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CHARGED WITH ASSAULTING PRIEST

Clerk of Court O. E. Guillory Strikes Father Savy, of Ville Platte.

DISPUTE OVER LICENSES

Mr. Guillory Surrenders and is Placed Under \$1000 Bond.—Had Not Been On Friendly Terms.

Hon. O. E. Guillory is under bond of one thousand dollars for "assault and battery" and "assault with a dangerous weapon with intent to commit murder."

Mr. Guillory is the Clerk of Court of the new parish of Evangeline, and the affiant is Father Savy, priest of the local Catholic Church at Ville Platte. The affair occurred last Sunday, just after High Mass. The priest had not taken off his vestments, and many witnessed the encounter.

There are two stories to the affair. The only undisputed part is that the trouble arose over marriage licenses. Mr. Guillory claiming that the priest was marrying people under licenses issued by the Clerk of Court of St. Landry.

The priest avers that Mr. Guillory followed him to a side room just after Mass, and requested that he (Guillory) be shown licenses for marriages for which the bans had just been announced by the priest. The priest told him that it was private property of the church, and refused to show the licenses, whereupon Mr. Guillory struck him and drew a knife on him. This is the priest's story.

Mr. Guillory claims that he had a right to ask to see the licenses, and asked Father Savy in a polite manner to see them, whereupon Father Savy told him that he would have nothing to do with him, and to leave the room. As he started to leave, he claims Father Savy pushed him and kicked at him. It was then that he (Guillory) turned around and struck the priest.

Mr. Guillory came to Opelousas Tuesday and surrendered to Judge Pavy, and was placed under a bond of \$1000. He had not been arrested in Ville Platte, for the reason that his lawyer, Mr. Edwards, sued out a writ of *habeas corpus*, alleging that the presence of the Clerk of Court was necessary in the office of Clerk of Court. This order was signed by Mr. Guillory himself.

FARMERS' UNION MESSENGER.

Titlers of the Soil Launch Splendid Paper at Eunice—Organ of State Organization.

The Farmers' Union Messenger is the mouthpiece of the Louisiana branch of the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union, and the first issue appeared on the 7th.

It is published at Eunice, St. Landry parish, and Mr. M. V. Strother, of the Eunice Star, is the publisher, and Miss Minnie Carron is the Managing Editor. The paper is replete with matter concerning the farming interests of the country, and should be in the hands of every farmer.

The fair editress is a well-known young lady of our parish, who has always taken a live interest agriculturally. Miss Carron is the founder of the juvenile farmers' union in the western part of this parish.

The publisher, Mr. Strother, is a successful newspaper man, and will handle his department with ability.

The Clarion wishes the new publication success.

NEW SCHEDULE ON FRISCO.

Effects Crowley Branch Only—Will Go Into Effect To-Morrow.

Crowley Signal: A new time card will go into effect on the Frisco Sunday which will give Crowley an incoming morning train on the Eunice branch. Trains No. 101 and 102, which now lay over here at nights, the latter leaving at 11:50 a. m. for Eunice and the latter arriving here at 5:30 p. m., will, after Sunday, tie up for the night at Eunice and No. 101 will make the run into Crowley in the morning, leaving Eunice at 9:50 a. m. and arriving here at 11:20 a. m., and No. 102 will leave here at 4 p. m. and arrive at Eunice 5:30 p. m.

POLL TAX PAYMENT IN ST. LANDRY AND EVANGELINE

6843 Paid, Of Which 5579 Are White, and 1264 Negroes—Seventh Ward Leads

The seventh ward tops all other wards in the old parish this year in poll tax payment, 1450 citizens of that ward paid their poll taxes, the next highest being the eighth ward, with 1323. The seventh ward is in the new parish of Evangeline, and so is the major portion of the eighth ward.

The poll tax payment, by ward, is as follows:

Ward	White	Colored	Total
FIRST WARD.	788	306	1094
SECOND WARD.	500	146	646
THIRD WARD.	450	184	634
FOURTH WARD.	336	108	444
FIFTH WARD.	581	223	804
SIXTH WARD.	427	21	448
SEVENTH WARD.	1355	95	1450
EIGHTH WARD.	1142	181	1323
	5579	1264	6843

The High Diving Horses A Hit.

Alexandria Town-Talk, Jan. 10: Everything is in full blast at the Redmen's Pow-wow and quite an unexpectedly large crowd was out last night to see what was doing. Everyone that visited the carnival was well pleased, and went home saying, "I'll be back tomorrow."

