

ALEXIS BLANC

Makes a Desperate Attempt to Overpower Sheriff Broussard

For the Purpose of Securing His Pistol, But the Sheriff Did Not Have It.

The Prisoners Were Taken to New Orleans for Safe-Keeping.

Wednesday at about 2 o'clock in the morning Ernest and Alexis Blanc made an attempt to escape, but fortunately it proved unsuccessful. Sheriff Broussard's experience in handling desperate characters and his nerve and coolheadedness despoiled the young murderers of perhaps their liberty. It was a bold and reckless undertaking on the part of the Blanc brothers, and had the sheriff not taken the necessary precautions the result might have been of a deplorable nature. Even if the prisoners had failed to accomplish their escape the life of the sheriff or that of one of his aids might have been lost. From the beginning the sheriff has apprehended that the Blancs would, if given the slightest chance, make an effort to escape. Their pretended resignation to the decree of the law and their evident desire to impress their keepers with their willing submission to the inevitable consequence of their crime, had created a suspicion in the sheriff's mind that they were all the time planning an escape. Their suspicious demeanor caused the sheriff to take more than ordinary precautions, and while he always treated them kindly he never gave them the ghost of a show to escape.

As the jail is being repaired and considerable work must be done on the cells by the contractor it became necessary to remove the Blanc brothers to another jail for safe-keeping. Sheriff Broussard made arrangements to take the prisoners to New Orleans on the 1:41 train Wednesday morning. At about 1 o'clock he went to the jail in company with Mr. Aurelien Olivier and Marshals McFaddin and Himel to prepare the prisoners for the trip. The Blancs occupy the first cell to the left of the corridor. The prisoners have access to the corridor only when the cell door is unlocked and opened by some one who invariably performs this work from the outside of the steel cage. This rule is always adhered to as a measure of safety. When the sheriff arrived at the jail he placed two new suits on a chair in the corridor opposite the cell of the Blancs. He then got out of the cage locked its main door and unlocked the door leading to the young murderers' cell, telling them to step in the corridor and dress with the new suits that he had purchased for them. It required only a few minutes for the prisoners to don their new garments. The clothes fitted Ernest, but they were too small for Alexis, who remarked that he supposed they would do for a man who was going to be hanged. When they were through dressing they were requested to return to their cell, which they did. Then their cell door was locked, the main door of the cage was opened and Sheriff Broussard entered the corridor for the purpose of manaculating the prisoners. Deputy Mouton who was outside of the cage, threw open the cell door, leaving no separation between the cell and the corridor. As soon as this was done, Alexis, who was the first to walk from the cell into the corridor where Sheriff Broussard was, advanced on that officer as quick as lightning, clinched him with both arms. Fortunately Sheriff Broussard, being a very active and strong man, succeeded to overpower his assailant. He whirled around and held Alexis by the arms and at the same time watched the movements of Ernest who had not yet shown any desire to join in the tussle. At this stage Ernest stepped up and discovering that the sheriff did not have his pistol, beckoned his brother to give up as it would be futile to try to escape without the use of a weapon. During the scuffle the sheriff told the gentlemen on the outside of the cage to keep the door shut and let him handle the prisoners. He very correctly thought that to open the door would give the murderers just what they wanted—a chance to escape—and he held his own un-

aided, however serious the experiment might have been. Fortunately the sheriff had put his pistol away before entering the cage. Had he not done so it is safe to say that the pistol would have done deadly work had it fallen into the hands of one of the prisoners. Sheriff Broussard shackled the prisoners, using the irons on two arms and fastening their other arms by means of a rope. They were taken from the jail to the Southern Pacific depot tied in this manner. The younger brother, Alexis, who made the assault on the sheriff, seemed more like a wild beast than a human being. While in the sitting room at the depot he appeared to rave with anger, and was the picture of a raging madman. He spoke to his brother in a low tone of voice and from his actions it was evident that he was contemplating another attempt to escape, but he was too closely watched.

