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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HAVE GALA TIME

Lafayette and Opelousas Hold Joint Initiation in Here Sunday Last.

CHICAGO CONFERS DEGREE

Lake Charles Will Initiate Its Third Class on Sunday, 22d, When Opelousas and Vicksburg Teams Will Exemplify Degrees

Last Sunday was red letter day with Knights of Columbus of this section of the State. It was a joint initiation of candidates for the Lafayette and Opelousas councils, and Knights from Lake Charles, Lafayette, New Iberia, New Orleans, Cottonport, Markville and other points attended.

Excursions were run into Opelousas, and the knights, added to the show crowd, made up quite an attendance of people in Opelousas that day.

The exercises were held at the handsome hall recently erected by the Opelousas council. Twenty-seven new members were received into the Lafayette council, and seventeen into the Opelousas council. Soon after the arrival of the special train at 9 o'clock Sunday the local and visiting knights formed into line and marched to the Catholic Church, with the Church Point band in the lead, where Solemn High Mass was celebrated, Rev. J. Engberkin officiating at the altar, with Rev. Savy assisting; Rev. E. Schmit, of Washington, preaching the sermon. Rev. W. J. Tenlings, Mr. D. F. Mouton, and other excellent voices from Lafayette and Washington, aided the local choir in rendering inspiring music. The Church Point band also discoursed sweet music during the services.

Among the prominent knights present were Geo. W. Young, P. S. D., and Jas. E. Flynn, State Warden, of New Orleans; L. Turregano, G. K., of Alexandria; P. J. Chappuis, G. K., of Crowley; Wm. E. Krebs, G. K., of Lake Charles; Grand Knight Burke, of Cottonport; L. A. Douglas, D. D., of New Orleans, and Grand Knight Mouton and staff, of Lafayette.

The local council's team conferred the first and second degrees, while a picked team from Chicago conferred the third degree. The exemplification of the degree work is highly lauded by all, both the local and visiting teams doing good work.

At the conclusion of the degree work a sumptuous banquet was served at the home of the order, where all enjoyed the festivities of the evening. Most of the guests departed on the 10:30 special train Sunday night, all highly gratified with their visit to the old city of Opelousas.

The next initiation, we are informed, will be held in Lake Charles on Sunday, the 22d, where a large class will join the secret order of the Catholic Church. At that initiation, the Opelousas and Vicksburg degree teams will officiate in exemplifying the first and second degrees. A special train over the Southern Pacific will start at Washington at 4:30 o'clock that morning, passing at Opelousas at 5:45, and stopping at Sunset, Lafayette and Crowley. The fare for the round trip will be one and one-third. The train returns the same night.

SONS OF OSIRIS.

Branch to Masonic Order Organized in Opelousas--That's Where They Laugh.

The Sons of Osiris, a branch to the Masonic order, was organized in Opelousas last Monday night, organizers from Little Rock, Ark., arriving on the evening train, which was late that evening, and putting the new order through that night, followed by a fine supper.

The Sons of Osiris are not necessarily from the Emerald Isles, but they have to be members of the order of Free and Adopted Masons. It is, from what we understand, a side degree, in which the members of the greatest order on earth "laugh and grow fat."

The gentlemen who came here from Little Rock and organized the order are: Henry Scriber, J. D. McWilliams, J. W. Smedler, P. A. Lewis, Mike McNulty, Walter Henderson and J. B. Trudeau.

The officers of the Lodge are: George Pulford, Uno; A. Morosi, Zeus; C. F. Allen, Doris; Isidore Isaac, Hilda; T. O. Todd, Otis; Paul Hosselin, Didos; W. W. Smith, Ajax.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM OVER STATE.

Dozen People Killed in Wreck Near New Orleans-- Report Reflecting Upon Prof. Caldwell's Administration of Normal Made Public.

James Tolson, a New Orleans motor-man, wrecked his car to save the life of a child that had crawled on the track.

L. D. Bandy, a barber at Natalbany, died from the effects of drinking bay rum, in which there was wood alcohol. The first, second and third class postmasters in Louisiana will meet in second annual convention Nov. 23 at Shreveport.

Because of a legislative error \$5,000 of the appropriations for premiums at the Louisiana State Fair just closed, will not be available until June 30, 1909.

Jesse I. Conklin, for ten years assistant engineer in charge of the construction of the Plaquemine Locks, went to trial in the Federal Court at Baton Rouge Monday for falsification of the pay rolls.

The Federal Grand Jury sitting in New Orleans returned indictments against General Passenger Agent Battle, of the Southern Pacific, for alleged violations of the Interstate Commerce laws.

