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SHAFFER TELLS MAYOR VETS ARE COMING

Preparations Being Made for Reunion of Warriors and Descendants in September Next.

OVER 1000 PEOPLE WILL COME

Gen. Shaffer Looks Forward to a Pleasant Time in the Hospitable City of Opelousas.

"In the name and in behalf of the Confederate Veterans, I thank you for your very kind and cordial invitation to them to hold their Reunion for 1910 in your city," writes Gen. Thos. J. Shaffer, Major General Commanding the Louisiana Division of the United Confederate Veterans, to Mayor Mike Halphen, of Opelousas.

Continuing the General says: "I can assure you that your invitation is accepted with a great deal of pleasure, and we shall look forward with a great deal of satisfaction and pleasure of meeting your hospitable people. I have already written my general order, announcing Opelousas as our place of meeting."

The dates set for the Reunion are September 23, 29 and 30.

It is estimated that over a thousand people will be guests of Opelousas during these three days. Not only do the U. C. V. meet, but the Daughters and Sons of the Confederacy will also be here, besides many visitors.

The Progressive League, the Civic League and the Young Men's Alliance are interesting themselves in making preparations for the reception of the "old warriors and their descendants, and there seems no doubt but that Opelousas will, as in former occasions, "do herself proud."

EVERYTHING SERENE IN SWEET EVANGELINE

'Uncle Billy' Clark Withdraws from Race for Clerk, and Mr. Guillory for Assessor.

PROBABLY BE BUT ONE TICKET

Fontenot for Sheriff, O. E. Guillory for Clerk, Adraeste Lafleur for Assessor.

Everything seems as lovely as a June bride in Evangeline parish, and it is probable that there will be but one ticket out in the field on August 6th, the day of the Democratic primary election.

It is the purpose of the Evangelinians to have everything harmonious, to bury the hatchet as far as parochial contests are concerned.

At the meeting of the Parish Democratic Executive Committee of Evangeline, which is the Police Jury of that parish, last Saturday, Representative Paulin L. Fontenot was nominated for Sheriff, and Yves L. Fontenot for Representative of the new parish, neither having any opposition.

Messrs. O. E. Guillory and Wm. Clark entered the field for Clerk of Court; Messrs. Adraeste Lafleur and N. Guillory, Jr., for Assessor; Drs. Armand Lafleur and T. H. Littell for Coroner.

Since then, however, Mr. Clark for Clerk and Mr. Guillory for Assessor, in behalf of harmony, have withdrawn from the race.

It is now believed that one of the candidates for Coroner will withdraw, leaving the sweet-named parish without rival candidates at the election on the 6th.

PUJO MEETING COMPOSED OF BAILEY PEOPLE

Seventh District Congressman Speaks to Icicles At the Courthouse Last Monday Night.

"I have done more for the farming interests of this Congressional District in my eight years' incumbency than all the Farmers' Alliances combined have done in twenty-five years."

This is a startling statement. It is a rather severe slam at organization—on the organization of labor for the advancement of labor's interests.

That one man can do more in eight years, than all the farmers' alliances combined can do in twenty-five years, does certainly not recommend the organization of farmers' alliances.

"Just as waa! go outen the bugginess and let Mr. Pujot run the whole shebang," said a farmer near the railing, when Mr. Pujot made the quoted statement during the course of his address at the courthouse in Opelousas last Monday night.

Congressman Pujot was discussing the parcel free delivery measure, which allows the bringing by mail of matter weighing as much as eleven pounds, at a cheap rate. He was telling of his opposition to the bill, because he said it hurt local merchants by outside houses being facilitated to ship in goods in competition to the local merchants.

Mr. Pujot was saying that although the bill had never come up for consideration before Congress, he had replied to several resolutions of farmers' alliances in his district asking for his support of the measure, that he could not do so. Then it was when he said "I have done more for the farming interests of this Congressional District in my eight years' incumbency than all the farmers' alliances have done in twenty-five years."

The Pujot meeting, held at the courthouse Monday night, was numerically a success. There were about two hundred people present. But that is all that can be said in its favor—that there was a good audience present. Otherwise it was an ice-water bath for the Seventh District Congressman.

Weak applause came from about a dozen men—liberal count. It was a Pujot meeting made up of Bailey men.

