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## TO ORGANIZE FOR GRAND PARISH FAIR

Progressive League of Opelousas to Sponsor the Great Move.

## MEETING ON JANUARY 10TH

At Which Farmers, Merchants, Bankers, and All Interested in Welfare of Parish, Are Asked to Attend.

Opelousas, and the farmers of the parish, have had a taste of parish fairs on a small scale the past two years. These comparatively small affairs not only demonstrated that St. Landry soil could produce a variety and a quality of crops not dreamed of by many even in this parish, but it got together exhibits which were sent abroad and brought forth the acclaim and wonder of people everywhere. Now it is proposed to eclipse these efforts and hold a real big fair—a stunner—that will spread the glory of St. Landry everywhere.

The Opelousas Progressive League is the sponsor of the big fair, which will be held sometime next Fall in Opelousas, and the wide-awake President of the League, Dr. A. J. Bercier, is the mainspring of the affair, which fact means that there will be no let up in activity until the fair is assured.

The initial step will be a convention of farmers, merchants, and business and laboring men in general, of St. Landry parish, to be held in Opelousas on January 10th. Mr. F. S. White, Agricultural Agent of the Frisco road, and Dr. W. K. Dodson, dean of the Agricultural Department of the Louisiana State University, will be present at the meeting and help in the preliminaries. The Frisco road is heartily interested in this section and is in various and effective ways lending a hand in its development. A catalogue devoted entirely to this section has just been issued by that road, which is calculated to do immense good. Much of the material for this catalogue was gathered at the small fairs held here, showing the necessary for a real big fair.

"There is no reason why St. Landry should not hold a fair excelling any ever held in any other parish in this State," said Dr. Bercier. "We have the equal products of the soil equal to any on earth; we lead in stock, and show well in poultry. God has kissed our land with plenty, and we should show the world what we have. And these fairs serve to bring all our countrymen together, where they can exhibit their products, exchange ideas and become wiser in their chosen avocation. This commingling, associating and exchanging of ideas stimulates to higher ideals and brings forth greater prosperity and genuine happiness. We want farmers and other business men from the various sections of the parish to attend the Convention on January 10th, and help in bringing about a fair that will be a credit to St. Landry parish."

The Clarion hopes that everybody will put a shoulder to the wheel.

The merchant who refuses to help the farmer can not expect the good will of the farmer. "Him who is not my friend in mine enemy."

The farmer who is indolent and fails to avail himself of opportunities to keep abreast of the progressive times, brings down upon himself disaster and ruin. This age has closed the door on antiquity; you must be a moving, pulsating thing to be in the running.

There is but one straight road to WIN.

Pay your poll tax before next Saturday.

Signal in Hands of Receiver.

Late Charles, Dec. 19.—Upon application made by 60 per cent of the stockholders and 30 per cent of the creditors of the Signal Printing Company, of Crowley, to Judge Aleck Boardman, of the United States Court, sitting here today, the Crowley Signal hereinafter, as a going concern, will be sold to W. W. Duson by consent.

Died.

Mr. Jessie Marine, aged 85 years, died Dec. 14, 1911, in year City, Kansas, after a long illness. He was the father of R. J. Marine of this city.

## TOILING PEOPLE VS. TARIFF-FED MONOPOLIES.

Sterling North Louisiana Democrat Delivers Stinging Jeffersonian Speech.—An Eye Opener

By Hon. Dawkins.

Hon. O. C. Dawkins, of Monroe, is a Democrat of the old school.

He is a fighting Democrat, who believes and follows Democratic tenets and who never lets the opportunity pass of exposing the type of Democrats who have been representing Louisiana in Washington—Democrats who are elected as Democrats by a Democratic people and go to the National capitol and vote and speak for Republican measures, and, as in the case of Broussard, VOTE WITH A REPUBLICAN TYRANT when the "reform" Republicans and the Democrats are trying to oust that tyrant from power.

Mr. Dawkins believes in the principles of the Democratic party, principles that aim at the protection of the people against monopolies and trusts and barons, and not the "protection" of the monopolies, trusts and barons against the people.

Therefore Mr. Dawkins is for Governor Sanders for the Senate, because Gov. Sanders is a DEMOCRAT, and against Messrs. Broussard and Pujot, because they have betrayed the people and voted repeatedly with the Republicans when the interests of the people and the party were at stake.

