

AN ORGAN FOR UNBORN EVANGELINE PARISH

"The Evangeline Banner" to be Established at Ville Platte by Mr. Geo. W. Bailey.

IS IT THE OPENING GUN?

It was Hoped that the Campaign Would Not Open Until After Judicial Primaries—The Fight Will be a Hard One.

The Ville Plateans are evidently intent upon "taking time by the forelock" in the matter of obtaining the courthouse of the new parish, and thinking that having the organ of the new parish in their midst might prove of decided advantage when the white building is passed around, this week signed a contract with Mr. George W. Bailey by which Mr. Baileys to move his printing plant from Melville to Ville Platte and establish there the Evangeline Banner.

"The paper will advocate the creation of the parish of Evangeline," is the announcement made, which carries with it the inference that the campaign will be opened at once and prosecuted until election day next April.

It had been understood that the campaign would not be actively agitated until after the parochial and judicial primary, but the establishment of the Banner at Ville Platte will doubtless be the opening gun.

The Evangeline advocates recognize that they have a hard fight on their hands, with chances, it is believed, by men familiar with the situation, of meeting defeat at the polls. It was predicted at one time, and the prediction seemed to be strongly backed by then existing conditions, that the new parish would be voted by a handsome majority, but that there has been a revision of public opinion even the protagonists of Evangeline themselves admit. They do not admit that the proposition will be defeated, but they do admit that "there are breakers ahead."

Mr. Bailey, the editor of the proposed Evangeline Banner, is a newspaper man of long experience, and will doubtless "make good" at the promising little town of Ville Platte.

The Pontotill bill submitting the question of the division of St. Landry and the creation of Evangeline was passed unanimously by the House Tuesday last, and will now go to the Senate, where it is certain of passage.

As we said before, it submits the question to the voters of the new parish at an election to be held on the second Tuesday of April, 1909, to a majority vote, the new parish, however, to be organized in 1912 only. This will give a nine months campaign, if the agitation starts now, and it is feared by many that such a prolonged campaign will entail wearisome activity and perhaps unnecessary acrimony. The anti-divisionists are not disposed to begin the campaign now, and a gentleman at the head of the division movement expressed to a Clarion man only a few days ago his disinclination to prosecute the campaign at this early stage. But of course if the divisionists pitch the battle now, the anti will accept the gauge.

WAS NOT WILLIE MAGEE.

Negro Arrested in Morgan City Not the St. Landry Murderer—Didn't Answer Description.

Friday last information was received from the officers at Morgan City that Willie Magee, the much wanted St. Landry murderer, was under arrest at that place.

Deputy Sheriff M. P. Stagg was dispatched for the prisoner Saturday, and arrived here with him Sunday evening. Mr. Stagg does not know Magee, so that he was unable to detect the mistake until the negro arrived in Opelousas, when several parties who know him promptly declared that not only was the negro not Willie Magee, but that he did not answer the description, the prisoner being rather tall and black, while Magee is short and stockily built and ginger color.

The prisoner was kept in jail until Thursday, when he was liberated. He has a tough countenance, and the officials thought perhaps he was wanted elsewhere, so detained him a few days.

Magee is wanted for the murder of another negro in Opelousas some months ago. It was a brutal murder, and if the black murderer is ever caught the noose is his finish, unless justice slips a cog.

Bazaar A Success.

The "Handkerchief Bazaar and Ice Cream Festival" given at the lawn of the Methodist Church Tuesday evening by the Ladies' Aid Society was a pronounced success as respect both entertaining features, and finances.

The beautiful lawn was brilliantly illuminated, and the people of the city were liberal in their patronage and the ladies in charge zealous and au fait in conducting the affair.

The refreshments were all sold out, and a profit of \$58 realized, which will go to the parsonage fund.

