

BOARD OF AFFAIRS

ADVOCATES TO MEET

ISSUE OF OPPONENTS

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plained to the Voters.

A mass meeting has been called at the court house in Opelousas for Wednesday evening, September 27, when Gilbert L. Dupre, member of the state House of Representatives, will speak against the amendment which proposes to create a "board of state affairs."

Judge Dupre has had a somewhat orratic career in politics, but he is a sturdy and sincere fighter, and while he usually manages to array himself on the losing side, he is a foeman worthy of anybody's steel. There is unquestionably a serious fight ahead for some of the proposed amendments, for the fact that so many have been submitted at one time is believed to have weakened all of them, but the proponents of the board of state affairs amendment express the greatest confidence in its passage. They say the opposition that has arisen to the plan will disappear when the purpose of the amendment and the necessity for it have been explained to the voters, for, considering the situation which confronts the finances of the state, the proposed plan is the most conservative that could have been devised, they insist.

It is to be remembered that when the present administration came into office, the penitentiary board owed a debt of \$800,000, and there was a balance on the wrong side of the ledger in the ordinary expenses of the state of half a million dollars. This deficit had been growing for years and had been met each year by borrowing from the succeeding year, and there is necessarily a limit to this sort of financiering. The crash is bound to come, and such crashes come generally at a time when there is the least opportunity of meeting them. Preach as one will, governments cannot be conducted without revenue, and the revenue must continue to increase with the increased needs of the public in the form of government, and the increased need is best met by equalization of assessments, say the advocates of the amendment. They propose to meet its opponents squarely on this ground and fight the issue out frankly before the voters.

BOTH SIDES APPEAR CONFIDENT.

Serious Disagreement Between Democrats and Progressives in Third.

There is a serious disagreement between the Democrats and Progressives of the Third district in respect of the political situation in that district. The Democrats claim that everything is going their way, and the Progressives speak just as confidently. T. B. Easton, editor of the Houma Courier, who is at the Monteleone Hotel, said Sunday Whitmel P. Martin would be re-elected to Congress from that congressional district by a larger majority than he received over Henry L. Gueydan two years ago. "Except St. Martin, Wade Martin's home parish," said Mr. Easton, "Whit Martin will carry seven out of the eight parishes in the district, and very likely he will carry them all. Assumption, Terrebonne, Lafourche, St. Mary and Iberia will give him 2000 majority."

"Third district people will never again trust the fate of the sugar industry to the uncertainty of a 'tariff for revenue only,' and it is certain they will not soon return to the party they so recently repudiated," said Mr. Easton in conclusion.

LIEUT. GOV. MOUTON AT HOME.

Served as State's Chief Executive During Absence of Gov. Pleasant.

Lieut. Gov. Mouton, who has been governor ad interim of the state during the absence of Col. Pleasant, passed through the city Saturday night on his way to his home at Lafayette. During Col. Pleasant's absence, the lieutenant governor has made some appointments of delegates to conventions in this state and elsewhere, and he remained chief executive of the state until Gov. Pleasant arrived in Louisiana from Illinois Sunday morning. He issued a proclamation before leaving Baton Rouge calling upon public officials and citizens generally to participate in the annual meeting and convention of the Interstate Inland Waterways League at Lake Charles, October 20 and 21. He appointed 150 delegates to this convention, and called upon the police juries of the state to name one delegate from each ward in a parish, and upon municipalities to appoint three.

Both Judge John N. Sandlin and Congressman Lazaro have left for their homes.

GOV. PLEASANT BACK IN STATE.

Goes to Baton Rouge, But Will Return to New Orleans Tuesday.

Governor Ruffin G. Pleasant reached New Orleans from Chicago Sunday, remaining in the city only between trains, and leaving on the Valley road for Baton Rouge at 2:55 p. m. He will remain in the capital two days to clear up pressing business, and will return to New Orleans Tuesday night for a brief stay.

The governor went to Chicago to visit Mrs. Pleasant, who is under treatment in a sanitarium in that city. The governor reports his wife is improving in health steadily, but it is not known when she will be able to return to Louisiana.

J. N. Ogden Goes Under Knife.

Percy N. Ogden, elected district attorney of the Acadia district at the last election, reached the city Sunday to be with his brother, John N. Ogden, who underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Presbyterian Hospital Sunday morning. Mr. Ogden was at the Cosmopolitan Hotel when the attack came and suffered severe pain before his malady was diagnosed as appendicitis, and he was at once sent to the hospital. Major Stewart, of the Cosmopolitan, telephoned his brother at Crowley, who took the next train for the city.

Mr. Ogden underwent the operation satisfactorily and his condition throughout the day was regarded as favorable.