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PRESCOTT TO MAKE RACE FOR CLERK OF COURT

Popular Young Washingtonian Writes to Friend That He Will be a Candidate

EXPECTED IN THIS CITY THIS EVENING

Rumor Materializes and Well Known Young Man Will Begin Active Canvass

John M. Prescott is an avowed candidate for Clerk of Court of St. Landry parish, according to the announcement of one of the closest personal friends of Mr. Prescott, who stated that he had received a letter from the Washington young man, in which Mr. Prescott states he will make the race.

A number of Opelousas voters who met Mr. Prescott on the train Sunday night, on their return from Baton Rouge, brought back the news that Mr. Prescott had made up his mind to enter the race.

The friends of Mr. Prescott claim that his competency, honesty and integrity make him an ideal man for the position he seeks. They claim in his political favor that he has always been a game scrapper, and that he was invariably found on one side or the other, of the political factions, and has never straddled the fence, as some express the neutrality of many St. Landry politicians.

According to the close friends of the recently avowed candidate for clerk of court, Mr. Prescott will be in Opelousas to hold a conference with local friends on Saturday afternoon, and it is understood that on Sunday he will go to Washington to see several of his supporters. It is not known whether or not Mr. Prescott will open his campaign immediately, but it is believed that he will wind up his private affairs within the next few days and begin an active canvass of the parish. It is his intention to make a house-to-house canvass of the entire parish, after which he will take to the stump, publicly presenting his claim to the office he seeks before the voters of St. Landry.

Mr. Prescott is looked upon as one of the most forceful young orators of this parish and his friends say that when he will take to making speeches "things will hum" in old St. Landry and the young office-seeker will make wonderful headway.

JUDGE DUPRE GOES TO BUNKIE FOR PARKER TALK

Two Opelousas Orators Summoned to Avoyelles for Big Political Rally

Opelousas Parker supporters were honored, when a call was issued for Hon. Gilbert L. Dupre and Hon. Dudley L. Guilbeau to address the voters of the Bunkie section of Avoyelles parish, at the organization of a Parker Club on Friday afternoon.

Just before leaving Opelousas on Friday morning Judge Dupre, full of the spirit that leads him on to a hot scrap said "You may be sure that I will give that bunch hell for fighting Parker, I'll put my best foot forward and give the Avoyelles people the best there is in me." The judge was elated over the fact that his Avoyelles admirers had billed him for a speech at Bunkie Friday afternoon at 4:30 at the Elite Hall.

Mr. Guilbeau, who has been chosen as a member of the state campaign committee by the Parker element is expected to tour Southwest Louisiana as one of the stump speakers for the Parker cause. His Bunkie appearance will be his first out of St. Landry this year, but as Mr. Guilbeau has always been regarded as a "hard fighter" and since he is so actively supporting the former Bull Moose leader it is expected that he will be kept continually busy speaking Parkerism in all parts of this state.

Friday's speech was the second that Judge Dupre made in the interest of the New Orleans candidate for governor. It will be remembered that Mr. Dupre addressed a large overflow audience at the Parker meeting in New Orleans on September 18th.

—Mr. and Mrs. George Parker of Grand Prairie spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Roy.

—Miss Faye Pevoto, the accomplished young daughter of Rev. and Mrs. D. R. Pevoto, has just returned from Houston, where she spent some time as the guest of friends.

CLARK MOVES IN NEW BUILDING

Popular Young Jeweler Now Located in Sandoz Building on Landry Street

John W. Clark, well known young jeweler, who has been on Bellevue street, in the Larcade building, for a number of years, has moved into new quarters and will now be found in the Sandoz building on Landry street.

Mr. Clark can now boast of one of the most up-to-date jewelry establishments in this section of the state. He has recently installed new show cases and a large stock of the most up-to-date jewelry has just been placed in the pretty modern cases and is being very attractively displayed.

Mr. Clark has been in the business for himself only a few years, having been employed by Mr. Young, the former owner of the store for a long time. In the short space of a few years the popular and hustling young business man has built up a wonderful trade and now conducts a most up-to-date establishment.

