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## DISTRICT COURT WILL ADJOURN TO-DAY

A Busy Two Week's Term Results in Many Convictions, All Negroes.

## NEW GRAND JURY ORGANIZED

With J. F. Vidrine as Foreman—Commissioner Appointed to Look Into Condition of Carlisle Jordan—Other Court Items.

A new Grand Jury to serve a term of six months, from July to next January, was organized Monday, and after organization His Honor discharged them until further notice. After Judge Lewis had selected Mr. J. F. Vidrine, of Plaisance, as Foreman of the new Grand Jury, the membership was drawn from the venire box as follows: Hypolite Meche, E. M. Boagni, Sam Thomas, Chas. Duplissy, C. P. Richard, Geo. Callouet, H. D. Courtney, A. J. Howell, Cleophas Doucet, E. L. Loeb, Alex. Mair. This is the last week of the criminal jury term of the District Court, and it will adjourn to-day. This has been an exceptionally successful term in the way of convictions, and has been notable in that, with the exception of the Melville bank officials, the prisoner's dock was in every instance filled by a negro.

Aristide Fruge has at last been "copped," and will serve six months on the public works of this parish. He is a regular customer at the bar of justice, escaping, it is said, with a "Scotch verdict" in every instance. Only the day before this conviction he was acquitted by a jury of stabbing the boy from whom he stole the shoes that caused his downfall. He was tried before Judge Lewis for the stealing, and found guilty.

Zimmie Nugent and Octave Nugent were tried Monday for assault by wilfully shooting at, and a verdict of guilty as charged returned against Zimmie and guilty with a recommendation against Octave.

Rodolph Charlot was convicted Tuesday of shooting with intent to murder. Tuesday Wm. Robertson, who has maintained an invisible partnership with Mr. Arthur Veltin in general merchandising in Bellevue, was found guilty as charged of burglary. Robertson is a negro, and for many months made it a business to enter Mr. Veltin's store in the night and taking therefrom such merchandise as he thought he could readily dispose of. This he kept in a little store-room a few hundred yards from the Veltin store, and disposed of as the opportunity presented itself.

The docket of fixed cases having been cleared Wednesday, the time of the court during the morning hours was consumed in miscellaneous business, after which it adjourned to Thursday morning.

During the week bills of information were filed by the District Attorney as follows: Adam Pinkney and John Mallet, horse stealing; Dousette Armstrong, wounding less than mayhem; Ewell Pitre, carrying concealed weapons; Jimmie Alexander, petty larceny—Alexander was arraigned, plead guilty, and was sentenced to serve thirty days in jail.

Jos. Bloch plead guilty to the charge of trespass and sentenced to 10 days in jail.

Monday the bond of C. D. Pryor was forfeited, and the sureties, W. D. Lewis and Willie Ardoin, were condemned to pay the bond of \$500. Pryor is the diamond thief apprehended in Melville while snatching a diamond pin from a passenger on the Texas & Pacific. There were two of them in the deal, but one of them got away, Pryor endeavoring to make his escape by taking to the swamps, where he was arrested by St. Landry officials. It is understood that he put up the cash money for his bond before Messrs. Ardoin and Lewis signed it.

A commission composed of Dr. R. M. Littell and Dr. T. T. Tarleton, was appointed by the court to make an examination of the mental and physical condition of Carlisle Jordan, indicted for manslaughter, committed while town marshal of Sunset. The idea of the court is to ascertain whether or not Jordan is able to undergo a trial.

The following parties were arraigned: Olus Fruge, two counts, cutting with intent to murder and larceny, plead not guilty; (he is a brother of Joe Fruge, mentioned above.) John Roy, burglary, plead not guilty; Emile Ladfeur, petty larceny, plead not guilty; Frank Doyle, carrying concealed weapon, plead not guilty.

Service in the Episcopal Church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock; morning prayer and sermon; Sunday School at 9:30. Strangers welcome at all service.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM OVER STATE.