A committee representing the rice men of Louisiana, headed by S. Locke Breaux, was appointed to meet the Ways and Means Committee in Washington Nov. 19, in an effort to get a rice tariff clause in the new bill.

Governor Sanders has made public a report from State Bank Examiner Young, reflecting seriously upon the financial management of the State Normal School at Natchitoches during the incumbency of Prof. B. C. Caldwell. The books were so loosely kept that the examiner finds it impossible to trace the expenditures of the State's money. It will be remembered that Prof. Caldwell was asked to resign soon after the inauguration of Governor Sanders, and Prof. Aswell, then State Superintendent of Public Education, appointed in his stead.

A dozen persons were killed and twice as many injured in a fearful railroad wreck which occurred at Little Woods, in the environs of New Orleans, Wednesday morning. A Great Northern passenger train dished at full speed into the rear end of a New Orleans and Northeastern passenger train, just as it was pulling out of Little Woods station. The train that was run into was running behind time, and a heavy fog prevented the other train, running on time, from seeing the belated train. Several men of prominence were killed in the wreck.

SUMMARY OF THE VOTE IN ST. LANDRY PARISH.

At the election on Tuesday, November 3, sixteen hundred and thirty-three votes were cast in St. Landry parish. The heads of the ticket, Bryan and Taft for President of the United States, received each: Bryan 1395, Taft 238.

The vote for Taft was polled mostly in the western portion of this parish. For instance Eunice, normally Democratic, only gave one vote majority for Bryan. Faquetique only gave one vote to the Democratic nominees. These people were deceived into believing that the election of Bryan meant disaster to the rice industry.

A light vote was polled on the amendments to the Constitution. All of them carried in the parish, as well as throughout the State.

Amendment No. 1, for public improvements in New Orleans, received 431 votes, against 128.

Amendment No. 2, another New Orleans measure, received 403, against 114.

Amendment No. 3, another New Orleans measure, received 103, against 144.

Amendment No. 4, exempting from taxation mortgage loans on real estate, and loans on life insurance policies, received 606 votes, against 114.

Amendment No. 5, raising the salary of the State Superintendent of Public Education from \$2,000 to \$5,000, received 405, against 345.

Amendment No. 6, relative to the salary of the Auditor of Public Accounts, received 345, against 289.

Amendment No. 7, relative to the pension of Confederate soldiers, received 907, against 61.

SISTER STATE HONORS EMINENT LOUISIANIAN

Mississippi State Board of Health Appoints Dr. F. J. Mayer, of Opelousas, as

STATE HYGIENE INSTRUCTOR

Dr. Mayer Was Formerly Special Medical Inspector for the State of Louisiana--Has National Reputation.

Recognizing the eminent hygienic work done by Dr. Fred J. Mayer for the State of Louisiana, the Board of Health of the State of Mississippi has appointed him as Hygiene Instructor for that State.

Dr. Mayer until recently was in the employ of the Louisiana State Board of Health for four years as Special Medical Inspector, and it was his work in this line, as well as his work in the same direction done by him before, that won for him a national reputation in hygienic work. When Dr. Irion, President of the State Board of Health, retired from his office, Dr. Mayer followed him, another having been appointed in his stead. Mississippi has profited by Louisiana political exigencies.

CANE AND TOBACCO FOR MISSISSIPPI

Low Price of Cotton Inclines Bad Growers to Diversify Farming.

TRUCKERS' ASSOCIATIONS COMPLY WITH LOCKE BILL

Tobacco of Heavy Foliage Can be Grown Almost Anywhere in Sister State, as it Can in Louisiana.

The Louisiana Perique Tobacco is the most celebrated in the world. It has been claimed that this tobacco can only be grown on St. James parish soil. This is denied by many, who contend that the Perique can be grown in many sections of this State, notably this parish.

Pertaining to the subject of tobacco, a recent dispatch says: Jackson, Miss., Nov. 9.—The constant decline in the price of cotton and the efforts of the Farmers' Union and other interests in that direction have had the effect of bringing about a rather strong sentiment throughout the State in favor of further diversification of crops, and in several sections, notably in the southern portion of the State, this idea has lately been running in the direction of tobacco, a crop with which Mississippi has experimented very little.



DR. FRED J. MAYER

His new office gives him command of a campaign of education in hygiene, which the State of Mississippi has determined to inaugurate, and of which Dr. Mayer has been made instructor. He will also look after the publishing of sanitary information, devoting special care to the causes and prevention of contagious diseases. The work will be practically the same as carried on in Louisiana. Dr. Mayer will also have charge of a sanitary monthly soon to be established. He entered upon his duties last Monday, opening at Clinton, Miss. It is said Texas is considering a similar move, and that the Lone Star State had an eye on the eminent Louisianian.

