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## PENNSYLVANIANS COMING NEXT MONTH

Lancaster, Pa., on October 4th, and arrive at Washington October 7th.

## WILL BE THE LARGEST PARTY

Ever brought here by Mr. Schell. Coming on "Union Irrigation Special." Will return on the 12th.

The fourth party of Pennsylvania capitalists and farmers to be brought to St. Landry to see the country and the Union Irrigation Co's canal will arrive in Washington on October 7th. The party will leave Lancaster, Penn., on the 4th, on the "Union Irrigation Special," consisting of first class Pullman sleeping cars, an observation car, a dining car and a baggage car. The train will run solid from Lancaster to Washington, and return, without change of cars, and with no passengers on board excepting members of the party.

On the way here the party will make stops at a few hours at Vicksburg, Miss., Baton Rouge and New Orleans.

Thursday afternoon, Friday, Saturday and Monday, October 7th to 11th, the time of the party will be occupied in inspecting the construction work of the Union Irrigation Company's canal and pumping plant and going over the territory to be covered by the company's irrigation system. On this trip Opelousas, Crowley, Eunice and Mamou will be visited, going over the same route taken on previous trips of Schell parties.

It is not known when the party will visit Opelousas, Mr. Schell writing that he thought it advisable to wait until he arrived here and consulted the wishes of the people of this city. Mr. Schell writes that this will be "the most important party we have ever brought to the South."

Of course the people of Opelousas will tender the visitors a fitting reception. The importance of the Union Irrigation canal to this country cannot be overestimated—it will be a revolution of the agricultural life of this section. We can not do too much for Mr. Schell and his party.

## FIGHT TO DEATH.

Separate Fight At Fair In Grand Prairie Last Saturday Night, in Which Ville Platte Negro is Killed.

There seems to be a rivalry between negroes of the Ville Platte section and those of the Grand Prairie section, and it is not infrequent that they arbitrate their differences with pistols and knives.

Last Saturday night was one of the occasions when they met and fought with the result that one is dead and seven are in jail here.

Marshall Thomas is the dead one, and those charged with the killing, and who are in jail here, are Marins Dubon, Regil Comeau, Henry Fontenot, Angolas Jack, Geo. Thomas, Marcena Tezeno and Jack Rose.

Thomas, the dead man, is from Ville Platte, and went to a fair at Grand Prairie with his first-cousin, Marins Dubon. It was not long after their arrival at the fair when "business picked up," in the parlance of the street urchin. Dubon and Thomas were on one side, and the Grand Prairie negroes mentioned on the other. Thomas was killed, and Dubon hiked. The Grand Prairie negroes claim that Dubon shot his cousin, in shooting at them.

Monday Sheriff Swords, Coroner Little and Jailer Doucet went to Grand Prairie, leaving here at 11 o'clock. There an inquest was held, and arrests followed.

The officers had a rough time of it coming to Opelousas with their prisoners Monday night. They left in the storm, with the seven negroes in a wagon. All along the way they were expected to have their vehicles overturned, but they landed here safe at about 11 o'clock. They were in the storm the entire way.

## Evangeline Primaries.

Ville Platte, La., Sept. 21.—The Board of Election Commissioners of the newly created parish of Evangeline met today in the high school auditorium for the purpose of formulating rules and regulations to govern the election of Nov. 9, which is to decide the parish seat of Evangeline. Mr. Barwick, of Eunice, introduced a series of resolutions relative to the manner of holding the election, which after much discussion, was partly adopted. Mr. Lafleur, of Ville Platte, offered a resolution which embodied the expenses of holding the election, which was adopted. The board is to hold another session October 1, at this place to name commissioners of elections at each precinct and to transact other business relative to the election.

## THROUGH MAIL SERVICE ON COL. SOUTHERN

Big Road Will Begin Carrying U. S. Mail on to New Orleans Next Monday.

## N. O. PAPERS HERE AT 11:55

Postmaster Lassalle notified...Heretofore Mail Service Extended Only West of Opelousas.

Beginning next Monday, September 27, through mail service will be run on the Frisco.

Heretofore mail service has only extended from Opelousas west to Houston. No mail from New Orleans was received here, nor sent from here. The same service as when the Frisco made the Houston-Opelousas run only has been maintained, notwithstanding that there was through passenger and freight service to New Orleans.

This new service will greatly facilitate mail communication, and will be particularly gratifying in respect to getting the New Orleans papers. They now reach here on the 2:51 via Southern Pacific, and under the Frisco service they will reach here at 11:55.