June, the high diving horse, made his dive at 9:30; after the jump the crowd was well pleased, as it was the greatest thing they had ever seen. On account of the tank not being full of water Mat was unable to dive, but will be ready this afternoon and tonight.

All of the shows were well attended. The boxing kangaroo made a big hit with his trainer, Madaun Duncan, the little lady who is a scientific boxer and never fails to please. The jungle show was visited by every one. When you see that it is worth your time as Mr. Thornton has spared no time nor money to make it a feature, and if you were to stand in front, and see the large string of banners you would think you were standing in front of Barnum Bros., or M. L. Clark's side show. Then comes the Hindoo theater. When the lady disappears before your eyes there, you stand in amazement. Why they held up a train there, also.

The moving picture show was well patronized, and to see the search light makes us think of the James Lee coming down the Mississippi.

Other shows that did not get open were the House of All Nations, Dixie, smallest horse alive; Strangest Girl Alive, and a few others.

"Well, that just takes the cake; them old flying horses are sure outdone," was said by a fellow when he took a ride for the first time on "The Ocean Wave," the latest riding device, which did its share of business last night.

A feature show will arrive today or tomorrow from Blackwell, S. C. M. & C. Jones will arrive with a new show, the only living triplets on exhibition, and a few other small things.

The concessions all had a good business, and everyone expects to be overworked tonight. Both horses dive today.

Thelma, the living half lady, will be on exhibition tonight. She's alive. X X X.

St. Landry Bank Elects Officers

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the St. Landry State Bank, of Opelousas, held at their banking house on Tuesday, January 10th, 1911, the following directors were elected to serve during the ensuing year, viz: Dr. J. A. Haas, J. J. Thompson, Jos. M. Boagni, Samuel Haas, I. M. Lichtenstein and Dr. Chas. F. Boagni.

The officers also elected for the year on same date are: Dr. J. A. Haas, President; L. T. Castille, Cashier; Leopold Simon, A. A. Anding, and H. D. Larcade, Jr., Assistant Cashiers.

MR. DOSSMANN'S POLICY WAS CORRECT ONE

President of the Board for the Protection of Game, Birds and Fish, Endorses His Action.

DREDGEBOAT IS CONDEMNED

Mr. Dossmann Had Forbidden the Dredging of Oysters, and the Subsequent Commission Allowed It.

The Editor of the Clarion was on the patrol boat Louisiana when the late oyster commission went through the oyster fields of St. Bernard parish two years ago. The object of the trip was to determine whether or not the dredging of oysters was injurious to the industry.

Mr. L. J. Dossmann, then President of the Commission, and now Chief Inspector, after examining the fields, issued an order prohibiting dredging.

His policy was followed during his term, but when the new board came in, dredge boats were permitted, and Mr. Dossmann found that his work of several years was being undone.

Mr. Miller, the President of the new board, was impressed with the remonstrances of Mr. Dossmann against the policy of dredge boats, and himself made a trip through the St. Bernard fields last week, with the result that upon his return he immediately issued orders forbidding dredging, and confirming Mr. Dossmann's policy.

Among other things, Mr. Miller says:

"The curse to the successful development of this project is the dredgeboat. Manned by ignorant fishermen mostly imported each year from Baltimore these men have only one ambition and that is to take out of the waters the very last oyster growing there. Two years ago President L. J. Dossmann, of the former Oyster Commission, recognizing the menace of this destroying contrivance, arbitrarily stopped the practice. Subsequent events justified the wisdom of his action.

This present commission in a moment of weakness and under pressure from those actively engaged in the business of marketing oyster, rescinded Mr. Dossmann's rule and thereby made a blunder, and it will take all of two years to undo the harm which has already been done this year. If it were not for the fact that we have sold these people licenses to fish oysters by dredging during the present season, I would endeavor to stop the practice at once, but a contract is a contract, and we must abide by what we have done and stand idly while the resource on the natural reefs is again depleted.

BLUFFED BY A BULLDOG.

Coloee Held A Dozen London Policemen at Bay

London, Jan. 10.—A dozen London policemen were held at bay five hours to-day outside a bedroom by a bulldog guarding the body of his master, who had collapsed.

After exhausting their resources in efforts to capture or kill the dog, a doctor was sent for. He poisoned some meat, which was thrown into the room through a hole in the door. Not until the dog was dead did the policemen enter the room. They then removed the body of the man to the morgue.

