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PREMIUMS FOR FARMERS' DAY NEXT WEEK

Tillers of the Soil Are Urged to Bring in Their Choice Products of Every Kind.

DR. BERCIER GIVES INTERVIEW

Dr. Dodson, Dean and Director of the Louisiana State University, Will Be Here.

Science is required in all lines. Without practical and scientific knowledge, man is liable to fail. That is the lesson of all ages—and particularly of this age of strong competition. Therefore the coming of distinguished agriculturists to our community should be welcomed. The Farmers' Day to be held in Opelousas on the 11th and 12th should be well attended, and the exhibits should be such as will do credit to the Empire parish.

In an interview with President Bercier of the Progressive League, the doctor had this to say of the Farmers' Day, next Friday and Saturday, August 11 and 12: "All farmers are expected to co-operate on this day by bringing in some of their products to compete for the various prizes. It will be a gala day for the farmers, when they will all meet from the four corners of the parish and be treated to intellectual lectures by eminent specialists on agricultural pursuits. The president of the Progressive League has appointed the following gentlemen who will constitute the reception committee: Jas. O. Chachere, chairman; Eraste Durio, Chas. B. Chachere, E. L. Loeb, J. J. Naff, Thos. H. Lewis, Jr., Charles Thibodeau, T. A. Jackson, Jehn W. Lewis, H. E. Estorge and George T. Edwards. The duty of this committee will be to receive the farmers who have exhibits and show them where to place them. Those who desire, are at liberty to bring any blooded live stock and place them on exhibition. We are sorry that there are no prizes offered for this class, but those who will be adjudged the winners will receive a blue ribbon from the Progressive League. "The following is a list of voluntary contributions and the names of the donors, and I have apportioned them in the list of premiums as near as I thought right. While the premiums may seem small, after due consideration I am of the opinion that large cash premiums are more in the order of gambling and tend to bring about hard feeling between the judges and competitors. Premiums should be useful articles to the agriculturist. I view an affair of this kind as progressive enlightenment, sociability, better acquaintance, and last but not least it is an advertisement to both the donor of the premiums and the exhibitor of his stock and products of his soil.

- Littell & Lawler, \$5.
 - Estorge & Dunbar, \$3.50.
 - F. S. White, \$20.
 - Court House Cafe, Jno. Molaison, Mgr., 4 qts whiskey.
 - J. A. Budd, 1 box fine cigars.
 - Jacobs News Depot, fountain pen.
 - R. Mornhievig & Son, scarf pin.
 - C. T. Bienvenu, creaso sprayer.
 - Albert Clary, 1 sack good flour.
 - Opel Mercantile Co., 25 lbs sugar.
 - Shute's Drugstore, 5 briar root pipes, 5 match cases.
 - Wallior & Fontenot, 1 gallon good wine.
 - Jos Lassalle, 1 gallon Zinfidel wine No. 1.
 - Christman & Lewis, 1 box cigars.
 - F. J. Dietlein, 1 scarf pin.
 - M. Winstberg, 1 pair cuff buttons, pearl.
 - Cash \$1.
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 - J. B. Sandoz, 1 monkey wrench.
 - P. A. Sandoz, 1 halter.
 - Planters' Nat Bank \$1.
 - D. Roos, 1 dress.
 - B. L. Sanders, 1 sack good flour.
 - E. M. Boagnl, \$2.50.
 - Cash 25c.
 - Dietlein & Jacobs Gro. Co., Ltd., per F. Cliff Allen, Sec. & Treas., 1/2 bbl light crust flour.
 - J. A. Haas, \$2.
 - G. H. Cretin, \$2.
 - B. Bennett, 1 umbrella.
 - Jos Bordelon, 1 pair spurs.
 - A. Moresi, Opelousas Ice and Bot. Works, ice \$3.
 - St. Landry Lumber Co., lumber to arrange exhibit stands.
- The prizes to be given on Farmers Day are as follows:

PROMINENT CITIZEN IS STRICKEN WITH PARALYSIS

Sunday morning, just as he was returning from Church, Mr. J. B. Sandoz, one of the prominent citizens of the city, and one of the largest property holders, was stricken with paralysis as he was entering the gate to his residence. He has been in a precarious condition ever since, but hopes are entertained that he will recover. He is speechless, but conscious.

Miss Celestine Roos Entertains
Miss Celestine Roos delightfully entertained a number of friends at her home Friday evening. Progressive Anagrams—a game full of excitement and interest—was the feature of the evening. The players "waded right in," each working to gain more "punches" on their tally card than the others.