Postmaster Lassalle was notified of the change, and he understands that all Frisco trains will carry mail. The Frisco has been keeping up its schedule splendidly for a new road. Tuesday, however, the train from New Orleans was 24 hours late, due to the storm.

Fishermen are complaining of excessive express rates on their paraphernalia, when going to the lakes along the Frisco. They say that they will be unable to stand the charges on every piece of baggage carried, as it will make Sunday outings cost too much.

## SILVER SERVICE FOR "OPELOUSAS" IS SELECTED

Will Consist of A Silver Coffee Set...Presentation to Be Made in Baton Rouge Oct. 17.

Last Tuesday the committee representing the citizens of Opelousas, having in charge the preliminaries to the presentation of a silver service to the "gunboat" "Opelousas," purchased the service—and it is an elegant one.

The presentation is made in appreciation of the naming, by the Louisiana Oyster Commission, of one of its patrol boats "Opelousas."

The service will consist of a coffee set. The coffee pot has a capacity of 1 5-8 pints and is 10 5-8 inches high. The sugar bowl is of the same size, and the cream bowl is of 1/2 pint capacity. The waiter is 16 inches long. The design is beautiful—of the Louis XV. style. It costs \$188.

The service was bought of Jeweler Frank J. Dietlein, he being the lowest bidder.

The presentation will be made at Baton Rouge on October 17th, on which occasion the entire "Mosquito Fleet" of the Oyster Commission will be present.

The committee went beyond the subscription in hand, but it is expected that there will be no trouble in raising the deficit.

## PRINTING CO. IN LIQUIDATION

Courier Printing & Publishing Co. Decides to Dissolve the Company.

At a meeting of stockholders of the Courier Printing & Publishing Co., held at the opera house last Wednesday evening, it was unanimously decided to dissolve the company and liquidate its affairs.

Three Commissioners were appointed to liquidate the company—M. Halphen, P. R. Sandoz and G. L. Lassalle. They are to wind up the business in thirty days.

It is believed that the plant will be sold at auction.

A representative of the Monotype Company is here. As there is yet some two thousand dollars due the Monotype Co. for the monotype typesetting machine in the Courier office, it is believed that the machine will be taken back by the company. The machine cost some \$4000.

The Courier Company was organized August, 1907.

It is not probable that the Courier newspaper will be suspended.

—Representative Y. L. Fontenot was in Opelousas last Saturday. The bright young St. Landrian is looking in splendid health. He is principal of the Pollock High School as well as one of the Representatives in the lower house of the Legislature from this parish.

## HAVOC WROUGHT BY TROPICAL HURRICANE

Three States Wind-Swept, With Millions of Dollars Property Loss and Fatalities Amounting to Over Two Hundred.

Three States—Florida, Louisiana and Mississippi—were wind-swept last Monday by one of the severest hurricanes known since 1893, when the loss of life at Grand Isle and Cheniere Caminada staggered the world. But while the loss of life in Monday's storm was not as great as in 1893, the property loss will overtop the destruction of that memorable storm.

Terrebonne parish is heaviest hit by the storm. There it is believed over a hundred persons lost their life. The fishermen on the banks of the many fishing streams of that parish were the most pathetic sufferers. There the huts formerly occupied by the fishermen and their families were found splintered and prostrate, and the erstwhile inmates either scattered on the storm beaten shore, or all gone to their last account. In one case a fisherman, his wife and his ten children all perished.

In New Orleans the storm was severe, and the property loss there is heavy. Four lives were lost. Donaldsonville and that vicinity was next to Terrebonne parish which it adjoins—the most sorely stricken section. Several lives were lost there and the cane crop damaged greatly.

THE STORM HERE.

The hurricane blew in this section at the rate of about sixty miles an hour.

The elements began looking ugly early Monday morning, when a stiff wind set up at eight o'clock. Hearkening to the danger signals sent out by the weather bureau, people braced themselves up for the storm that it was said would reach here late in the evening.

All day the rain poured down, and the wind increased in velocity. Toward 3 o'clock in the evening the wind had increased to a velocity of twenty miles, and at seven o'clock the storm was on in all its fury.

The expec, however, did not reach here until eight o'clock, when the wind attained its highest velocity.

