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OFFICER HORN SHOOTS AN ESCAPED CONVICT

Amos Brown, a "third timer," Attempts to Get Away from Officer, and is Shot.

HIS CONDITION IS SERIOUS

Has Been Convicted Twice from This Parish—Robbed Residence Last Sunday in Peculiar Manner.

Amos Brown, 42 years old, 5 feet 5 1/2 inches, weight 166 pounds, dark griffe, brown eyes, black hair turning grey, is at the point of death within the penitentiary walls at Baton Rouge, from a pistol bullet which penetrated his body, entering in the small of the back, three inches to the right of the backbone, and coming out on the left side.

The bullet was fired by Deputy Sheriff Plais Horn, of St. Landry, when the negro was attempting to enter a cane field and make his escape, at point a few miles from Gold Dust, in Avoyelles parish, Tuesday evening.

Brown is a "third timer"—that is, this is his third term in the penitentiary, and he was very much wanted by the penitentiary authorities. He went from this parish twice, both times for burglary. He was at the time he escaped serving a term of three years and six months from Madison parish, for burglary. He was received at the penitentiary February 4th, 1910, and escaped from a camp at Natchitoches June 9, 1910.

Brown is a St. Landry negro, and lived nearly all of his life in the Sunset neighborhood. He was an inveterate thief, and considered very dangerous.

His last "stunt" before his capture shows his boldness. It seems that he had been harbored by a negro near Opelousas, but he got information that Officer Horn was hot on his trail, and concluded to leave for new fields. But he had no clothes, and he needed a few other articles which would come in handy in his pilgrimage. It was day time, and he could not wait to enter any place by night, so he ran to a negro cabin and told the negro that her husband's horse had fallen on him (her husband) and that he wanted her to come to him. The field in which the husband worked was a considerable distance from the house, and while the grief-stricken wife ran to the aid of her supposedly wounded husband, Brown walked into the house and leisurely helped himself to some clothes and an accordion. He then made for the Southern Pacific track and left. This was Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

As soon as the matter was reported to the Sheriff's office, Mr. Horn suspected that Brown was the bold thief, and set out after him. But Brown had over a day's start on him, and while he heard from him at several points, he could not overtake him.

At Whiteville Mr. W. B. Jester joined him with a fast horse and buggy, and just before dark they reached a point where they could go no further in a vehicle. They went afoot, over fields and ridges, and finally intercepted Brown just before dark. They crept up to where he had to pass, put all parties getting to the spot about the same time, the officer and his aid had no time to jump the high railroad fence, so they leveled the guns at him and commanded him to stop. Instead of stopping, he bolted for a cane field on the other side, and as he was about to disappear Mr. Horn shot. The negro fell at the first shot, with part of his body within the cane field.

He was taken to Gold Dust, and medical attention rendered him, and was brought to Opelousas on the "Mary Jane" that night, and to Baton Rouge Wednesday.

Mr. Horn received the \$50 reward, but says he will not come out much ahead in the transaction, as his expense in trailing the nigger for something like a month, and the medical bill, and the voyage to Baton Rouge, will eat up the entire amount.

The negro is not expected to live.

WILL SEND FREE MAIL DELIVERY INSPECTOR

Postoffice Department Replies to Postmaster Lassalle in Regard to Free Mail.

SOME OF THE REQUIREMENTS

Must Have Good Sidewalks, and Houses Must Be Numbered and Provided With Mail Box

Postmaster Goldman L. Lassalle is in receipt of a letter from the Postoffice Department, advising him that an inspector would be in Opelousas shortly and examine into the matter of free mail delivery for the city.

He prescribes some of the requirements for free mail delivery to be good sidewalks, houses numbered, and that every house should arrange either a box, or slit in door, so that the carrier will not have to wait for someone to take the mail from him.

We have the sidewalks, and the numbering of the houses is an easy and cheap matter, numbers costing about 25 cents each. The other requirement, the receptacle for the mail, or slit in the door, is too insignificant in cost to stand in the way of attaining free delivery, particularly when the requirements will prove as much of a convenience to the parties receiving mail as it will to the carrier.