When the excitement was over in the jail and the cell of the murderers was searched a large bar of iron was found in it. This is what Ernest was looking for during the scuffle, but it is believed that he failed to find it as it was too dark, the candle light having suddenly gone out. However, the sheriff is of the opinion that Ernest held the bar, but he did not use it because it was too dark in the cage for him to distinguish the sheriff from his brother and might have struck his brother instead of the sheriff.

J. B.

H. H. Hohorst's Java Bland Coffee is guaranteed to be superior to any other brand on the market and requires but one half the usual amount to make delicious coffee.

Lehman-Plonsky.

A quiet home wedding was celebrated at the residence of Mr. Leon Plonsky last Sunday. Miss Lena, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Plonsky, was united in marriage to Mr. Ed Lehman. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Max Heller of New Orleans. A sumptuous repast was given by the bride's parents in honor of the occasion. The guests consisted of relatives and intimate friends of the families.

Mr. and Mrs. Lehman enter upon married life under auspicious circumstances and with the best wishes of a large circle of friends.

The Vets to Meet.

Judge Debaillon, adjutant of Gen. Frank Gardner Camp, U. C. V's., has called a special meeting of that organization for Wednesday, March 17, at 10 o'clock. The members are urgently requested to attend this meeting as their presence is needed to transact some important business.

To the Pen.

Sheriff Broussard and Deputy Thomas Mouton left Wednesday for Baton Rouge to take the following persons to the penitentiary: Marius Mamou, 28 years; Louis Mamou, 14 years; George Babinaux, 14 years; Isaac Jackson, 5 years; Francois Clairville, 1 year; H. Fering, 13 months; Alex Mitchell, 10 years; Henry Broussard, 18 months. All are colored, except Feringer.

SOCIETY NOTES.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Davidson entertained delightfully Tuesday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Crow Girard. The pretty home was beautifully decorated, handsome lamps shedding a mellow light throughout the elegant hall and parlors in which were gathered maidens and their gallants, young grooms and their bonnie brides, beside a goodly number of older folk who were yet appreciative of the pleasures of youth.

Dainty refreshments were served and during the entire evening from the gallery was wafted by Night's zephyrs soft strains of sweet music. The participants were the following: Misses Haydee Trahan, Jennie Torian, Loula Kelly, Louise Givens, Maimie Singleton, Eliza and Susie Hopkins, Clye and Lizzie Mudd, Bessie Cornay; Meses. Satterfield, Kelly, C. M. Parkinson, Morgan, Hopkins, Delancy, Biossat, Darling, Beraud; Messrs. Leo Judice, P. B. Torian, B. Clegg, J. Nickerson, S. Mudd, J. Givens, C. Darling, F. and O. Hopkins, F. Girard, A. A. Morgan, H. Irion, J. Thompson, Satterfield, Archie Morgan, T. M. Biossat, W. Kelly, Cliff Kennedy of Opelousas, and Theodore Satterfield.

The new style shapes in shoes for ladies and misses at Moss Bros. & Co's. are perfect beauties.

MUNICIPAL TICKET

Nominated at The Court-House—Candidates for Mayor and Councilmen Selected.

Judge J. G. Parkerson Writes The Gazette that he is Not a Candidate.

A sort of political what-is-it was held at the court-house Thursday night. It was surely not a Democratic assembly. It was not a Republican convention, for it is certain its leading spirits would object to such an appellation. Aside from a few hirsute appendages there was nothing populist about it. It might have been the congregated wisdom of an unknown and unnamed party. If it was, its history is short and its career checked. It is like John Randolph's mule, with no pride of ancestry and no hope of posterity. It was of a spontaneous origin and The Gazette predicts that its end will come with equal spontaneity. If the signs of the times count for aught the progeny of this strange convention will go glimmering on the 3rd of May. It will go to its grave unsung, unhonored and unwept. In no spirit of vengeance, but in the performance of what it deems its duty The Gazette will do all in its power to hasten its demise, though it will exert every effort to give it Christian burial.