Miss Alice Chachere and Dr. A. J. Perrault succeeded in gaining most "punches" and were awarded the ladies' and gentlemen's prizes. Pretty music was rendered by several of the party and a few indulged in dancing. Delicious refreshments were served. Those present were: Misses Rose Wallior, Judy Breaux, Bonnie Bossello, Gladys and Lura Sandoz, Olga Smith, Alice Chachere, Marie and Annie Budd, Bessie and Virginia Thompson, Bessie Breaux, Olga and Celestine Roos, Messrs. Sidney Brown, Josie Chachere, A. J. Perrault, Louis Crouchet, Charlie Thompson, Henry Larcade, Eugene Chachere, George Dubuisson, Roy Edwards, Kavanaugh Staggs, Robert Budd, Edward Roos, John Brown, Lawrence Andrepont, Walter Powers, Messdames Wallior and Chachere and Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Roos.

The consolation prizes were awarded to Miss Pattie Thompson and W. Powers.

- 1st. prize—for best display of corn—\$5.00 and a fountain pen.
- 2nd. prize—for best display of corn—1 sack of flour and a briar root pipe and matchcase.
- 1st. prize—for best ten ears of corn—\$5.00 and 1 qt. of whiskey.
- 2nd. prize—best 10 ears corn—1 qt. of whiskey and briar root pipe and matchcase.
- 1st. prize—for best collection of farm products—\$5.00 and a gallon of wine.
- 2nd. prize—for best collection of farm products—25 pounds of sugar and a pr. of cuff buttons.
- 1st. prize—for best display of sugar cane—\$5.00 and a briar wood pipe and matchcase.
- 3rd. prize—for best display of sugar cane—1 quart of whiskey and a scarf pin.
- 1st. prize—for best display of rice—\$5.00 and a briar root pipe and matchcase.
- 2nd. prize—for best display of rice—1 halter and 1 fine monkey wrench.
- 1st. prize for best display of watermelons, pumpkins, cashaws and musk melons—\$5.00 and a box of cigars.
- 2nd. prize—for best display of watermelons, pumpkins, cashaws, and musk melons—1 box of cigars.
- 1st. prize—for cotton stalks with fruit thereon—\$5.00 in cash.
- 2nd. prize—for cotton stalks with fruit thereon—1 fine pair of spurs.
- 1st. prize—for new sweet potatoes—\$3.75 and 1 qt of whiskey
- 2nd. prize—for new sweet potatoes—1 gal of wine and a briarwood pipe and matchcase.
- 1st. prize—for best display of chickens—1 dress and 1 scarf pin.
- 2nd. prize—for best display of chickens—1-2 barrel of flour and Creaso sprayer.
- 1st. prize—for best display of potatoes—1 sack of flour.
- 2nd. prize—for best display of Irish potatoes, 1 umbrella.

The following letter was received by Mr. C. P. Dunbar, Secretary of the Progressive League:
Replying to your letter of the 28th beg to say that the present plan is as arranged with Captain White when here, that I shall talk on sugar cane and that Mr. Geo. L. Tiebout, our Horticulturist, should talk on co-operative work in truck production. "I am anticipating with pleasure my visit to you on the 11th or 12th, whichever day I am assigned to speak."
Very respectfully,
"W. R. DODSON,
"Dean and Director."

MICHEL DENIES THAT HE MADE DICKER WITH SEGREGATIONISTS

Regular Candidate Declares That He Was Not Even in Shreveport on the Date He Is Charged to Have Made Compact

New Orleans Aug. 1.—The Dailey Item says: Mr. John T. Michel, the regular candidate for Governor, Monday morning branded as a falsehood a Shreveport story printed in an afternoon New Orleans newspaper Sunday to the effect that he had promised the "segregationists" to "deliver" the New Orleans delegation to the next legislature in return for their support in the primary. The Shreveport story declared he had promised to hand over the city delegation "stock and barrel" in return for the entire voting strength of the "segregationists" who were conspicuous during the 1910 regular session of the general assembly the Shreveport local liquor interests are looked after by an anti-prohibition league. The story declared: "The ideas running through minds of many people in North Louisiana is how the New Orleans liquor interests will take Michel's stirring up of a phrase on the liquor question in North Louisiana which may have a tendency to precipitate a state wide prohibition campaign, for segregation carried to its logical conclusion will batter down the bulwark of local parish option which is New Orleans' greatest protection and start an agitation in any parish now quiet on the subject, and thereby possibly lead to a state wide campaign as was the case recently in Texas."