Alderman Loeb has taken a lively interest in the matter, and Postmaster Lassalle acknowledges much aid from the Alderman from the Fourth ward.

"MR. BOB" FOR BENE-FIT OF CONFEDERATES

Laughable Comedy at the Elk Theatre Tonight—Local Talent Form the Cast

To-night, at the Elk, will be rendered "Mr. Bob," a comedy in two acts, said to be a suspender-buster. Moving pictures, representing Confederate war scenes, will be presented between acts. The Elk management has sent for these films, and hope to get them in time for the performance. If they don't arrive in time, other films will be shown.

The performance is for the benefit of the Mouton Monument, to be erected on the courthouse square, to the memory of the gallant General Alfred Mouton, who met a tragic death at Mansfield.

Neither the Elk management or the cast will take a cent of the proceeds, all going to the monument fund.

The cast of characters is as follows: Philip Royson... H. R. Bodemuller Robert Brown (Clerk of Benson & Benson)... Marshall Thompson Jenkins (Miss Rebecca's Butler)

Alvin May Rebecca Luke (A Maiden Lady) Miss Regina May Katherine Rogers (her niece) Miss Myrtle Fisher Marion Bryant (Katherine's friend) Miss Marie Meginley Patty (Miss Rebecca's maid) Miss Alice Juge

Admission 25 and 15 cents.

Powell-Kelley.

Mr. J. S. Powell, of Dallas, Texas, and Miss Virginia Kelley, of Opelousas, were quietly married at the home of the bride by Rev. May Wednesday, Aug. 8, 1910, at 8:30 o'clock, there being no one present except the immediate families.

The groom is a prominent business man of the Texas city, while the bride is the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Kelley, of Opelousas.

The Clarion extends congratulations.

PARISH MEDICAL SOCIETY HAVE AN INTERESTING MEETING

The quarterly meeting of the St. Landry Parish Medical Society, held at the courthouse, in Opelousas, last Saturday, was not largely attended, but the session was an interesting and profitable one.

Those present were Drs. Foster & Foster, R. M. Littell, W. R. Bondreau, G. W. Martin, R. A. Davis, R. A. Mayer and L. Lazaro.

Two interesting cases of dyptheria were reported by Dr. R. M. Littell; one case of foreign body in the throat

by Dr. L. Lazaro; four typical cases of pellagra in a destitute negro family of ten by Dr. G. W. Martin; a practical paper of intestinal obstruction by Dr. Eoster of Shreveport.

In discussing pellagra Dr. Mayer said that when corn was mentioned as a probable cause, one should say "diseased" or "spoilt" corn, in justice to our section of the country, because it was a well-known fact that most of the spoilt corn was brought here from other sections.

BAILEY'S TRIUMPHAL MARCH IN VERNON

Will Carry the Parish by A Whooping Majority--Met Everywhere With Assurances of Support.

Hon. James J. Bailey, candidate for Congress, returned from an itinerary through Vernon parish Wednesday, and the St. Landry man hopes to carry the parish by a vote of four to one.

That he will carry it handsomely there is not the least doubt—it is only a question of majority.

Vernon has always been a Pujo stronghold. Mr. Bailey went to Acadia Thursday, and spoke at Crowley to a packed house. St. Landry's daughter will be carried by Mr. Bailey by a large majority. Acadia has always been a Pujo parish.

Avoyelles is said to be strong for Mr. Bailey, and there will be a close fight in Rapides, with chances in favor of "the Tall Sycamore" from St. Landry.

It is also whispered that Mr. Pujo will have a job carrying his own parish of Calcasieu—that is, getting even a plurality over Bailey and Reid.

With these indications, it must look to anyone knowing anything at all about politics that Bailey is the next Congressman.

It looks that way to the Clarion, and it looks that way to people, not only within the confines of the district, but throughout the State.

