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## POLICE JURY GIVES \$2,500 TO PARISH FAIR ASS'N

Committee from Chamber of Appeal for Funds Commerce Makes Successful

## CITY GIVES USUFRUCT OF VALUABLE PROPERTY

St. Landry Will Shortly Boast of Finest Fair Association in Louisiana

The Chamber of Commerce was successful in its first request for funds for the proposed parish fair association, which it will shortly organize, when a committee appeared before the police jury and asked that body to budget the sum of \$2,500 for the 1920 parish fair. The jurors, without a dissenting vote, readily granted the request.

The committee appearing before the police jury was composed of E. M. Boagni, Dr. J. A. Haas, D. L. Guilbeau, L. H. Mornhinveg, E. K. Eastham and L. A. Andrepoint, the two last named making brief addresses.

On Tuesday night the committee appeared before the city council and was given the usufruct of the city property, next to the cemetery, for the parish fair.

Hon. R. Lee Mills, member of the police jury and head of the St. Landry Farmers Union, has been selected by the Chamber of Commerce as the head of the proposed fair association. Mr. Mills will have associated with him some of the most prominent farmers of this parish, it being the intention of the Chamber of Commerce to put this fair in the hands of a board of directors composed of farmers.

According to present plans, permanent buildings will be erected and the grounds will be beautified as soon as the property is officially turned over to the fair association.

St. Landry plans to hold the biggest parish fair in the state and the prize lists, it is said, will compare favorably with many district fairs.

Work on the catalog will begin just as soon as the association is organized. It is the intention of the promoters of the fair to have the catalogs ready for distribution by the first of February.

Committees will canvass the entire parish for funds. The town has promised to raise over \$2,500 more than match the money appropriated by the police jury, and according to statements of prominent business men Opelousas will go well over its quota.

## FIRST LOCAL BOY IN WAR IS BACK

Harry Garland, First St. Landrian on Firing Line, Returns After Long Service

Harry W. Garland, who has the distinction of being the first St. Landrian to participate in the world war, returned last week with an honorable discharge. Mr. Garland, it will be remembered, left here six months before Uncle Sam took a notion to go over to France and lick the Kaiser. He was so imbued with the idea of doing his bit for humanity, and feeling that Germany had committed unpardonable sins on defenseless Belgium and peaceful France, that he enlisted in the French ambulance corps before the United States declared war.

When the boys in khaki arrived in France in the middle of 1917 Mr. Garland had already been on the firing line and had suffered a wound. He was well initiated and soon began to assist in the training of Uncle Sam's troops, when he volunteered in the American Expeditionary Forces.

The many friends of the popular Opelousas hero who served with honors in both the American and French armies were delighted to see him come back with five service stripes—more than any other St. Landry soldier can boast of.

## TWO BIG PLANTATIONS ARE SOLD BY DUNBAR BROS.

The Hawkins plantation, situated on Bayou Waxia was sold this week by C. P. Dunbar and Bro., agents, for M. B. Singleton to P. A. Chasson of Lafayette parish, who will turn it into a rice farm.

The Dunbar firm bought for Dr. J. A. Haas the Clement Hollier place on the Washington road, belonging to Sidney Hollier, of San Antonio, Texas, and A. L. Hollier, of this city.

Richard Brooks and Herbert Dunsen of Crowley were visitors to this city this week.

## FLOYD PHILLIPS TO RUN FOR P. J.

Popular Young Farmer of the Bellevue Section to be a Candidate, is Rumor

Among the many political rumors afloat in Opelousas during the past week was the one that Floyd Phillips, prosperous and well known Bellevue farmer, would be a candidate for one of the four members of the police jury from the first ward.

When interviewed by the publisher of the Star-Progress, Mr. Phillips stated that rumor was being circulated by many of his friends who were anxious to see him enter the race. He had not yet made up his mind to run, but in all likelihood would be a candidate.