This is not a partisan statement. If the Pujot people will tell the truth, they will tell you that the truth is told. The genial Congressman received respectful attention. He made a splendid address, giving a good account of his stewardship in Congress. His address was free from harsh words. It was dignified and plain, and made an impression on the audience. At no time did he refer to Mr. Bailey except in polished and gentlemanly manner. He always referred to Mr. Bailey as "My

distinguished opponent."

Even when he spoke of charges reported to have been made at Rayne by Mr. Bailey, in which Mr. Pujot was said to be using money in the cause of his election, he did not lose his temper. "I regret that such rumors are being circulated, and do not believe Mr. Bailey is the author of them," said Mr. Pujot, "I believe he has been misquoted. I am using money only for my legitimate expenses. Any statement to the contrary is an unqualified falsehood."

Mr. Pujot admitted that, whether returned to Congress or not, he would still draw a salary of \$7500 a year as member of the Monetary Commission. Mr. Bailey made this statement at the Crowley meeting.

Mr. Pujot also admitted that the law firm of which he is a member represent large corporate interests. He said he did not see any harm in this; that when it came to a question of voting for the corporation wrong, and the people right, he always voted with the people. On the other hand, if it became a question of the corporation right, and the people wrong, he would vote with the corporation. The fact of his being a corporation lawyer did not affect his vote at any time.

He spoke of his vote in the interest and for the protection of various industries, and asked if Mr. Bailey would not have done the same thing.

Lawyer Leon S. Haas presided over the meeting, and made a neat introductory talk. He said he was against Mr. Bailey chiefly because he thought the "Tall Cymamore" should have waited until Paul Lambremont came out for Governor, and then gone in and whipped him. He thought Bailey had lost the opportunity of his life. He spoke of Mr. Pujot's ability, and thought he should be returned to Congress.

Hon. John N. Ogden was the first speaker. He spoke in his usual eloquent manner. He had seen Jim Bailey raised from boyhood, and liked him, but did not believe he should be elected to replace a man like Mr. Pujot. He told of how long it took a man to get on "to the ropes" in Washington, and what a mistake it would be to send a green man there, instead of the ripe man represented in Mr. Pujot. He spoke at length.

The audience was clearly a Bailey audience, and dispelled the expressed opinion of some that Bailey had any serious opposition in Opelousas.

If Mr. Pujot polls seventy-five votes at this precinct, out of 500, he will be doing well.

This is the Clarion's prediction. Mark if it doesn't come true.

The band of the Opelousas Musical Association furnished sweet music for the meeting.

BAILEY WILL TOUR ST. LANDRY PARISH

Candidate for Congress to Speak in Several Places in His Native Parish.

WILL START NEXT MONDAY

is Confident of Winning in First Primary-- Speaks of Reported Administration Support.

"O, yes, I will win," said Mr. Bailey, on his return from his Acadia trip Wednesday. "I am as confident as a man can be of winning over both of my opponents in the first primary. A prominent Pujot supporter has conceded, talking to a friend of mine, that I would carry Grant, Vernon, St. Landry and Avoyelles, four out of eight parishes. He claims Acadia, which I know I will carry by a handsome majority. Rapides will be close, but I will carry it. I am informed by knowing ones there. Cameron, although a small vote, will be carried by me, I am told. Calcasieu will go for Pujot by a small plurality, perhaps. This is the situation, as I understand it, and corroborated by friends in the different parishes mentioned, and in many instances admitted by Mr. Pujot's friends."

"Mr. Ogden stated in his address at the Opelousas meeting Monday that the administration was backing you, Mr. Bailey," was asked of the "Tall Cymamore" from St. Landry.

"If what Mr. Ogden says about the administration backing me is true, it is not the fault of Mr. Pujot and his friends that the administration is backing me and not Mr. Pujot. From an editorial in the Jennings Herald, published in Mr. Pujot's parish, I see that it is charged that Mr. Pujot went to Baton Rouge and sought administration support, and that Governor Sanders told Mr. Pujot and his friends that the Congressional fight in the Seventh District was none of his business. But, if Governor Sanders feels kindly towards me in this contest, as Mr. Ogden says he does, I must say that I do not regret the fact, if it is a fact. I am a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Congress, and the endorsement of a State Democratic administration would be indeed flattering to me, and deeply appreciated by me, as I am certain it would have been appreciated by Mr. Pujot, because, with the light before us, he sought that endorsement."