Taken in connection with the fight against two anarchists a few days ago, when hundreds of policemen and soldiers failed to capture the two desperadoes, this incident has served to increase the ridicule to which the police are subjected.

It Was Tiger; No License

Comments the Franklin Watchman on the recent election in St. Landry.

The dry and thirsty denizens of St. Landry can again enjoy the company of a little booze material, without having to drink behind closed doors. The parish again went wet at a recent election held there, and those who indulge can feel as impudent as the rabbit that spit in the bulldog's face, without having to secure their supply from walking-sticks, glass pistols and such implements as belong to blind tigers.

THE CLARION IS ELECTED SCHOOL BOARD PRINTER.

Parish Educators Hold Important Session—Messrs. Erlich and Vidrine Make Feeling Talks.

Owing to the illness of Superintendent Thompson, the minutes of the meeting of the Board of School Directors did not reach us in time for publication this week. They will appear next week.

The meeting of the Board took place Monday. An incident of the meeting was the feeling talks of Henry L. Erlich, of the 6th ward, and Dr. J. C. Vidrine, of the 7th ward, at the severance of their official relations with the Board. They are now in the parish of Evangeline.

Raymond Breaux, President of the Clarion Co., Ltd., was elected Official Printer of the School Board, under the new law. He designated the Clarion as the Official Journal.

Several petitions for elections for special taxes for school purposes were presented and adopted.

A MAN WITH A WIFE

Gritty Helpmeet Made Millionaire of Laborer—Sold \$9,000,000 Louisiana Oil Holdings

New York, Jan. 8.—Joseph C. Trees head of an oil company which has just sold its Louisiana oil holdings for \$9,000,000, declared today without hesitation: "To my wife is due my success."

And then the oil king and former football player, who has just given his old school, the University of Pittsburgh, a \$200,000 stadium, unfolded a remarkable story of the spirit and foresight of his wife when she, fourteen years ago picked him up when he was down and out, and by her grit insisted that he go on groping for oil, assuring him that he was certain to make a success. And he went on and made the success. According to Trees' own statement, he already had drilled eight wells, all of them dry and had decided to work as a laborer for the rest of his life, as it would take him all that time to pay the debts he had incurred in sinking the eight dry holes, but the little wife would not let him give up. Trees says: "I went home that day and said to my wife: 'It's all over little girl. She's come in a dust-er. We're done for; we'll go back home and I'll get work and do just as I used to.' But she said: 'No, no we can't stop now. We are not beaten yet. Try again, Joe, just once more.' In vain, according to the oil king, he tried to argue with his wife that all the money he had in the world was gone and that he was in debt. She insisted that he make arrangements to drill one more well. He went out next morning and managed to secure a working interest in what was known as the Proxy lease. He located and drilled a well on it which came strong. It did not make a fortune for himself and his partners, and it was enough to get him back on his feet. When his partners slapped him on the back and told him what a wonderful oil man he was, Trees shook his head and said: "No it's Claudina's well. My sand had all run out, but my little wife wouldn't let me quit. She had enough sand for us both and she pulled us through this tight hole."

Mrs. Trees declines absolutely to discuss her part in making the millions of her husband.

Firemen Overcome in an Early Morning Fire

Syracuse, N. Y., Jan. 11.—Fire early today destroyed a building in which were a paper box factory and a number of other establishments. Loss \$60,000.

Four firemen were caught in a back draft and were later rushed to the hospitals. Their condition is said to be serious.

DR. G. W. MARTIN IS THE NEW PRESIDENT

St. Landry Medical Society Holds Well-Attended Meeting Thursday Last

BANQUET AT LACOMBE HOTEL

The Next Meeting Will Be Held in Eunice.—Counsellor of Seventh District is Present

The medicine men of the St. Landry Parish Medical Society had an enjoyable as well as a profitable time here Thursday and Thursday night of this week.

The profitable time was the business meeting in the afternoon, where valuable papers were read by Dr. G. W. Martin, Dr. G. T. Hawkins, and others. Interesting discussions followed each address.

The enjoyable time was at the Lacombe Hotel that night, when at 8:30 all sat to a banquet—a banquet a la Cretin. Dr. H. S. Joseph was toastmaster, and the set toasts delivered were:

"Medical Organizations," Dr. R. O. Simmons.

"In behalf of St. Landry Medical Society," Dr. G. W. Martin.