Mr. Phillips was a candidate for the police jury from this ward in 1908, when quite a young man, and though defeated received a flattering support at the hands of the voters of the ward.

## GAME IS CANCELLED BY JESUIT HIGH ON ACCOUNT WEATHER

St. Charles to Tackle the Strong St. Martin Team This Afternoon

The game scheduled to be played between St. Charles College and Jesuit High last Sunday was cancelled at the last moment by the New Orleans team, much against the will of the plucky Coteau men. The reason advanced by the Jesuit High team for cancelling the game was the rainy weather and sloppy field. A continual rain of over twelve hours had somewhat impaired the condition of the excellent gridiron at the college, but the Red and Greens had declared that they would play the game no matter what the conditions would be at the time scheduled for the kick-off. Up to one o'clock in the afternoon the Jesuit High team had consented to this arrangement, but suddenly the coach of the High School team became and called on Mr. Roy, the athletic director of the St. Charles team, to ask him to cancel the game so that the city team's equipment would not be ruined. Mr. Roy objected strenuously but promised to consult Coach Fagan and get his opinion. Both agreed that the reasons advanced by the Blue Jays was insufficient for cancelling the game and announced their decision to Mr. Palermo. The latter informed Mr. Reed, the Jesuit athletic director of Mr. Roy's decision, who immediately called on the St. Charles director and coach and advanced the second reason for cancelling the game, namely, that he did not want to take the chances of his boys getting sick by playing in such unfavorable weather. Mr. Roy declared that he would not cancel the game under any circumstances such as has been advanced, but that if Mr. Reed insisted on cancelling the game and on refusing to allow his players to take the field, the St. Charles College Athletic Association would accept the decision in the true sportsman's spirit and would not demand a forfeiture for the Blue Jays. Thereupon Mr. Reed declared that he had cancelled the game in the name of the Jesuit High team and Mr. Fagan announced Mr. Reed's decision to the college team. Immediately the Red and Greens raised a clamor for the game and declared that they wanted to play even if they had to swim. But Mr. Fagan prevailed on them to accept their disappointment quietly and the two teams parted in good fellowship.

On arriving in Lafayette the New Orleans team seemed to be in splendid spirits and openly stated that they would have "cleaned up" with the St. Charles team had the game not been cancelled. Mr. Roy has refused to state what he thinks the probable outcome of the game would have been. When told of the opinion of the city boys he merely smiled and casually remarked that he did not know how the boys had gotten "their line" since, to his certain knowledge, not one person who had come up from New Orleans had been able to find out even a probable line-up of the college team and up to the time that they left the college grounds did not know even the name of a single player.

Coach Fagan is keenly disappointed at not having the game on Sunday, as the college team is badly in need of a practice game before bucking against the fast and heavy team of Louisiana Normal on the 16th in Natchitoches. As a consequence Mr. Roy has arranged for a game with the St. Martinville High team on Saturday, Oct. 11th, in Grand Coteau. The game will be called at 3 o'clock in the afternoon so as to allow spectators from Lafayette and other in-

## DR. PERRAULT IS BACK AGAIN

Prominent Young Opelousas Dentist Returns After Service in France

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Dr. Perrault immediately received a warm welcome at the hands of his large circle of friends, all of whom were joyous over his return. After mingling with friends and taking a rest for a few days, Dr. Perrault is expected to resume the practice of dentistry.

Interested towns south of Sunset to witness the game between trains. The St. Martinville High team has been recently strengthened greatly by the addition of the famous de-Lalonde ends and by the heavy full-back Fournet, and it is not without reason that they have hopes of making the game more than a practice one for the St. Charles team.

A. A. Mendoza and Ted Roberts, of Opelousas, who were present at the college last Sunday to call the game have been again asked to act as officials in the coming game and have consented to do so. Both are old players of Normal and are still as up-to-date in football science as they were when starring on the Natchitoches team some years ago.