Mr. Bailey will make a tour of St. Landry beginning next Monday, the 22d. The itinerary is as follows:

Sunset, at Schoolhouse, Monday, August 22, at 8 p. m.

Leoville, at Joe LeGrange's, Tuesday, August 23, at 4 p. m.

Union, at Fusilier's Hall, Friday, August 26, at 8 p. m.

Pine Prairie, at Farmers' Union Grove, Saturday, August 27, at 3 p. m.

Ville Platte, at Schoolhouse, Saturday, August 27, at 8:30 p. m.

Grand Prairie, at Schoolhouse, Thursday, September 1st, at 3 p. m.

Washington, at Opera House, Thursday, September 1, at 8:30 p. m.

Mamou, at Vidrine Mercantile Co.'s store, Sunday, September 4, at 4 o'clock p. m.

The following are among the speakers: Judge B. H. Pavy, Hon. Dudley L. Gullbeau, Clerk of Court Yves Andrepont, Hon. Laurent J. Dossmann, Hon. E. B. Dubuisson, District Attorney R. Lee Garland, L. Austin Fontenot, Esq., J. R. Pavy, Esq., Sheriff M. L. Swords, Mr. Chas. Thibodeaux, Hon. H. E. Estorge.

NEXT MONDAY IS TO BE "CLEANING-UP DAY"

All Citizens of Opelousas Requested by Ordinance to Clean Up Premises on that Day.

PROCLAMATION IS ISSUED

The Old Town Is to Be Put in Thorough Sanitary Condition--"I Sincerely Hope the People Will Take Heed."--Halphen.

"My proclamation designating August 22 as 'Cleaning-Up Day' is no arbitrary action on my part," said Mayor Halphen, to the Clarion man. "I am authorized to do so by the Board of Aldermen, and I heartily approve their action, and will do all in my power to enforce the sanitary regulations of the city." Mayor Halphen has always been a stickler for sanitation, and is delighted that the Board of Aldermen has ordered him to call for a general "Cleaning-Up Day" in Opelousas.

"Cleaning-Up Day" is set for next Monday, the 22d.

On that day every citizen of the city is requested to clean up premises, etc., so that the city will be put in thorough sanitary condition.

This action was decided upon at a special joint meeting of the Board of Aldermen and City Board of Health. It was unanimous that it should be done.

The Mayor issued the following proclamation:

PROCLAMATION: "Whereas, The Board of Aldermen and the Board of Health of the City of Opelousas, met in special joint session on August 9th, for the purpose of discussing the sanitary needs of the City, and

"Whereas, At said session the Board of Aldermen and the Board of Health requested the Mayor to issue a proclamation designating a special day to be known as 'Cleaning-up Day,' and

"Now, Therefore, I hereby issue this, my proclamation, designating Monday, Aug. 22, 1910, for that purpose, and request all citizens of the city to thoroughly clean up their premises on said day, to the end that the sanitary condition of the city may be greatly improved and the health of its citizens safeguarded."

"M. HALPHEN, Mayor."

DOSSMANN RETAINS JOB WITH COMMISSION

Will Be Superintendent of the Oyster Division of the New Body.

AT AN INCREASED SALARY

Will Have Practically the Same Duties As in the Old Position...Now Board to be Organized Soon.

Baton Rouge, Aug. 18.—L. J. Dossmann, present President of the Louisiana Oyster Commission, will be Superintendent of the Oyster Division under the merger of the different commissions for the protection of game, birds, fish and oysters, the new body to be known as the Board of Commissioners for the Protection of Birds, Game and Fish.

The new Board will be organized next Monday, with Frank T. Miller as President. Mr. Dossmann's appointment will be made immediately, at a salary of \$3500, \$1000 more than he is receiving now as President of the oyster commission.

Mr. Dossmann's services as President of the oyster commission has been a subject of State-wide notoriety. He assumed the office with no knowledge of the oyster industry whatever, and within a few months he was recognized as an expert. He studied the industry carefully, and his quick mind at once grasped its intricacies. His sterling honesty played an important part in making the commission a paying concern, for he saw that every oyster belonging to the State was paid for. The commission, during Mr. Dossmann's incumbency, brought many thousand dollars into the State Treasury.