Mr. Dawkins, in introducing Governor Sanders at a meeting held in Monroe, said in part:

"This nation and the States thereof are governed by one or the other of the two great political parties whose tenets are promulgated in party platforms, and every American has his choice of being either a Democrat or Republican. If he believes in the centralization of power in the national government and in a protective tariff, he is a Republican and his place is in the Republican party. If he believes in a low tariff, or a tariff simply and solely for the support of the government, and that local matters should be settled by the States, he is a Democrat, and should act and vote inside the Democratic party."

"There are men representing Louisiana in the Congress of the United States, posing as Democrats here, but voting with the Republicans in Washington. Now is the time for the people of Louisiana to decide whether this is a Republican or Democratic State, and whether they will send to Washington those only who are true to party pledges. In the last Congress, when stalwart Democrats and insurgent Republicans were battling to destroy the iniquitous Payne-Aldrich tariff and trying to relieve the toilers of this land of the burdensome tariff levied upon every necessity of life, the Democrats of Louisiana were disappointed by the votes and speeches of their Washington representatives. These men had been elected as Democrats, by Democrats, to enforce Democratic ideas, but in that memorable fight for the people not one of the Louisiana delegation raised his voice in behalf of the party's pledges. Some of these unfaithfuls are now seeking endorsement and promotion in the pending Democratic primary. Do not their records disqualify them with you voters? If these traitors to the faith want endorsement and political promotion should they not seek such in the party believing in a protective tariff, and not ask endorsement and support of Democrats who believe in public officials living up to party pledges, and who feel and know that the tariff is an iniquity. Such seeking for endorsement and promotion is an insult to Democratic loyalty and intelligence, and the honest man will spurn these betrayers of his faith. If you want Louisiana to be a Democratic State, upholding and advancing your political faith, you must not send to Washington men professing Democracy, and practicing Republicanism."

"The Republican protective tariff is indefensible; it is robbery of the masses for the classes. With our unlimited supply of raw material and our countrymen possessing abundant capital and endowed with superior pluck and enterprise, there is not an industry in this land needing protection. American manufactured goods are

sold in Europe in competition with European goods, and what is so monstrously unjust are sold to the foreigner cheaper than to the American people. The protective tariff enabled American manufacturer to successfully compete in foreign markets with foreign manufacturers, and given him power to rob without hindrance the American buyer. The present tariff policy permits one set of Americans to enrich themselves for the business of other Americans; it permits the home manufacturer to run his hands into the pockets of the farmers, consumers and toilers of this country and take all that greed dictates for the enlargement of his business and enrichment of himself. It is outrageously unjust and has no place in a nation such as ours, where all men were intended to be equal and have equal chances in the battle of life. Don't be deceived; the tariff is a tax primarily intended for the support of the government, but by the Republican policy, the mass of this tax goes into the pockets of the manufacturers and into the public treasury. It is a tax that meets the American at the cradle and leaves him only at the grave.

"The time is here for the American people to destroy that system which has enabled the vipers to fatten on the brawn and brain and muscle of this country. With all kinds of products of products from American mills and factories selling in the markets of the world in competition with similar foreign products and selling in those markets cheaper than they are being sold here. It is foolish to argue protection for home manufacturers. Truth is the people should be saved from the oppression of this protected class; the people actually need protection. The so-called infant industries have long ago shed their swaddling clothes; they have become giants and have run the foreign manufacturers out of the American market, established here monopolies and by trade combinations are robbing the people right and left.

"The only hope of relief from this oppression is in that Democracy which found birth and inspiration in the genius of Thomas Jefferson and enforcement of its principles in the rugged integrity of Andrew Jackson. Though the oldest party in the nation; though many times seemingly on its death bed, the party of Jefferson is still alive and militant and ready and able to give the people salvation from class legislation through the application of its doctrine of equal rights to all, special favors to none.

"Discussions of national questions have no place in a State primary, when State matters are at issue; but in this campaign five gentlemen are aspiring to represent Louisiana in the Senate of the United States, and Democrats have the right to ask and to know where these men stand on national questions. The gentleman in whose honor you are assembled is asking a Democratic senatorial commission. He has proclaimed that the party of Jefferson, of Jackson and of Tilden is his party; that he believes in the Democratic faith; that he will uphold the tenets of your party, and if elected will sit on the Democratic side and cast his vote in the Democratic column. Professing such faith and aligned as he is, it gives me pleasure to commend to you his candidacy."