A peep in the new place will disclose "John" smiling, as everything is "fixed to a queen's taste" and he is always glad to welcome his friends.

Mr. Clark's ad, which appears in an other section of this paper will prove of interest to his numerous customers and friends, so we would call our readers' attention to Mr. Clark's timely message to his patrons.

VANNOY WITHDRAWS FROM SHERIFF RACE FAVOR FONTENOT

Fourth Ward Man, After Conference with Friends Decides to Pull Down

TO MAKE ACTIVE FIGHT FOR ARIEL FONTENOT

Important Political Announcement Made Wednesday and Fight is On, Claim All

The most significant political announcement of the week came to light on Wednesday afternoon, when Judge B. F. Vannoy, for several months mentioned as a candidate for sheriff, declared himself for Ariel Fontenot, tendering his support to his younger opponent, and publicly saying that he was going to make the "fight of his life" to assist in the election of the popular young chief deputy sheriff, who is an avowed candidate for sheriff of this parish.

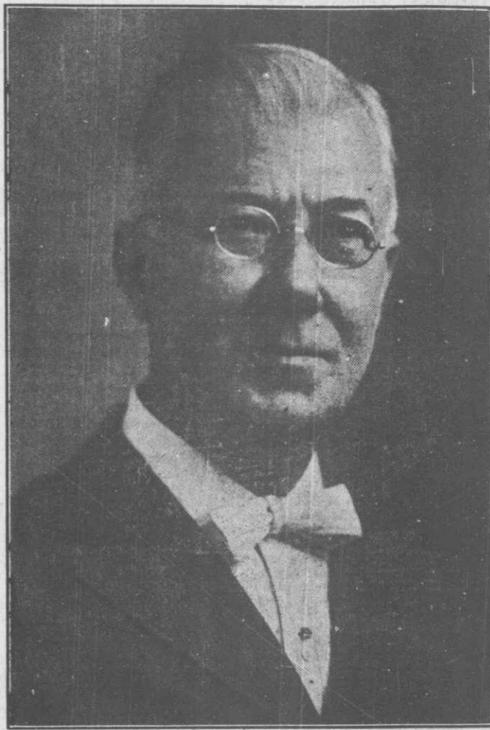
Judge Vannoy, who hails from the fourth ward and who has hosts of warm personal and intimate friends throughout St. Landry, decided to withdraw from the race, after a long conference with friends, who urged for the sake of harmony among the men who are opposing the candidacy of Charles Thibodeaux he should withdraw and support Mr. Fontenot.

In his honest, honorable way the "sage" of Big Cane said: "Gentlemen I am willing to abide by your opinion and therefore yield to your request assuring you that I will do all in my power to secure the election of that gallant young Democrat, Ariel Fontenot. The fight is on and I return to my home fully determined to work as hard for our young leader as I fully intended to do for myself in the event that I should have decided to remain in the race to the end."

Mr. Vannoy's withdrawal from the race and his tender of support to Mr. Fontenot practically convinces the friends and supporters of the young candidate that he will be victorious at the January election. Plans are being perfected for the staging of one of the biggest political gatherings in the history of St. Landry, at which Mr. Fontenot is expected to make his first address of the campaign. Reports from sections of the parish, according to the friends of Mr. Fontenot, indicate that every precinct will send a strong delegation to endorse the candidacy of the young deputy.

Politics has been very quiet in St. Landry, but Mr. Fontenot's friends assert that they will begin making things hum, as soon as the plan of organization is perfected. Mr. Fontenot will take the stand himself and expects to speak at every precinct in the parish. It is said by his closest friends and advisers that a large number of prominent citizens of Opelousas and of other precincts in the parish, who have not heretofore been actively identified with politics will assist him on the stand and in his campaign generally to bring about his election.

Judge Vannoy's friends, it is claimed



HON. HENRY E. ESTORGE,

St. Landry's candidate for State Treasurer who is receiving flattering offers of support from every section of Louisiana and who, his friends claim, will be elected without difficulty.