The following dispatches from the different towns in Vernon, in which Mr. Bailey spoke, tell a winning tale:

AT LEESVILLE. Leesville, Aug. 5.—Hon. James J. Bailey, of Opelousas, candidate for Congress, received a veritable ovation here to-day. He was met at the depot by an enthusiastic crowd and a brass band.

The attendance at the meeting was exceedingly large, and things looked all Baileyan. He was repeatedly cheered as he made telling points

against his opponent. Hon. Wilmer Lyles presided over the meeting, and was eulogistic in his introduction of Mr. Bailey.

It was Bailey day in Leesville, the capital of Vernon parish.

AT ORANGE.

Orange, La., Aug. 6.—A big meeting, solid for Bailey, was held here to-day, over which Hon. John Franklin presided. Prof. Hudson, of the High School, spoke enthusiastically and eloquently of the young St. Landryan's chances to win against Mr. Pujo, and told of how Vernon would roll up a majority for him. There were other speakers, and all agreed that Vernon would be in the Bailey column on September 6th.

TWO MEETINGS ON 8TH.

Rosepine, Aug. 8.—After speaking at Hornbeck to-day, Mr. J. J. Bailey, candidate for Congress, spoke here this evening. The Hornbeck meeting was a large one. Prof. James presided.

The meeting here was a monster one, and almost solidly Bailey. Police Juror Cryer was chairman of the meeting, and assured Mr. Bailey that Rosepine would be with him.

BIG MEETING AT PITKIN.

Pitkin, Aug. 9.—This community showed to-day that it was of strong Bailey sentiment in his candidacy for Congress, when the St. Landry man spoke here. The meeting was one of the largest held here for a long time, and Mr. Bailey seemed to have the crowd completely with him. Hon. Van Sant presided, and he was repeatedly cheered when he told of how he would stand with the people, and not with the corporate interests.

FINED HEAVILY FOR VIOLATING PROHIBITION LAW

A. H. Garland, Esq., has been Acting City Judge this week, in place of Judge Kerr, who went to New Orleans with his daughter Pearl for medical treatment.

One of Judge Garland's first cases was Fred Stanley, who keeps an ice-cream parlor on Court street, who was charged by officer Hollier with violating the prohibition law, which came up Tuesday.

Judge Garland fined Stanley \$100 and costs and serve thirty days in jail, and in default of payment of fine, 60 days additional.

Stanley was also arraigned before the District Court, and entered the plea of guilty. Judge Pavy fined him \$500 and three months in jail, and in default of payment, six additional months in jail. This means for the darkey one year in jail, as it is not probable he will pay any of the fines.

FIFTY-FIVE-POUND MELON.

A Chitcol Product That is A Monster... Raised on the Griffith Farm.

A fifty-five pound water melon is such a healthy looking "chile" that a nigger would commit almost any crime to get a taste of its crimson "heart."

It is a monster, and is bigger in reality than one can tell about it. As the clearance sale advertisement would read, "One must see to believe."

Such a melon was received by Leon Haas, Esq., of Opelousas, with compliments of Mrs. P. H. Griffith, of Chicot. It was raised on the Griffith farm, near Chicot, and "there are others like it," said Capt. Haas, who brought the monster to town.

The melon has been photographed, and its handsome likeness will form a part of the Clarion's big Trade Edition.

—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Boagni have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Madeline, to Mr. J. A. Junge. The bride-to-be is a most charming and beloved young lady of our city, while the groom-to-be is a young man who, during his stay of two years here, has made a host of friends. Mr. Junge is originally from Fort Madison, Iowa, and is employed in the office of the Opelousas, Gulf & Northeastern Railroad at this place. The marriage will take place early this Fall.

MR. GULLORY MAKES CORRECTION AS TO HIS POSITION.

Wanted the Entire Parish of Evangeline to Vote on Courthouse Site in Ville Platte.