"The story was cut out of the whole cloth," said Mr. Michel. "It is simply a wild dream, without even a shadow of truth in it. I am represented by the Shreveport correspondent as having gone to Shreveport two weeks ago to make this alleged dicker with the segregationists. As a matter of fact I was last in Shreveport in the middle of May. Nor has any one authorized to represent me gone there to make the alleged deal."

"I have had no talk with the segregationists of Shreveport or any other section of the State. The idea that I could, or would, deliver the New Orleans delegation to the segregationists, or any other faction, is so preposterous as hardly to be worthy of serious attention. Why, the delegation has not even been selected by the people; and the gentlemen who comprise it, I imagine, will have well defined issues in their platforms when they seek the endorsement of the Democratic electorate. "My position on the liquor question was thoroughly defined in my platform. I have nothing to add to or take away from that declaration. The Shreveport story is absolute rot; there is not the barest vestige of truth in it."

BOB BROUSSARD WILL BE HERE THIS MONTH

Hon. Robert Broussard, candidate for Senator against Congressman Pujos and Governor Sanders, will speak in St. Landry parish on the 12th, 14th and 15th of this month. His itinerary has not as yet been announced, but his friends intend to have him cover the parish in those three days, if possible. The dates will be announced later.

—Mr. Lionel Bievvenu is out again, after a beneficial trip to Coopers Wells.
—Messrs. Fred. L. Sandoz and Maurice Vilaseca are now enjoying a visit at Coopers Well, Miss.
—The St. Landry Lumber Co., is erecting a nice cottage on the place recently bought from Mrs. Adams, which, on completion, will be occupied by Mr. Gregory, the manager of the Company.
—Mr. F. J. Dietlein and daughter, Miss H. P. Comeau are attending a K. of C. Convention in Detroit.
—Miss Olga Roos returned Friday from New Orleans, where she spent several weeks visiting relatives and friends.

LARGE CROWD WILL ATTEND SANDERS' DAY

St. Landrians Will Leave This Morning for the Capital to Hear the Governor.

GOO GOOS AT LAFAYETTE

Counter Attraction Will Also Have Some Attendance from the Empire Parish.

St. Landry went overwhelmingly for J. Y. Sanders in his race for the Governorship; and there is no reason why the Empire parish should not do the same this time in his race for the Senate. The interest in the Sanders' Day to be held in Baton Rouge today would indicate that the people here are still loyal to the young Governor, who is now seeking Senatorial honors. There will be a large crowd to leave from here, and other points in the parish, for the capital city this morning, and it is safe to say that St. Landry will come up in points of numbers to any parish in the State. Governor Sanders will make a tour of St. Landry shortly.

There is, as announced last week, a counter meeting, under the auspices of the opposition to Gov. Sanders, to be held on the same day in Lafayette. This move, however, will redound more to the detriment than to the benefit of the Goo Goos. People like fair play—more today than ever before. And moreover, it is plain that the Lafayette meeting was prompted by fear on the part of the Goo Goos that people whom they have enthralled would be swayed by the eloquence of Governor Sanders, and the justness of his claim to the Senatorship. But the people are wise, and these little tricks don't count now.

BEAUTIFUL EVANGELINE.

Jacobs' News Depot Has Reproduction of a Specimen of High Art.

In the show window of Jacobs News Depot Co. can be seen a reproduction of Howard Chandler Christy's \$1200.00 painting of the beautiful girl, Evangeline, as pictured in Longfellow's famous poem, and Voorhies' Academic Reminiscences. "The True Story of Evangeline." Christy is one of the foremost artists of this country, and to see this painting is a treat. The picture shows Evangeline with her milking can, just emerging into the open. Evangeline, full of love, pathos and sympathy, is shown by a single glance upon the picture.

"TONEE" LITTELL IS APPOINTED REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

Former Registrar of Voters Lasttrapes is a Candidate for Clerk of Court
Mr. H. D. Littell, popularly known as "Tonee," is the new Registrar of Voters for the parish of St. Landry. He received his commission for office Thursday and qualified at once, succeeding Mr. Henry Lasttrapes, who resigned in order to run for Clerk of Court. Mr. Lasttrapes' opponent is Mr. Henry E. Estorge. Therefore a Henry will be elected. Mr. Littell, the new Registrar, is a popular young man, a native of Opelousas, and fully competent to fill the office.

