech in French, and was followed by Hon. F. D. Chretien of New Orleans who gave a masterly review of Radicalism and misrule as contrasted with Democracy and good government. Dr. J. T. Atshire, Democratic candidate for Representative made a short but telling speech in favor of white supremacy. Hon. Allen Jumel, the old Democratic warhorse, in response to repeated cries, made a rattling speech in favor of white man's government. Hon. Minos T. Gordy was the last speaker and in a brief but elegant speech forcibly pointed the great dangers which would follow Republican success. The meeting was very enthusiastic and proved a great disappointment to the Republicans who imagined the Democratic party dead.

Men fitted by education and training to lead, are not made daft by being called to leadership, but political ignorance gets crazy, dictatorial and autocratic. Ability is always retiring, kind hearted and modest. Ignorance cruel, vindictive and haughty. Give us law first and "Johnny get your gun" when it cannot be avoided. Pharr is a lion in peace, a lamb in war.—Franklin Banner.

The Republican members of the election committee, last week by a strict party vote reported in favor of unseating Congressman Chas. J. Boatner, whose election was contested by Alexis Benoit the Populist leader in the last legislature. They did not favor seating Benoit at all.

The Booth Populists are out after the Hardy-Brian-Pharr combine with a hot stick. They say in a circular letter:—If they (that is the combine) think the voters of our party are such fools as to put a Republican as Governor of this State they are mistaken. Our voters know that with the appointing power vested in a Governor of this State, that a Republican would in less than four years turn the State over to the Republican party, for he fills vacancies from the United States Senator down to Ward Constable, and from the Chief Justice of our Supreme Court down to a Justice of Peace and this very Republican now posing as the nominee of our party will not care from the stand in a speech say he will not appoint Negroes to office. If he did, he would lose the votes of every Negro in the State that could not be scared or bought.

We have five Populists editors in this State that deserve all you can do to aid them in this fight they are making to prevent our party from being swallowed up and destroyed by the Republican party. These editors stand by our Convention, its will, and its action. These noble editors are: E. F. Warren, editor Progressive Age, Ruston; C. F. and N. L. Miller, editors Lakeside Review, Lakeside, La.; E. A. Mathas, editor Peoples Demands, Colfax, La.; Mac Howery, editor The New Road, Lake Charles, La.; B. T. Johnson, editor Farmers Herald, Farmerville, La. They stand pillars of strength and cannot be corrupted.

Necrological.

On Sunday the first of March, Mrs. Charles Oliver Duclozel died at the residence of her son, Darneville Olivier, near St. Martinville. Ninety-five years, two months and eighteen days ago the deceased was born in what is now known as the parish of St. Martin. She was the daughter of Joseph Latolais and of Francois Nezat who were among the original white settlers of the Atakapas. At the time of her birth Louisiana had just been ceded back to France by Spain two years before the purchase by Jefferson. She was born with the century and had she lived only a little over four more years she would have ended with it. It is safe to say that she was the oldest native Louisianian. She was a sister of Mr. Coquelin Latolais and Mrs. Charles Mouton both of whom lived over 80 years. She enjoyed all her faculties until a short time before her death, having been a constant reader, often reading whole hours before retiring at night. She died of old age, seeming not to suffer any agony in her last moments and never lost consciousness. She leaves three children, Mrs. Alf. Voorhies, Messrs. Ovigne and Darneville Oliver and though the number of her grandchildren is only forty-nine the great-grand-children number one hundred and five.

Mrs. Olivier was a lady of many excellent qualities and had done a world of good during her long life. Being a woman of intelligence and of a remarkable memory it was indeed a rare treat to hear her tell of the early history of Louisiana. She had seen the State when the country was almost a vast wilderness and had witnessed its gradual transformation into its present condition. She saw the old time barge replaced by the steamboat and the wooden ox cart by the locomotive. She lived when Louisiana's forests were full of Indians and saw them disappear until the red man became an attraction for a museum.—Lafayette Gazette.

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Elijah Gooch an industrious and energetic farmer residing near Perry's Bridge died of pneumonia last Tuesday morning. Mr. Gooch was a good citizen and his death is a loss to the community. He leaves a wife and several children.

Prairie Greig Notes.

EDITOR MERIDIONAL:

Weather cloudy but rain moderating, roads getting good and everybody are prospering with their crops.

