

A PEOPLE'S WELCOME TO FAVORED SON.

Enthusiasm and Songs of Love Well Met from
The Hearts of St. Mary People.

"O! WHAT WOULD I DO?"

Ringling Response from Home People of St.
Mary Man to Query of Opelousas Visitor
at the Wilkinson Meeting.

"He that stands upon a slippery
place makes nice of no vile hold to
stay him up."

That Wilkinson must stand, then
Sanders needs must fall.

"The purest treasure of mortal
times," Reputation, without which
"man is but a gilded trunk, or painted
clay," if needs be must bleed from
the assassin's knife—so he falls, so
he falls!

A crown, a crown, is the reward.
Sepulcher Reputation!
We want a living sceptre!

A few months ago there gathered
at Franklin, the home of Gov. San-
ders, adherents of Col. Wilkinson,
from different portions of the State.
It was the occasion of a rally in sup-
port of the candidacy of Mr. Wilkin-
son. There was no objection to that—
that was a right of theirs which no
one could question.

There also gathered a number of
ladies—two hundred or more, or less
—and there was organized a Ladies'
Wilkinson Club. That was a right of
theirs which no one questioned.

But what followed?

Throughout the State, from every
stump where Mr. Wilkinson spoke,
the formation of the Franklin Ladies'
Wilkinson Club was seized by the
adherents and magnified until they
had it that the womanhood of Mr.
Sanders' home had entered a protest
against his candidacy! From every
stump they pointed to the organiza-
tion of the two hundred women in
Franklin as a corroborating circum-
stance to the covert slanders that
had been circulated throughout the
State at the incipency of the cam-
paign against Mr. Sanders, and which
Mr. Sanders' ringing challenges for
proof had quieted.

"If the women of my town were to
thus raise in protest against my can-
didacy—O! what would I do?" we
heard one of the Wilkinson orators
at the Opelousas meeting exclaim
with horrified expression.

After the Sanders Rally at Frank-
lin last Saturday, the 26th, the duty
of the author of "What would I do?"
is plain.

For there the women, the men, the
children—the greybearded men and
the tottering grandams, the blushing
maiden and the chattering school
children, the silk-robed and the plaid-
robed—cried down in one mighty
chorus the vile imputation that the
people of St. Mary, the home people
of Gov. Sanders, opposed his can-
didacy.

Aye, with the same echoing chorus
they told the world that the home
people of Gov. Sanders admired him,
trusted him—loved him.

They told the world, these women
and children and men, from Franklin
and from the neighboring towns, that
Jared Sanders is the idol of their
hearts.

"What would I do, O! 'What
would I do,' if I with mouth were
to make one incision into Character,
and find that my knife had been
guided by Malice and not Truth!

The Sanders Rally at Franklin is
admittedly one of the grandest polit-
ical demonstrations ever held in the
State outside of New Orleans. It is
not possible to accurately estimate
the crowd present. People came by
trainloads, by boatloads, over the
country roads—from everywhere.
The streets of the little town of
Franklin resembled Mardi-gras day in
New Orleans. When the excursions
began pulling out after the speaking
people were at the depot several
blocks thick, waiting for their ex-
cursions to depart, and the railroad
employees experienced much difficulty
in putting people on the right trains.
The boats were crowded, towing
large barges filled with people. The
country roads were speckled with re-
turning vehicles.

The excursion train bearing Gov.
Sanders, and on which the writer was
a passenger, arrived at Franklin at 1
o'clock. Gov. Sanders boarded it at
New Iberia, accompanied by some six
hundred men and women, including
the New Iberia Ladies' Sanders Club,
which numbers 537 ladies of Bob
Broussard's town. The sixteen
coaches were already overcrowded,
but the ladies entered notwithstanding,
taking their seats—standing room
seats—on the platforms and in the
aisles. When Jeanerette was reached
the Ladies' Club there stormed the

NEWS FROM ALL OVER THE STATE.

Two Singular Tragic Deaths of Little Girls--Bank
President is Troubled--Large Per Centage of
Teachers Pass Examinations--Other News

The Abbeville State Fair closed at
Abbeville on Sept. 30.

