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## CONG. DUPRE SAYS MICHEL SURE WINNER

Second District Representative Talks Politically Reservedly but Emphatically.

### TOUCHES NATIONAL ISSUES

Was in Opelousas to Spend Holidays With Relatives to Buy-hood Town.

"O, yes, I am quite confident of the triumphal nomination of Hon. John T. Michel for Governor," replied Congressman H. Garland Dupre, of New Orleans, who spent several days here with home folk this week, when asked as to the chances, in his opinion, of Mr. Michel.

Mr. Dupre grew enthusiastic as he went on giving the reasons why the people of Louisiana would select Mr. Michel.

"The well-known sturdy honesty of Mr. Michel, and his indisputable capacity as a public official, have not in the least been affected by the futile attempts of his enemies to question these," continued Mr. Dupre. "Sixteen years' service as Secretary of State has so entrenched him in the confidence of the people that no amount of mudslinging can dislodge him from that confidence."

Mr. Dupre during his long term as a Representative in the Legislature, in which he served as Speaker of the House during the Sanders administration, had opportunity to familiarize himself with the needs and condition of the State, and he is strongly imbued with the idea that Mr. Michel is the man of the hour for Louisiana. "A sound, capable business man is what Louisiana needs right now, and Michel is that man."

Asked about National politics, Mr. Dupre expressed the firm belief that a Democrat would be elected president at the next election, and he said that this was the prevailing opinion at Washington, and that the Republicans have fully realized that there are breakers ahead of them.

Congressman Dupre is an Opelousas boy—a "country boy"—who went to New Orleans and soon forged his way to the front, a physical demonstration that there is no prejudice against the country on the part of New Orleans. He, together with his cousin, Gilbert L. Dupre, Jr., (another Opelousas boy who has "made good" in New Orleans) are making speeches for Michel.

## FARMERS TAKING DEEP INTEREST IN PARISH 'YOU' MEETING

President Bercier Leads from Farmers from Various Portions of St. Landry.

President A. J. Bercier, of the Opelousas Progressive League, who is sponsor to an elaborate Parish Fair to be held in Opelousas sometime next Fall, is very much elated over the encouragement so far received from the farmers and business men of the country.

The great good done by the few small parish fairs held here is a beckoner to greater efforts, and the farmers have realized that science and progression is as necessary in agriculture as it is in other lines.

The meeting to organize will be held in Opelousas on January 10th, and representatives from all sections of the parish are expected to attend.

### Increasing the Force.

The Commoner force was increased by one on Thursday, the 21st, when a little fellow arrived by the Stork Express at the residence of Business Manager George Beurdier.

### Change in Priest.

Rev. P. Borel, for the past three years assistant priest at the Catholic Church here, left a few days ago for Platteville, La., where he will assist the pastor there, and Rev. Father Beson, of New Orleans, has assumed charge of his work here as assistant to Very Rev. J. Angerink.

## ODDS AND ENDS TOUCHING PENDING CAMPAIGN

"Reformer" Who Wanted to Give Boys A Job.-- Louisiana's Giant.--Sailing Under False Colors, Etc.

### Harris and Public Education.

Prof. Thos. H. Harris is perfectly justifiable in entering the present campaign, and in espousing the Michel cause.

He is a school man, and if the school people do not take an interest in what they consider the best for the public schools, who will?

Mr. Harris went into this campaign to defend the Marks bill, which provides, among other good things, that trained school men should be at the head of school boards.

This law was viciously attacked by some of the Hall orators, which made Mr. Harris suspicious of a Hall administration. Judge Hall, while a member of the State Senate, had voted against the establishment of the Southern Industrial Institute at Lafayette, and this fact did not recommend the Judge to Mr. Harris as a friend of public education.

On the other hand, Mr. Michel was pledged to a progressive school administration.

Therefore Mr. Harris, as the head of the public schools of the State, had a perfect right to take the stump for what he thinks the good of the public school system of Louisiana.

### The Item's Change of Front.

When the matter of the Morits bucket shop was first mentioned in the press, and it was believed that Morits, the pool room operator who claims Judge Hall "welched" him in not making good his losses, would not divulge the transaction, the Item lauded Morits' "high sense of propriety," and referred to him as "a man of high sense of honor."

Now Morits says Judge Hall did gamble and refuse to pay him his share of the losses; and the Item is no longer willing to give him a certificate of character.

### Where Is Bob Broussard, Anyway?

Bob Broussard, candidate for the United States Senate, gave out a faint intimation some days ago that he would tie his boat to that of the good government.

Which tickled the Goo Gooos mightily.

Now comes his campaign manager, Senator Price, in an interview declaring that he (Price) was supporting Michel.