A Rainy Day's Entertainment
Misses Bertha and Mary Littell entertained a few young folks at a "rainy day party" at their home Sunday afternoon. The young folks were altogether oblivious of the condition of out-of-door elements and fully enjoyed themselves indoors. Nor was old Sol's services needed to help along the occasion. Pretty music was rendered by different members of the party and delicious refreshments were served. Those present were: Misses Bergna and Marion McCorkle, Helen Staggs, Bertha and Mary Littell, Messrs. Roy Edwards, Leslie Moriarty, Archie Dunbar and W. Powers.

STARTLING PROOF OF WHAT A SEWERAGE SYSTEM WILL DO, AND WHAT IT WILL COST.

The Records Are Very Cruel to the Man Selected to "Save the State."

Insufficient in Taxation, and A Life-Saver in Effect—Some Figures.
Considering that the medical or sanitary authorities are agreed that the time has come when it is imperative to the health of our little city that sewerage be installed within its limits, the only other question that arises in regard to the matter is the mode of securing this much-needed public improvement. Our Board of Aldermen has created a Sewerage District and a Sewerage Board has been elected by the property owners resident within the district, and this Board has presented to the citizen-taxpayers a plan by which sewerage can be had without delay. This plan provides for the levy of a two and one-half mills (one-quarter of one per cent) tax on the assessed value of the property included within the lines of the district, for a term of years necessary to meet the principal and interest of the sum required to install a sewerage system. There is no doubt that if the tax is voted the money will be raised without delay to pay for the improvements, which then become the property of the city. It is therefore up to the people who reside in the sewerage district and who own property within its limits to say if they want this great public convenience—this important means of guarding them from sickness and epidemic. We feel convinced that no citizen who has the welfare of his town at heart—no parent who desires to protect his family from sickness—will, after reflection, vote against this proposition. The insignificant amount which each tax-payer will be called upon to pay in the event that the special tax is voted should certainly not stand in the way. The poorest tax payer can pay it without feeling it. To the man or woman who is assessed for \$200, the tax will amount to but 50c per annum; he who is assessed for \$500 will only pay \$1.25 each year; and the person who is assessed for \$1000 will contribute but \$2.50 every year to the cost of the system. Surely, this small tax should not deter any one from voting in favor of the proposition. As to the cost of installing the sanitary fixture in the homes of our people, we are assured that this will not exceed \$30 or \$35, depending on the distance the sewer pipe will have to traverse to tap the main. Of course more expensive outfits can be had, but the above sum will provide a serviceable one. We all know that anything worth having costs something, and this great convenience is worth as much as anything else that cost as much. It is not only a comfort and convenience to the housekeeper, but the sanitary advantages thus secured and the protection to health thus afforded are well worth the cost of installing the fixture. When it is considered that there are many places, such as hotels, restaurants, saloons, etc., which will be required to connect with the sewers first, and that there are many other persons who are anxious to get this service and therefore will be given the preference, it is easy to see that those who are unable to have the work done at once will have ample time to prepare for it—to save the necessary money to pay for it. The men in charge of this work are reasonable and will not enforce an ordinance against those who are unable to pay the cost of making the connection as long as there are others who need the service more or who are better able to provide it. We can see, therefore, that it will be a long time before those in the district who desire to delay can be given attention.

When House Bill No. 116 was put on final passage in that body Senator Hall was among those who voted "no." (See Senate Journal, 1898, page 192.) "But Senator Hall was again in the minority. House Bill 116 passed both branches of the General Assembly. It was approved by the Governor. It is Act 22 of 1898. "What is Act 22 of 1898? It denounces and punishes with fine and removal from office members of police juries who graft from the public treasury. "Reads the law: "Section 1. That it shall be unlawful for any police juror to draw money from the parish treasury, either directly or indirectly, other than his per diem and mileage. "Section 2. That no police juror shall be interested either directly or indirectly in any contract the payment of which comes out of his parish; nor shall they be allowed to deal in parish paper. "The Legislature was striking at a public evil. It was seeking to uproot graft from the public service. It was going on record on a moral principal as old as the ages—that no man should use his power as a public official for personal pecuniary aggrandizement. "Yet Senator Hall was willing to record himself against this moral principle. "Boss Parker is deemed to be a man reasonably well posted in public matters, or would have us so believe. He cannot fail to know that it is a common and obnoxious form of graft for officials to be interested in public contracts. "In the light of this record, can he still pretend to tell the people of Louisiana that Luther E. Hall is the man to lift this State out of the morass of political immorality into which Mr. Parker and his organs maintain it has sunk? "The law which Senator Hall voted against is on the statute books today, thanks to the affirmative votes of Barrett, Batchelor, Cordill, Denechaud, Estopinal, Fenner, Fitzpatrick, Fuller, Laplace, Lawrason, Liverman, Lowry, Murphy, Patten, Sambola, Sholars, Shaffer, Sims, Sirjaqueos, St. Paul, Williams. "We shall not undertake to say why Senator Hall voted against it. But it furnishes another evidence of the utter mockery of the pretensions of Judge Hall to superior civic and political righteousness."