From that hour until ten o'clock there was intense suspense. Trees fell with a crash, the wind moaned and frail houses shook like they would at any minute be torn asunder by the angry wind. People sat up and many held themselves in readiness to brave the wind, should the house show signs of dissolution. But if any houses were wrecked in this parish, we have not heard of it—in fact it is certain that no house of any substantial size suffered in the least.

The electric lights plant in Opelousas was immediately suspended, for fear of injury to people by live wires—and the darkness added to the intensity of the grewsomeness of the picture. The wind shrieked in darkness, and the mother and children gathered round the mantel on which was the lighted candle, shedding its flickering light, while the father watched with anxiety the elements on the outside, listened for the first signal of immediate danger in order to get his wards out to safety. Crash! would come a limb of a tree, or a tree itself; it would grate against

the house scarcely audible against the roar of the wind, but to the anxious ear, full of meaning.

The damage in Opelousas consisted of uprooted trees and leveled fences, in the country of a prostration of all crops. Cotton received its last death blow. Already short in yield, the remnant unpicked in the field was scattered "to the four winds." Cane was laid low to the ground, which is a serious damage, because it will add doubly to its handling, and will make transportation cost much more by reason of the stalk crooking, therefore taking more space in the car. Rice uncut was bent to the ground, and it will now have to be cut with a sickle. The rice in shock was not seriously damaged.

The same story comes from every portion of the parish, showing that the intensity of the storm was the same everywhere in this section.

Farmers are divided in opinion as to the extent of the damage, particularly to cotton. Some say that the cotton crop is absolutely ruined, while others say that the bolls for another small picking remain. Some say that the cotton was nearly all picked, while others say that the farmer had barely started.

In the opinion of the Clarion, the consensus is that much over half of cotton crop had been picked, and that there is still another picking. Of course the yield has been reduced extensively.

The corn crop has been injured considerably, but not so much as other crops. It was all matured, and the thrifty farmer will not allow the fact that the ears are on the ground deter him from gathering his crop.

Much timber was ruined by the storm, giant trees being twisted and uprooted throughout the woods. On the right-of-way of the Opelousas, Gulf & Northeastern, and of the Frisco, the aspect is desolate.

It is impossible to enumerate the individual losses in Opelousas. The smoke stack of the Opelousas Ice & Bottling Works was blown down, entailing considerable loss. Messrs. Geo. Moriarty and Dominique Brothers lost their show cases, the wind smashing them in. The house occupied by Mr. Percy Dunbar had its gallery torn off, and Mr. Sam Peters' house was damaged to the extent of over a hundred dollars. Large pecan trees were blown down in many places, and even monarch oaks were not spared, Mr. L. H. Mornhinveg losing a precious one which shaded his back porch. China trees were blown down everywhere, and the sidewalks were covered with them the morning after the storm.

All trains were delayed, on account of trees falling across the tracks, and no daily papers were received here until Wednesday morning.

It was the severest storm known in this section for years. In fact "an old resident" tells us that never was there one with such intense velocity. In 1874, he tells us, there was a storm which lasted two days, but it was nothing to compare to the one of last Monday.

## HORSES FOR THE RACES.

Entries for Races on October 24 and 30 indicate A Successful Meeting.

The race meet at the Wallior Track on October 24 and 30 promises to be a whooping success, if indications count for anything.

The entries of horses has been surprising even to the management, and it is now clear that every race will be filled with exceptional timber.

Some horses have already arrived. The Haines Brothers, of Rayne, are here with their string. J. F. Case, of Jennings, is expected today with his horses, as also Dr. F. Boyd, of Lafayette, and John Clay of Sunset. All these gentlemen have entered several horses.

Capt. J. J. Thompson has also entered several of his crack horses.

Withal, the races on the 24 and 30 will be an exhibition of splendid horse flesh.

The entire string of horses that will take part in the races will be paraded on the occasion of the Knights of Columbus parade to-morrow.

## Thibodeaux Lands Job.

Mr. Charles Thibodeaux, a local contractor, was awarded the contract for the erection of the laboratory of the Rice Experimental Station, located at Crowley.

The building is located on the Experimental Farm, and is to be completed at once. Mr. Thibodeaux's bid was \$4200.

## FARMERS TO MEET.

St. Landry Educational and Co-Operative Union for Thursday, Sept. 30.

President R. Lee Mills, of the St. Landry Farmers' Educational and Co-Operative Union, was in Opelousas Thursday, having just gotten out of bed from a spell of sickness.