Eastern Star Officers.

The election of officers for the ensuing year, for the Order of the Eastern Star, Lodge Lorraine No. 48, was held last Tuesday night at a special meeting at the Masonic temple, and resulted as follows:

Miss Irene Shute, W. M.; Leon Haas, W. P.; Mrs. Ike Litton, A. M.; Miss Helen Cain, Conductress; Miss Daisy Thompson, Assistant Conductress; Mrs. F. C. Shute, Secretary; Dr. J. A. Haas, Treasurer; Mrs. C. D. Price, Organist; Mrs. Robert Perkins, Marshal; Mrs. G. E. Harrison, Ada; Mrs. Jim Sanders, Ruth; Mrs. Eddie Loeb, Esther; Mrs. Jackson, Martha; Mrs. M. M. Hayes, Electa.

## MRS. McREE WILL BE TRIED IN FEBRUARY

So District Attorney R. Lee Garland Tells the New Orleans Item.

## WILL BE HARD TO GET JURY

McRee Family Divided, Children Being With Relatives and Parents in State of Texas.

"The case has been set for February. The case will be tried then."

District Attorney R. Lee Garland is quoted by the New Orleans Item to have made the above statement to a reporter of that paper, while in New Orleans last week.

The item comments that this statement will dispell any idea which might have been entertained that the State had abandoned the case against Mrs. McRee for the killing of young Allan Garland, in Opelousas last Fall.

Mrs. McRee was tried in October, and a mistrial was entered, the jury standing eight for conviction and four for acquittal.

"From another source," says the item, "it is learned that the McRee family divided immediately after the unsuccessful conclusion of the trial. Vallera McRee, the pretty little girl, whose presence in the court room undoubtedly worked upon the sympathies of some of the jurors as well as the spectators, has been sent to some of the relatives of her father in Mississippi.

"Mrs. McRee, released on bond, has gone with her husband to Texas, where he is at work on a new railroad. Rowan McRee has gone to the home of another relative.

"The pretty McRee cottage has been sold. The coming trial of the McRee case is likely to be even more sensational than the first one. Members of the Garland family have stated that all of the evidence in their possession was not put into evidence at the trial. It is probable that at the next trial every bit of evidence that can be secured or has been secured will be placed before the jury, or an effort will be made to get it before the jury.

"That it will be even more difficult to secure a jury for the new trial than at the original one is believed by those familiar with the strength of sentiment entertained by those of opposite views in the case in Opelousas. The case has been widely generally discussed in Opelousas, and most of the inhabitants of the little city have formed opinions of one sort or another."

Pay your poll tax before next Saturday.

## ELKS' POPULARITY CONTEST IS GETTING INTERESTING.

The Elks' Popularity Contest is in full blast. So far there are about 22 contestants and an exciting time is expected. The ballot boxes have been placed at Shute's Drug Store, Candy Kitchen, Bienville's Drug Store and Mornhinveg's Jewelry Store. The prizes are on display at R. Mornhinveg's Jewelry Store.

The young lady receiving the most votes receives a handsome diamond ring, and the young lady receiving the next amount a beautiful jewel box.

The boys are all preparing to back their favorites to the limit, so a hot finish is expected.

Pay your poll tax before next Saturday.

Mr. Fontenot in New Orleans.

Mr. L. Austin Fontenot was in New Orleans several days last week, transacting legal business and incidentally peering into the political situation there.

Mr. Fontenot is a candidate for member of the House of Representatives from St. Landry parish, and is considered by close observers as one of the winners. He is being viewed as especially equipped for the position, and he will be voted for very much irrespective of factional affiliation, the people in this instance looking more to the good this bright young man can do for the parish in the Legislature than for whom he is voting for the various offices.

Pay your poll tax before next Saturday.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Junge, on December 20th, a baby boy.

## HONORABLE JOHN T. MICHEL.

Candidate for Governor, and other speakers, will speak at the following places and dates:

- Grand Coteau, on Tuesday, Jan. 2, at 11 a. m.
- Washington, on Tuesday, Jan. 2, at 8 p. m.
- Leonville, on Wednesday, Jan. 3, at 11 a. m.
- Port Barre, on Wednesday, Jan. 3, at 3 p. m.
- Eunice, on Thursday, Jan. 4, at 11 a. m.
- Opelousas, on Thursday, Jan. 4, at 8 p. m.