EXHIBIT MAKES TRACTOR SALE

Local Representative Rumley Company Successful in a Competitive Test

The success of a demonstration caused the sale of a Rumley Oil-Pull 16-30 Tractor by Leon Chachere to John Hidalgo, prominent Opelousas farmer, on Monday afternoon.

Mr. Hidalgo, who has the contract for the upkeep of many miles of public highway, invited Mr. Chachere and Mr. Fremaux of Crowley, who represents the Hart-Parr Tractor 15-30, to demonstrate their machines on the Joe Boagni road Monday afternoon. He announced before the demonstration that the machine having the most pulling power would be the one he would choose.

Mr. Chachere's tractor had no difficulty in pulling an eight-foot grader in unplowed land, while the other machine was not so successful. Before leaving the spot Mr. Chachere had Mr. Hidalgo's order for a Rumley tractor and Mr. Chachere feels justly proud in the performance of his machine.

INFORMATION WANTED

Information is sought of the following parties, whose checks have been returned to the War Risk Bureau uncollected, by Mrs. B. A. Littell, secretary of the Home Service of the American Red Cross:

Alice Thibodeaux, Opelousas; Gabriel Lucy, Arnaudville; Willis Guy, R. F. D. No. 2, Opelousas; Cora Aaron, Opelousas; and Arsene Lagrande Arnaud, Arnaudville.

TOOTS JOHNSON TO LOCATE HERE

Baton Rouge String Band, Favorite of Local Dancers May Move Here

It has been reported that the Toots Johnson Band, such a favorite with dancers throughout this section of Louisiana, would locate here. Plans are being perfected by a local organization to enter into a contract with the band to make this its permanent headquarters.

It is a certainty that in the event the Baton Rouge band, so popular here, decides to locate in Opelousas, the lovers of dancing will be at the height of their glory, since it will then be possible to give several dances a week, if necessary to satisfy the younger set's desire for the amusement.

ed are united in their desire to see Mr. Fontenot elected, and as the old "fighter" from Big Cane has numerous of staunch friends, who have decided to back him in his new move, friends of Mr. Fontenot say that their candidate's stock has materially increased and that since a united effort will be made in his behalf he should be any easy winner next January.

FRIENDS PREDICT ST. LANDRY MAN IS A SURE WINNER

H. E. Estorge is Now Actively at Work Campaigning the State for Treasurer

HAS SOLID BACKING OF ALL LOCAL FACTIONS

Reports From State Indicate Opelousas Candidate Has "Chinch" For Big Job

Hon. Henry E. Estorge, St. Landry's only candidate for a state office has opened up his campaign for state treasurer in earnest and is now busy touring the state in search of all the votes he can possibly get.

Mr. Estorge has received flattering offers of support from practically every parish in the state, so much so that his friends here predict for him a sure victory. He is known throughout Louisiana, and loved here in St. Landry; so his most intimate friends feel sure that he will make an acceptable candidate for all parties and that he should be elected without any difficulty.

There is scarcely anything that a poor newspaper man could add to Mr. Estorge's history or personality that is not intimately known by every voter in St. Landry, but going on the supposition that many of our younger men do not remember Mr. Estorge's past political activities we will open up the ball by saying that "the young man with grey hair" had his baptism of political fire over a quarter of a century ago, when he was employed in the clerk's office by the late Albert Pavy, father of the present district judge. Being acquainted throughout St. Landry and numbering his friends by thousands it was not hard for the friends of the popular young deputy clerk to elect him to one of the most important parochial offices, at a time when St. Landry was the empire parish of St. Landry and cast over six thousand votes. Mr. Estorge soon after his election to the clerk's office became one of the most popular and influential politicians St. Landry had ever known. He enjoyed a reputation for honest dealing in politics and was known throughout the state as an influential office-holder. Through political circumstances Mr. Estorge suffered defeat at the hands of the voters of St. Landry by close margins on two occasions, but it has always been said that Henry Estorge went down in defeat with his weaker running mates "like a real honest politician. He has always been a clean but hard fighter, and as a result has repeatedly been honored by the voters of St. Landry and the Seventh Congressional District.

