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EIGHT PRISONERS SENTENCED BY COURT

Lawrence Meaux, for Killing His Brother-in-Law At Palmetto, Gets Full Limit.

30 DAYS FOR DUCK STEALING

Fellow Who Stole Ducks Told the Court that He had Not Given the Matter the Thought It Deserved.

Monday last was sentence day in the District Court, the prisoners convicted at the term of Court just adjourned coming up for sentence. There were eight prisoners, six black and two whites. One of the whites, Lawrence Meaux, was up for manslaughter, having killed his brother-in-law in Palmetto. He was charged with murder and convicted of manslaughter. He made a pathetic plea to the Court, calling the attention of His Honor to the fact that he was the only support of a wife and two children, and of an old mother. "Only God and I can help them, and I don't know what they will do without my assistance," he said. Tears came in his eyes as he spoke of his family, and he assured the Court that he regretted his act; that he acted in self defense, and that if he had not killed his kinsman, the latter would have killed him. "I pray that you will be merciful, Judge," he would exclaim repeatedly. Meaux is a young man, about 27 years old handsome and glib of tongue. Judge Pavy said that he regretted that it was his duty to give him the full penalty of the law, but the evidence justified such a course on his part. His sentence was twenty years in the State penitentiary—the full penalty of the law for manslaughter.

Numa Jaco Fontenot was the other white sentenced. He was up for stealing \$2 worth of ducks. "Je pas bien jonglais," he told His Honor, when asked why a grown man like him should be tempted to steal ducks. "Je pas bien jonglais" is supposed to be French, and means that Jaco's mind was so concentrated on duck meat that he did not stop to consider that the stealing thereof was a sin and a crime. Jaco's sobriquet is "Caya," (clabber). The story of the sobriquet is connected with an adventure of his with a bowl of clabber that belonged to another party. "Caya" got thirty days in jail.

An interesting subject coming up for sentence was a peg-legged negro from Melville, John Porter. He was up for "boot-legging" whiskey. This is the second time that he has been before the court for irrigating the throats of the citizens of Melville with "the juice," as one of the witnesses testified. "And they'll catch you again," remarked His Honor, to which Peg replied with hauteur: "No boss, they jest aint gwine ter catch me agin, kase I won't sell de juice no mo'." Considering his crippled condition, Peg was fined 90 days in jail and \$250 fine, and in default 60 days additional.

Edwin Brown hit his cousin in the head, and killed him. He didn't mean to, but the jury thought he was guilty of manslaughter, and convicted him, and His Honor sentenced him to five years in the penitentiary.

Robert Mouis, black, convicted of manslaughter, had been recommended to the extreme mercy of the Court, and was shown mercy to the extent of 10 years in the State penitentiary. In the case of Lemuel Scott, convicted of larceny, His Honor, Judge Pavy, recused himself, having been counsel for the accused, and Hon. Dudley L. Gilbeau administered the lemon to the darkey—18 months in the State penitentiary. Brown said "I hadn't did it," but Judge ad hoc Gilbeau took the word of the jury that Lemuel had "did it."

Anna Wilson is a daughter of Louisa Picayune, alias "Mazon." She is no stranger to the dock, and served a term in the penitentiary not so long ago. She is a victim of kleptomania—things stick to her fingers. This time she "tuck a gemin's watch, kase he was sleeping, and der watch had drapped on der floor." She got eighteen months for taking care of the colored gentleman's watch while he was sleeping off a jag (she had forgot to return the timepiece to him, she admitted).

Geo. Thomas got six months in jail and \$250 fine, and in default of payment of fine, six months additional in jail. He was convicted of assault with a dangerous weapon; but His Honor remarked that Thomas had been lucky, that he should have been convicted of a graver crime. Court adjourned yesterday until this morning, on account of Confederate Memorial Day.