Dr. Fred J. Mayer is a native of Opelousas, a son of the late Prof. Mayer, and Mrs. Mary Mayer, still a resident of Opelousas. He is not only a skilled physician and famed sanitarian, but he enjoys quite a reputation as an orator.

The Clarion congratulates the State of Mississippi.

"CLANSMAN" A SUCCESS.

Packed House Greets the Famous Play in Opelousas--"The Traitor" to Follow.

It was an appreciative throng of people that greeted Dixon's famous play, "The Clansman," at Sandoz's Opera House, Wednesday night. There was not an available seat in the house.

"The Clansman" was not disappointing to the many who had heard of it, but had never seen it. The characters were very well represented, Miss Evelyn Faber as Elsie Stoneman, and Mr. Arthur DeVoy as Ben Cameron, the leading characters, being particularly strong. The other members of the cast received merited applause. Vinnie Burns, the thirteen-year-old girl who took the part of Flora Cameron, was very pleasing in her work.

"The Clansman" is a triumphant vindication of the white people of the South in their heroic struggle during the reconstruction period. It is an answer to "Uncle Tom's Cabin," which painted the Southern people black hearted and brutal.

The staging of the play Wednesday was better than many expected. Two horses were on the stage, and much of the scenery of the company was successfully staged.

"The Traitor," twin to "The Clansman," will soon follow.

SCHOOL BOARD VS' PARISH POLICE JURY.

Board of School Directors Will Sue to Force Parish Schools to

COMPLY WITH LOCKE BILL

Parish Attorney Says Law Which Tells Police Jury to appropriate 3 Mills to Public School is Unconstitutional.

The Board of School Directors of St. Landry Parish will institute suit against the Police Jury to compel it to appropriate 3 mills to the public schools, as provided in the Locke Bill, passed at the recent session of the Legislature.

Hon. E. B. Dubuison, Parish Attorney, has advised the Police Jury to the effect that the law is unconstitutional, and that the parish legislators are at liberty to make any appropriation they deem proper. Instead of some \$28,000, which would have accrued from the three mill appropriation, the Police Jury appropriated, at its last meeting \$15,000 for public schools. Hence the suit, which the school board has authorized to be instituted.

State Superintendent Harris was in Opelousas a few weeks ago, looking into the matter. He seemed to fear that Mr. Dubuison was right in giving the opinion that the law was unconstitutional, and it was not believed that the law would be tested. The school board, however, has authorized the institution of a suit to test the law.

The following communication bears on the subject: Editor Clarion—On Monday last the writer was honored with the privilege of being present at a meeting of the citizens of Grand Prairie in the interest of the public schools of the parish. This meeting was attended by some of the most representative men of the community, and all present manifested a lively interest in the education of the children, and realized the necessity of adequate provision for the public schools.

The question of special consideration this meeting was the action of the Police Jury in refusing to comply with the requirements of the Locke Bill on the grounds of its unconstitutionality, and its failure to increase the appropriations for the schools despite the fact that the assessment for the year has increased nearly one million of dollars. After due discussion of the issues involved the meeting passed some commendable resolutions with a view of ameliorating the financial condition of the public schools, and in those resolutions invited the co-operation of all communities in this parish, who are in sympathy with the question of education, and who are to be affected by the inadequate school fund.

It seems to be the universal sentiment of the people of this parish to have the Police Jury to know, that first of all, the people want the proper provision made for the schools, and that if economy and retrenchment are necessary they be started on other things than the schools. There is nothing of more importance to the country than an enlightened citizenship, and there is nothing of greater consequence to the home and society than the cultivation of the moral character of the people, and the elevation of the ideals under which they must live. These objects are best and most easily obtained through the medium of the schools, but they cannot be had for nothing. It takes money to employ teachers and defray the other expenses of the school system, and the only sources from which that money is obtainable is the legislature and the Police Juries, who have the power to handle and appropriate the money of the people. The last legislature, recognizing the importance of the expenditure of money along this line, passed what is known as the Locke Bill and required, under its provisions, that the Police Juries, throughout the State, the parish of Orleans excepted, should set aside three mills of the general tax for school purposes.

Our Police Jury, while authorized to comply with the law, took the position that the law was unconstitutional, and refused to increase the school appropriation. This action on the part of the Police Jury will necessarily shorten the school term throughout the parish, and even jeopardizes the existence of our four high schools as approved high schools of the State. If this condition should take place it will be a step backwards in our educational progress and much of the labor of years in this direction will be lost. It is to be hoped that the people will take the question up, and in no uncertain terms inform their representatives that any action on their part which will impair or reduce the efficiency of

WM. ADLER COMES HOME.