Alexandria has installed and tested
its new fire alarm system.

The grand jury of Calcasieu parish
will convene on October 21st.

Rains are doing considerable dam-
age to the crops of Lafayette parish.
Norfolk, Va., capitalists will erect
a hardwood factory at Alexandria
which will employ from 150 to 200
men.

M. A. McAllister defeated N. B.
Hunt for Mayor of Waterproof.
Hunt had held the office for twenty
years.

A runaway boy from Mississippi
had both legs crushed by falling un-
der a log train at Hammond, La.
His name was May.

Everette Battles was shot through
the heart and instantly killed by an-
other negro, Lewis Joseph, at Oberlin,
Sunday, over a crap game.

The United States Recruiting Office
at New Iberia has been closed. Dur-
ing four months only two men were
enlisted to do service in the army.

Will Thompson, a negro, ambushed
and shot to death a white man named
Charles Haggood, at Cravens, Vernon,
parish, Sunday night, and escaped.

The report of State Examiner
Young on Louisiana banks shows \$100-
338,000 to be the resources of one
hundred and seventy-five institutions.

In the recent examinations for cer-
tificates of qualification to teach in
the public schools of this State, 1135
took the examination, and 75 1-5 per
cent passed.

Under the stimulus of recent heavy
rains, and warm weather, cane in the
sugar parishes is making rapid growth.
Some refineries will start grinding the
latter part of October.

The Elks and Eagles Clubs of Mon-
roe were indicted by the grand jury
for violating the Sunday Law. These
clubs operate buffets where drinks are
served to members of the order.

John Wilbert, president protom of
the police jury of Iberville parish, and
vice-president of the Iberville Bank
and Trust Co., was indicted by the
grand jury for "preach of public
trust," in that he voted to award the
fiscal agent contract to the bank of
which he was an officer.

Hon. Ludger Barbin, Confederate
veteran and former representative in

train and in some inexplicable way
got room. The men from that town
who could do so also boarded the
train, but the most of them waited
for another train.

There were three bands on the
train—Lake Charles, Rayne and
Church Point, and Bob Broussard's
town was given an ovation, the
strains of music being drowned by
the cheers of the people—but not
for Bob.

When Franklin was reached an
ovation greeted the Lieutenant-Gov-
ernor that surpassed anything we
have ever seen.

Gov. Sanders, his mother, wife and
boy, were hurried to a waiting car-
riage, and the procession formed—a
procession two miles long. The
streets were overhung with decora-
tions of the national colors in zigzag
fashion, and EVERY BUILDING BUT
ONE GROCERY STORE on the way
from the depot to the meeting grounds
was decorated with Sanders colors.

When the Sanders carriage reached
town it was besieged by cheering
men, the horses taken out, and ropes
attached and pulled to the meeting
grounds, the multitude cheering all
the while.

There were seven bands in the
parade, and Sanders Ladies' Clubs
from every section of St. Mary parish.
The ladies predominated in the parade
—the ladies had prepared the recep-
tion, and the men stood up and
cheered them on. It was the woman-
hood of St. Mary hurling into the
teeth of the enemies slanders of a
chivalrous son.

We could go on and on for pages
writing about this grand reception of
a home town to a favored son, but
space forbids. The meeting was a
success, the reception was a success,
the barbecue was a success—every-
thing worked smoothly and without a
hitch.

An account of the speaking will be
found on another page of this paper.

Good Washington Property.

Attention is called to the sale of
the estate of John Courville, which
will take place at Washington on
Tuesday, October 8.

The estate includes a choice piece
of property in our sister town, as
well as a lot of immovables.

the Legislature, and prominent in
politics shortly after the civil war,
died at Marksville Monday, aged 82
years.

The Atchafalaya Bay Ship Canal
will be completed by October 10, and
there is considerable rivalry as to who
will send the first ship from Morgan
City to the sea through it. It is said
that some ships will have trouble on
account of the swift current in the
canal.