—Last Monday evening Mrs. C. A. Emory, assisted by her charming niece, Miss Myrtle Fisher, entertained at a delightful reception tendered at "Mr. Bob." Delicious refreshments were served, and a most delightful time had, by every one. Those present were Misses Marie McVey, Regina May and Alice Juge, and Messrs. Rudolph Bodemuller, Marshall Thompson and Alvin May.

—Miss Ella Marine left Monday for Bedford, Indiana, where she will spend a month.

HARMONY IN RAYNE.

That Rayne, Acadia parish, will go whooping for Jim Bailey, is now an assured fact.

There are there, like everywhere, two factions of the Democratic party.

Representative Bruner is a member, and a prominent leader, of one faction, and Hon. Olivier Broussard, for many terms Mayor of Rayne, of the other.

The Bruner faction early pronounced for Bailey.

The Broussard faction was reticent.

The following letter, however, would indicate that both factions have come together in the support of the St. Landry man.

Here is the letter:

"Hon. J. J. Bailey, Opelousas, La.

"Dear Sir and Friend.—I wish to inform you that I have finally fallen off the fence in the Congressional fight in our district. After mature deliberation, and the consideration of all arguments between the two aspirants, I have come to the conclusion that the interests of the district will be best subserved by the retirement of Mr. Pujot, with you as his successor. I, therefore, will vote for you, and henceforth hope for your election.

"Your speech Friday made many friends for you, dispelling altogether the impression that you have no 'billy'."

"Hoping that you will win, and having won, refrain from the indiscretions of the present incumbent, I remain,

"Your friend,

"O. BROUSSARD."

CONVICT CUTS OFF HIS HAND TO KEEP FROM WORKING

Heroic Measure Adopted By Convict in Camp at Latannier

A well-authenticated story of the desperation of a convict comes from the convict camp near Latannier, this parish, where Louisiana State convicts are engaged in building levees.

It is to the effect that a negro convict complained to Capt. Anderson that he was sick, and could not work. The Captain ordered him to go on with his work, saying that he was not sick. He again begged to be permitted to quit work for a while, and when the Captain threatened to whip him if he did not go to work, the convict picked up his spade, walked to a tree stump near by, and severed four fingers of his right hand with the spade.

Medical aid was summoned, and the hand treated, after which he was laid across a barrel and whipped.

He is still working his wheelbarrow, hauling dirt. A strap

which he passes around his shoulder, and around the wheelbarrow handle, does the service of his cripple hand.

"WHISKEY SOLD SOMEWHERE"

Chief of Police of Shreveport is Satisfied that City is Not Boozed-Tight.

"There is whiskey being sold somewhere," is the statement, according to the Shreveport Times, of the Chief of Police of the second city of the State.

The chief calls upon all officers to keep a close watch. The proclamation was made public.

It is the same old story. Where there is thirst, there will be whiskey.

Where there is a free-born American, he will exercise his American right to do as he darn pleases.

No Puritanical law will stop him.

A good wife, good counsel, a happy home, is the cure for the habit.

—Miss Leona Powers, a very pretty and talented girl of Bunkie, spent a few days with her brother, Mr. Walter Powers, in Opelousas. She was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Breaux at a fishing party at the Second Lake clubhouse Sunday and Monday, leaving Tuesday for Lake Arthur, where she goes to visit relatives and friends.

Death of Miss Stella Henderson

Death claimed one of Opelousas sweetest, most industrious and highly esteemed young ladies, when it took away Miss Stella Henderson. The community mourns with her fond parents, in the demise of this splendid girl.

Miss Stella Henderson, died at the residence of her uncle, Mr. Henry Crawford, on Tuesday morning, Aug. 16, at 1 o'clock, aged 25 years, 2 months and 1 day. The remains were interred in the Protestant cemetery Tuesday evening at 5 o'clock, the cortege being followed by a large concourse of friends and relatives.

The griefed parents have the sincere sympathy of the Clarion.

Lina in New "Shop"

Wm. Lina, the popular barber, has moved in the magnificently appointed office formerly occupied by Mr. Johnson Carriere, in the Healey building, on Landry street.

The expression "swell" can appropriately be applied to Lina's new quarters. It is as city-like as anything can be made city-like in a country city.