The meeting met in answer to a call which stated that "All white voters and tax-payers of the town of Lafayette, who feel an interest in its good government are urgently requested to meet at the court-house Thursday, March 11, at 7 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of selecting a municipal ticket composed of a mayor and seven councilmen to be submitted to the white voters of the town at the next election of May, 1897, without regard to ring, clique or gang-rule." The call was signed by the following persons:

M. Rosenfield, Wm. Campbell, H. Van der Cruyssen, Phil. Crouchet, H. P. Delahoussaye, Jean Brauns, H. Gerac, Sr., E. Romero, Henri Gerac & Bro., J. O. Mouton, Horace Broussard, E. P. McBride, W. J. Mouton, Paul Castel, Robt. Richard, A. Glala, E. McDaniel, A. F. Salles, L. Chien, A. R. Lisbony, C. H. Lusted, Benj. Donlan.

Pursuant to the foregoing call, the meeting was called to order by Mr. Wm. Campbell. Before proceeding further Mr. Campbell said that he wished to make a few remarks. He said two years ago he attended a mass meeting in the court-house. At that meeting he proposed that primaries be held to nominate a municipal ticket at which primaries all white voters, regardless of party affiliations, would have been entitled to vote. But the majority defeated this resolution, and the meeting nominated a ticket. Mr. Campbell said that he was appointed on the executive committee composed of five members, four of whom would be sure to oppose him in anything that he might propose. A few days ago a member of that committee wanted him to sign a call for a meeting, but the call having been written and filled out, the date and place of meeting having been agreed upon, all without his knowledge, he peremptorily declined to affix his signature to it. Mr. Campbell added that he would not have signed it anyhow. Had consulted with his friends and had decided to meet this night when they would nominate a ticket which would surely be elected. Mr. Campbell was liberally applauded.

Mr. Campbell called upon Jno. O. Mouton to preside and H. Vandercruyssen nominated Henry Gerac for secretary. Both gentlemen were elected and took seats at the desk used by the clerk of court.

On motion of Mr. Campbell the chairman appointed the following committee on resolutions: Wm. Campbell, Dr. F. E. Girard, Felix Salles, H. Vandercruyssen, E. T. McBride. This committee retired and immediately returned with a set of resolutions which were read by Mr. Campbell. The resolutions proclaimed that the municipal government should be non-political. The disinterestedness and the desire of this meeting to give the town good government and to wipe out ring rule is enough to make a plantation mule hysterical and weep the balance of his days.

The resolutions were adopted. Upon Mr. Campbell's motion a committee of five was appointed to select a ticket. The president ap-

pointed the following: Dr. Gladu, Leopold Lacoste, Charles Lusted, P. Chrouchet, A. R. Lisbony.

The committee retired and a few minutes later filed in one by one. Mr. Crouchet held the paper and handed it to the president, and with the other members of the committee he took a seat in the jury box. Mr. Jno. O. Mouton, the chairman, arose and with the solemnity befitting the occasion, read the verdict. It was as follows:

FOR MAYOR,
Crow Girard.
FOR COUNCILMEN,
Wm. Campbell,
J. P. Revillon,
M. Rosenfield,
Chas. H. Lusted,
John O. Mouton,
J. G. Parkerson,
Louis Lacoste.

The president moved that the report of the committee be adopted and the gentlemen be nominated. It went through like greased lightning. The president evidently forgot that he was presiding over the meeting and that he was one of the nominees. Had he thought of this he might not have made that motion.

Some one in the audience made a motion to adjourn. The president thanked those present for their attendance and put the motion to adjourn before the meeting. It was carried and the crowd dispersed.

It is safe to say that a majority of the participants in the meeting are Republicans.

JUDGE PARKERSON DECLINES.

Judge Parkerson called at the Gazette office yesterday morning and handed us a card to publish. The card is inserted in another column. It states positively that the judge is not a candidate and will not serve if elected.

A MYSTERY.