A foul double murder was unearth-
ed a few miles above Bolinger, on the
afternoon of September 23, when the
bodies of J. F. Delaney and L. F.
Roole Williams, two highly respected
citizens were found on the roadside,
both having been shot to death.
There is so far not the slightest trace
of the unknown assassins. Negroes
are suspected, and robbery the mo-
tive.

The State Treasurer has issued the
following statements of the amounts
on deposit with the various fiscal
agents at the close of business on
September 30, 1907: New Orleans
National Bank \$454,410.93, Hibernia
Bank and Trust Company \$456,341-
96, State National Bank \$459,946.31,
Canal-Louisiana Bank and Trust Com-
pany \$456,287.93. Total \$1,826-
987.13.

The following new enterprises are
scheduled for Lecompte for 1908:
\$20,000 electric light plant, wagon and
spoke factory at a cost of \$100,000, a
\$50,000 glass and bottling works, an-
other opera house, a five-story modern
hotel, three fine two-story mercantile
house and a large concrete industry is
now being discussed. In addition
to these certainties, many local enter-
prises are making nice and substantial
improvements.

Singular mishaps, which resulted
in the tragic death of two little girl
babies, were reported from two sepa-
rate points of the State Monday. At
New Roads, Pointe Coupee parish, the
child of Mr. and Mrs. Omere Porche
swallowed glass in some unaccountable
way, and died after experiencing ex-
cruciating agony. While Theodore
Woolerson, residing near Winnsboro,
Franklin parish, was watering his
horse at a pump a dog ran up and bit
the animal, which plunged forward.
The 18-months-old child of Woolerson,
who was playing about the heels of
the horse, was knocked down and
trampled, causing instantaneous death.

FATHER JOUAN DEAD.

Eminent Catholic Priest Ex-
pires at New Iberia.

Catholics in St. Landry parish will
be grieved to learn of the death of
Rev. Father P. M. Jouan, which oc-
curred at New Iberia on last Monday
morning.

Father Jouan was Pastor of the
Catholic church at Washington, this
parish, for fifteen years, and
while there endeared himself to the
whole people, his earnest work for
Christianity and his many deeds of
charity marking him as a learned and
good man.

He accepted the appointment to
the Immaculate Rectory at New
Iberia in 1891. There he has de-
voted his life to the upbuilding of
the church and the people, and his
devotion and unselfishness is shown
by the fact that he died without
leaving an estate, although the parish
at New Iberia is one of the richest
in the State, and it would have
been an easy matter for him to have
acquired property. He devoted all
of his income to the poor and to the
church.

Father Jouan was born in Britan-
ny, France, in 1844, and came to this
country when yet a young man.

Goat?

"Commend to us the nerve, pre-
sence of mind, or whatever you will,
of Judge Cocco of Avoyelles," dram-
atically exclaims the Abbeville Meridi-
onal. "He was at the big Wilkinson
blowout at New Iberia the other day—
when only star orators—the penul-
tarily favored few, were to hold the
boards and by all ordinary rules Cocco
was shut out. But with the spirit of
Jasper at Fort Moultrie, or Ethan Al-
len at Ticonderoga, the Avoyelles
candidate rose supreme to the occasion.
He mounted the rostrum, introduced
himself and made a speech which
captured the crowd. Now who says
that with such a courageous spirit
for attorney general there would not
be a faint possibility that he could
see and locate a trust?"

The wise advertiser selects the pa-
per with the circulation.

BIG LAND COMPANY ORGANIZED HERE.

Pennsylvanians and Home People Will Buy
and Sell Lands and Products

CAPITALIZED AT 300,000 DOLLARS

Have Already Acquired Several Plantations,
Formerly Property of Union Irrigation
Co.—Allied With Latter Company.

The Colonial Land Company is a
new corporation domiciled at Opelou-
sas and capitalized at \$300,000.

As we understand it, the new con-
cern is closely allied with the Union
Irrigation Co., J. Franklin Schell's
great canal project. There will be a
close community of interests between
the two corporations, and they are
composed largely of the same stock-
holders.