FIGHT FOR FAIR LINES DETAILED IN MEETING

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miles of swamp land, will transfer to the new parish only forty-four square miles of swamp land. These facts conclusively demonstrate the injustice and incurable damage which the proposed line of division, if adopted, would inflict, not only upon the city of Opelousas, but upon all of the taxpayers and residents of the old parish.

"I consider, however, that in as much as the Opelousas Protective Association consisted of many members who had expressed themselves as favorable to a division of the parish, as well as of citizens opposed to division, and in as much as the organization was exclusively for the purpose of using all legitimate means to induce the Legislature to adopt in the enabling act a fair line of division, and in as much as every effort to that end has been exhausted, nothing more remains for this organization to do or to perform, and that its function and purpose is therefore at an end. Should the citizens of the city of Opelousas and of the old parish generally deem it to be expedient to resist the adoption of the proposed line by defeating entirely at the polls the plan to divide the parish, it will remain for them to determine what to do in the premises. The plan of division proposed, if successfully carried out, will not only destroy the prestige and influence of the old parish, among her sister parishes, and in the State, but will so cripple and emasculate it as to make of it a mere wreck of its former self. Self-interest, therefore if no higher motive, will, I believe, prompt organized and united opposition to the plan, throughout within the limits of the old parish."

Endorses Judge Lewis.

Opelousas, La., June 18th, 1908. Mr. Editor.—It seems to me that the announcement by Judge E. T. Lewis of his candidacy for reelection to the District bench for another term, and for the last time that he will ask the suffrages of the voters of this parish, calls for some special mention. He has been so long in the public eye, in various official capacities that the main incidents of his public life are well known to the voters of this parish, and most of them to me personally, some of which may be appropriately recalled here.

At the outbreak of the Civil war he entered the army as a private, serving until the close of the war, and ending his military career in command of one of the companies of the Second Louisiana Cavalry. My revered father-in-law, the late Col. James M. Thompson, himself one of the bravest of the brave, and Major of that Regiment, often spoke to me of the bravery and soldierly conduct exhibited by Judge Lewis as a member of that command. He was in command of the Volunteers in suppressing the negro riots in this parish during the reconstruction era, and risked his life during that dark period more than once.

At the close of hostilities Judge Lewis settled in Alexandria and entered the practice of law in copartnership with Judge Robert Hunter, long since dead, and was elected to the Legislature from that parish in 1865. Soon afterwards he removed to this parish, the place of his birth, and engaged in the practice of law in co-partnership with his brother Mr. Thos. H. Lewis. He has filled the office of Assessor, of State Senator, of member of Congress from the old Sixth District, of Judge of the Court of Appeals, and has been four times elected District Judge, and was never defeated in contest for office before the people, except by the concentrated negro vote, the most recent occurrence of the kind doubtless being fresh in the minds of many of the voters.

Though Judge Lewis has passed through many heated political campaigns, in which partisan feeling and prejudice ran high, yet not even his political enemies, of whom he has always had his full share, ever uttered a word reflecting upon his private character, or public acts. Neither can it be denied that his long experience, knowledge of the law and uprightiness of judgment, well qualify him for the high office of Judge. Even those who oppose him are compelled to admit his impartiality and justness on the bench. I myself have had exceptional opportunities of observing his demeanor and conduct on the bench, for I not only practiced law in his Court for many years, but also held the office of District Attorney for a number of years under him, and I can without hesitation say that as presiding officer of the Court his bearing towards litigants and members of the Bar has ever been courteous and patient, never quick to exercise his judicial authority except where called for by lack of courteous and respectful demeanor by litigant or counsel. I remember that on one occasion I was his unsuccessful opponent for the office of Judge, and that throughout that heated contest he conducted himself toward me in a fair, open and considerate manner, my defeat leaving not the slightest personal ill-will toward him.

In announcing my support for Judge Lewis I want it to be distinctly understood that I do so as one of the people, for I believe that they can better select an acceptable candidate for judge, than can the members of my own profession. The people want a firm, independent and fearless judge, which qualities are possessed by Judge Lewis in a marked degree. There may be some who desire a change believing that they will meet with better success in their practice before another judge, and for these reasons I personally prefer that the people should themselves select their candidate for judge.