Young Girl Enters Home of Mormon Elder--New Iberia Judge Fines Pistol Toter \$300--Gebbias Released on Bond.

Mrs. Jennie Barret was re-elected clerk of the Rapides police jury. The Home Building and Loan Association, with a million capital, was organized in Lafayette.

An unidentified young man was run over and killed by the train near Cheneyville Wednesday.

Sam Robertson, on account of ill health, retired from the race for Congress in the Sixth District.

The Natchitoches police jury created a fund to reward informants in violations of the prohibition law.

Five thousand barrels of Kentucky whiskey were shipped through New Orleans to Germany, to be aged there.

The police jury of Natchitoches parish fixed the parish tax rate at eight mills, being a reduction of two mills.

The Great Western policies in Louisiana, totaling \$500,000, were taken over by the Louisiana National Life Insurance Company.

The School Board and the Police Jury of Acadia have compromised their suit by the parish paying the school board \$3,750 in settlement.

Tom Miller, an employe of the Lake Charles street railway company, was thrown under a car while attempting to board it, and had his skull crushed.

## MELVILLE BANK OFFICIALS ON TRIAL

At this writing (Friday morning) ten jurors have been secured in the trial of M. J. Godeau, President; D. E. Dunlap, Cashier; A. D. Havard, Vice-President; and G. L. Havard, C. W. Stone and C. W. Krotz, members of the Board of Directors of the Bank of Melville, indicted for receiving deposits in the bank when the indictment alleges, "they well knew that the said bank was in an insolvent condition and in failing circumstances."

The trial of the case was brought up Thursday morning, the day previously set, and all day Thursday was consumed in selecting jurors. The fact that six defendants were entitled to 72 challenges, and the State to 36, gave the lawyers full play in exercising their right of challenge. Thursday evening at five o'clock, when the court was forced to adjourn on account of there being no more talis jurors, the defense had exhausted 33 challenges, and the State 26. Fifty-five talis jurors, besides the regular venire and those accepted, were examined. The court ordered the sheriff to go in the country Friday morning and bring in fifty more, and there is no doubt but that the required number will be selected at Friday morning's session.

The jury as far as completed is composed of E. D. White, Thos. Walker, D. M. Burgins, and Dan Wilson, of the regular venire, and A. W. Mair, Jr., Chas. Carrierre, Dave Conklin, Chas. Russell, C. Mouille and Hebert Creswell, talis jurors.

Seven lawyers are arrayed for the defense, while District Attorney Garland is conducting the case for the State. While they are all being tried together, each of the accused is represented by different lawyers. W. J. Sandoz, represents A. D. Havard; E. B. Dubuisson and W. J. Sandoz represent G. L. Havard; C. W. Stone and M. J. Godeau; Thos. H. Lewis and Gilbert L. Dupre represent C. W. Krotz, John N. Ogden and Clarence Hebert (the latter from New Orleans) represent Cashier Dunlap; and E. P. Veazie is general counsel.

There are fifty witnesses in the case, many of whom, however, are character witnesses. The case may possibly be completed to-day, but there are chances of its running into next week.

The trial is responsible for intense interest. Thursday morning a special train over the O. Gee containing about forty people from Melville and vicinity, friends of the defendants, arrived in Opelousas, besides many coming on the regular trains. The city is filled with people from the part of the country from which the defendants hail.

## Photographic Studio.

Mr. I. W. Bonnett, the well-known photographer, will return to Opelousas sometime this month and re-open his Photographic Studio at the old stand near the Mercantile Co., and be ready for business about Aug. 1st.

The city council of Lafayette will submit to the voters of that city a proposition to vote a special tax of five mills for maintaining the public school.

After an incarceration of a little over a year in the Hahnville jail, on a charge of complicity in the murder of the Italian boy Lamana in New Orleans, Gregorio Gebbia, his wife and Frank Gebbia, their son, were admitted to bail in the sum of \$1000 Wednesday.

A 16-year-old girl voluntarily entered the household of a married Mormon elder at Benson, La., despite the pleadings of her parents. Prosecution failed because of the limitations of the age of consent law, but when the law raising the limit to 18 goes into effect the Mormon elder will probably lose the girl.