The purposes of the new corpora-
tion are to purchase, sell, and lease
lands, and to improve and construct
buildings thereon, and to carry on in
all its branches the business of farm-
ers, planters and shippers of any and
all kinds of farm and other products.

The concern has already acquired
much of the lands bought by the
Union Irrigation Company, among
them the following places: Phillips,
Cooke, Evans, Perrault, Peckham
Harris, Bidstrup, Pitre and Plonsky.
The Union Irrigation Company trans-
ferred all of its rights to these places
to the new corporation, aggregating
about 5000 acres that can be con-
verted into rice farms—or any other
culture. The Union Irrigation will
retain for its use only such lands as
it needs for its canal and pumping
plant.

As will be seen by the charter of
the Colonial Land Co., which is pub-
lished in another part of this paper,
the stockholders are largely Pennsylv-
anians, members of the parties
brought here some months ago by
Mr. Schell. Their investing in this
section is evidence that they were
favorably impressed with the possi-
bilities of this part of Louisiana, and
may mean more in the way of devel-
opment of it by the same source.

The Board of Directors and officers
of the new company are: Henry
Drachbar, President, Lancaster, Pa.;
Raoul LeBourgeois, Vice-President,
Opelousas; D. J. Eckman, Treasurer,
Lancaster, Pa.; J. H. Albert, Sec-
retary, Lancaster, Pa.; A. R. Bomberg-
er, Lititz, Pa.

"IT'LL BE BIG MEETING."

Dr. Lewis Prophesies on Out-
come of Sanders Rally at
Eunice on Oct. 26th.

"The Sanders meeting at Eunice
on October 26th will be a successful
and largely attended affair, unless, I
am sadly mistaken," remarked Dr. M.
D. Lewis, on the train to Franklin
last Saturday.

This view of the Sanders meeting
was shared by others from Eunice
who were also on the train on their
way to hear Gov. Sanders in his home
town.

While the meeting will be a local
one, it is expected that there will be
an attendance from other sections of
the parish. We learn that there will
be a good crowd from Opelousas, and
an effort will be made to get an ex-
cursion on the Frisco road from this
place.

It is possible that the other roads
leading into Eunice will run excursions,
and if this is accomplished a dele-
gation from Crowley will be present.
Elaborate preparations are being
made, and there will be enough bar-
becued meat to feed the hungry no
matter how strong in numbers they
come.

Among the French speakers will
probably be Omer Villere, of New
Orleans, and Tony Muller, of New
Iberia.

It is understood that the Eunice
section of St. Landry will give the
St. Mary man a handsome majority.

NEW DEPUTIES.

Sheriff Swords Adds to Clerical
and Executive Force.

With Deputy Tax Collector Wig-
gins, in the tax collection department
of the Sheriff's office, can now be
found Mr. Henry Lastrapes, Jr., who
assumed duties there this week.

As riding deputy in the criminal
department of the office, Mr. George
Dejean is now serving, having also
assumed duties this week.

Both these gentlemen will prove
valuable additions to the Sheriff's
office of St. Landry parish.

HON. WM. S. FRAZEE IS A CANDIDATE.

Announces For State Auditor On Strong Platform--
Has Unexcelled Record As Official In Same
Capacity--Friend of Schools.



HON. W. S. FRAZEE, OF ORLEANS.

Hon. W. S. Frazee is a candidate
for the office of Auditor of Public
Accounts of the State of Louisiana,
and he ought to win.

Mr. Frazee filled the office from
1900 to 1904, and the record made
there is one of his strongest recom-
mendations for another term. It is
freely admitted that he made one of
the best Auditors the State ever had,
and the State of Louisiana needs the
services of such a man, particularly
at this time, when it seems that all
the crooks in the country have fo-
cused their hungry eyes on the State
treasury and there seems a woful
lack of ability to stop the plundering.

With such a man as Mr. Frazee
the Clarion honestly believes that there
would be a stop put to the stealage
of public moneys, if he were armed,
of course, with proper laws to effec-
tively safe-guard them.