Mr. Carriere will go to Houston, Texas.

MEN WHO KNOW SAY

The Picayune man made it his business to interview members of the General Assembly from the Seventh District, now attending the special session of the Legislature, on the Congressional situation in the district.

Here are expressions from the three doubtful parishes:

Senator Well, of Rapides: "Bailey is going to carry Rapides. He looks like a winner; but there is little interest in Rapides in the fight."

Senator Davis, of Vernon: "I think Bailey is a winner in the Seventh. He will carry Vernon."

Representative Locke, of Calcasieu, Pujot's parish: "Pujot will carry Calcasieu, but it looks like Bailey throughout the district."

There is no doubt as to how Acadia, St. Landry, Grant and Avoyelles will go.

Recapitulation: Bailey 6 parishes. Pujot 1 parish.

Not heard from, 1 (Cameron.)

—Miss Florence Kramer, of Franklin and Misses Pearl Henderson, Suzanne and Annette Gibson, of Washington, have returned home, after a pleasant visit to Miss Rose Wajlor.

1500 MARKSVILLE PEOPLE CHEER BAILEY FOR 25 MINUTES

Marksville, La., Aug. 18.—Jim Bailey took the joint debate between himself and Congressman Pujot by storm last night. For 25 minutes the St. Landrian could not speak for the applause. Fifteen hundred throats yelled "Bailey, Bailey!"

And his opponent, Congressman Pujot, who had just spoken, was present on the stand, crestfallen, convinced per force that Avoyelles parish was overwhelmingly against him. Ninety-five per cent of the crowd was with Bailey.

Mr. Pujot spoke first. He received very little applause, but was listened to with attention.

Mr. Bailey's first ovation was when he arose to speak. Pandemonium reigned. Men threw up their hats, women waved their handkerchiefs, we ones shook their little hands at the tall figure who stood, Lincoln like, on the platform, with hand uplifted, asking for attention.

The second ovation came when Mr. Bailey, replying to Mr. Pujot's statement that the only claim Mr. Bailey had for Congressional honors was that he

was robbed out of the Lieutenant-Governorship, said that his only claim, he wanted the people to vote for Mr. Pujot.

Mr. Bailey made the statement that Mr. Pujot had in a speech in the Constitutional Convention of Louisiana, of which Pujot was a member, that members should not accept passes from corporations, because such favors from corporations might influence them in their votes on questions involving corporations.

"And now," said Mr. Bailey, "Mr. Pujot tells you that although he is the lawyer of corporations—making thousands of dollars from fees from corporations—he is not influenced by that fact! In other words, a simple railroad pass might influence a legislator, but the hard cash can't!" Wild cheers broke loose at this point, and it was thought for a while that Mr. Bailey would be pulled off the stand, so delighted was the audience.

Avoyelles will roll up a tremendous majority for Bailey. Things are getting better every day—and they have always been good.

DR. HARVEY DILLON RESIGNS. MR. DUBUISSON SAYS THIS ENDS THE CONTROVERSY

Health Officer Retires to Private Life on Account of Bad Health and Other Interests.

Dr. D. Harvey Dillon last Tuesday tendered his resignation as President of the State Board of Health to Governor Sanders, effective September 1st, and it was accepted.

The resignation came as no surprise. It had for some time been bruited that the Sabine man intended resigning.

The cause assigned is bad health, and interest recently acquired in a hotel in Covington. It is also said that the resignation is the result of a personal disagreement between the Doctor and Governor Sanders.

Dr. Oscar Dowling, of Shreveport, will be named in place of Dr. Dillon.

secondly, with drawing a salary from the Police Jury to which I am not entitled. As to the first charge, there is no fitting reply except to brand it as unequalled, absolutely and maliciously false. As to the second, I assert that my employment as attorney by this Police Jury is perfectly legal, that great jurisconsult, the Sheriff of the parish of St. Landry, to the contrary notwithstanding. Furthermore, the Police Jury get full value received for what they pay me. I do more work for that body in proportion to the fees or salary received than any other client, and none of my clients complain of my charges. As to what measure of success attends my labors on behalf of those who employ me the results speak for themselves.

And now Mr. Editor, I am done; in so far as I am concerned, this closes the controversy. E. B. DUBUISSON.