The Clarion cheerfully publishes the following correction: Ville Platte, La., Aug. 8th, 1910. Editor St. Landry Clarion:

I see from your paper of last Saturday, someone informed you erroneously of the stand I took here in the matter of selecting the Court House site. I advocated putting this question to the voters of the entire parish and not to the town of Ville Platte, as stated by you.

I recognized the authority of the Police Jury to select this site themselves, but since there are various sites of various sizes in various locations being offered or suggested, I took the view that this being a parish property the voters of the entire parish could easily be given a say in this matter by having a separate ticket for this at each poll the same day with the election for officers. I believe in putting it up to the whole people each time, when it is the business of the whole people. The foregoing is what Mr. Dossmann and Austin Ponton both objected to; they were strangely interested in this matter, and while I recognize their friendly interest, I still believe they opposed as clear a Democratic principle as ever Jefferson dreamed of—to let the people speak when it is their business.

Very respectfully,
O. E. GULLORY.

Death of Mrs. Robt. M. Helmer. Mrs. Robert M. Helmer, nee Marthe Dossmann, died at the family home, in Dossmann, on Tuesday, August 9, at 5 o'clock, p. m., and the remains were interred in the Catholic cemetery at Ville Platte on the evening of the 10th.

Mrs. Helmer had been ill for some years with heart troubles, and her sudden death was no great surprise to the family, although a heartwound that will last forever.

She was dearly beloved by family and friends. Her sunny disposition and kindly qualities won the esteem of all, and her death is deeply mourned.

Deceased was the wife of Robert M. Helmer, a prosperous farmer of the Dossmann neighborhood, and a sister of Hon. L. J. Dossmann, Dr. R. L. Dossmann and B. S. Dossmann. She leaves no children.

The Clarion extends heartfelt condolences.

"GREAT SENSATION ALL ALONG THE LINE"

So Commissioner White, of the Frisco, Says Speaking of St. Landry Exhibits.

WANTS 2 DAYS PARISH FAIR

At Which He Will Offer Cash Prizes...November the Month Preferable to Him for Fair.

From a letter, which is published below, it will be seen that the people of this section did not "waste their sweetness on the desert air" when they exerted themselves, and succeeded so admirably, in entertaining the agriculturists of the Frisco railroad on July 28th.

The quoted letter is from Mr. White, of the Frisco, who had charge of the exhibit car which came here, and who delivered such an interesting and instructive address on the occasion.

"The samples that you people so kindly furnished me have created a sensation all along the line." Just think of it—"created a sensation," which means that the "people all along the line" did not know what we had here, and when they saw with their own eyes, it "created a sensation."

Mr. White announces in the letter that he will return to Opelousas in November, at which time he would like for our people to get up a two days' parish fair, at which he will offer cash prizes.

The Opelousas Progressive League will at once take hold of the matter, and the Clarion has no the least doubt but that the enterprise will be highly successful.

It should be, and it will be. The letter, addressed to Mr. J. G. Lawrence, is as follows:

Springfield, Mo., July 30th, 1910. "Since leaving you I have been doing quite a good deal of thinking and have some matters that I want to suggest to you and which I think will be of interest to both you and all the people of your section.

"The samples that you people so kindly have furnished me have created a great sensation all along the line. All day Saturday and Sunday our car has been crowded with visitors, all of whom are simply astonished at the wonderful products of your rich soil. This is the sort of advertising that tells. People want to be shown. Last night I stopped at a hotel where a gentleman from Jennings, Louisiana, had been staying for a week or more. He said that he had been telling the people of the producing power of the Louisiana soils but that the people only laughed at what he told. We stopped at this town for several hours and these same people were taken through the car and shown these samples, when many of them said that the man never told half of it. So you see we may go and talk forever and unless we have the goods to show much of our wind will be lost. While these samples are a great credit to your progressive League and good farmers yet they were gotten up and handled at a great disadvantage. The excessive rains had made everything so tender and soft that it was almost impossible to handle these things without breaking and bruising them up. Now this work which we have started is going to stimulate others in getting up exhibits from Louisiana and while this will give us a wonderful exhibit for this summer yet I want to go one better for the great exhibit at Chicago in December.