## Hast Thou Found Me, O Mine Enemy!"

And it came to pass that one John M. Parker rose from the ranks of the Republican party, and, with the odor of Rooseveltism still smelling to the heavens, came into the party of the white man in the South to reform it.

And that same Parker did go to a city named Monroe, and there sought out one Judge Luther E. Hall, whom the said Parker, Republican, vouched to be clean of heart and soul, and put him forth as the candidate for Democratic Governor of Louisiana.

But, forsooth, there was another candidate in the field for the Governorship of Louisiana—one John T. Michel, a man who had fought the battles of Democracy and white supremacy—for he it was known that in the South Democracy means White Supremacy—all of his life.

And it became necessary for the Parkerites to undo the said champion of Democracy.

And the said Parker, together, with other Republicans, re-enforced by Democrats who were very, very hungry for office, did know that the said Michel did bear a good reputation in the eyes of the people of the State.

Therefore it became necessary for the said Parker and his followers to trump up charges foreign to the issues of the campaign in order to hoodwink the people and in that way make their way to the public trough.

And the only thing they could say was that the said Michel had bought State lands (at market price) and subsequently sold them at a profit.

And they declared this to be a sin, and did talk very much of the unworthiness of the said Michel and the pure and spotless life of their Moses, Judge Hall.

But now it comes to pass that the said Judge Hall, he who was said to be immaculate, is a chronic office seeker.

And further that Judge Hall did gamble in cotton futures in a "bucket shop," a place where the cotton of the toiling farmers is used as the basis of bets, and that after he lost at the game, did refuse to "make good" the amount he did owe to the keeper of the "bucket shop" on some transaction.

And that the said "bucket shop" keeper did hawk about the said debt of Judge Hall, in an effort to sell it.

That Judge Hall did do these dishonest things while occupying the exalted position of District Judge, whose duty it is to protect society by punishing dishonesty and unfair dealing among men.

And this revelation, coupled with the undisputed fact that he is now District Judge, and Supreme Judge-elect, and candidate for Federal Circuit Judge (a position to be gotten now only at the hands of a Republican administration) and a candidate for Governor, has made his followers sore of heart and faint of hope, and has placed a mighty "crimp" in their denunciations of Mr. Michel for paying his money for lands that were for sale and reselling these lands for more money.

Because they do know that the people of Louisiana will say to them: "You did tell us things that were untrue about thy champion; therefore you are unworthy of our confidence," and saying this, the people will flock to the support of the representative of the Regular Democracy of Louisiana—the representative of the party of the white man and of peace and happiness in the land. DEMOCRAT.

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## STUDENTS LAUD LOCAL BUSINESS COLLEGE.

When, some time ago, the papers of this city heralded the possibilities of a business college for this town, some, at first, thought of it as a joke and passed over it lightly; but through the zealous efforts and consistent work of our hustling organizer, Mr. C. E. Keller, it has ceased to be a joke and a dream and is now a stern reality. And we, the students, thoroughly understand and appreciate the wonderful benefits that can be derived from this institution.

We feel that it is the future and the making of many young women and young men who would have been unable to go to some distant place to receive this business course. And while it is in our home town, we feel that we should have it kept here and that it is our duty to encourage the maintenance and permanent organization of this institution.

We feel that Mr. C. M. Thomas, the instructor, is fully competent to conduct the college. His display of practical knowledge and his ability to impart this knowledge to the student is evident to all attending. He is a thorough gentleman and a very pleasant instructor; a better selection could not have been made.

The system and the order in which the college is conducted is perfect and the work is most interesting. Instruction is personal, as much as possible, and the backward student suffers no embarrassment whatever. Every student is taught individually and is able to advance in his work as quickly as he is capable, according to diligence and the careful home study that he does.