A. Reed Tives, a deputy sheriff from Beaumont, Texas, was fined \$300 by City Judge Davis at New Iberia Tuesday for carrying a concealed weapon. It is claimed that Tives was not on official duty, and therefore had no right to carry a pistol. He got into an altercation with a New Iberian, and struck him over the head with his pistol.

Under the primary law the primary must be held not less than sixty nor more than seventy days prior to the general election, which will be on November 3. This made it possible for the committee to select either August 25th or September 1, and the latter was thought best.

There is not likely to be a contest for the office of Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, and Judge Provosty, the present incumbent, looks good for nomination and election without opposition. The district is composed of the parishes of DeSoto, Red River, Winn, Grant, Natchitoches, Sabine, Vernon, Calcasieu, Cameron, Rapides, Avoyelles, Pointe Coupee, West Baton Rouge, Iberville, St. Landry, Acadia, Lafayette and Vermilion. Judge Provosty is from Pointe Coupee parish. The bars of the different parishes composing the district have nearly all endorsed him, and as the lawyers know what constitutes judicial timber, it is hardly probable that there will be a disposition to put forward a candidate against the choice of the bar of the district.

## THOMPSON BOYS PAR- DONED BY GOV. SANDERS

Douglas H. and Chester A. Thompson, sons of Dr. E. Thompson, of Ville Platte, were granted a full pardon by Gov. Sanders last Sunday, and they arrived at their home in Ville Platte Monday night.

They had served a little over a year in the State penitentiary for the killing of Dr. Z. T. Young, at Ville Platte, in October, 1905.

The release of these young men brings to mind a very sensational killing which ended a feud of long standing between the boys' father, Dr. E. Thompson, and the dead man, Dr. Zach. T. Young. Both the older men were practicing physicians in the same section of the country, and were bitter enemies. The killing of Dr. Young by the sons of Dr. Thompson was effected in a duel in the public road, upon the meeting of the buggies, one containing Dr. Young and the other the Thompson boys, going in opposite directions, Dr. Young going to his home and the Thompsons coming from the direction of Dr. Young's home, where it is admitted the Thompson boys had gone to get out of Dr. Young an apology for his alleged running into their buggy on the same day, at which time it is claimed that Dr. Young applied to them epithets calling for an apology.

The case was hard-fought in the courts here, both families being among the most prominent in the parish, resulting in their conviction and sentence to ten years in the penitentiary.

Immediately, or soon thereafter, steps were taken to secure a pardon, and the fight before the Board of Pardons has been waged unremittingly ever since, ending in the obtaining of favorable action from the Board of Pardons last February. Governor Blanchard, however, ignored the recommendation of the Board of Pardons, and left the case go over for Gov. Sanders to act upon. As Gov. Sanders was a member of the Board of Pardons that recommended clemency, it was a foregone conclusion that he would ultimately grant the pardon.

## Didn't Give Credit.

In an article two weeks ago taken from the Abbeville Idea, headed "Available Lands," the Clarion inadvertently omitted to give that paper the proper credit.

We beg the pardon of our bright young friend Editor Abshire for the oversight, and assure him that while his articles are all good enough to steal, it is not our purpose to do so when we feel sure we are welcome to any of them "for the asking," as it were, or in any other words by giving the Idea the proper credit.

## DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY SEPTEMBER FIRST.

State Central Committee Sets Date for Primary for Congressional and District Officers.

## AND FOR SUPREME JUDGE

Looks Like Judge Provosty Will be Nominated to Latter Place Without Opposition--Fight in this Parish.

The primary election for the nomination of a candidate for Supreme Judge from this district, for the nomination of candidates for Congress from the various districts of the State, for the nomination of candidates for district judges and district attorneys, for the nomination of candidates for Railroad Commissioner and for the nomination of candidates for members of the School Board, will take place on Tuesday, September 1st.

