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INTERESTED IN GREAT PARISH OF ST. LANDRY

Frisco Railroad's Commissioner Will Be Here Today to With Exhibit Car

WILL LECTURE IN EVENING

Wants to Impress Upon Farmers Necessity of Getting Up an Exhibit From This Section of Louisiana

Commissioner White, of the Frisco Railroad, will be in Opelousas with his exhibition car to-day.

He left Sunday week after two days of interesting work here, but he thinks that this country is deserving of further work on the part of the interests he represents.

Mr. White was particularly charmed with this country and its possibilities. "This is God's country," he remarked, "and every effort should be directed to developing it. Why, you people hardly realize what you have here."

Mr. White is determined that the farmers of this section should take steps at once looking to getting up a car of exhibits of our products. His road will bring it through sections where the products will be a revelation, and will serve to advertise this country more than any amount of pamphlets and circulars could do.

To-day is also the day upon which the citizens of St. Landry and adjoining parishes will meet for the purpose of protesting against the damming of the Bayou Courtableau. A large crowd is expected in Opelousas on that day. The meeting protesting against the damming of Courtableau is scheduled to take place at 11 o'clock, and is supposed to last about two hours. Then it is expected that an hour will be taken for dinner, after which Mr. White's lecture will take place.

The farmers are urged to be present at both meetings.

RETURNS WITH HORSES

Mr. E. K. Wallior Comes From Western Markets With Variety of Horses and Mules

Mr. E. K. Wallior returned last Wednesday from the Western markets, where he had gone to buy horses and mules adapted to this country.

"The great trouble has been," said Mr. Wallior, "that we have been buying horses and mules not adapted to every branch of industry in this country. For instance, people would come and ask for logging mules, or cane mules, or rice mules, and no attention had been paid to these particular classes of draft animals. The men who wanted them knew what they required, and if they were not in stock, why they would just go to other places and get them. So I made a special study of the needs of this section in the way of mules and horses, and I went and got them."

Mr. Wallior is an experienced horse man, and feels certain that he has just what the people here want in the way of mules and horses.

ON INSPECTION TOUR

Frisco Officials Here Saturday Night. Enter into a Banquet in Private Car

The private car of Vice-President Elliot, of the Frisco road, was through here Saturday, with Mr. Elliot and a party of railroad officials, on a tour of inspection.

Saturday night a banquet was given on board the car, which was attended by Messrs. Dudley L. Guilbeau, Harry and R. Lee Garland, of our city. They were the guests of the railroad officials, having met them in response to a wire request, at a point between Eunice and DeQuincy, and made the trip with them.

The banquet was a most enjoyable one, Mr. Elliot and his brother officers proving most genial hosts.

MOVED INTO NEW QUARTERS

Crouchet & Lafond Are Now in Their New Building. Change in Firm Name

Crouchet & Lafond, undertakers, are now in their new building, on Landry street, just back of the Episcopal Church.

The building—a handsome and commodious one—has just been completed. It was built for an undertaking establishment. The firm was formerly A. A. Crouchet & Co., but has been changed to Crouchet & Lafond. Mr. Lafond is a graduate embalmer, and has charge of that department. Mr. A. Crouchet manages the business.

CANDIDATES IN ALL BUT ONE THE BIG FOURTH

Democratic Executive Committee of the City of Opelousas Met Last Tuesday.

CITY POLITICS LIVELY

Four in the Field for Marshal, Two for Mayor and Two for Aldermen in All But One Ward.

For Mayor.—Michael Halphen, Dr. B. A. Littell.

For Marshal.—F. P. Butler, Edmond Deville, C. L. Hayes, H. L. Hollier.

FOR ALDERMEN:

First Ward.—Isaac Roos, A. D. St. Cyr.

Second Ward.—L. L. Danel, Eugene Ventre.

Third Ward.—F. J. Dietlein, Louis C. Sollean.

At Large.—Leonard S. Isaacks, H. D. Larcade.

The above-named are those who will make the race for municipal offices on the 15th of this month. No other candidates can enter, the time for candidates for the Democratic nomination having close at 12 o'clock Friday night, January 28.