Is that a straddle?—Bob working the Goo-Gooos and his manager the Michelites? or is it that the bouquet Broussard threw at the Goo-Gooos was just an immortelle touchingly laid on the bier of his gravemate?

### Under False Colors.

Judge Hall has a perfect right to run for Governor of the State.

Those who are supporting him have a perfect right to support him.

But Judge Hall has no right to sail under false colors; he has no right to attempt to lead the people astray on false issues. He has no right to claim that his sole idea in running for Governor is to save the State from ring rule, when he himself is a dyed-in-the-wool ringster, who but a few months ago solicited the aid and support of the ring, including game wardens and registrars, in his race for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court; he has no right to pose as a savior of the Democratic party, when the man who induced him to become a candidate is a Republican and his main speakers ex-Republicans.

### What 'Smatter With Pop?

"I am satisfied that the people of New Orleans will cast their vote on Jan. 23 in the presence of their own head light and not dictated by any little tin ward boss."—J. B. Aswell, in a New Orleans speech.

What 'smatter with Pop Bob Ewing, Jean Baptiste? The old boy has been making enough racket for you to have shielded him from being called by you a tin ward boss. Fie on ye, Jean!

### Will Warm Hall In Later's Home.

Here is a special to the Pica-

yune from Monroe, Judge Hall's home town, and it sings no cheerful song to the chances of the Judge:

Monroe, La., Dec. 27.—John T. Michel will address the voters of Ouachita Parish at Sugar's Theatre here Friday night. Other speakers will be T. C. Barrett, Philip Werlein and Charles Rosen. Preparations are being made for a big meeting. Mr. Michel has some influential support here, and it is conceded that he will poll practically as big a vote as Judge Hall, although this is the latter's home parish.

### "Must Promise Boys Jobs."

"There are too many political jobs in this State!" vociferously shouts a small satellite of the Good Government League.

"You must promise the boys a job to get them to work," whispers the big chief of the Good Government League, to a prospective candidate for Governor.

Listen to what Prof. Aswell, candidate for Governor, says of a conversation which took place between himself and John M. Parker, when Aswell was a postulant for League support:

"I went about asking the support of all good Democrats," says Prof. Aswell. "I asked Mr. Parker. I did not know at that time that he was a Republican. I refused to promise Mr. Parker anything. He said 'You'd have to promise the boys a job to get them to work.' He didn't say he would give them a job, but just to promise them the jobs."

Give jobs and PROMISE jobs to carry through a "reform" movement!

Have the people of Louisiana ever before been confronted with such consummate double-dealing?

And if Mr. Parker, Republican, wanted the Democratic candidate for Governor to promise the jobs, does it not follow that Parker, Republican, would have been the dispenser of these Democratic jobs?

Dr. Aswell was at that time mentioned as the Good Government candidate for Governor, and this conversation about "jobs" and "promises of jobs" must have taken place about that time.

### Louisiana's Giant.

There is one thing about J. Y. Sanders that his enemies do not try to take away from him: that's his towering ability.

He was two weeks in Washington, D. C., as the head of the Louisiana delegation which went there to procure for New Orleans the Panama Exposition.

There he met in debate the brain and eloquence of the United States.

He came back to Louisiana the pride of the South and of the young manhood of the country.

He attracted comment from all parts of the United States.

He made a reputation in two weeks.

Don't you think, citizen of Louisiana, that your state will fare well at the hands of this Louisiana giant?

Don't you KNOW that Jared Sanders will AT ONCE (for he brooks no delays) rise to lofty eminence as a forceful debater, a ripe constructor of ideas, a master of eloquence?

Who will be the gainers in having such a man in the Senate? Won't it be the people, the State? Think well.

### Beloved Lady Passes Away.

Mrs. W. T. Simmons, wife of the section foreman of the S. P. railroad at Opelousas, died on Monday, December 25, 1911, at 10:45, at the family home, aged 46 years and 9 days. Interment at Garland, La., at 2 o'clock Tuesday evening.

Deceased was born in Columbus, Miss., on December 16, 1845. She and her husband came here a year ago, and took charge of the section house of the Southern Pacific. During their stay here they made numerous friends. Mrs. Simmons' genteel manners and motherly demeanor winning favor with whomsoever she came in contact.

She leaves a husband and three children, who have the heartfelt sympathy of the community.

## A NOISY BUT OTHERWISE SANE CHRISTMAS

Little Boys Have Models of Fun, But No Casually Mars the Day.

### HOLIDAY BUSINESS GOOD

The Toy Stores the Only Sufferers—Elks Make Little Hearts Glad With Christmas Tree.