Mr. Estorge's individual popularity has never diminished. He is as well liked by the young as by the old, as intimate with those who fought him "in the days gone by" as those who have always been loyal to him and as a result it is said he will receive the biggest vote St. Landry has ever cast for any of its "favorite sons" in a state campaign.

It can be truly said that St. Landry is behind Mr. Estorge. All factions are united on him—and that is saying more than mere words, for the St. Landry factions have never united on one man, unless he was "a mighty good chap."

It is gratifying to the many friends of the Opelousas candidate for state treasurer that he is as well liked in the Southwest Louisiana parishes as he is at home, and that Mr. Estorge will unquestionably receive the solid vote of the Seventh Congressional District.

RETURN FROM NEW ORLEANS AFTER BUYING BIG STOCK

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Larcade have just returned from New Orleans where they purchased the latest fads in millinery, hats and novelties, which are on display at the Larcade Store. The many friends and patrons of this popular lady's store are invited to inspect this most up-to-date stock, being assured that prices will suit the most particular people.

TO CONDUCT NEGRO SCHOOL

Mrs. J. J. H. Deahotels, wife of one of the leading negro citizens of Opelousas, announced during the week that through the appeal of the state board of education she has decided to conduct a private school for illiterate adults of her race at the colored high school. Classes will open on Monday, October 6, at 3:30 o'clock. The white citizens are urged to advise their servants to take the courses, and thus assist the negroes to stamp out illiteracy as much as possible.

BARILLEAUX IS FIXING PLACE

Owner of Valuable Landry St. Property Making Vast Improvements

J. G. Barilleaux, who recently purchased from J. A. Perkins, the old Planters National Bank Building on Landry Street, is having his place thoroughly renovated and remodelled.

An entirely new front to the building is being erected; the building throughout will be thoroughly remodelled. The up-stairs will be artistically arranged for a fashionable tea room and dance hall.

The well known young business man, who hails from the progressive and prosperous little city of Church Point, contemplates making his place the most up-to-date confectionery in this section of the state. He is spending several thousand dollars on his property and shortly will have a very handsome place of business.

Mr. Barilleaux does not know exactly when he will be ready for business, since confectionery fixtures, fountains, etc., recently ordered have not yet been received. It may be two months before the confectionery is ready, but he intends to open up his dance hall within the next few weeks.

BRAZIL MINISTER TO ADDRESS BAPTISTS HERE SUNDAY

Rev. D. L. Hamilton, Former Professor of Local Pastor, Will Arrive Today

The local Baptist congregation will be treated to a sermon at both services Sunday morning and evening, by the Rev. D. L. Hamilton of Pernambuco, Brazil, who will arrive here today to be the guest of Rev. Mr. Pevoto, the beloved local Baptist minister. Mr. Hamilton will remain in Opelousas until Monday.

Preacher Hamilton has been a missionary in South America for the past ten years, during a part of which time he has been at the head of large seminaries. While a stranger in Opelousas, he will find a novel welcome awaiting his arrival, for Mr. Hamilton was president of the Liberty Normal and Business College, Liberty Hill, Texas, when Mr. Pevoto was a young man attending school.

Services at the Baptist Church will be held Sunday morning at 8 and 10 o'clock. All members and friends of the congregation are cordially invited to attend and hear an able sermon by one of the leading Baptist missionaries yet to visit Opelousas.

Mr. Hamilton is a native of Southwest Louisiana, having been born and raised in Oakdale. He will be in this country until the latter part of the month, when he is scheduled to sail from New York for South America.

PRINCESS GIVES GOOD PICTURES

Popular Moving Picture House Showing Fine Program at Moderate Prices

The Princess Theatre is now giving its patrons the finest weekly program purchasable and Manager Dietlein is receiving the commendation of his patrons for his efforts to secure the release of the best pictures possible for this city.