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## E. K. EASTHAM WILL BE CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION

Local Merchant Decides After Friends Urge to Enter Re-Election Race

Elsewhere in this issue of the Star-Progress appears the announcement of Hon. E. K. Eastham, one of the three St. Landry representatives in the Lower House of the General Assembly, for re-election at the January primary.

In an interview with the publisher of the Star-Progress Mr. Eastham stated that it was only through the appeal of his friends and supporters that he had concluded to make the race. He said that he was anxious to go back to the legislature because many important matters, effecting the future interest of this state, would come up for consideration by the next legislature. He is in favor of a comprehensive state system of highways, willing to spend the state's last dollar for the education of the children of the state, and is going to work actively for the passage of such bills as will give Louisiana one of the finest agricultural schools in the Union.

Mr. Eastham has served in the House for the past four years with much credit to himself and to the state; he fathered several important bills touching upon the taxation and assessment of Louisiana, and was regarded as one of the progressive, alert and aggressive young members of the legislature.

Mr. Eastham states he is unable to canvass the parish at present, but that he expects to interview every voter possible and to make his views known on matters coming up before the House next year.

## SYLVESTRE TO ENTER THE RACE

Member of Police Jury from Grand Prairie Section Offers to Come Back

Alexandre Sylvestre, well known and prominent member of the police jury from the fifth ward, has announced his candidacy for re-election. Mr. Sylvestre stated to the publisher of the Star-Progress he had not the opportunity of canvassing this ward at this time, but that he expected to begin his tour of the ward within a short while.

Mr. Sylvestre has not only the recommendation of many of his constituents, but men with whom he has served for the past three years are loud in their commendation of his efforts to give his people an efficient service as police juror. Chief among the police jurors who praise Mr. Sylvestre are Hons. K. T. Catlett and F. P. Martin, who, in a signed statement, say:

"Sylvestre has made one of the most conscientious members of the police jury and we believe it would be to the best interest of the parish for him to be re-elected. We believe his constituents agree with us that he will be able to render them more efficient service in the future than in the past."

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## COMMITTEE TO MEET TO-DAY

All Members Democratic Executive Body Urged to Attend the Session

As announced last week, the parish democratic executive committee will meet at the court house this afternoon at 4 o'clock. The members of this committee are strongly urged to be present at the first important gathering of the democratic body of this parish.

The committee will be presided over by Chairman Prescott who will come here from Eunice this afternoon. The meeting will be held in the court room of the court house.

The principal work to be done by the committee will be the calling of a democratic primary election in January, selecting the same date chosen by the state central committee, and the fixing of the fees to be paid by the various candidates for parochial and ward offices. The time limit for the filing of candidates' applications will also be fixed.

Since it was announced that the democratic executive committee would meet on the 11th much interest has been manifested by voters in getting out candidates for the minor ward and justice of the peace ward offices. It is expected that on October 24, the probable date of expiration for the filing of names of candidates, every office in the parish will be contested for.

## DR. FOSTER TO LEAVE PARISH

Lawtell Physician, Long Prominent Resident of St. Landry to Live in North Louisiana

The many friends of Dr. Paul Foster, who has long been identified with the agricultural and commercial interests of the Lawtell and Plaquemine Point sections of this parish, will be sorry to learn of his intention to make his permanent residence in Grand Cane, in the northern part of the state.

Dr. Foster recently sold his agricultural interests to C. E. Whipp, a prominent farmer of the Bayou Boeuf section of St. Landry. Mr. Whipp will make his home in the old Foster residence.

When a child Dr. Foster came to St. Landry with his parents from Avoyelles parish. He spent his early youth in the Plaquemine section, where Dr. Foster's parents were highly esteemed citizens for a large number of years. Upon graduation in medicine and after practicing elsewhere several years the young physician settled in the Plaquemine Point section, near Lawtell, where he has been a prominent factor in the rebuilding of that portion of St. Landry.

The many friends of the prominent Lawtell physician join the Star-Progress in wishing Dr. Foster the best of luck in his new home.