It will be seen that there is a contest for alderman in every ward except the fourth. Mr. E. L. Loeb had the job cinched in that ward, and no one dared come out against him. Mr. Loeb knows a thing or two about politics, and when he made up his mind to represent the big fourth on the Board of Aldermen, he went at it like a veteran, and there was at no time a winning chance for an opponent. It is highly complimentary to Mr. Loeb, and the Clarion believes that he will not disappoint his constituency in their confidence in him.

The Democratic Executive Committee went in without opposition. It is the same committee, with the exception of the third ward, where Mr. Allen T. Sandoz replaced his brother, Hart H. Sandoz, who has moved to Lafayette. The committee is now composed of M. Vilaseca, at large; Chas. Ventre, 1st ward; R. Lee Wiggins, 2nd ward; Allen T. Sandoz, 3d ward; Raymond Breaux, 4th ward.

The contest for the Democratic nomination for municipal officers is very interesting as well as lively.

AND NOW COME THE AGENTS

Handlers of School Books Complain, and Want to Enter a Protest. Meeting Suggested.

Everything is not as lovely as a summer dream between the school authorities and the agents who handle school books.

The agents believe that they are not making enough, and a convention to protest against the system has been suggested by the agent at Dodson, La.

The local agent here is in receipt of the following letter, which explains the complaints of the agents:

Dear Sir: While the State Board of Education is investigating the alleged graft in letting the school book contract, we think the school book agents should get up a concert of action and send a committee before the investigating committee, placing before them the unjust way we are being treated. With this plan in view we are addressing every dealer in North La., hoping that we can arrange to effectively protest against the one-sided way our contracts are made. It is hard enough for us to handle the books for 10 per cent., which is less than it costs us to carry on our business, but when it comes to paying freight charges, which we will have to do after April 1, we think it is time for us to enter a protest. It now costs us 12 per cent to carry on our business, and in the exchanging of books we really only get 5 per cent, so the clear loss is easily seen. We are advocates of our public school system and are willing to donate to it liberally, but we feel that it is an injustice for us to be compelled to pay so much. If you are interested in this matter kindly advise us at once, and if there is sufficient interest aroused we would suggest that we meet in person or proxy at some central point and take such action as may be necessary to put the movement in definite shape to secure the needed relief.

THE DODSON DRUG STORE, School Book Agents.

Watchman Falls in River and Drowns.

Melville, La., Feb.—A white man of the name of Bryant, employed as watchman for the Colorado Southern Railroad on the bridge at Lafaciere, twelve miles from here, while attempting to hang a light on the bridge pier, fell and was drowned in the river Sunday night.

CALLS FOR A SESSION.

Members of the Prohibition League Object--

Speaks.

Members would appreciate the power of the law without having to feel its terrible pressure. If the prohibition violators have determined to defy the law, they are in a contest which they can't win. My oath of office requires me to enforce these laws, and I can, and will, do it.—Judge O'Niell.

The panned quotation are the forceful expressions of Judge Chas. A. O'Niell, acting Judge of this judicial district.

They were elicited by a Clarion man, who interviewed His Honor at the Lacombe Hotel Thursday evening. They were given cheerfully, in a spirit denoting a man who is determined to do his duty.

Judge O'Niell had come here for the convocation of a special meeting of the Grand Jury. His action in assembling the Grand Inquirers was prompted by the resolutions of the Law and Order League, an organization which has for its special purpose the enforcement of the prohibition law in this parish. The resolutions recite that the prohibition law in this city and parish is being violated, and calls upon Judge O'Niell to convene the Grand Jury, and he has issued an order calling that body to meet on February 14.

"What do you think of the resolutions of the Law and Order League, Judge?" asked the Clarion man.