Grocer and Banker Said to Have Recouped Lost Fortune and Ready to Pay Out of Pen

There was a great ovation tendered William Adler, banker and grocer, when he returned from Honduras to his old home in New Orleans last Monday.

The firm of Adler was known throughout the State, and held the absolute confidence of the people. In December last William Adler, head of the firm and President of the State National Bank of New Orleans, suddenly departed over the waters with a cargo of goods, on the Steamer Alps, belonging to the firm. The ship wrecked off the coast of Honduras, and Adler narrowly escaped death.

Subsequently he went in the mining business, and because he made, it is said, enough money to pay back the \$200,000 odd dollars taken from the people, friends met him at the wharf when the steamer landed, and kissed him!

If he had returned home penniless, perhaps stones would have been chucked at him. Such is the power of money. So mote it be.

Presbyterian Church. Preaching at the Presbyterian Church to-morrow at 11 o'clock, a. m., and at Bellevue at 3:30 p. m., by Rev. Dr. R. T. Price.

TRAGIC DEATH OF BRILLIANT SEN. CARMACK

Tennessee Statesman and Journalist Shot Down on the Streets of Nashville.

ON ACCOUNT OF EDITORIALS

His Slayer Only Twenty-Seven Years of Age, and Son of Col. Cooper, Also Well-Known Newspaper Man.

Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 9.—Former United States Senator Edward Ward Carmack, editor of the Tennessean, was shot and killed this afternoon about 4 o'clock on Seventh avenue, North, in front of the Polk Flats, by Robert Cooper, a son of Col. Duncan B. Cooper. Mr. Carmack was going north on Seventh avenue in front of the Polk Flats, and Col. Cooper and his son, Robert, were approaching Seventh avenue on Union street. Soon after they came in sight of each other the shooting began. Robert Cooper, it is said, fired three shots and Senator Carmack two.

Senator Carmack fell to the ground, dying instantly. Young Cooper was wounded in the shoulder by a bullet from Carmack's revolver, and is to-night under police surveillance in a local hospital. His condition is not serious. Robert Cooper is a local practicing attorney, twenty-seven years old and single.

THREE WOUNDS. Carmack was wounded three times in the neck, breast and left shoulder. Col. Duncan B. Cooper, the father of the younger man, was with his son during the affray, but did not fire a shot. It is said he stood by with pistol in hand. He is detained to night at police headquarters.

As soon as Senator Carmack fell on the edge of the street Col. Duncan Cooper put his arm around Robin Cooper and both walked a few feet down Seventh avenue to Dr. R. G. Fort's office, where the slight wound in young Cooper's shoulder was examined and treated. Dr. Fort stated that the wound was very slight.

An ambulance carried the body of Mr. Carmack to an undertaking establishment. The pistol of Mr. Carmack, a thirty-two caliber, was lying at his side with two of the chambers empty when the body was picked up and turned over to an officer. The stump of a cigar, which Mr. Carmack had been smoking, was also on the street beside him, where it had fallen from his mouth as he fell.

CAUSE OF TRAGEDY. The direct cause of the killing is a recent series of editorials in the Tennessean, a daily paper, which Mr. Carmack became editor of by default for the nomination of Governor. The editorials in question were vigorous in their comment upon Col. Cooper and his alleged connection with what Mr. Carmack termed the "Democratic machine" and its methods. Col. Cooper, who is well known in business, newspaper and political circles in Tennessee and the South, had, it is said, notified Mr. Carmack that the references to him must cease. Another such editorial appeared this morning.

The men fought at close quarters and there were but few witnesses. It was past 4 o'clock in the dusk of the afternoon. They met on Seventh avenue, north, directly in front of the Polk Flats, a fashionable apartment house.

Mr. Carmack had just lifted his hat to Mrs. Chas. H. Eastman, a friend, who was passing. In a moment the firing began, and Mrs. Eastman, was a horrified witness at close range. So close was she that one of the Coopers is said to have charged Carmack with being a coward and hiding behind a woman.

Cooper's friends charged that Carmack fired the first shot, but the dead man's friends stoutly protest that his opponent was the first to shoot.

The tragedy created the most intense excitement throughout the city, and within a short time the streets in the neighborhood were thronged.

New Bellevue Baby Show.

Manager Lehman, of the New Bellevue, announces a baby show to be held in his Theatre Friday evening, Nov. 27.

All contestants are requested to send in photographs of their babies. These will be made into lantern slides and shown on the canvas. The winner will receive a prize. Any child under five years will be eligible.

The schools will meet with the seal of their disapproval and receive their sternest condemnation.

Yours truly, C. J. THOMPSON.