Mr. Frazee during his term of of-
fice not only kept the accounts of the
State of Louisiana and its collectors
in tangible and correct shape, but he
rendered valued service to the State
in many other ways. He compiled
the State laws into a compendium
that is to-day used in all offices hav-
ing dealing with licenses and collec-
tions, and his recommendations to
the Legislature were accepted as full
and able and many of them are to-
day laws on our statute books.

His great work in behalf of public
education while Auditor marks him
as a valued friend of that cause.

It was through his recommendations
that the first advances in the mill-
age of the State for education were
made, and he announces in his plat-
form that he is still a friend of the
cause.

As we remarked last week in
speaking of his then probable candi-
dacy, Mr. Frazee was prevented from
making a second race, which many
believe would have won him the office,
at the last primary on account of
the enormous cost—over \$6000—a
second race would have entailed.
This \$6000, it must be remembered,
was the amount necessary to have
his name placed on the ticket, and
did not include the personal expenses
of the campaign, which would have
brought up the aggregate to a small
competence to make the race. Like
Mr. Steele, who was a candidate
for Treasurer against Mr. J. M.
Smith (the latter now a candidate
for Auditor), he withdrew from the
race, and Martin Behrman, now
Mayor of New Orleans, was declared
the nominee, and Mr. Smith, although
several thousand votes behind Mr.
Steele, was declared the nominee for
Treasurer by the State Central Com-
mittee.

Mr. Frazee, on making his an-
nouncement, gave out the following:
"Because of the enormous expense
incident to entering the second race
under the rules of the late primary,
and the subsequent refusal of the
subcommittee to eliminate or recom-
mend to the central committee the
elimination of any portion of that ex-
pense, I was compelled to withdraw
from the second race, and am now
a candidate for nomination to that po-
sition."

To protect the moneys of the State

I favor an increase of the bond of the
State tax collector, in such parishes as
may be necessary, to an amount suffi-
cient to cover such possible sum as may
come into his hands in any one month,
the tax collector being now required to
settle each month; in the parish of
Orleans one State tax collector in-
stead of seven, with a reasonable de-
crease in excessive salaries.

"As to assessments and taxation,
I believe the system of assessments,
based upon a fair valuation, with a
low tax rate, to be correct, and that
railroads, etc., should be assessed and
taxed upon the same basis, including
both their tangible and intangible
property.

"While Auditor, and hence a mem-
ber of the board of liquidation, I sub-
stantially took the position which
seems now adopted that the fiscal
agency should be given to the high-
est responsible bidders; and the re-
cord of the preceding administration
will show that I voted against a de-
crease of the interest then paid, from
fifteen to ten thousand dollars.

"As to the adjustment of the
bonded debt of the State, etc., I will
be better prepared later to state my
position. In the distribution of the
ten six-mill State tax each report
made by me while Auditor shows a
recommendation to increase the cur-
rent school fund until, in 1904, I
recommended as high as two mills of
the six for that purpose, and, should
I be honored again with the position
of Auditor my efforts will continue in
that direction, in so far as may be
possible, with a low tax rate and to-
ward increasing the efficiency of that
office my very best attention will be
given."

Mr. Frazee is making the race
strictly for Auditor, and is not med-
dling with candidates for the other
offices. He is emphatic on this point.

WANT EARLIER MAIL.

Ville Platte Complains of Uncle
Sam's Schedule.

Mr. Paul Castenado, of Ville Platte,
was in Opelousas on Monday last, and
gave the Clarion an appreciated call.

He was here in the interest of an
earlier mail for Ville Platte. That
place is dependent on the Star Route
method for its mail, it leaving here at
3:20 o'clock every evening, and arriv-
ing there at 7:30. As the last mail
arrives in Opelousas at 12:10, the
Ville Platte people think that it should
leave here earlier, and reach there
early in the evening. The matter
will be taken up by Postmaster Las-
salle for the people of Ville Platte.