I here recall the fact that to me was assigned the pleasant duty of presenting the name of Judge Lewis to the Congressional District Convention, at which Judge A. D. Irion defeated him by one vote, and therefore it is no new thing for me to desire to see Judge Lewis honored by the people, and I think another and final term on the District bench for Judge Lewis would be a fitting recognition of his long, faithful and distinguished services to the public.

Very truly yours, JOHN N. OGDEN.

PERSONAL AND LOCAL

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—Judge G. T. Hawkins, of Waxia, was in Opelousas Wednesday of this week.

—Mr. Onezime Thibodaux, of Church Point, was in Opelousas Wednesday.

—Mr. Arduel Veillon, of Mamou, was a business visitor to Opelousas Thursday.

—Mr. Alexon Moreau, of Leonville, was a brief visitor to the parish capital Thursday.

—Mr. Eduard Dardeau, of Faquetique, was a pleasant caller at the Clarion office Thursday.

—President Rene L. Derouen, of the Ville Platte Bank, was here for a few hours Thursday.

—Capt. Sam Haas, of Bayou Chicot, spent several days in our city this week, attending to business.

—Mr. H. V. Moseley, after several days pleasantly spent with relatives in Opelousas, left for his home in Alexandria Sunday.

—Prof. Wilfred J. Boudreau, the newly appointed member of the School Board from the second ward, was in Opelousas Wednesday.

—Mrs. Nellie Dugas, Fashionable Dressmaker, has located in Opelousas, and engaged in that vocation, establishing herself at Mrs. Moore's, corner of Bellevue and Market streets.

—Hon. T. H. Lewis has returned from Baton Rouge and New Orleans. The Clarion is gratified to learn that Mrs. Lewis, who has been in a sanitarium in New Orleans for the past two weeks, is doing very well, and her complete recovery is assured.

—Mr. Wm. Lina and family will arrive Monday next, to take up permanent residence in Opelousas. The family will reside on Church and Bellevue streets, in the residence erected by the late Kenneth Baillio. Mr. Lina will open his barber shop temporarily in the building back of Robert Chachere's store, until his shop in the Dejean Building, on Landry street, is completed.

Catholic Convent Entertainment

The closing exercises of the Academy of the Immaculate Conception will be held at the new Convent building on next Monday, June 22.

An entertaining program, consisting of instrumental music and cast plays and distribution of premiums and medals, has been arranged. Among the plays will be "The School of Sorrow," which will be rendered by a cast of pupils consisting of Misses F. Bowden, A. Marx, C. Voorhies, L. Sandoz, O. Melancon, P. Devilliers, M. Daigle, S. Breaux, Eliza Hebert, Elodie Hebert, A. Gay, L. Bloch, and H. Sandoz, and Masters Lee Landry, Howard Voorhies, R. Littell and L. Larcade.

The musical program is as follows: Instrumental duet, Misses D. Moulle and E. Cook. Instrumental duet, Misses Hebert. Instrumental solo, Miss P. Thompson.

Instrumental duet, Misses C. and L. Pavy.

Instrumental duet, Misses D. Bourdier and A. Moriarty.

Instrumental duet, Misses A. St. Cyr and M. Hollier.

Instrumental duet, Misses D. Gay and P. Thompson.

Instrumental duet, Misses M. Daigle and P. Devilliers.

Instrumental duet, Misses D. Moulle and H. Sandoz.

Instrumental duet, Misses O. Melancon and C. Voorhies. Les Vacances, pupils.

The musical numbers are appropriately distributed throughout the program, and the whole promises an evening of rare entertainment.