We must say that the high school building is going up rapidly, and will be no doubt the finest school house in the parish when completed.

There was a number of pretty girls and widows taking a pleasant walk Sunday evening and now and then a gent would drop in and make himself official.

The election is getting nearer and the candidates are getting lively from the number of gumbo meetings given, and now and then a primary election among themselves to see who is the best.

Judge Trahan seems to be all smiles since last Sunday. We wonder what is the matter with him.

We will say that our building committee deserves much credit for the active interest they have taken in the high school building and the interest of the people and our school teachers and ladies, praise for what they have done in the interests of the people.

We saw several persons going to town this week and we suppose they are grand jurors or witnesses.

Robert Collins has been fixing up the public roads magnificently and draining them thoroughly. Bob will have to be reappointed the next term, to good to let go.

There was a very pleasant little group of girls and boys at Dick Tapkins Sunday evening.

All is quiet at the second justices court at this time.

Mr. J. D. Morgan's family has the measles.

Dr. Schilling seems to have had a very pleasant time Sunday evening. That's right Doctor we congratulate you on your success. Only you know
Mar. 10th 1896. NAPOLEON.

Progress is being made quite satisfactorily on building of locks at the mouth of bayou Plaquemine.

Ballington Booth, the deposed Salvation Army leader in the United States, will with his wife, lead an independent movement in this country.

How to Cure Rheumatism.

Arago, Coos Co., Ore., Nov. 10, '93.

I wish to inform you of the great good Chamberlain's Pain Balm has done my wife. She has been troubled with rheumatism of the arms and hands for six months, and has tried many remedies prescribed for that complaint but found no relief until she used this Pain Balm; one bottle of which has completely cured her. I take pleasure in recommending it for that trouble. Yours truly, C. A. Bullard. 50 cent and \$1.00 bottles for sale by R. H. Mills Drug Co., Limited.

NOTICE.

Entering my pasture and stock ranch on Chénère au Tigre, without my consent is forbidden. Any person trespassing on said premises will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. AUREORE DEFRANCE, Widow Louis Laporte. Abbeville, January 4, 1896.

NOTICE.

Land Office at New Orleans, La., Feb. 7, 1896. Notice is hereby given that Robert Simon has filed notice of intention to make final proof before Clerk of Dist. Court, at his office in Abbeville, La., on Monday the 23d day of March, 1896, on timber culture application No. 713, for lots 3 and 4 or SW qr of section No. 32, in township No. 11, SR No. 1 west. He names the following witnesses: William Lawnsberry, Calvin Campbell, George Hoffman, Nunez Lyons, all of Vermilion Parish. G. McD. BRUMBY, Register. Feb. 15, 1896.—6t.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,

17th Judicial District Court—Parish of Vermilion—No. 842.

Moses Fischer

VS.

His Creditors.

Public Notice is hereby given that there will be held at my office, in the town of Abbeville, Louisiana, on Thursday, the 16th day of April 1896, at 10 o'clock a. m., a meeting of the creditors of the insolvent Moses Fischer, for the purpose of deliberating on the affairs of said Moses Fischer, and, in the meantime, that all judicial proceedings against this person and property are stayed.

ALCIDE LEBLANC, Clerk & Ex-officio Notary Public.

NOTICE.

Land Office at New Orleans, La., March 9, 1896.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of District Court, at Abbeville, La., on April the 27th, 1896, viz:

Jules Villejoia,

who made homestead entry No. 12927, for the southeast quarter of southwest quarter, section 4, tp 11, south range 2 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz: Lastie Bertrand, Alexandre Abshire, Magloire Abshire, Lovinzie Marceaux, all of Vermilion Parish.

G. McD. BRUMBY, March 14, 1896.—6t. Register.

Constable Sale.

STATE OF LOUISIANA—Parish of Vermilion—Sixth Justice's Court No. —

O. G. Marquart

vs.

Bernherd Hesse.

By virtue of a writ of fieri facias issued in matters of the above entitled and numbered suit from the 6th Justice's Court, Parish of Vermilion, commanding me to seize and sell the property of said defendant to satisfy said writ, I will proceed to sell at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, at J. O. Eaton's store in Shell Beach, in said parish, on

Saturday, March 7th, 1896

Two Hundred sacks of rice—Two mare mules and one set of harness.

Given under my official signature this 22d day of February, 1896

J. A. FAULK, Constable.