He wishes us to remind the farmers of the parish that the regular meeting of the Union will be held at Prairie Ronde on next Thursday, September 30, and desires that all locals send as strong a delegation as possible.

Mr. Mills recently returned from Minden, where a meeting of the Executive Committee of the State Union was held. Nothing of great importance was transacted, and the matter of State headquarters for the Union was deferred until a later date.

## Duffillo-Hollier.

Mr. Roger Duffillo and Miss Clara Hollier were married at the Catholic Church, Father Engerbrink officiating, on last Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock.

The groom and the bride are highly esteemed young people of Opelousas, and the Clarion joins their many friends in wishing them everlasting sunshine.

—Miss Celestine Ross, of New Orleans, is visiting relatives in Opelousas.

## JUDGE WANTS PEOPLE TO HEAR HIS CHARGE.

Judge O'Neill Invites As Many People As Can Crowd in Courthouse to Attend.

## INSTRUCTIONS TO GR. JURY.

On October 11th...One of the Strongest Bodies of Jurors Ever Drawn in St. Landry Parish.

"You may tell the people for me that I would like as many of them as possible to be in the courthouse on October 11th, on the day on which I will charge the Grand Jury," said Judge O'Neill of St. Mary parish, now acting Judge of St. Landry, last Saturday to a Clarion man. "I desire that as many as can do so hear my charge to the Grand Jury."

Judge O'Neill was here in connection with the trouble then pending at Port Barre, growing out of rights-of-way for the Welch road.

His Honor is especially gratified at the fact that he learns that the Grand Jury drawn and which will serve under him, is one of the very best ever drawn in St. Landry. "Of course, like every Judge should feel," remarked Judge O'Neill, "I am anxious to get through with as much business in the shortest time as is possible, and to do this it is necessary to have good, active officers and honest, working jurors, and I am gratified to know that the Grand Jury drawn is made up of good material. I am anxious to do justice all around."

The Grand Jury will be sworn in on the 11th, and immediately proceed to business. On the 13th the first week of the petit jury will be ushered in, when the trial of criminal cases will be begun. The petit jury will continue three weeks, ending with the week ending November 1st, making four weeks criminal court in all—one week of grand jury and three weeks of petit jury.

This will be the first term of criminal court in over a year, the two last juries having been dismissed, one on account of one of the jury commissioners being a government gin inspector, and the other term having failed on account of the illness of Judge W. C. Perrault, who has been ever since unable to hold court.

The criminal docket is necessarily crowded, and there is no hope of going through it in the short space of three weeks.

## BARBECUE FOR TRUCK GROWERS' ASSOCIATION.

Preparations are under way to furnish the members of the Southwest Louisiana Truck Growers' Association with a grand old time on October 5th, when a picnic is planned to take place at Mr. B. R. Splane's Atwood Plantation, near Opelousas.

Members of the Association and specially invited guests will be present. The occasion will of course furnish opportunity for the members of the Association to convoke in regular meeting, which they will do.

It is important at this time that the truck growers should get together and "compare notes," as it were, on last season's truck crop, the first extensive truck crop ever raised in St. Landry. By intelligent discussion they can find the weak spots, and devise ways and means to strengthen them.

## FOUR CARS OF SYRUP CANS

Largest Consignment of Syrup Cans Ever Brought in this Section Coming.

Mr. F. Cliff Allen, secretary and treasurer of the Dietlein & Jacobs Grocery Co., went to New Orleans last Saturday and completed arrangements for the consignment of four solid car loads of syrup cans to be shipped to his firm here.

This is doubtless the largest consignment of this character ever sent to Southwest Louisiana.

These cars will run from two gallon containers to five gallons, and will car 50,000 gallons of syrup. They have all been placed with farmers of St. Landry and Acadia.

All of which shows that the farmer is looking beyond the old one-crop method.

## Day of Atonement Today.

To-day is the Day of Atonement for the Jews, and business conducted by Jews will be suspended, and the day observed by abstinence from food and drink.

Dr. Lehman, of New Orleans, will be here to officiate at the services to-day.

## ST. LANDRY BOY CLIMBING BUSINESS LADDER.

C. C. Barry, Born and Raised in Grand Coteau, Appointed to Trusted Position.

## BEGAN CAREER AS CLERK

In Railroad Office, and Has Just Resigned Position of Secretary and Auditor of Harriman Line.

It is always with a high degree of pride that The Clarion notes the rise of a son of St. Landry, particularly when that rise has been accomplished by grit and merit.