"Relation Between Legal and Medical Profession," Hon. R. Lee Garland.

"Medical Profession from the Standpoint of a Law-Maker," Dr. L. Lazaro.

"Relation Between the Medical Profession and Humanity," Hon. John W. Lewis.

"Comparison Between Sanitation Abroad and At Home," Dr. Fred J. Mayer.

"The Ladies As A Competent Part Of The Medical Society," Dr. R. M. Littell.

Other impromptu toasts were made.

The officers of the Society elected for the ensuing year are:

Dr. G. W. Martin, of Arnaudville, President.

Dr. E. S. Barry, of Grand Coteau, Vice-President.

Dr. R. A. Davis, of Opelousas, Secretary.

Dr. Paul Foster of Lewisburg, Treasurer.

Drs. Adams and J. C. Vidrine, delegates to the State Meeting; Drs. Ben Guilbeau and L. Lazaro, alternates.

A pleasing feature of the meeting was the presence of Dr. R. O. Simmons, of Alexandria, Counsellor of the Seventh District. He took a deep interest in the business deliberations—and in the banquet later on.

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the Society in Eunice.

That Dangerous Hat Pin.

From the appended news item it is learned that an ordinance was passed by the Kansas City Council making it a misdemeanor, with a penalty of from \$1 to \$500, to wear hatpins with the points unguarded, says Alexandria Town-Talk.

This is a good ordinance for the benefit of unprotected mankind. We have heard of a prominent Alexandria gentleman who, in his joy at meeting a lady friend whom he had not seen in many days, kissed her on the street—or we should say on the mouth. As he dived down for the kiss one of those three-foot long hatpins jabbed him so severely on the cheek that the flow of blood from the wound saturated the lady's handkerchief, which she used to repair the damage the pin had done.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 28.—An ordinance was passed by both houses of the Council to-night making it a misdemeanor, with a penalty of from \$1 to \$500, to wear hatpins with the points unguarded. It was introduced in the lower house by Dr. C. A. Jackson, alderman from the Thirteenth Ward, as a measure for the protection of helpless and unprotected mankind. Dr. Jackson has a wife and daughter.

"I asked the legal department two weeks ago to prepare the ordinance," Dr. Jackson said. "My motives are purely humanitarian, with the emphasis on the 'man,' if you want to put it that way. I have treated several cases of wounds in the face and around the eyes from hatpin jabs, and several of my friends have suffered."

The Mayor said he would sign the ordinance.

FRISCO RAILROAD MAKING EXTENSIVE IMPROVEMENTS.

Spending Vast Sums of Money in the South—New Depots Planned for Louisiana.

New Orleans, Jan. 11.—The Frisco railroad is spending vast sums in the improvement of its Southern property, and new depots and additional track facilities are planned at points on the line between Eunice and the Texas border. The Frisco has already ordered its fine new freight and passenger depot to be erected in Beaumont, Tex. Architects are now drawing up plans for a building that will cost at least \$50,000.

Roy Terrell, assistant general freight and passenger agent of the Frisco, returned to the city Monday from a week's trip to St. Louis and Chicago. Mr. Terrell said that the business outlook was good, and indications were that there would be much activity in agricultural development along the Frisco's line in Louisiana. The Frisco's agricultural car, in charge of Mr. White, a thoroughly experienced and practical man, is kept always on the go and has accomplished much good in enlightening farmers as to the best means for scientific corn raising. The Frisco's big demonstration farm at Opelousas is also filling a great mission, and the instruction given there to farmers is proving of much benefit.

Mr. Terrell announced that he had appointed J. P. Fresenius traveling agent, with headquarters in New Orleans. Mr. Fresenius is at present local office rate clerk and is considered one of the most active and progressive of the younger officials. He is conceded to be the right sort of man to go out and get business.

Mr. Fresenius' appointment will become effective as soon as the important office he now holds can be filled.

Bridle the Tongue.

This unruly member often gets one in trouble by letting it run to free. Think twice, as the old saying is, before you speak. It would be better for some if they thought a dozen times before speaking, for a harsh word spoken can never be recalled, a friend's feelings hurt often causes us great sorrow that might be avoided if we had only thought before speaking.

Be careful what you say, girls and boys, scatter only roses along the path, remove every visible thorn that you can from that path, as you journey along. A little word lightly spoken, sometimes in fun, can spoil a whole day's happiness of an other, and really do the one who speaks it no real good. Live so that when you reach the end of your journey and are called upon to stand before Him who judges all things well, that you will have no cause to grieve over idle or thoughtless words that have caused others pain.