## "COON" LAFLEUR FINISHES CENSUS

Old War Horse of Sixth Ward Counts Up Number of School Children

From the Eunice Gall.)

For the past two months Mr. R. Lafleur has been occupied making a census of the children between the ages of 6 and 18 in the sixth ward of the parish and he gives in the following data thereon:

White children in Eunice—  
Males ..... 284  
Females ..... 310

Total white ..... 594  
Colored children in Eunice—  
Male ..... 104  
Female ..... 106

Total colored ..... 210  
Total in Eunice ..... 804

Outside the town of Eunice, there are 590 white males and 522 females; of the colored race, 542 males and 459 females, making a grand total of children between the ages of 6 and 18 in the ward as follows: White, 1,706; colored, 1,291. A total of 2,997.

## MORNHINVEG & SON'S UNIQUE ADVERTISING

The Star-Progress can not refrain from calling attention to the unique advertising of R. Mornhinveg & Son, featuring the Columbia Grafanola. They are taking Shakespeare's "Seven Ages of Man," world known for its applicability to the human race, and applying it to the wonderful music of the wonderful machine. The advertising is a continued story and is well worth the reading. See it in another column in this issue.

Milton Kilpatrick, now employed at the Williamson Lumber Company, was a visitor to our city on Wednesday of this week.

## ANDRUS TO MAKE TOUR OF PARISH TO EXPLAIN WORK

Voters are to Be Told of System Under Which the Assessor Labors

Hon. A. L. Andrus, candidate for re-election as assessor of St. Landry, according to a statement issued during the past week, will make a complete tour of the parish, and will before the primary interview every voter and make it clear that he has nothing to do with the amount the taxpayers is assessed.

He says under the new law passed by the legislature his duty is to furnish the police jury for parish purposes the actual cash values of all property in the parish. After he has accomplished this he has performed his duty.

"It then becomes the duty of the police jury," says Mr. Andrus, "to place the assessment of each taxpayer and that is done by percentage of the actual cash value. For instance, the assessor takes your actual cash value of all property, say, \$1,000. Now, what will be your assessment on that amount? The assessor presents his books to the police jury and it figures out how much money the parish will need for the year, and then instructs the assessor to place whatever percentage it will take on the total actual cash value to bring that amount. Now, if you are valued by the assessor for all the property you have at \$1,000.00, the police jury decides to take 40 per cent of the actual cash value, your assessment will be \$400.00. Now, the state does the same thing; it takes whatever per cent of the value the assessor has furnished the state board of affairs and applies it to the cash value, and that amount is your assessment."

"Therefore, you can at once see that the assessor does not assess you, but simply gives a list of your property to the police jury, for parish purposes and to the state board for state purposes, and these bodies fix your assessment according to the amount of money they require for each year. The more money the state and parish need the more your assessment will be and the assessor has no control over this. Now, on the assessment fixed by these men, let us see what your taxes will be, depending upon the millage each will place on the assessment. For the year 1918 the parish placed 10 mills the state 5-3-4 mills, the Confederate Veterans, 1 mill; the state good roads 3-4 mill; while the various school districts had different millage, the Red River levee 6 mills and 5 cents per acre; the Atchafalaya basin levee, 10 mills and 2-1-2 cents per acre; the drainage 20 cents per acre. Therefore, if the assessor places your actual value at \$1,000.00, see:

The police jury takes 40 per cent, which is ..... \$400.00  
The state takes 50 per cent, which is ..... 500.00  
Hence, 10 mills on \$400 for parish is ..... 4.00  
5-3-4 mills on \$500 for state is ..... 2.88  
1 mill on \$500 for C. V. is ..... .50  
1-4 mill for good roads is ..... .13  
10 mills on \$400 for roads is ..... 4.00  
3 mills on \$400 for schools is ..... 1.20

"Now, whatever ward you live in, the special tax that is levied on your property is figured in the same way. You can at once see that the assessor does not fix your assessment."