Opelousas experienced a sane Christmas. But for the shooting of fireworks, it would not have been noticed that Monday was Christmas.

There was practically no drunkenness—no more than on a usual week day, and much less than on many previous Christmases.

Some of the dry goods merchants report fair business, one or two extra ordinary good business, while a few poor business.

The jewelers say this was a banner Christmas for them, the rush continuing until the stores closed Christmas day. The class of goods sold was above the ordinary.

The toy man is about the only one who complains of real tough Christmas business.

And this satisfactory condition in the face of three weeks of continuous rain, which rendered the roads leading into the city almost impassable.

The Elks made many little hearts happy with their Christmas tree at the Auditorium. Over fifteen hundred prizes were given away, and the affair was a grand success.

### Two Weddings.

The wedding bells chimed merrily with the chimes of Yuletide at the Milsted home last week, the two popular young ladies of that household entering the state of matrimony within four days of each other.

The first to take the "step" was Miss Rilma Milstead, and her benedict is Mr. Felix Castille. The wedding was celebrated at the Catholic Church, in the presence of relatives and friends, on Sunday, Dec. 24. The bride wore a dress of white satin, with a spray of orange blossoms and a veil of tulle.

The bridesmaid, Miss Alida Doucet, was gowned in white serge trimmed with white satin and fringe. The groom's brother, Mr. Rene Castille, was groomsman.

The happy couple have gone to Jeanerette, their future home, where the groom is in the employ of the Cumberland Telegraph & Telephone Co.

The marriage of the younger sister, Miss Anna, to Mr. Lerno Hines, took place Thursday evening, December 28, at the Catholic Church, at 4 o'clock in the evening, and it was also attended by a number of relatives and friends.

The bride wore a dress of white satin, with a spray of orange blossoms and a veil of white tulle.

The bridesmaid, Miss Agnes Scanlan, wore a tan dress of serge trimmed in green. Mr. Felix Castille attended the groom.

A reception was held at the residence of the brides' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Milsted, after the ceremony of each wedding.

Many beautiful and useful presents were received by the contracting parties.

The Clarion wishes the young people much happiness.

### ELKS' CARNIVAL GOING ON.

Nigro & Loos' Street Carnival is Holding forth on Courthouse Square.

The courthouse square looks like a tented field now, the Nigro-Loos Carnival Co. occupying it with its splendid street fair, which opened here on the 27th, and will close next Monday, Jan. 1st.

The carnival is playing here under the auspices of the Elks' Commercial Club, and as the Elks never do things half-way, this show is one of the best that could be gotten, and that means that it is a good one.

There are fourteen shows, all worthy of patronage. The Elks' police the grounds, so there is not the least danger of any disturbance.

## 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.

### Death of Little Marie Elise Comeau.

And when I sit by the smould'ring fire,  
As the twilight broods on its drooping wings,  
My dreams fall dead, and my heart's desire  
Sobs on the wreck of vanished things;  
I know no song, and I say no prayer,  
As through my heart I can only see  
The little unlighted Christmas tree.

Died, at the family residence, in Opelousas, on Friday night, December 22, 1911, at 7:40 o'clock, Marie Elise, infant daughter of J. L. Comeau and Edith Leslie Pierson, aged 5 years, 6 months and 28 days.

The murky clouds of Wednesday, December 20, told of gloom and cheerlessness, a dismal herald of the approaching day of the birth of the Christ Child.

Unmindful of this was mother's love, that might overcome all woes; that mother that burns in sunshine or in rain, that mother's heart that for the little one, the sunbeams at the home, who had been her all about Santa Claus, and about Christ, and in all that rain the mother trod in mud and slush, procuring toys to gladden that little heart on the eventful day.

There was no thought then in the mind of Mrs. J. L. Comeau, as she went about buying the toys for little Marie Elise, the only child, that these toys and other pretty things were destined to occupy some niche to only serve the purpose of feeding memory with thoughts of the darling one—that Death would be Santa Claus to Marie Elise even ere the bells chimed for the gladsome day.

But such it was. Taken suddenly sick with croup Wednesday night, she joined the angel host Friday night, and the remains were interred in the Catholic cemetery Saturday evening at 3:30 o'clock.

Little Marie Elise was the only child of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Comeau. Bright, talkative, a perfect "little lady," she was the idol of her parents' hearts, and the little friend of all who knew her.

The sympathy of the entire community goes out to the bereaved parents.

### Bauman--Peyrefitte.

Mr. L. J. Bauman, of Opelousas, and Miss Elvira Carmen Peyrefitte, of New Orleans, were married at the residence of the bride's parents, in New Orleans, on Wednesday, December 20, 1911, Rev. Father Prim officiating.