"Well," answered His Honor, "it contains a criticism of my leniency in the first sentences which I imposed, but, as a public official—a servant of the people—my acts are the proper subject of criticism. I imposed moderate fines upon the first offenders, because this parish had been without a criminal term of court so long when I was assigned to this district, that these violations of the law had become a custom; and I believed that conservative methods and mild remedies were best. I hoped that these law-breakers would appreciate the power of the law without having to feel its terrible pressure. Whether I have made a mistake remains to be seen. If the prohibition violators have determined to defy the law, they are in a contest which they can't win. My oath of office requires me to enforce this law, and I can and will do it."

The resolutions of the Law and Order League, which occasioned the calling of the special term of the Grand Jury by Judge O'Niell, are as follows:

To the President, and Members of the St. Landry Law and Order League.

CONGRESS REFUSES TO APPROPRIATE MONEY FOR PEST

A Strict Party Vote Defeats Measure for Destruction of Weevil.

Washington, Jan. 31.—The fight for an increased appropriation for experiment and demonstration work against the cotton boll weevil came to a disastrous end this afternoon. The Dickson amendment, calling for \$500,000; the Lever amendment, for \$250,000 and the Wickliffe amendment, for \$225,000, with \$50,000 of that amount available for immediate expenditure, instead of after July 1, were all defeated by strictly partisan votes.

The Republicans all stood back of Chairman Scott in his contention that an increased amendment of money could not be judiciously spent, because no method had been found whereby the insect could be destroyed after it got into the wooded alluvial land of the Delta. They stood back of him notwithstanding that Representatives Wickliffe and Watkins of Louisiana and Humphreys of Mississippi introduced letter after letter from planters saying effective progress had been made against the pest in the Delta country, with the demonstration work suggested by Dr. Knapp of the Bureau of Plant Industry.

"The Gordon's" New Manager.

Mr. Paul Larrieau, for several years the owner and manager of the Opera House Restaurant in Opelousas, has assumed the management of the Gordon Hotel in Lafayette.

Mr. Larrieau while here won fame as a chef, and will doubtless make a name for Lafayette's popular hostelry.

GOVERNOR IS AGAINST NEW BRICK BUILDING DAMMING COURTABLEAU FOR CITY OF OPELOUSAS

"I Am Opposed to Anything That Will Hurt Any People," Says J. Y. Sanders

COMMITTEE WAITS ON HIM

The Stream, However, Will Have to Be Leveled, Thinks the Chief Executive... Will Send Major Kerr

"You may tell the people of St. Landry for me that if I can be of any help to them in opposing the damming of Bayou Courtableau, I will cheerfully render them my aid," said Governor Sanders, to a committee from Opelousas, delegated to invite the Governor to be present at the meeting to be held to-day for the purpose of protesting against damming the Bayou Courtableau above Port Barre. "I will never favor any project which will have the effect of injuring any community or public interest," continued His Excellency.

Messrs. Yves Andrepont and Raymond Breaux went to Baton Rouge last Saturday to invite the Governor to be present at the meeting of protest to be held here to-day. They found the Governor in his office notwithstanding the fact that that day was his birthday—forty-one years old. He expressed his regrets at being unable to attend the Opelousas meeting, but he explained that he could not do so because he had a previous appointment to deliver an address at the dedication of the new school house at Breaux Bridge.

It was after the committee told him of the great harm that would be done this section of the country—harm to its drainage and irrigation—that His Excellency expressed himself so forcibly.

He said there were two propositions confronting the situation in the country where it is proposed to dam—one was to dam the Courtableau, and the other to levee it. "And it will be leveled," said the Governor, "if damming it will hurt the citizens of any community."

The Governor will send Major Kerr, State Engineer, to look into the situation.

A telegram was received yesterday from Congressman Pajo, expressing his regrets at being unable to attend the meeting to be held to-day. He said his official business at Washington demanded his presence there.

"But," says the telegram, "I am opposed to the damming of the Courtableau. I favor opening it by removing the drift, and hope that my bill asking for an appropriation of one hundred thousand dollars will be passed by Congress."

E. P. VEAZIE, Chairman, THOS. H. LEWIS, P. POSTER.

NO MORE LOOSE COINS.

Festive Department Issues An Order to Postmasters in Regard to Rural Routes.