This was decided upon by the State Central Committee of the Democratic party, at a meeting held at Baton Rouge Friday night last.

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The meeting was short and all the resolutions had been prepared in advance.

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For Railroad Commissioner from this district there are a half dozen or more aspirants, and for Congress from this district there are two in the field, and it is not thought that there will be any more to come out. The Congressional fight bids fair to be an interesting one. Mr. Pujo's opponent—Col. Wm. Polk—is a good politician, as well as a conscientious and able man. He is a planter 46 years old, and has been in public life for many years. Mr. Polk is going up against a strong man, however, when he opposes the present able and popular Congressman.

The fight for judicial officers in old St. Landry is well on, and it is not probable that there will be any addition to the field as at present made up. Whether or not there will be any "line up" between the candidates for Judge and those for District Attorney is not yet quite clear. So far all four candidates seem to be making the race free of "line up," but the custom of mating between the candidates for Judge and those for District Attorney is so popular that there may yet be a "hook up" in the St. Landry fight. The candidates in the field are for Judge, W. C. Perault and the present incumbent, Judge E. T. Lewis, and for District Attorney the present officer, R. Lee Garland, and Payton R. Sandoz.

The school board contest has so far excited no interest.

## WORK ON NEW HOTEL WILL NOW PROCEED, YES.

Arrangements have been made by which work on the new hotel will move right along until the building is completed.

That's straight goods. A meeting of the Board of Directors, at which the old Board was re-elected, as well as the old officers, decided upon this course, or in other words, so arranged things that this course can be followed.

The Officers and Board, re-elected Tuesday, are as follows: President, J. W. Lewis; Vice-President, Isaac Roos; Dr. J. A. Haas, L. E. Littell, G. H. Cretin, J. M. Boagni, Dr. C. F. Boagni. Mr. John H. Harnanson was elected Secretary, and Col. J. J. Thompson Treasurer, but they are not members of the Board.

## DEMOCRATS NOMINATE WM. JENNINGS BRYAN

Peerless Nebraskan Has Little Trouble in Landing--Democrats Are Hopeful of Success--Louisiana Delegation With Bryan.

Denver, Col., July 9.—Special to the St. Landry Clarion—Following what is said here to be the most enthusiastic party convention ever held in the United States and after intrigues and complots to encompass the defeat of a man who seemed from the first to have the convention his own way, William Jennings Bryan was this evening nominated as the Democratic standard bearer for the third time.

The opposition was swept before the Bryan tidal wave at pleasure. There was never any doubt of the result, and a most remarkable demonstration lasting furiously for one hour and twenty-six minutes cemented the outcome at Wednesday evening's session. Old party men say nothing like this demonstration has ever been known in this or any other country. It can not be described. The newspaper reports of it don't do it justice.

Ignatius J. Dunn placed Bryan in nomination eloquently this evening, and the convention again went wild. Johnson of Minnesota and Gray of Delaware contested the nomination with Bryan.

Only the votes of New York, New Jersey, Georgia, Delaware and Minnesota were polled against Bryan.

The Louisiana delegation was prominent in the Bryan demonstration.

Hope for party success is strong here. AARON JACOBS.

## JIM BAILEY MAY BE A CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS

The following special from Baton Rouge appeared in the Times-Democrat of Wednesday:

"From persistent intimations from St. Landry, Calcasieu, Vernon and other parishes in the Seventh Congressional District, that James J. Bailey would make a most acceptable Congressman for that bailiwick, a movement is now said to be crystallizing to induce Mr. Bailey to come out as a candidate and oppose Mr. Polk and Mr. Pujo, the incumbent. Strong hope to this effect has already been expressed by Democratic leaders in the Seventh District, while the suggestion is said to find high favor with the rank and file, likewise.

"Whether or not Mr. Bailey would yield to such persuasion, however, is still an open question, although, say those close to him, he would probably think twice before turning down a suggestion of such attractiveness. That no State office holds any charms for Mr. Bailey may be confidently stated, but a seat in the National Legislature might entice him from the private life to which he has retired since being beaten for the Lieutenant Governorship.