WANTED.—Two men or women as traveling managers, \$12 to \$18 per week and expenses. Three to work in city, \$60 per month salary guaranteed. Address, with stamps, J. W. McCrann, Opelousas, La. 20 14

APOPLEXY DEALS SUD- DEN DEATH TO CULTURED LADY

A feeling of intense sorrow, and appreciation of great loss to the community, followed the announcement Thursday evening that Miss Alice Latour, the noted musician, head of the Opelousas Academy of Music, had been stricken dead with apoplexy, at her residence in Opelousas.

Miss Latour had been indisposed for some weeks, suffering with malarial fever, but on the day of her lamented death showed signs of convalescence, and was able to be up and about. At about one o'clock she complained of feeling worse, and retired. Shortly after, while her mother was procuring medicine for her, a noise of distress was heard issuing from the sick bed, and upon the mother rushing to the side of her daughter found that she had breathed her last.

Physicians assign apoplexy as the immediate cause of death.

Miss Latour was widely known throughout this section. She was a most accomplished musician and musical teacher, and her place in the community will be hard to fill.

ROOSEVELT'S TAFT NOM- INATED ON FIRST BALLOT.

The Republican Convention in session at Chicago nominated Secretary of War Wm. Taft as the party candidate for President of the United States on the first ballot, casting 708 out of 958 votes for him.

The Convention was at all times a Roosevelt body, the mention of his name causing a demonstration which lasted 45 minutes.

After the nomination of Taft the Convention adjourned until yesterday at 10 o'clock, at which a candidate for Vice-President will be nominated. Up to the time of going to press no news of the nomination had been received here.

FITZPATRICK LOSES SUIT.

Court Decided It Was Not Clear that Virginia Reed's Money Came from Embezzler Letten.

Judge St. Paul, in Division C of the Civil District Court of Orleans, last Tuesday handed down a decision non-suiting Capt. John Fitzpatrick in his suit against Virginia Reed, the negro paragon of the Captain's confidential clerk, Chas. Letten.

The case is fresh in the memory of the reading public, because it is one of the most revolting occurring in the annals of the city. Letten was a trusted clerk in the office of Captain John Fitzpatrick, Tax-Collector of the First District of New Orleans. He was reputed an honest man, and was implicitly trusted by his employer. Suddenly it was discovered that the office was \$119,000 short. Letten confessed embezzling the money, and said that a negro woman by the name of Virginia Reed had charmed him out of a larger part of the amount. Capt. Fitzpatrick promptly paid the State the full amount, and the suit in question was to recover a portion of it from Virginia Reed.

The court said that it was not proved on the trial that Virginia had been given any considerable amount of money by Letten, and until this was proven the court could not permit Capt. Fitzpatrick to get her property.

A Tale of Primus.

"Who's Primus?" This was uppermost in the minds of the city officials Saturday last. Primus had stopped another negro on the streets and bruised his face because the other nigger was "foolin' wid his 'oman." After which Primus had disappeared, leaving behind on clue to his identity except that his name was Primus.

So His Honor, Judge Kerr, issued a warrant against Primus—just simply Primus—and intrusted Constable Guidry with the document. The first Primus the officer ran across was Polite Primus, a hand on the Camp Hamilton Plantation, and he promptly hauled him up.

"What's your name?" queried Judge Kerr, who had not learned what Primus's given name was when the prisoner faced him.

"Polite Primus," was the response. "What have you got to say in your defense for hitting that negro Saturday last?" again asked the Judge, still in doubt as to whether or not he had the right man, and as he had no witnesses, he had to use strategy.

"Boss, I soaked 'im, and I see guilty." Usual fine, which was promptly paid.

Grand Coteau.

Mrs. F. G. Brinkhans returned Monday from Jennings, where she had been spending some time with relatives.

Mrs. Willie Mouton and family, of Lafayette, visited relatives here the past week.

Rev. Father Maring, S. J., left Monday for New Orleans.

Miss Evangeline Mouton is visiting relatives in Lafayette.

Miss Eleanor Tartion is spending some time in Opelousas.

Mrs. J. C. Barry and family, of Lafayette, are the guests of their father, Mr. Jules Poteau. VIOLET.