Postmaster Lassalle is in receipt of the following instructions from the postoffice department at Washington: January 25, 1910.

The Postmaster, Sir: In view of the extent to which the practice of placing loose coins in boxes by rural patrons has grown, and the delay in delivery and collection of mail and the hardship imposed on rural carriers incident thereto, you are informed that, commencing February 15, proximo, rural letter carriers will not be required to collect loose coins from rural mail boxes.

Patrons should enclose coins in an envelope, wrap them securely in a piece of paper, or deposit them in a coin-holding receptacle, so they can be easily and quickly taken from boxes, and carriers will be required to lift such coins, and where accompanied by mail for dispatch, attach the requisite stamps.

Respectfully, P. V. DEGRAU, Fourth Assistant Postmaster General.

BOB SMITH COMING

"The Messenger of Truth" to Lecture Here for the Beavers on February 25

"He is an entertainer and humorist of a born type."

"He is the best expounder of the 'Gospel of fun' we have had in our midst."

Such are the expressions of press and pulpit, speaking of Bob Smith, of Mississippi, who will lecture here on Friday, February 25, under the auspices of the Beavers of Opelousas. If recommendations count for anything, Bob Smith is a star.

MR. BEN RISEMAN WILL ERECT STORE BUILDING CORNER LANDRY AND MARKET.

Mr. Ben Riseman Will Erect Store Building Corner Landry and Market.

WILL OCCUPY MAIN BUILDING

Mrs. Riseman Will Occupy Another As Millinery Store, and Third Will Be for Rent.

Mr. Ben Riseman, for several years a prosperous dry goods merchant of Opelousas, will have erected, at once a brick building on the corner of Landry and Market streets.

The contract will be let out to-day, the 5th.

The building will be modern in every respect, and will do credit to the city, as well as to the owner.

It will be 180x80 feet, occupying the corner bought from the Estate of Joe Skinner—one of the most desirable locations in the city. There will be three stores under one roof, Mr. Riseman occupying the main store, which will be two stories high. The other store buildings will be one story, Mrs. Riseman occupying one as a millinery store. The third will be for rent.

Mr. Riseman began business here but a few years ago, with a very moderate capital. Energy and wise business acumen brought him to the front in the business world, and to-day he is deservedly prosperous.

A NEW OFFICE BUILDING

The Lacombe Building, Formerly Occupied As A Saloon, Converted Into New Use.

The brick building owned by Mr. A. Laurent Lacombe, occupied since its erection as a saloon by Mr. Wilhe Ardoin, has been converted into an office building—and it is an elegant one, one of the best appointed in the city.

For several weeks carpenters and painters have been working on it, bringing about the transformation, and now it is, as above stated "ready for business."

Mr. Lacombe himself occupies the front part of the lower floor. Mr. R. Loeb has desk room in the same apartment, as also Major A. D. Stewart. Mr. Lacombe is an insurance agent, Major Stewart deals in life insurance, while Mr. Loeb is a commission merchant. This room is a paragon of comfort and beauty, with artificial palms in the large show window facing Court street.

There are three more rooms to rent on the lower floor, while the upstairs contain eight rooms.

Mr. Lacombe will have no trouble renting his rooms for professional—particularly lawyers'—offices. Situated as the building is, right across the parish courthouse, and two doors from the United States courthouse, makes the location very desirable.

Mr. Lacombe, Major Stewart and Mr. Loeb have already moved into the building.

FRISCO SAFE ROBBED

Thirteen Dollars the Reward of Burglars Who Entered Big Road's Strong Box.

Burglars broke open the safe at the Frisco depot last Tuesday night and stole therefrom about thirteen dollars.

The agent had left the day lock on, and the burglars effected an entrance into the inner door by breaking it open with a pick. The agent left the office at about 10 o'clock, and the burglars necessarily came in after that time.

This is the second burglary, much similar in nature, to occur within two weeks. Last week the store of Mr. J. W. Wilson, on the outskirts of town, was entered into, and his safe blown open with dynamite and some thirty dollars stolen.