Mr. Castenado also complains of the
high freight rates of the Louisiana
East & West Railroad at his point.
He tells us that he gets his freight
from Opelousas, on account of the
high rates of his home road. For in-
stance, he cited that a barrel of beer
billed to Ville Platte via the L. E. &
W. cost him \$5 freight, while he gets
it delivered here for \$2.90. He said
the road had evidently no regular
schedule of prices on freight, and
that the people of Ville Platte hoped
for relief as soon as the road was put
in full operation.

PRIMARIES ON THE 28TH OF JANUARY.

State Central Committee Meet And Issue
Formal Call.

SANDERS FORCES IN CONTROL.

Republicans and Independent Republicans
Barred from Primaries--Parish Commit-
tees to Meet Within 20 Days.

The Democratic State Central Com-
mittee of Louisiana met in New Or-
leans last Tuesday and named Tues-
day, January 28, 1908, as the day of
the first primary election. In case of
a second primary, it will be held four
weeks after.

Only white Democrats will be per-
mitted to vote. "It is repugnant to
the spirit of the primary law and to
the tenets of the Democratic party
that Republicans, or so-called inde-
pendent Republicans, should vote or
participate in said Democratic pri-
mary election," clearly spoke a part
of the resolutions. The commission-
ers of election are vested with
power to ask a person offering to
vote if he is a member of the Demo-
cratic party, and will be support the
nominee.

All parish committees must meet
within twenty days from the day of
the meeting of the State committee,
or not later than October 21, and ten
days after the meeting of the parish
committee of any given parish candi-
dates must have declared their inten-
tions and filed their declarations of
candidacy with the parish committee.
This applies to parish and ward of-
ficers.

The friends of Gov. Sanders were
in absolute control of the meeting,
and run things to suit themselves.
All resolutions and plans were ar-
ranged at Sanders Headquarters in
advance of the meeting, and when
the committee met all there was to
be done was to adopt the pre-ar-
ranged programme.

Hon. Edmund McCulloch, one of
the most ardent Sanders men in the
State, was unanimously elected Vice-
Chairman of the Central Committee,
which carries with it the Chairman-
ship of the State Executive Com-
mittee.

The Wilkinson forces were in such
a helpless minority that they did not
attempt a fight on anything, but
seconded the motions of the Sanders
people. Chairman Sims, of the Wil-
kinson Campaign Committee, says
that no fight was at any time con-
templated.

This fact is pointed to by the
friends of Mr. Sanders as an evidence
of a tremendous revulsion of senti-
ment in favor of Mr. Sanders among
the big Democrats of the State in a
few months, as it will be remembered
that at the last meeting of the State
Committee the Sanders forces were
routed by the same element now sup-
porting Mr. Wilkinson.

The Parish Democratic Executive
Committee of St. Landry has been
called to meet in Opelousas on Thurs-
day, October 17th.

WILKINSON'S ACADIA SWING

Candidate for Governor Com-
mences Itinerary at Rayne
on Oct. 16--Other Points.

Col. Theodore S. Wilkinson will in-
vade our sister parish of Acadia com-
mencing on October 16th, on which
date he will speak at Rayne.

The swing will end with a grand
rally at Crowley on the 19th.

On the afternoon of the 17th a
meeting will be held at Church Point,
but no barbecue has been announced
for that point.

On the afternoon of the 18th the
speaking will be at Morse, and on the
next day, the 19th, the big rally at
Crowley.

Among the speakers will be Col.
Wilkinson, Congressman Broussard,
Dudley L. Guilbeau, R. Lee Garland,
B. H. Pavy, Judge Lewis and R. N.
Sims.

Mr. Broussard will speak at Rayne
and Church Point, and probably at
Crowley.

The campaign will be under the
auspices of the Wilkinson Club of
Crowley, and headquarters will be
maintained in the Martin building in
Crowley during the tour.

Announcement.

Rev. W. B. Brown, pastor of the
Opelousas Baptist Church, has just
returned from a successful evangelistic
campaign in Texas.

He will preach as usual morning
and night, on Sunday, October 16th,
and interruptedly thereafter.