Mr. Andrus' friends claim that the taxpayers are fast realizing that he has been a good assessor and has treated everybody fair, and no one could have done better under existing conditions.

"Now, as to deputy assessors," Mr. Andrus' statement continues, "they canvassed no one except the farmer, under the old law. There was a certain class of property such as lands, improvements and livestock and vehicles and city residences, as well as a few other things, to pay all the taxes. A deputy assessor went around the country taking assessments in this style, here is his report: 'Take off old roll; same as last year; no change; hence, the same property paid the burden year after year and millions of dollars of property never went on the rolls. My office forces went after the class of property that had never been on the roll. As far as the farmer, he was assessed to the limit and it was not necessary to annoy him, but the millions of dollars of property which never paid taxes was made to pay by our method of taking assessments and today were it not for our constant watchfulness the farmer and others who are paying all the taxes would not be able to pay their taxes.'"

Mr. Andrus has brought so much property on the rolls that heretofore was not assessed that the farmer and

## POLICE JURY MEETS TO-DAY

Assessment Complaints Will be Heard and Errors Corrected if Any Exist

The police jury will meet again today for the purpose of sitting as a board of reviewers to pass upon complaints filed by St. Landry taxpayers.

Official notice of Saturday's meeting was given several weeks ago and it is said taxpayers who have failed to file their complaints with the clerk of the police jury will have to pay for the folly of their neglect.

All property owners who believe that a mistake in their assessment has been made are to be given a fair hearing at the hands of the jury and if any errors are found corrections will be made before the assessor files his rolls with the tax collector.

Besides sitting as a board of reviewers, the police jury will transact other business, principally dealing with the fourth ward road district supervisors, it is said.

## MR. JOHN S. WHITE, S. J., ORDAINED TO PRIESTHOOD

Solemn Ceremony Took Place at St. Charles College on Last Thursday

For the first time since his elevation to the Episcopacy, Bishop Jules B. Jeannard of Lafayette exercised his power of ordaining a young man a priest of God, when on Thursday of this week he elevated Mr. John S. White, S. J., of St. Charles College to the dignity of the priesthood. The solemn ceremony took place in the college chapel of St. Charles College, Grand Coteau, at 7 a. m., in the presence of his father and sister, Mr. John White of Boston, Mass., and Mrs. Haines of Buffalo, the college faculty and students and a large number of friends.

The Bishop was assisted by Very Rev. Emile Mattern, S. J., of New Orleans, Provincial of the Jesuits of the South; Very Rev. Emile Diebold, S. J., president of St. Charles College, and other priests and scholars of the college. The altars were tastefully decorated, and the college choir rendered beautiful singing. Immediately after the ceremony, Father White gave his first blessing to Bishop Jeannard, then to his father and sister and to the congregation. On Tuesday and Wednesday the Bishop ordained Mr. White sub-deacon and deacon respectively, the two preliminary ordinations that lead to the ordination of the priesthood. The wonderfully impressive ceremonies that are connected with the priestly ordinations have seldom been witnessed in this part of Louisiana, owing to the fact that hitherto any ordinations in the state were generally performed in New Orleans. Hence, many Catholics were eager to witness the exceptional rites.

Father White said his first mass in the college chapel on Friday morning, at which his father and sister, the college students and many of his friends were present for Father White is well known and much loved in this part of Louisiana, having been a professor at Grand Coteau in former years, as also in New Orleans, and he has always won over to a warm friendship those who have had the pleasure of meeting him in connection with his college work. The public was invited to assist at the various ceremonies of the week.

Father White was born in Boston thirty-four years ago.

—Henry Long of Shreveport was the guest of friends here Sunday and Monday.

—Miss Yvonne Dejean spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents, returning Monday morning to Grand Coteau Sacred Heart Convent.

—Tony Fux returned to Lafayette on Monday morning.

—B. Bennett of New Orleans was a business visitor to our city this week.

—Gordy Ogden of Baton Rouge attended to business in our city on Monday and Tuesday.