COMPROMISE ON DIVISION HAS BEEN REACHED

Evangeline Parish Advocates Make Concession of Valuable Territory As Price Harmony

It now looks as if Evangeline parish will become a living concern in reality, and that without a fight. There seems to have been an agreement made, by which Evangeline will not get off with all the best territory of the old parish, and old Mother St. Landry and her baby will be fast friends, as a mother and child should be. By the agreement it is proposed that Eunice, Mallet, Plaquemine Point and Paquetique should remain in the old parish. The people from these sections want to stay with the old mother, and the advocates of Evangeline have agreed to let them stay. There was also a move to retain Lower Mamou in the old parish, it being contended that the people of that section preferred coming to Opelousas to transact their legal business, than to Ville Platte. The news received here, however, point to the fact that Lower Mamou will go to the new parish, it being doubtful if Evangeline would have the required area if lower Mamou were given to the old St. Landry. The concession made by the Evangeline advocates is considerable. The new parish will be but 640 square miles fifteen square miles more than is necessary to create a new parish. The line will run along the Bayou des Cannes four miles north of Eunice. It is proposed, according to the agreement, to have the bill creating the parish as passed by the House of Representatives Tuesday, amended so as to change the boundary lines as above stated. The bill passed Tuesday, by a vote of 102 to 1 (Allen of St. Mary voting against), fixes the lines as originally voted by the people. There was legal reason for this, say the divisionists. It is understood that Governor Sanders played the part of a Solomon in the affair, and brought the warring factions together in a compromise. Governor Sanders has given much attention to the division fight in this parish, and familiarized himself with every phase of it, and thus put himself in position to advise intelligently. Delegates representing both sides have been in Baton Rouge. The Opelousas delegation wanted, as a basis of compromise, all of the eighth police jury ward, excepting a slight portion taken from the Northern line of the ward line. As stated before, the Lower Mamou section was excluded, the Bayou des Cannes being made the division line. The Clarion is glad that a compromise has been effected. While it is unilaterally opposed to division, it recognizes the fact that the time has come when it is for the good of all that there should be an amicable understanding in the matter. In the words of Cardinal Pandolph: "Thou may'st hold a serpent by the tongue, A lion chased by the mortal paw, A fasting tiger safer by the teeth. Than keep in peace that hand which thou dost hold."

IMPROVEMENTS IN CUMBERLAND TELEPHONE SERVICE.

Entire East Side of St. Landry State Bank Building Leased for Ten Years.

"Business is picking up with us right along," says Mr. Harrison, local manager of the Cumberland Telephone & Telegraph Co., "and we have found it necessary to lease more rooms from the St. Landry State Bank, where we have been ever since our coming here." The Cumberland Company will install many improvements. It now serves less than four hundred subscribers, but the demands for 'phones has prompted it to decide to put in a plant that will supply eight hundred. These improvements will take place within the next sixty days. The lease with the St. Landry State Bank includes the entire east side of the building. The company is now occupying two rooms on the west side. The location—the St. Landry State Bank building—is a splendid one, and the Cumberland seems to appreciate the fact.

"GIRL FROM THE WEST"

Local Talent, Under Professional Management, To Give a Play

"A Girl from the West" is the name of a four-act comedy drama, to be presented by local talent, at Sandoz's Opera House on Tuesday, June 7th, for the benefit of the Lake Charles Convent, recently destroyed by fire. The play is under the auspices of the Immaculate Conception Convent of Opelousas, and the talent is under the tutelage of Mr. Hoffman, a professional actor. The play itself is a sparkling comedy, dealing in Cripple Creek, Col., mining stock, and in Wall Street, New York, speculation. There are in it strong dramatic climaxes. The Stock Exchange scene, in the second act, is one of the best of its kind. Each character is selected with a view to his particular adaptiveness to the part, and with Mr. Hoffman, long experienced as an actor and director, at its head, it is expected that "A Girl from the West" will be a "fetching" affair—apart that will be enjoyed by all who attend. Prices 50 and 25 cents.

Dr. Davis Returns.

After several weeks spent at the Eye, Nose & Throat Hospital at New Orleans, taking a special course in the treatment of the diseases of these organs, Dr. R. A. Davis is home again, specializing these diseases. His office is at his residence, corner of Union and South streets.

Big Beet.

That the sugar beet can be grown successfully in this country is amply shown by the experiments made by Mr. C. C. Johnson, who has a farm near Melville. One sent to the Clarion office last week weighed nine and a half pounds, and is a perfect specimen of the sugar beet. The Clarion is told that the sugar beet is as profitable as the sugar cane.

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF "GUMBO"

Albert Isaacs Is at the Head of the State University Paper.