CHARTER OF Thistlethwaite Lumber Company, Limited.

State of Louisiana, Parish of St. Landry. Be it known, that on this 20th day of the month of May in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and eight before me, J. J. NEYLAND, a Notary Public, in and for the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, duly commissioned and qualified, and in the presence of the witnesses hereinafter named and undersigned, personally came and appeared the several persons whose names are herein subscribed, who declared that, availing themselves of the provisions of the laws of this State relative to the organization of corporations, and particularly to Act 36 of the General Assembly of 1888, they have covenanted and agreed, and by these presents agree and bind themselves, as well as such other persons as may hereafter become associated with them, to form and constitute a corporation and body politic in law, for the objects and purposes, and under the agreements and stipulations hereinafter set forth and expressed.

ARTICLE I. The name and title of this corporation shall be Thistlethwaite Lumber Company, Limited, under which name it shall operate, and its existence and succession for ninety-nine years from this date, and shall exercise all the powers conferred by the laws of Louisiana on corporations formed for the purposes hereinafter stated, including the power to acquire and alienate property, movable or immovable, that may be needed for the purposes of its business; to borrow money, to contract, sue and be sued, and all other appropriate and incidental powers.

ARTICLE II. The domicile of this corporation shall be in the town of Washington, St. Landry Parish, Louisiana. Citations and all other legal process shall be served on the President of the Company, and in his absence on the Secretary-Treasurer.

ARTICLE III. The capital stock of this corporation shall be forty thousand dollars, divided into four hundred shares of the par value of one hundred dollars, which shall be transferable on the books of the Company. This Company shall commence business when all of the said shares of its capital stock is subscribed. Stock may be paid for in cash, property, or labor, or services rendered.

ARTICLE IV. The purpose for which this corporation is established and the nature of the business to be conducted by it are hereby declared to be that of a general saw-mill and lumber business, buying and selling lumber, timber and timber land, and operating thereon in connection therewith and make all contracts that may be necessary, incidental, or convenient to the carrying on of said business.

ARTICLE V. All of the powers of this Company shall be vested in and exercised by a Board of three Directors to be elected at the annual meeting of the shareholders of this corporation, which shall be held on the first Monday in April of each year. Ten days notice in writing shall be given to the shareholders. The officers of this corporation shall be a President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer. All the officers shall continue in office until their successors have been elected and qualified. Any vacancy in office may be filled by the remaining directors. Until such election the following persons shall constitute the Board of Directors as provided for herein, and shall hold the offices as follows: Edward Thistlethwaite, John R. Thistlethwaite and Alotes Thistlethwaite shall constitute the Board of Directors, with Edward Thistlethwaite as President, Alotes Thistlethwaite as Vice-President, and Jesse Thistlethwaite Secretary and Treasurer. These officers shall be elected by majority vote of the shareholders of the corporation.

ARTICLE VI. No stockholder shall ever be liable or responsible for the contracts, faults or debts of this corporation. Nor shall any more informalities in organization have the effect of rendering this Charter null or of exposing any stockholder to any liability beyond the unpaid balance due on the shares owned by him.

ARTICLE VII. This act of incorporation may be changed, modified or altered, or this corporation may be dissolved with the assent of the majority of the stockholders owning a majority of the stock of this corporation at a general meeting convened for that purpose, and after ten days written notice has been given each shareholder. In the event of the dissolution of this Charter by limitation or otherwise the stockholders shall elect one or more liquidators from among their number to liquidate and settle the business and affairs of the Company. In case of the death or inability of any one of said commissioners or liquidators the survivors shall appoint a successor to him. The subscribers hereof have written opposite their names the number of shares subscribed by them, so that this act may serve as the original subscription list.

Edward Thistlethwaite, number of shares two hundred (200); John R. Thistlethwaite, number of shares eighty (80); Alotes Thistlethwaite, number of shares forty (40); Jesse Thistlethwaite, number of shares forty (40).