The Coroner's Jury Could Not Say How Alphonse Breaux Was Killed.

Alphonse Breaux, the colored man who was found near the railroad track in a senseless condition, died last Saturday. Dr. Trahan held an inquest over the body and made a thorough investigation of the case. After opening the dead man's head and examining the wounds closely he took the testimony of a number of witnesses. To more thoroughly investigate the case the coroner's jury adjourned to Monday morning when the inquest was concluded at the court-house. After hearing all the evidence obtainable the jury decided that Breaux met his death in a manner unknown to them. It was not possible for them to say whether he was killed by a train or by human hands.

Ten cents buys a good tooth brush at the Moss Pharmacy.

The High School Library.

Mr. A. T. Caillouet has made through The Gazette a handsome and valuable present to the High School Library. With a few more donations of this kind the library will have a splendid start. Mr. Caillouet is the second person to show that he has taken an interest in the library, and he has manifested it in a substantial manner. His donation consists of "Napoleon and His Marshals" by J. T. Headley, in two volumes; "Ancient History of the Egyptians, Carthaginians, Assyrians, Babylonians, Medes and Persians, Macedonians and Grecians" by Charles Rollin, in four volumes; "History of the United States" by George Bancroft, in six volumes.

The Gazette sincerely hopes that in its next issue it will have the pleasure to note some new donations of books to the library. Who will be the next?

Books may be sent to the High School or to the office of The Gazette.

An Incendiary's Work.

A fiend set fire to some cotton on Mr. R. C. Landry's plantation last Saturday night, but fortunately the flames were discovered and extinguished before the destruction of much property. There were fifteen bales, but only three were destroyed. The balance of the cotton was slightly damaged. There seems to be no doubt that it was the work of an incendiary.

Mouton & Hopkins have received a lot of nice matting, window shades and curtain poles. Get their prices.

WILL NOT RUN.

Judge Parkerson Declines the Nomination—Will not Serve if Elected.

To the Editor of The Lafayette Gazette.

Please insert the following: Having learned that my name was placed on the municipal ticket, which was formed at a mass meeting Thursday, the 11th instant, after due consideration I desire to announce, that I am not a candidate and will not serve if elected.

J. G. PARKERSON.
Lafayette, La., March 12, 1897.

Stands at the Head.

Aug. J. Bogel, the leading druggist of Shreveport, La., says: "Dr. King's New Discovery is the only thing that cures my cough, and it is the best seller I have." J. F. Campbell, merchant of Stafford, Ariz., writes: "Dr. King's New Discovery is all that is claimed for it; it never fails, and is a sure cure for consumption, coughs and colds. I cannot say enough for its merits." Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds is not an experiment. It has been tried for a quarter of a century, and today stands at the head. It never disappoints. Free trial bottles at Wan. Clegg's drug store.

IN A FEW LINES

The Gazette Correspondent Tensely Tells the News at Ridge.

A heavy rain fell Sunday night.

Jos. Spell went to Rayne Friday. Several cases of pneumonia are reported in the neighborhood.

Dr. M. L. Lyons has been kept quite busy of late attending the sick.

Jos. Ledoux of Dusort, was a visitor in this vicinity one day last week.

We are informed that Dr. A. O. Clark will soon commence the erection of a large residence.

Jasper Spell, who has been suffering from a severe attack of bronchitis, is rapidly improving.

Several of our citizens announce that they will shortly have their names placed on the Gazette's subscription list. They know a good thing when they see it.

A social event of the week was a birth-day party given Thursday afternoon by Miss Maggie Perry, which was well enjoyed by those present, among whom were: Misses Eta Spell, Ruth Perry, Neta Breaux, Mary Spell and Frances Sonnier; Messrs. Varauus Spell, Russell Perry, Ernest and Leman Spell, Oran Clark and Aron Hoffpauir.

O. C. P.

Augustus Perry of Indian Bayou called at the Gazette office Thursday.

Mrs. M. Lemoine of Avoyelles parish is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Couvillon of this town.