The groom was attended by his brother, Will H. Bauman, and the bride by her sister, Miss Hortense Peyrefitte.

Immediately after the ceremony a reception was held at the residence of the bride's parents, and the following night a complimentary supper was tendered to the bridal party at the Monteleone Hotel.

"Doc." Bauman is the druggist at Shute's Drugstore, and while he has been here but a few months, numbers among his friends those who have come in contact with him.

The bride is a sweet and amiable New Orleans girl.

May joy and happiness be their lot.

### Services At Episcopal

There will be Divine at the Episcopal Church, Sunday, at 11 a. m. Rev. Mr. Gibbs.

## LOUISIANA SHOWS A VERY HEALTHY GROWTH

274,763, or 19 Per Cent, is the Increase of Population of the Pelican State.

### ST. LANDRY PARISH 66,661

Against 52,966, in 1900—Eleven Cities in Louisiana Having Populations of 10,000 And Over.

Washington, Dec. 26.—The bulletin of the National Census Bureau shows the population of Louisiana to be 1,656,388. Compared with a population of 1,381,825 in 1900; this represents an increase during the last decade of 274,763, or 19.9 per cent. During the same period the total population of continental United States increased 21 per cent. The rate of growth of the State during this decade was less rapid than during the preceding decade, 1890-1900, when the increase was 23.5 per cent.

Louisiana has eleven cities in the State, the largest has a population of 10,000, the next largest, population of 5,000, and the smallest, population of 1,000. The population of Louisiana in 1910 was 1,656,388, against 1,381,825 in 1900. This includes the population of the following cities: New Orleans, 287,000; Baton Rouge, 114,000; Shreveport, 100,000; Lake Charles, 100,000; Monroe, 100,000; Metairie, 100,000; Bogalusa, 100,000; Thibodaux, 100,000; Opelousas, 100,000; and Eunice, 100,000.

St. Landry parish has 66,661 population, against 52,966 in 1900. This includes the population of the following cities: Opelousas, 10,000; Eunice, 10,000; and Avoyelles Parish, 10,000.

Calcasieu Parish, 10,000; Grant Parish, 10,000; Iberia Parish, 10,000; Iberville Parish, 10,000; Lafayette Parish, 10,000; Pointe Coupee Parish, 10,000; Rapides Parish, 10,000; St. Martin Parish, 10,000; Vermilion Parish, 10,000; and Vernon Parish, 10,000.

Wreck on the O. Gee.

Freight Train Goes Through Bridge at Wykoff, Near Bayou.

Crowley Signal, December 23.

The southbound freight train on the Oh Gee went through a bridge across Bayou Wykoff, near Branch, Friday evening and tied up traffic on that line for the balance of the day and night. No one was injured in the wreck and the damages were repaired temporarily by this morning so that trains were able to pass.

The foundation of the bridge is supposed to have been damaged by the high water, which allowed the supports to give way. The engine and two head cars passed over the weak spots in safety, but a heavily loaded car of nitriline feed went through and is now lying in the bed of the stream. The caboose left the track with the nitriline car but was not ditched. The track was torn up considerably.

A wrecking crew was sent out from Opelousas and had the track in shape so trains could pass to-day. The Oh Gee passenger train Friday evening came in over the Frisco from Opelousas by way of Eunice, arriving at 10 o'clock at night, a little over five hours late.

### JUDGE HALL

Fixed for Government Meeting

A few days following the trial tour of St. Landry John T. Michel and party will come to Opelousas and devote ten days to the parish.

It is announced that Hon. D. Wilkinson and others, and English speakers, will be here, and that local speakers will add ginger to the rallies.

The places and dates are as follows:

Prairie Basse, on Saturday, January 6th, at 2 o'clock P. M. Leonville (Woodman Hall), Sunday, January 7th, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Grand Prairie, on Monday, January 8th, at 12 o'clock A. M. Washington, on Monday, January 8th, at 8 o'clock P. M.

Prairie Ronde, on Tuesday, January 9th, at 12 o'clock M. Lewisburg, on Wednesday, January 10th, at 12 o'clock M.

Eunice, on Thursday, January 11th, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. Mallet, Numa Bertrand's Store, on Friday, January 12th, at 12 o'clock.

Bristol, on Saturday, January 13th, at 12 o'clock M. Port Barre, on Sunday, January 14th, at 11 o'clock A. M.

### Dr. Shute Ill.

Dr. Frank C. Shute was conveyed to New Orleans Friday evening, where it is believed he will have to be operated on for appendicitis.

Dr. Shute was stricken suddenly a few days ago, and Dr. Crawford, a specialist of New Orleans, arrived here Thursday night and in consultation with local physicians it was decided to take the sufferer to the city.