"Therefore I have thought of offering some cash prizes to your people as outlined in the enclosed for the best samples to be gathered as they mature and stored in some good, safe place, away from rats and mice and where they would not get weather beaten or soiled. I will come in November with my car and pick these samples up and pay the prize winners cash prizes. I could not ask nor expect you people to spend another cent but I think we could have two days at least of a Parish Fair when these things could be brought in from the farms. You have plenty of good home talent as was demonstrated beyond any question last Thursday. We could have some speaking by both your home and from one or two outsiders whom I would bring with me.

"Should your Progressive League and the good ladies decide to have a little basket dinner it would all be in order. Now this can be gotten up without any expense on the part of the people further than to give a little time and attention to the matter. Talk this over with the Progressive League and people generally and advise me on your opinion of the plan.

"I am not only going to give Louisiana the credit for these exhibits but I am also going to emphasize the St. Landry Parish part, and will put a large sign over them "From St. Landry Parish."

Walter Dillon, Crack St. Landry Horse. Falls in Another Big Purse.

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CONGRESSMAN PUJO WILL SPEAK HERE NEXT MONDAY.

Has Been Making a Whirlwind Campaign in the West, and is Satisfied With Situation.

MISS CARRON ELECTED SECRETARY.

The Clarion heartily congratulates Miss Minnie Carron upon her election as Secretary of the State Farmers' Alliance.

Miss Carron is from Eunice, and one of St. Landry's deserving and popular young ladies.

She is elected Secretary—quite a responsible position—to fill the vacancy created in that office by the death of the late secretary.

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A party of Church Point people met Mr. Bailey when on his way to Crowley, and accompanied him to the latter place. There seems to be no doubt of the overwhelming Bailey sentiment in this section.

NOMINATIONS CLOSE TODAY IN EVANGELINE PARISH

Police Jury of New Parish Employ Firm Headed by Senator Foster to Defend Suit

The Police Jury of Evangeline parish—which body is also the Democratic Executive Committee of that parish—will meet in Ville Platte to-day and receive nomination applications from candidates for parish offices, and select commissioners. Nominations close at 12 o'clock noon.

There is considerable speculation as to what candidates will finally enter the race. There is much "shuffling" of the political deck right now in the new parish.

To-morrow will tell the tale. BIG FIRM EMPLOYED. The committee of the Police Jury of Evangeline parish employed to employ lawyers to defend the suit for the annulment of the Act creating Evangeline parish, has employed the law firm headed by Senator Murphy J. Foster and Mr. Millings of New Orleans and Franklin.

It had been intended to employ the firm of Saunders, Dufour & Dufour to handle the case, but Judge Saunders (who drew up the bill) is in Europe, and one of the Dufours is sunning somewhere.

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TWO SYSTEMS LOOKING INTO PROPOSED ROAD

Frisco and Southern Pacific Have Called for Survey, Profiles, Etc., of

AVOYELLES, PALMETTO & GULF

Mr. E. P. Veazie Returns from New Orleans, and Says Prospects for New Road Are Fine.

"Why, prospects are just splendid," said "Squire" E. P. Veazie, who returned from New Orleans, where he had been on railroad business, Tuesday last. He referred to the prospects for the Avoyelles, Palmetto & Gulf Railroad coming to Opelousas.

The projected line, as chartered, is to run from Moreauville, through Plaquemine and Palmetto, to Opelousas. It is proposed, however, to eventually run on through to Natchez, Miss.

Mr. Veazie tells us that the Frisco and the Southern Pacific systems have called for the survey, profiles, etc., gotten together by the people of Avoyelles and St. Landry, and are both figuring on taking hold of the proposed line.

That the line will be built is practically certain.

Whether the terminus will be Port Barre of Opelousas is the question. And from late information, it is apparent that Opelousas, "the logical point," has decidedly the best of the situation.

PUJO WILL STILL DRAW A SALARY, EVEN IF DEFEATED

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