Albert Isaacs is a son of Mr. Thos. S. Isaacs, of Opelousas. The following special, published in the New Orleans papers, announces his election to the editorship of "Gumbo," a college publication—quite an honor. "A. J. Isaacs was yesterday chosen editor-in-chief, and T. B. Pugh, business manager of the 1911 Gumbo by the present junior class. The new editor is a member of the Sugar School, in which he has pursued a course for the past three years. During this time he has been the editor-in-chief of the Demeter, the monthly publication of the university, devoted to agricultural subjects, president of the Sugar and Agricultural Club, and a member of the Garig Literary Society. Mr. Pugh has also been connected with the publications of the university, having served on the Revue staff. He has also been a member of the Hill Debating Society.

Death of Lucien Mistrice.

Mr. Lucien Mistrice, aged 54 years, died at his home near Leonville on May 28th, and was buried at the Catholic Church here last Sunday. His death is a sad blow to his entire family. He leaves a wife and three small children. Mr. Mistrice was of a kind and gentle disposition and no one who had known him could ever truthfully say one word against his character. In him his family lose a kind father and the community an honest and upright citizen. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the stricken family in their bereavement.

Jewish Exercises

On Sunday afternoon, June 5, at 3 o'clock, Confirmation exercises of the Jewish children will be held in the Methodist church at Washington, La. Friends and relatives of the confirmants living in Opelousas and nearby towns, are most cordially invited to attend. Rabbi Moise Bergman, of New Orleans, will conduct the services, which are always very impressive. The confirmants are: Misses May Klaus, Lottie Tankel, Masters Julien Wolff, Harry Tankel, Sol. Klaus, Benie Tankel.

BIG DAY FOR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TO-MORROW

Fifth Initiation of the Local Council, at Which Thirty-Five Will Take Degrees

ISABELLAS WILL BANQUET

Newly Elected Knights...Special Mass at Which Father Grace, S. J., Will Officiate at 10:30

To-morrow, Sunday, June 5th, will be a big day for the Knights of Columbus. The local Council will have its fifth initiation, and some thirty-five gentlemen from this and adjoining parishes will be admitted into the Order. The Opelousas Council's team will exemptify the first and second degrees and the Dallas team will confer the third degree, the whole being under the direction of District Deputies Sandoz and Cambre, and State Deputy Caillouet. A special Mass for the candidates and Knights is set for 10:30 a. m., and on this occasion Rev. Father Grace, S. J. of Grand Coteau College, will preach. A good attendance from other Councils is already assured, and as the several railroads which enter this city have granted low rates, good beginning Saturday and returning until Monday, it is believed that Franklin, Alexandria, Lafayette, Crowley and Jeanerette will send strong delegations. At 8 o'clock Sunday evening the Daughters of Isabella will tender a banquet to the newly-elected Knights and the visitors and members of the local Council at the K. of C. Home. Every effort is being made to make this event a delightful one in every respect.

Quiet Wedding Monday.

Mr. Charles Ventre and Miss Eva Dossmann will be quietly married at the Catholic Church on next Monday morning, the 6th, at 7:30 o'clock. No invitations have been issued. Miss Dossmann is the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Dossmann, and Mr. Ventre is a prominent merchant of the city.

Grand Coteau.

Grand Coteau, June 1.—The feast of Corpus Christi which was celebrated here last Thursday at the Sacred Heart Church was largely attended. A high mass was sung at eight in the morning which was followed by a solemn procession of the Blessed Sacrament. The repository was beautifully decorated with lace curtains, numerous flowers and lights by Mrs. A. D. Martin and others. Benediction was given there and in church after the procession. The singing under the direction of Mrs. S. Feucht added to the solemnity of the occasion.

Mr. J. J. Barry returned home last Wednesday, after several weeks spent with Mrs. E. P. Olivier at Jeanerette.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Richard were visiting relatives here last week.

Judge O. C. Mouton and Mr. Hebert F. Richard of Lafayette were in town Thursday.

Misses Ophelia Bronsard, Louise and Judith Stelly of Carencro were Thursday visitors here.

Mr. C. M. Smith of Lafayette was in our midst last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Barry and family visited Opelousas Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Grace of Plaquemine were here a few days last week.

Miss Mary Tarilton was in Opelousas Sunday.

Mr. Jules Petetin and Mrs. A. D. Martin were in Opelousas Saturday.

Misses Julie and Alice Petetin are visiting their sister, Mrs. J. C. Barry, in Lafayette.