Lucien Voorhies of New Orleans was a visitor in Lafayette this week.

Moise Dupuis, a merchant from Laplace, St. Martin parish, was in Lafayette Wednesday. Mr. Dupuis informed us that it is his intention to move to this town in the near future. Mr. Dupuis will open a store here.

Mr. A. C. Guilbeau, the enterprising citizen from Carecero, was in Lafayette Wednesday on business.

Romain Francez was here Thursday. He was on his way home from Royville where he was called to do some surveying.

Fine water-melon seed at Moss Bros. & Co's.

The Chicago Times-Herald thinks that "if the coffin-makers have formed a trust they are running competition into the ground."

Miss Mamie Lisbony, daughter of Mr. A. R. Lisbony, is visiting relatives in New Orleans.

James J. Lewis and H. E. Ratcliff, the well-known insurance men from Opelousas, were in Lafayette Monday.

AT SCOTT

News Items Picked Up by the Gazette Correspondent.

Mr. John Price made a business trip to New Iberia last Sunday, returning Monday.

Messrs. James Price and Boudreaux of Franklin were visitors in Scott last Saturday, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Price.

Miss Lucy Hart of St. Martinville returned home last Monday, after a long term of school-teaching in the Foreman settlement. The scholars are sorry to lose such an efficient teacher.

Mr. Alex Calder, an old time friend of the Gazette correspondent, paid Scott a visit last week. Mr. Calder is a first-class gardener, and the first to introduce the tomato tree plant. He is also trying the morghi plant, which is a very delicious vegetable.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Price entertained Mr. and Mrs. Budro, Messrs. J. Price and D. Boudreaux last Friday, and gave a delicious oyster supper. Mrs. Price knows how to dish out the oysters in various styles, and her charming daughters know how to entertain. Would that we had more such folks in Scott.

The turn of the tide has changed. Scott is not booming, but it is growing slowly and surely. The church question is still in vogue and we will not let it drop. A church is essential to the prosperity of our neighborhood, and it would mean ten thousand dollars a year to Scott. We apprehend no trouble in obtaining one, and that Scott will then grow in a certainty. It must, as we have the best soil on earth. We understand a new store will soon be erected. The more the merrier and the more competition, the better for Scott. People are what we want to make it a first-class town, and we are getting them.

The crayfish season is on hand and Scott will be abundantly supplied. They may be strange freaks of nature, but they are delicious in a gumbo or boiled. ORTON.

What Gail!

The appeal made by the promoters of the mass meeting of last Thursday was in such striking accord with my individual sentiments, I felt compelled to participate in the meeting because of my great abhorrence of all "cliques," and especially the "clique" in control of Thursday's mass meeting. Never were the ear-marks of "de gang" more plainly visible. What gail? DEMOCRAT.

Electric Bitters.

Electric Bitters is a medicine suited for any season, but perhaps more generally needed when the languid, exhausted feeling prevails; when the liver is torpid and sluggish and the need of a tonic and alterative is felt. A prompt use of this medicine has averted long and perhaps fatal bilious fevers. No medicine will act more surely in counteracting and freeing the system from the material poison. Headache, indigestion, constipation, dizziness yield to Electric Bitters. 50c. and \$1.00 per bottle at Clegg's Drug Store.

Judge Gilbert Dupre, of Opelousas, passed through Lafayette Wednesday. Judge Dupre has been on the bench only one year, but he has already made an enviable record as a painstaking and able judge. He is a hard worker and always insists upon a speedy disposition of both the criminal and civil business brought before him.

The economical wearing of pants means wearing the best. The best jeans pants are the BUCKSKIN BREECHES. They are made of good jeans, sewed with the best thread and the know-how make the fit and looks, and the low price. There's a guarantee with each pair—look in the pockets.

Dr. J. P. Francez and Mr. E. M. Heath were in Lafayette Thursday. Mr. Heath, who is a recent graduate of the Jesuits' College at New Orleans, is the preceptor of Mr. Francez's son.