Dr. B. A. Littell's announcement for Mayor of Opelousas appears in this issue of the Clarion. Dr. Littell was Mayor of Opelousas for two terms, and fulfilled the duties of the office to the entire satisfaction of his constituency.

Well-poised in mind, but at the same time progressive in ideas, thoroughly conversant with the needs of the people, always ready to listen to any complaint of his people and prompt in attention to them, he is splendid timber for an official position.

Dr. Littell has been identified with Opelousas all of his life—he was born here, and his family has always held a prominent position in the industrial and social life of the city.

DIVISIONISTS APPLY FOR REHEARING

Supreme Court Asked to Reconsider Its Decision Wiping Out Evangelines.

THE COURT IN ERROR

On Several Points, Say Attorneys for Divisionists. Legislature May Provide for Representative.

New Orleans, Jan. 31.—Theodore Coreil, C. E. Guillory and René L. Derouen, intervenors and appellees in the suit Leonce Sandoz et al. vs. Jared Y. Sanders, governor, et al., on Monday filed a petition in the State Supreme Court for a rehearing of their appeal in the matter, which involves the division of the parish of St. Landry and the creating of a new parish to be known as Evangeline.

In asking for a rehearing the appellees represent through their attorneys, Messrs. Dudley L. Guilbeau and James C. Henriques, that, among other reasons why the rehearing should be granted, the court is in error in taking it for granted that the record shows no evidence contrary to the testimony of the plaintiffs with reference to the question of the amount involved. The court had said in its opinion in the matter that the testimony of the plaintiffs "in the absence of contrary evidence" is taken as conclusive and serves as a basis for the court to entertain jurisdiction in the matter. As a matter of fact, it is pointed out, there is evidence contrary to the testimony of the plaintiffs, furnished by Robert Harry, an attorney of Opelousas.

It is further shown that the court is in error when it assumes that the State Legislature sitting in 1910, two years prior to the time when Act 53 of 1908, creating the new parish goes into effect, will not provide a representative for Evangeline. The court had said in its decision of a week ago that the Legislature might or might not so provide. "Granting this proposition to be true," the petition for rehearing recites, "what right has the court to say that the Legislature will not validate the act by providing a representative?"

It is said that it is error on the part of the court to say that Act 53 of 1908 was in conflict with Act 177 of the same session and therefore repealed by the last named act.

The petition for rehearing is lengthy and contains various other reasons, those given being the principal ones.

OAKLAND BEND FIELD SOLD

Acquired by Parties Who Will Probably Plant It Into Rice.—Part of Oakland

For a consideration of seven thousand and two hundred and twenty dollars, Oakland Bend Field Plantation, a part of the Oakland plantation, near Washington, was sold by Mrs. J. H. Creswell to Dr. H. Kilpatrick, of Washington, and C. M. Kilpatrick, of Rapides.

The property sold contains two hundred and fifty-seven acres.

The Clarion learns that the owners will plant cane next season. Estorge & Dunbar made the sale.

NEW STORE FOR OPELOUSAS

Mr. B. L. Sanders Will Open General Merchandise Store in Stephens Property.

Mr. B. L. Sanders, who recently purchased the Stephens property, on Market street, will arrive with his family on or about February 21st.

Mr. Sanders will use the building formerly occupied as a tinshop, by Mr. Stephens, as a store. He is having a neat cottage built on the same lot, which will be occupied by him and his family.

L. L. Danel

Mr. L. L. Danel is a candidate to succeed himself as member of the Board of Aldermen from the Second Ward.

A careful, experienced business man—a man who worked his way up the ladder by his own efforts—he has made a good alderman. Mr. Danel came here as a common laborer—to-day he is manager of, and stockholder in, one of the largest lumber yards in this section. And, as we have said before, he won his spurs in the school of experience.

Mr. C. M. Memtas, formerly of Crowley, will open a confectionery store in the Dejean Building, on Landry street.

Mr. Memtas tells us that his establishment will be first-class in every respect, and he wishes everybody, particularly the ladies, to call and look over his store.