An Opelousan, who recently returned from an extended trip, reports that nowhere on his trip did he have the pleasure of going into a motion picture house at the prices charged in this city. As a matter of fact, the prices of admission here is the lowest he has enjoyed this year, and he claims to have gone in scores of play houses this summer.

Mr. Dietlein is trying to entertain the public with the very best pictures made at the lowest possible price of admission. Look over the Princess program in this issue of the Star-Progress and see if we are not correct.

REAL ESTATE DEMAND HERE STEADILY INCREASES

Real estate transactions are becoming quite numerous lately, this being the time when those who desire to buy make their investments. Among recent sales reported this week are several made through the St. Landry Real Estate Agency of this city, who advises us that the demand for good farm and city property is steadily increasing.

PARISH WIDE ROAD SCHEME COMES UP ON MONDAY

Police Jury Will be Asked to Adopt Ordinance Merging Road Districts in One

COMITTEE TO PRESENT ARGUMENTS FOR MOVE

Representative Taxpayers Are Heading Project to Raise Over Two Millions

The parish-wide good roads project fathomed by the Opelousas Chamber of Commerce, which organization is being ably assisted by a large number of the public spirited citizens of this city and parish, will come up for action before the police jury on next Monday morning. A committee of citizens, representing various sections of the parish will appear before the police jury to stress the importance of the adoption of the ordinance merging the fourteen road districts of St. Landry into one, and arranging for the calling of an election to float a bond issue of two and a half million dollars.

According to well posted good roads enthusiasts the police jury will adopt the ordinance, but it is important that as large a crowd of representative taxpayers and citizens appear before the police jury in order that the body and the general public can be forcibly impressed with the popularity of the movement.

Opelousas, the largest taxpayer of the parish, is heartily in accord with the project and it is said that Eunice and Washington, the other big centers are favorably impressed with the project and will back Opelousas in its desire to see the fourteen various road districts merged into one.

St. Landry will be in a position to raise over three million dollars for road construction work, if the parish wide project is carried through. Now that modern, permanent hard-surfaced highways are realized to be business getters as well as the best investment for taxpayers to place their money in, it is believed that St. Landry must devise some ways of getting a better, more efficient system of highways than the one presently planned.

St. Landry will be traversed by the Evangeline Highway and probably by the Pershing Way, running from Canada to New Orleans. In that event thousands of visitors from all sections of the United States will be continually passing through this parish, and it is a certainty that unless St. Landry's roads compare favorably with those of other parishes investors will pass up this parish and go elsewhere.

One of the strongest, as well as the best argument advanced in favor of the new move is that the rich centers will help to pay for roads in the poorer and less populous sections of St. Landry, Opelousas, for instance will pay approximately twenty-five per cent of the tax, if the parish-wide project is carried through. Under the present system this city can tax itself sufficiently to pave every highway in the first ward, while the districts of the fourth ward can not levy sufficient tax to build a highway under state highway specification.

The Bayou Beauf district, for instance recently taxed itself to the limit for its link of the Evangeline Highway, and it is said that even if the district should get every one of its eighty-odd thousand dollars matched by the state and federal governments it would not have sufficient funds to construct its twenty miles of highway under specifications of the highway association. Many of the smaller districts are in a similar position, while the Opelousas-Washington district really has more money than is needed for its link of the highway.

Opelousas is ready to assure the taxpayers of St. Landry that it is willing to bear its burden of taxation in order to give this parish one of the best and most up-to-date systems of modern highways in this state. St. Landry is the richest parish in the state and it is for that reason, if for nothing else why this parish should have the best system of roads in this state.

All good roads enthusiasts will therefore be headed for the parish police jury room on next Monday to urge the jurors to consider the demand of a large number of the most influential taxpayers of St. Landry by calling an election to levy a tax of two and a half million dollars for the purpose of constructing the best highway system in Louisiana.

—Mmes Mabel Mistic and Aline Lassalle, accompanied by Mrs. Goldman L. Lassalle, took in the play last week in Lafayette, "Live, Laugh and Love."