—L. A. Dunbar of Baton Rouge visited friends here on Wednesday.

others are relieved of much taxes they would otherwise have to pay. Mr. Andrus' friends say "Give every man credit for what he deserves." Mr. Andrus deserves much credit at the hands of the taxpayers, especially the farmers, when it is taken into consideration that their lands are valued at their actual value, at woods \$2, \$5 and \$12 agricultural lands at \$20, \$25, \$35 and \$40, when you know they are selling anywhere from \$75 to \$125 per acre.

## PUJO IS NAMED TO SUCCEED EWING AS COMMITTEEMAN

Former Congressman Chosen by State Committee as National Representative

## OCTOBER 27 LAST DAY TO ENTER RACE

January 20 Fixed as Date of First State Primary—There Will be Only One Primary

Arsene P. Pujol of Lake Charles, former congressman from the seventh congressional district, was unanimously elected democratic national committeeman from Louisiana by the democratic state central committee, at its meeting Tuesday at the Hotel Grunewald, New Orleans, following the resignation of Colonel Robert Ewing, who has served three terms.

Mr. Pujol is a strong supporter of Colonel Stubbs for governor, and it is said was the personal choice of Colonel Stubbs, whose supporters were in the majority at the Tuesday meeting.

The committee adopted a resolution fixing the democratic state primary for January 20, 1920, for the nomination of governor and all state officers. Entries will close in twenty days, or on October 27.

Candidates will be required to deposit \$100 with the secretary of state under the provision of the act of 1918, to be used for printing of ballots, etc., and also \$5 with the secretary of the democratic state central committee for the defraying of incidental expenses.

## FRIENDS URGE CATLETT TO RUN

Fourth Ward Member Doesn't Want to Make Race but Supporters Say He Must

Hon. K. T. Catlett, who has served the parish officially for the past six years, as an influential member of the police jury from the fourth ward, had practically made up his mind not to be a candidate for re-election. But many of his friends are determined to make him change his mind, and as a consequence he is being besieged by taxpayers from every section of his ward to reconsider his decision and to make the race.

The Star-Progress is in a position to know that Mr. Catlett has made an able and efficient member of the august body and we would side with the fourth warders in their insistent demand that the old "war horse" from Rosa come back to the police jury for the next four years. The good roads problem is to be solved and as Mr. Catlett is thoroughly familiar on this matter, it is to the thirteenth of the entire parish to see him returned to the police jury.

—Miss Sylvian ad Ira Durio and Messrs. Ted Roberts and Paul Schueter motored to St. Charles College on Sunday to witness the football game between St. Charles and Jesuits High of New Orleans.

—Miss Rosa Hebrard visited friends in Lafayette on last Saturday and Sunday.

—Mrs. A. Delabretonne and baby, after a delightful stay of two weeks at Oakdale, returned home on last Saturday.

—Dorin Breaux, a large rice farmer of Rayne, was in Opelousas the middle of the week and while in this city paid the Star-Progress force a pleasant call.

—Oscar Pipes and "Tot" Hinchcliffe of Crowley attended to business here this week.

—Mr. Dore of Bogalusa attended to business here the early part of the week.

—J. D. Guidry of Rayne visited friends here on Friday night of last week.

—Miss Marjorie Chachere returned home Monday after a delightful stay in Donaldsonville, La., where she visited as the guest of friends.

—Dr. A. J. Perrault, who enlisted in the dental corps of the army, has been discharged and returned home. After serving for quite a long time with the American forces overseas.

—Warren Domengeaux of Lafayette visited friends here Sunday.

—Marshall Thompson attended to business in New Orleans this week.

—Howard Allen of Washington was in Opelousas on Tuesday.

—Mrs. Fey Lyons returned home on Sunday after a delightful stay in Beaumont, Texas, as the guest of relatives.

—Uncle Jim Baldridge, the "Sage of Barbeck," was in our midst on last Monday. Uncle Jim reports having had too much rain in his section.