"In their arguments in favor of Mr. Bailey's candidacy, his friends in the Seventh District aver that, instead of being weakened by his 'defeat' for Lieutenant Governor, he is now stronger than ever, and that he can now count friends among men who have hitherto followed the machine almost blindly. That he could repeat his feat of carrying every parish in the district is the belief of many, and promises of support have been voiced by several influential men who lately worked against him.

"To those who have broached the subject to him, Mr. Bailey has so far given noncommittal answers, the idea of opposing Mr. Pujo not having entered his mind until suggested from outside sources.

"Although necessarily called to Baton Rouge frequently by personal business, Mr. Bailey retains his permanent residence in St. Landry, and has no intention of removing therefrom."

## HOLDUP ON O. GEE.

It Was Only the Porter's Wealth that Thief Wanted, but Conductor Barksdale Interfered

The Crowley Signal of Tuesday contains the following account of the first holdup to occur on the Opelousas, Gulf & Northeastern Railroad. It might be said, however, that the theory that the nigger beat the train to Melville has been exploded by Superintendent Flanders.

Says the Signal account: John Bennett, a negro from Washington, attempted to hold up the porter on the O. G. & N. E. Passenger train north of Opelousas Monday morning. While he was making his gun play on the porter Conductor I.

W. Barksdale appeared on the scene and with the assistance of the express messenger disarmed the negro and placed him in the baggage car with his hands tied behind him.

Just before the train reached Melville the negro made a break for liberty or death and jumped out of the baggage car door while the train was running at a rate of twenty-five miles an hour. That the negro escaped serious injury was a miracle, but he was able to scramble to his feet and run into the woods.

As soon as the train reached Melville the officers were notified and went in search of him. The negro is said to be the owner of considerable property in Washington and there seems to be no reason why he should be making the gun play on the train porter.

## AT THE BELLEVUE.

Record-breaking Crowds Attending Performances--Mrs. Ogden Buys Theatre.

A record-breaking audience greeted the Pollock Stock Co. at the Bellevue Theatre Thursday night, to see a vaudeville bill, and a sketch written by Mr. Joe Lehman, and rendered by Mr. Lehman himself, Mr. Pollock and Miss France, entitled "The Falling Star." The production is highly creditable, short and replete with striking situations and refreshingly odd. We regret that we have not the space to notice "The Falling Star" as it deserves.

The Pollock Co. has rejuvenated the Bellevue, and it has regained the popularity it possessed during its incipient days. Every night sees a good house.

To-night (Saturday) is "In Dixie Land," followed Sunday, Monday and Tuesday with "A Soldier's Sweetheart." Wednesday is a vaudeville bill, and Thursday, Friday and Saturday "The Wolves of New York."

The Bellevue this week changed hands, Mrs. Linda Ogden, of Opelousas, purchasing it in its entirety. Manager Cleandos Brenon, who has been managing the house for the past two months, has been retained by Mrs. Ogden as sole manager of the house. Mr. Brenon has proven his worth in the past, and is undeniably proving it now. His past experience warrants us in assuring the public that it will be better now than ever. Mrs. Ogden begs to refer all people in any way interested in this matter to her sole manager and representative, Mr. Cleandos Brenon.

## BRICK STORE FOR BENNETT.

Popular Clothier Will Occupy the Dejean Brick Building, Now Under Construction.

Mr. B. Bennett, and popular Landry street clothier, has signed for the brick store building now under construction on Landry street, two doors from his present quarters, and owned by Mrs. Wm. Dejean.

The building is rapidly nearing completion, and Mr. Bennett will be able to move in shortly.

He desires to go to New York, however, before entering his new quarters, as it is his announced purpose to pack the brick building with a stock of unsurpassed quality, as well as quantity.

## Hon. Wm. Polk.

Hon. Wm. Polk, of Rapides, announces himself as a candidate for the office of Congressman from the Seventh Congressional District of Louisiana, subject to the Democratic primary election to be held on September last.