Mrs. Des Mizzi of Opelousas was the guest of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. S. Barry, a few days this week. Those who visited Lafayette Sunday were: Messrs. Jules and Eugene Petetin, Robert Barry, Frank, Edward and Joe Olivier, Archie Oge, Lawrence and Leonel Elmer, Edmond Speyzer and Hippolite Meche. Misses Marie Richard and Ruth Barry are visiting relatives in Alexandria. Dr. T. T. Tarilton and Mr. E. V. Barry attended the K. of C. initiation in Franklin Sunday. Messrs. Walter Barry and Gordon Oge were in Carencro Sunday. Messrs. F. S. Barry, Armand Petetin, Leo and Eaton Guilbeau, Cook and Walter Smith were Arnaudville visitors Sunday.

GRADUATING EXERCISES JUNE SIXTEENTH

Seven Will Graduate from the St. Landry High School, Three Boys and Four Girls.

SUPT. HARRIS WILL SPEAK

Miss Josie Price Valedictorian, and Mr. Hilton Sandoz Salutatorian...Musical Program.

The graduating exercises of the St. Landry High School will take place at the High School Auditorium on Thursday, June 16th. A class of seven will graduate this year—four girls and three boys. An entertaining program has been arranged, and those wishing to witness the exercises are requested to make application to Prof. Prescott, Principal, beginning Saturday, June 11. Tickets will be issued from that date until seating capacity is exhausted. This is the usual custom, on account of the limited seating room of the auditorium. Prof. Harris, State Superintendent of Public Education, will make the address to the graduates. The program is as follows:

- PROGRAM**
—March—
Salutatory..... Mr. Hilton Sandoz
Vocal Selections
Class History, Prophecy and will..... Miss Louise Estorge
Valedictory..... Miss Josie Price
Vocal Selection
Address to Graduates..... Hon. T. H. Harris, State Supt. Pub. Education
Violin Trio
Presentation of Diplomas..... Supt. C. J. Thompson
Awarding of Medals..... Mr. A. B. Pavy
Chorus..... High School
No Flowers
Children under twelve not allowed. Admission by card, which can be secured at Principal's office, High School, beginning Saturday June 11th and continuing until seating capacity is exhausted. The Graduates are: Misses Josie Price, Louise Estorge, Alice Chachere, Rita Desmarais, Messrs. Hilton Sandoz, Joseph Chachere, and John Guidry. Class Motto: Ad astra per aspera. Class Colors: Olive and pink. St. Landry High School Auditorium Thursday June 16th, 1910, at 8:30 o'clock p. m.

Two Barrels to the Tree.

Mr. Christian Mornhinveg brought the Clarion a bunch of Japan plums, the finest we have seen in this country. He has four trees, and he estimates that each tree will yield two barrels of fruit. He is preserving them.

TRAINS ON SEPTEMBER 1ST.

Latest News is That Lafayette-Baton Cut-Off Will be in Operation Then

Baton Rouge, May 31.—The Southern Pacific's Lafayette-Baton Rouge cut-off will be in Baton Rouge and have its trains in operation here by the 1st of September, says a Baton Rouge special. This is the information given officials of the city by officials of the system, and it is also the information given by the engineering department of the road. It is said that with this announcement the road allows itself ample time for every possible delay, and as a matter of fact, will probably be in here with its trains before the 1st of September. The Southern Pacific will use the incline of the Colorado Southern on the western side of the river, just as the Colorado Southern road is using the incline of the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley on the eastern side now. When the trains get on this side they will be taken care of by the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley system, which is now with the Southern Pacific and Illinois Central, a part of what is known as the Harriman system. Additional tracks will probably have to be built in Baton Rouge, and in the yards just north of the city limits to take care of the increased traffic from the Southern Pacific line.

JUDGE PAVY DELIVERS SALUTATORY CHARGE

"Blind Tigers Will Not Be Permitted to Flourish in St. Landry Parish."

WILL GIVE THEM FULL LIMIT

His Honor Tells Jury that Neglect of Officer to Do His Duty is Indictable...Grand Jury Master of Situation.