—Miss Helen Staggs, of Whiteville, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Fred L. Sandoz.
—Mrs. F. Derouen, and daughter, Miss Lulu, of Ville Platte, left for their home Tuesday, after spending a week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Wiggins.

Busy Days at Local Machine Shops.

Owing to the anticipated crop of cotton and rice local machinists Carlin and Hineckley are kept busy repairing gins and other machinery. Mr. Carlin has also done some expert work on automobiles and this alone has kept the senior member of the firm real busy.

COTTON OFFICES ARE READY FOR BUSINESS

On Account of the Promised bumper Crop, A Lively Time is Expected.

RAINS DID SOME DAMAGE

Weevils Reported in Several Sections of the Parish, but Not in an Alarming Extent.

The cotton buyers in Opelousas are already busy. This is extraordinary for this season of the year. No cotton has yet been bought in Opelousas, but an early crop and a good one is expected, and the theory that "the early bird catches the worm" seems to prevail with the cotton buyers. Several offices for the buying of cotton have been opened. Lichtenstein & Co.'s office is in charge of Mr. Jesse Barnett. The interests of Hyman Hiller & Co. are being taken care of by Mr. A. S. Simpson. The Opelousas Mercantile Co., Ltd., is of course represented by Mr. Isaac Roos. A good cotton crop is expected, notwithstanding the recent heavy rains. Boll weevils are reported in some sections of the parish, but not to a greatly damaging extent. In some sections where the weevil a year ago ravaged the crop, there are none to be seen. They will appear later on, doubtless, but it is hoped too late to do much harm. Other crops are also very promising.

LAYMEN'S RETREAT.

To Be Held at Grand Coteau During August.

For several years past the Jesuit fathers at Grand Coteau have been extending to Catholic laymen the great privilege of enjoying once a year the benefits of a spiritual retreat preached by one of their most able speakers. The retreat this year will be given at St. Charles College, Grand Coteau, La., on Aug. 11, and will close on Aug. 15. Rev. Wm. Power, S. J., will preach the retreat. A retreat, as its name indicates, is the withdrawal from his usual occupations in order that he may devote himself entirely to the one, all-important question of life. It is the devoting of one's time to a series of spiritual exercises, of prayer, meditation, and self-examination with a view to ordering one's life in more harmonious accord with the highest ideals of Christianity. Within the last ten years these laymen's retreats have been productive of the most consoling results in European countries. Recently they have been inaugurated in the United States, and their success has surpassed the most sanguine expectations of their promoters. At the earnest request of a large number of Catholic laymen it has been decided to once more place St. Charles College at the disposal of those Catholic laymen who wish to avail themselves of the advantages of this retreat. Rev. William Power, S. J., will conduct the exercises. St. Charles College is situated within ten minutes' drive from Sunset Station, on the Alexandria branch of the Southern Pacific. A train leaving Alexandria at 7 a. m. reaches Sunset at 10:12 a. m. Trains leaving New Orleans, Baton Rouge and western points make connections at Lafayette at 1:45 p. m. and reach Sunset at 2:10 p. m. For further particulars those interested are urged to apply to Very Rev. H. S. Maring, S. J., St. Charles College, Grand Coteau, La., or Joseph P. Buckley, 628-630 Poydras Street, Phone Main 910.—N. O. Picayune of Sunday, July 30th.

—Miss Lily and Master Lee Wiggins entertained a number of little folks at their home, Sunday evening, in honor of their guest Miss Lulu Derouen, of Ville Platte. The little folks played all sorts of games and enjoyed delicious refreshments until "Old Sandy," the Sandman, appeared on the scene and sent the little folks home and to Dreamland.
—Misses Rose and Felicity Andrepont are visiting relatives and friends at Ville Platte.
—Mr. Walton McCain, temporarily of Basile, was in town Wednesday, attending to business.