Mr. Polk has rendered signal service to the farmer class of this country in the capacity of Representative in the Legislature, in which he served two terms, being at present a member of that body. He is a farmer himself, the owner of three plantations in Rapides, and has always had at heart the welfare of the agricultural population.

Mr. Polk has been quite prominent in the politics of this section, and was once before a candidate for Congress from this district, at which time he came in contact with the people of the entire district and so now is no stranger to them. He is a refined, educated, intelligent gentleman, a good speaker and a man of irreproachable character and worth.

## CITY IS SQUARE WITH FINANCIAL WORLD

Financial Report of Committee Shows It With Apparent Surplus, but that is Budgeted.

## CITY MARKET COMES UP

For Discussion and Committee Appointed--The Power Plant a Source of Worry for the Board of Aldermen.

The first regular session of the new Board of Aldermen took place Tuesday night, and was devoted mainly to the members "taking their bearings."

The scope of discussion was varied, the power plant and the city market coming in for a large share. What will be done with the city market was not made exactly plain at Tuesday's meeting, but that something will be done was made obvious. Mr. Healey strongly advocated its conversion into a city hall, and produced figures to show that the market under the present system is not a revenue producer, netting something over a dollar a month when the janitor's fees and electric light and fan service are deducted from the amount collected. A committee composed of Healey, Dietlein and Lewis was appointed to look into the matter, and make suggestions at the next meeting.

The power plant is a difficult proposition to handle, and the board fully realized that all roads lead to one ultimate result—a new plant. A committee to look into the financial condition of the plant was appointed. It is supposed to evolve means to put the plant on a sound financial basis. The committee is composed of Mr. E. M. Boagni, Dr. B. A. Littell, Mr. Arthur Gosselin and Aldermen Dietlein and Danel.

A committee appointed at a previous meeting to look into the financial condition of the city reported Tuesday night. The committee secured the services of Mr. Ludovic Fontenot as expert auditor, and the report is very complete. It shows the city's resources on June 2, to be \$20,500.83, and its liabilities \$15,875.87, making an apparent balance in favor of the city of \$4,624.96. But the physical fact is that the city has no money whatever, and at Tuesday night's meeting the Mayor was authorized to borrow \$1000 to pay small pox expenses. The balance shown by the auditor's report is all budgeted, and not available for any other purpose but that designated in the budget, which is mainly for officers' salaries. It may be said, however, that aside from some \$800 due for material for the plant, the city does not owe a cent; neither has she a cent to her name. If she could stop dead still right now, she could get along very well for the rest of the year.

The council instructed the tax collector to enforce payment of all licenses and taxes, particularly the latter. He is to give the delinquents 60 days in which to settle, and at the termination of this period he is to enforce collection. It has been a custom from time immemorial to exercise great leniency with tax-payers, a custom that the present council wants changed.

Mayor Halphen surrendered the chair long-enough to make an effort to enforce the collection of the Colorado Southern tax against tax-payers, but failed to get a second to a motion effecting this. The aldermen feared that such action would further complicate matters in the suit now pending between the city council and the Colorado Southern Railroad, looking to the annulment of this tax.

Small pox claims to the amount of \$500, as well as other claims, were approved, and the meeting adjourned at 11:30 o'clock.

Since the above was put in type, the council held another meeting, an adjourned session from Monday night, and took definite steps in the direction of subleasing the second story of the Christman Building, rented by the former council for a city hall. The council will remain in the old city hall until other arrangements can be made.

It was also practically decided at this meeting that the rates on water and lights would be increased about 20 per cent, and the minimum made 75 cents instead of 50 cents.

Still Later.—In the matter of enforcing the collection of taxes, the Mayor Thursday instructed the Collector to make the time limit 30 instead of 60 days.

Services at the Methodist Church at Bellevue to-morrow at 11 o'clock a. m.; at Opelousas at 8:30 at night. Revival meeting begins July 19. The Methodist church at Opelousas is now equipped with electric fans, an appreciated improvement these sultry days.