This done and passed in the town of Washington, Louisiana, on the day, month and year first hereinabove written, in the presence of Messrs. S. O. Simonon and James M. Mary, competent witnesses who hereto sign their names together with the said subscribers, and me Notary, after due reading of the whole.

(Signed) Edward Thistlethwaite, Alotes Thistlethwaite, John R. Thistlethwaite, Jesse Thistlethwaite.

Witnesses: S. A. Melancon, James T. Mary, J. J. NEYLAND, Notary Public, State of Louisiana, Parish of St. Landry.

I have carefully examined the above Charter and finding nothing therein contrary to the laws of the State of Louisiana, I hereby approve the same. Opelousas, La., May 21, 1908.

R. LEE GARLAND, Dist. Atty. 16th Judicial Dist. of La. Filed May 21, 1908, and same day recorded in Miscellaneous Book No. 13, page 10.

L. A. SANDOZ, Deputy Clerk. A true copy. (seal) L. A. SANDOZ, Deputy Clerk.

U. S. Land Office at New Orleans, La. Notice is hereby given that Nathan Elliott, of Pine Prairie, La., who, on May 1, 1908, made Homestead Entry, No. 2572, for 80 1/2 acs. of Lot 2, Sec. 22, T. 8 S., Range 1 W. La. Mer., has filed notice of intention to claim the land above described, before John Evans, U. S. Commissioner, at Glen Rose, Louisiana, on July 15, 1908.

Claimant names as witnesses: Samuel Peters, Landry Henry, Charlie Henry, Madison Elliott, of Pine Prairie, La. WALTER L. COHEN, Register.

ADMINISTRATION NOTICE.

ESTATE OF MARTIN LEGER. No. 690, 16th District Court, St. Landry parish, La.

Whereas, Melanie Bider, of St. Landry parish, has applied by her petition to be appointed administratrix of the above estate.

Now, therefore, notice is hereby given to all parties interested to make opposition to said appointment to the estate in writing in my office in Opelousas within ten days from the date of this notice.

YVES ANDREPOINTE, Clerk of Court.

Notice: I will not be responsible for any 1908 debts contracted by any member of my family, or by any person, except myself or my wife, or our signatures.

W. L. SWORDS, Opelousas, La., January 19, 1907.

NOTICE! The Big Clearing Sale at the The Opelousas Bargain House Commencing Saturday, June 13, and continuing Fifteen Days Only. Entire stock of Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Hats and Gents' Furnishing Goods. Don't forget the date—SATURDAY, JUNE 13 MAIN STREET, CORNER GROLEE, OPPOSITE J. B. SANDOZ. L. WRIGHT PROPRIETOR.

Do You Want to Save Money? OF COURSE YOU DO WHO DON'T? Then let us sell you your next outfit. We are receiving new goods every day. We GUARANTEE every article we sell, and save you money on every purchase. Don't forget we are sole agents for the HOLEPROOF GUARANTEED HOSE A six months' guarantee with every box. BEN RISEMAN, Opelousas

The Opelousas National Bank Capital and Surplus \$75,000.00 E. B. DUBUISSON, President J. B. SANDOZ, Vice-President A. LEON DUPRE, Cashier J. A. PERKINS, Asst. CashierAccounts Solicited.....

The Peoples State Bank OF OPELOUSAS, LA. BEGAN BUSINESS SEPTEMBER 9, 1895. GROWTH: SURPLUS AND UNDIVIDED PROFITS. DEPOSITS. March 31, 1896 \$ 5,518.02 \$ 56,308.98 March 30, 1901 17,383.02 141,224.17 March 29, 1906 41,300.22 274,245.16 March 16, 1907 53,625.01 395,200.54 Capital, paid in \$16,300.00 Surplus and Undivided Profits 53,625.01 Amount paid in Dividends 28,525.00 Accounts and Collections Solicited. DAVID ROOS, President. J. J. PERRONIN, Cashier.

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