We feel that this institution is a blessing to the community and every young man and young lady who is able should take advantage of this splendid opportunity. (Signed):

F. G. Keller, Leon Dominique, Nicholas Fadaol, Ethel Mornhinveg, Geo. Bienville, Irl White, Ella Marine, Rose Wallior, Pearl Walker, John Savant, Oswald Perkins, Eugene J. Chachere, Edwin Danel, Chester S. Winfield, Willie J. Healey, Bessie Durio, Lula Latolais, Sidney L. Ducharme, J. E. Durio, James O. Dominique, T. G. Chachere, Jr., Freeman Burr, Tilden Guillen, Alice Delery, Rene Sibille, John Sibille, Ed. Littell.

## PHOTOPLAY HOUSE OPENS ITS DOORS TO-DAY.

Promises to be A Popular Pleasure Resort.—Performances from 3 o'clock to 10.

The Photoplay House, the new pleasure resort located just North of the Bon Ami playhouse, will open its doors this evening at three o'clock, and the performance will continue until 10 o'clock in the evening.

The new playhouse has been arranged especially for a show place, and the conveniences are all modern and the very best, including an electric orchestra which renders the sweetest of music.

The management assures the public that none but good, clean pictures will be shown, and that no pains or expense will be spared in the production of a strictly first-class moving picture show.

The prices are: children under 12, 5 cents; adults, 10 cents.

## OVER THREE THOUSAND REGISTERED VOTERS

People of St. Landry Take Commensurate Interest in the Approaching Election.

## POLL TAXES PAID 3780

Registration During the Last Few Days Was Large.—Office Closed Friday, December 23.

St. Landry parish should poll near three thousand votes, even allowing for a fair proportion of stay-at-homes.

Up to Thursday evening the total registration exceeded three thousand white Democrats, according to Registrar Littell, who, owing to the rush of people wanting to register, had not the time to devote to going over the figures and giving the exact number. "But I am satisfied it will not be less than three thousand, and more likely it will exceed that figure," said the Registrar.

Deputy Tax-Collector Andrus gave the figures of poll taxes paid as 3780.

The above is considered a large registration, as well as poll tax payment, and shows that the people of St. Landry are taking a commendable interest in the coming election.

Every precinct in the parish was visited by the registrar, the candidates for the various parochial offices following him with the dual object in view of seeing that "things went right" and of getting the voters out to register.

The office closed yesterday, and no more registration will be permitted for this election.

The tax-collector's office, however, will remain open until December 31 for the payment of poll taxes, and those who have not yet availed themselves of that privilege, are warned that unless they do so they will not be able to vote at the January primary, at which all offices are voted for. And they are further warned that there will be a rush of eleventh-hour men in the last days, and a delay may cost the tardy his vote.

## PAY YOUR POLL TAX NOW.

If you can't come, send the money—one dollar—to the tax collector, accompanied by a two-cent stamp for return.

## NIGGER AND A PELICAN.

Immense Bird of the Sea is Charged With Wanting to Steal Ephram's Chillum.

"Look 'er hyar, Cap. Jack, dis hyar 'lanish thing was pestickin' round de cabin dis mornin, an' Iz shure twas after stealin' my little chillun. If yer tink dar's any mook like dat round dese woods, Iz gwine ter lube you, shure, Cap., as much as I likes you."

This was the tale of woe of Ephram Woods, a hand on Gen. J. J. Thompson's place, near the city, told as he tremblingly exhibited to the General the neck and head of an immense blue Louisiana Pelican, which he had just killed in a tree near his cabin.

The negro had never seen a Pelican, and thought it was an eagle, or some goblin bird watching to swoop down in his cabin and take away one of his precious pickaninnies.

Gen. Thompson brought the neck and head to town, where it excited much curiosity among those who had never seen a pelican.

The bill was over two feet long, and the pouch large enough to hold a rosat pig.

It is unusual for pelicans to stray inland, and it is supposed that this one was driven here by the recent high winds.

Ephram made a gumbo of the bird, but says that it tasted more like a courtbullion than a gumbo.

## Lucius Dupre Found Dead.

Lucius G. Dupre, a citizen of Opelousas and a member of the St. Landry bar, aged 43 years, 2 months and 5 days, was found dead on Wednesday morning last, at about 12 o'clock, in a back room of Ariel Fontenot's establishment.

He went into the back room at about five o'clock in the evening, to take a nap, and when it was attempted to arouse him at 12 o'clock, so that the place could be closed, he was found dead. It is supposed that he died at about 11 o'clock.

A bright mind and a big heart are stilled, after an unequal battle on earth.

May he sleep well.