"I now charge you that willful neglect on the part of any officer to perform a legal duty is an indictable offense, called nonfeasance in office," emphasized Judge Pavy, in his charge to the Grand Jury last Monday. He said that officers were conservators of the peace, and it was their duty to adopt every lawful means to prevent the commission of crime, and that it is immaterial whether the offense is a violation of the liquor law or a homicide. "An officer who respects his duty will be governed in one case as in the other, and the officer who neglects his duty in either case is guilty of nonfeasance." Judge Pavy touched upon the concubinage law; the law against obstructing private drains; the law prohibiting the drinking on trains; the Sunday Law, and the law against attending public functions in an intoxicated condition. The latter law he laid special stress upon. He said that perhaps the Grand Prairie tragedy would not have taken place, had not the disturbers been drunk. The Grand Jury was empaneled Monday with Charles Thibodeaux as Foreman, and the following as members: Avis Landreneau, A. R. Fontenot, J. J. Thompson, Theophile Rozas, Jr., G. DeKerlegand, Armstrong Smith, C. N. Lavergne, B. H. Wall, Octave Fontenot, Henry Gaty, Henry Glaze. The Jury sat until Thursday evening, when it adjourned until Monday, Friday being Confederate Memorial Day. Judge Pavy's charge is as follows: Gentlemen of the Grand Jury, you have been organized as a grand inquest for the purpose of examining into and reporting upon all species of offenses committed in violation of the laws of the State, in the Parish of St. Landry, since the session of the last grand jury, or prior thereto if the commission thereof was not brought to its attention or that of an officer having the authority to prosecute the same. Your oath requires you to diligently inquire and true presentment make of all such matters and things as shall be given you in charge, or otherwise come to your knowledge, touching the present service. The first designation of subjects of inquiry are those "which shall be given you in charge." This means that those matters which shall be called to your attention by the Court or submitted to your attention and consideration by the District Attorney.

The second are those which "shall otherwise come to your knowledge" touching the present service. This means those matters within the sphere of and relating to your duties, other than those to which your attention has been called by the Court, or submitted to you by the District Attorney. It must come to your knowledge, not by rumors and reports, but by knowledge acquired from the evidence brought before you, or from your own observation. While you are inquiring as to the commission of one offense, another and a different one may be proved, or witnesses in testifying may commit the crime of perjury. Some of you may have personal knowledge of the commission of an offense against the laws of the State, or of facts which tend to show that an offense has been committed. In this connection, I deem it my duty to call your attention to Act 78 of 1869, which provides that "any Grand Juror at any term of court where a Grand Jury is empaneled, who shall fail to inform of any violation of the criminal laws of the State, or any crime committed within the parish for which he is empaneled as a grand juror since the sitting of the last preceding grand jury in that parish, which may have come to his personal knowledge, or of which he may have been informed, upon due conviction thereof shall suffer the punishment prescribed in said Act."

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FARMERS' MEETING IS POSTPONED

Mr. White, of the Frisco Lines, Will Not Be Here Until June 11th

FRISCO DOING GREAT WORK

In the Development of Sections Along Its Line...Railroads Great Country Builders

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Your jurisdiction is confined to this parish, and a distance of one hundred yards beyond its boundary lines, and extends to the middle or centre of the river which forms its boundary on the east. If a crime has commenced in another parish and completed in this, you have jurisdiction thereof and can examine into and report on the same. Nine (9) members of the jury constitute a quorum, and the vote of the same number is required to find or ignore a bill. The foreman has authority to administer the oath to the witnesses, and he or any other member can conduct the examination. You may regulate the hours of opening and closing your sessions, and you may adjourn for any time not exceeding three (3) days without the leave of the Court, but for a longer time the leave of the Court is necessary and must be obtained. Having charged you as to the extent of your powers as grand jurors, I call your attention to the following special laws:

(1) Section 910 of the Revised Statutes of 1870, provides: "Whoever shall keep a grog or tippling shop, or retail spirituous or intoxicating liquors without previously obtaining a license from the police jury or municipal authorities, on conviction shall be fined not less than \$100, nor more than \$500; and in default of payment of fine and costs shall be imprisoned for a term within the discretion of the Court." Section 1211 confers on the Police

Your investigations are therefore limited, let to such matters as may be called to your attention by the Court; 2nd, to such as may be submitted for your attention and consideration by the District Attorney; 3rd, to such as may come to your knowledge in the course of your investigations into the matters brought before you or from your own observations or personal knowledge; and, 4th, that which may come to your knowledge from the disclosures of your associates.

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