Hence it takes pleasure in noting the recent promotion of Mr. C. C. Barry, born and reared in Grand Coteau, a student of the old St. Charles College, and a son of Mr. J. J. Barry, a highly esteemed citizen of Grand Coteau.

Mr. Barry left Grand Coteau in 1892, going to Texas to hew out his own fortunes. He is but 37 years of age, and that he should have been selected for the position which he is now to occupy speaks glowingly of his worth.

The following is taken from the Houston Post of September 18:

"C. C. Barry, Secretary of the Houston and Texas Central and Auditor of the Central-East and West lines, tendered his resignation to officials of the line yesterday to become effective on September 30. Mr. Barry is one of the oldest employees of the roads, having seen service with the affiliated Harriman lines in Texas for the past eighteen years. He entered the employ of the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio road as a clerk eighteen years ago, gradually working himself into higher positions with the affiliated roads and at different points in Texas. His rise was steady and in all branches of the operating departments of the roads he has been well thought of and considered the most trusted of employees. During the time that C. H. Markham was at the head of the Harriman Sunset-Central lines, occupying the same position now held by Thornwell Fay, Mr. Barry acted in the capacity of his chief clerk. Mr. Markham is now vice president of the Guffey Oil company, with which firm Mr. Barry will become associated."

"Mr. Barry stated yesterday that he would enter on special duties with the oil company and would probably be located at Tulsa, Okla., and part of the time in Beaumont. Within a few months he would be assigned regular work with a probable location in Tulsa. Local officials of the Central-East and West lines expressed regret that Mr. Barry was going to leave the service, as he has always been a favorite among officials and brother employes alike."

"His successor has not been named and probably will not be until toward the close of the month. The matter will be left to President R. S. Lovett of the central lines."

## LEO ST. CYR WORKS ON AN IMPUDENT LAFAYETTE NEGRO

Ex-Opelousan and His Brother-in-Law Wielded Pistol on Mrs. St. Cyr.

The following special from Lafayette will interest Opelousas people because Leo St. Cyr is an Opelousas boy, now a prominent young lawyer of Lafayette.

Lafayette, La., Sept. 20.—A small sensation occurred Saturday evening near the Courthouse when Attorney Leo St. Cyr and young Ben Clark administered a sound thrashing to Jack Lando, a negro, who a few days ago drew a gun on Mrs. St. Cyr and young Clark while the latter were out driving. Mrs. St. Cyr and Mr. Clark, her brother, were out in the country when one of the children began to cry for a stalk of sugar cane. Clark got down and broke two stalks. The negro suddenly appeared and leveled a shotgun on Mrs. St. Cyr and child. The lady was greatly frightened, and called for her brother, who was ordered by the negro to hold his hands up. The negro then demanded \$1 apiece for the cane, and Mrs. St. Cyr was compelled to promise payment in two days on pain of criminal charges against Clark. Mr. St. Cyr, on being informed of the circumstances, determined not to pay the money, and if opportunity presented to give the impudent negro a sound drubbing. Saturday evening Lando came to town to prefer charges against Clark, but was attacked near the justice's office by Mr. St. Cyr and Clark. A crowd gathered, and some excitement prevailed for a while owing to the stout defense made by the negro, who wielded a chair. The white men used buggy whips, and soon put the negro to flight after giving him a chastisement he will not soon forget.

## RAILROAD INJUNCTION

New Iberia-Port Barre Road Encounters Obstructions in the Way of Injunction.

There was quite a flurry at Port Barre last week, over the matter of the progress of the grading of the track of the New Iberia-Port Barre road, which was obstructed by an injunction granted by Judge O'Neill, inhibiting the land owners from stopping the grading. Judge O'Neill, however, last Saturday dissolved the injunction, holding that it was improperly issued, and permitted the land owners to apply to the court for relief.

During the life of the first injunction, it is reported that the land owners armed themselves to forcibly prevent the road from continuing the grading over their lands.

Through an amicable compromise with land owners, it is now announced that all obstructions to the grading of the road to intersect the Colorado Southern have been removed, and that grading to that point is now in progress.

## Correction.

In the article commending the Board of Equalization last week, signed "A Farmer" the type made him say that the Board had made a reduction of 25 per cent on "bottom lands," when it should have read "cotton lands."

—The Clarion sympathizes with the death of their only child, Samuel, which occurred in Opelousas last Monday morning. Interment in Washington.