Washington, La., Jan. 9.—Dr. J. M. Brown of Campti has settled here, taking the practice of Dr. W. R. Boudreau, who will leave in a few days for Chicago to take a special course for the treatment of diseases of the eye, ear and throat. Dr. Boudreau expects to settle in Alexandria later.

Dr. Boudreau Will Settle in Alexandria

Misses Rose Andrepoint and Jeanne Decuir and Mr. Andrew Dossmann accompanied Miss Julia Decuir to Grand Coteau, Sunday, where Miss Julia returned to resume her studies at the Sacred Heart convent, after spending the holidays with her parents, at Hermitage.

Mr. Willie Henderson, of Washington, was an Opelousas visitor Monday.

Miss Jeanne Decuir, of Hermitage, returned home Tuesday, after spending a few days as the guest of Misses Rose and Felicity Andrepoint.

Mr. and Mrs. Ariel Fontenot and family, of Eunice, have moved to our city.

FRISCO AGRICULTURAL TRAIN IN OPELOUSAS

Arrived Yesterday at 4:25 O'clock, and Will Leave Sunday at Ten O'clock P. M.

DISTRIBUTING FREE SEED

Will Hold Meeting At the Courthouse This Evening At Two-Thirty O'Clock.

Mr. F. S. White, Agricultural Commissioner of the Frisco Railroad, arrived in Opelousas with his demonstration car yesterday evening at 4:25 o'clock, and will remain until to-morrow (Sunday) at 10:30 o'clock.

He has a splendid exhibit of agricultural products from different sections of the country, and it is an interesting sight.

The car is located near the Frisco freight depot, and crowds are swarming there to see it. Many farmers are coming for seed, which is being distributed by the Commissioner on most liberal propositions.

The Frisco has done much to promote the development of this country, and deserve the encouragement and support of the people.

Mr. White, the Agricultural Commissioner, is an old veteran, and has been here on several occasions. He is particularly interested in St. Landry, and believes there are great things ahead for this section.

"I will state that there are no soils that I have ever examined that are so responsive to the efforts of man as are the rich soils of Louisiana. Here, simply to scratch the soil and plant the seed means great crops. The fact that one hundred bushels of corn has been grown on an acre by the one mule negro scratch system of labor is all that is necessary to claim for the productivity of Louisiana soils," recently wrote Mr. White, speaking of St. Landry parish.

Chataignier Notes.

Chataignier, Jan. 10.—I wonder if the Clarion will care to receive correspondence from the new parish here after? Whether it does or not, we will still welcome the Clarion.

Altho the weather is very dry, every body is talking about how the country will be wet in a few days.

Mr. Adam Rozas made a business trip to Eunice last Monday.

Hon. Juste Fontenot went to Opelousas last Saturday.

Mrs. Dr. Ardoin and family spent Saturday and Sunday among relations in Ville Platte.

Mr. Robert O. Hardey and family after spending a few days with his brother Joseph A. Hardey here took the Frisco to El Campo, Texas, where he has gone to reside.

Messrs. Rene Aucoin and Artoon Fontenot made a business trip to Opelousas last Saturday.

Uncle Fremont Manuel spent last Sunday visiting in Mamou.

Mr. Joseph A. Hardey accompanied his little daughter Ethel to Mt. Carmel Convent at Washington last Sunday.

Mrs. Henry Guillet of Mamou spent last Sunday visiting relation here.

Messrs. Joseph Hardey and Evab Fontenot made a flying trip to Eunice last Friday.

Mr. A. Guillet visited his son Henry at Mamou last Sunday and Monday.

Mr. Aristice Fontenot made a flying trip to Opelousas last Monday.

Miss Felomie Beau one of the efficient teachers of the Station School returned from her home at Plaquemine, last Saturday, after spending the Holidays.

Mr. Tom Kittrell spent Sunday in Chataignier, having a good time.

Miss Ena Rozas spent Sunday visiting in Ville Platte.

"The Girl Spy Before Vicksburg."

Don't forget to see in the near future, at the Bon Ami Theatre, "The Girl Spy Before Vicksburg," a great civil war drama.

In this picture the girl actually dynamites an ammunition convoy and narrowly escapes with her life. Positively the climax of reckless, nerry action.

Come and come often, so you will not miss seeing this fine picture.