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STEWART AND GARLAND KERR AND PLAIS HORN

Tuesday's Election Was Hard-Fought, But Without Acrimony.

JUDGE ENNIS KERR WINS BY A CLOSE MAJORITY OF FOUR

The Regulars Get the Best In the Legislature from This Parish.

Representatives:
A. H. GARLAND,
A. D. STEWART.
City Judge:
E. S. KERR.
Constable to City Court:
PLAIS HORN.

This is the result of last Tuesday's primary election. There were no other contests in the parish. The time-worn expression: "The election passed off quietly," is expressive of Tuesday's primary. There were no distinguishing features.

The Representative Fight.

The Regulars elected Major A. D. Stewart. He had been a consistent and open supporter of the Regular faction, both State and parochial.

Mr. A. H. Garland, the other member of the Legislature elected Tuesday, was a supporter of the candidacy of Hon. John T. Michel, but in the second run was endorsed by the League people.

Mr. Morton H. Thompson, a defeated candidate, was a genuine League supporter.

Prof. W. J. Boudreau was an Aswell adherent.

The line-up Tuesday was greatly Thompson and Garland by the League, and Stewart by the Regulars.

Mr. Boudreau made an independent fight, with no organized support from either side. His vote under the circumstances is indeed flattering.

So the recapitulation of St. Landry's representatives in the Lower House of the General Assembly is:

L. Austin Fontenot (elected in the first primary), Aswell supporter, but strong supporter of Gov. Sanders and most of the Regular ticket in the last election.

A. D. Stewart, out-and-out, scrapping Regular.

A. H. Garland, supporter of Michel, but endorsed by League in second primary.

It might not be amiss to mention that the Senators from this

district, composed of St. Landry, Acadia and Evangeline, are Regulars. Homere Barrouse, of Acadia, and Dr. L. Lazaro, of St. Landry, are the Senators.

So St. Landry and this district fared well in her representation in the General Assembly, from a Regular standpoint.

The Ward Fight Here

The fight for City Judge and Constable to the City Court of Opelousas was close and interesting, especially in the case of Judge E. S. Kerr, the present incumbent, who won by only four votes over his opponent, Judge Arthur Simon.

Plais Horn won over his opponent, Mr. L. B. Wyble, for Constable to the City Court, by 36 votes.

It was a hard and determined fight the entire day, and the result, particularly as to the Judgeship, was at all times in doubt. In fact, in the late hours of the evening it was thought Judge Kerr would be defeated; and when the count of the votes was announced, it was unofficially announced that Judge Simon had won by one vote majority, and Judge Kerr actually extended his congratulations to his opponent. The official count, however, showed that Judge Kerr had been returned by four votes.

There are two voting precincts in the ward: Opelousas and Bellevue.

The tabulated vote, as far as obtainable, is as follows:

PRECINCTS	REPRESENTATIVES				CITY JUDGE		CITY MARSHAL	
	GARLAND	THOMPSON	BOUDREAU	STEWART	KERR	SIMON	HORN	WYBLE
Opelousas	201	258	126	232	255	224	257	223
Bellevue	12	16	29	15	12	39	26	24
Plaisance	6	12	6	35				
Plaquemine Point	28	24	6	9				
Washington	55	44	28	67				
Eunice	78	47	31	125				
Grand Coteau	30	27	130	44				
Coulee Croche	31	27	75	17				
Melville	46	44	5	10				
Bayou Current	8	12	1	9				
Grand Prairie	79	82	2	34				
Mallet	59	41	29	47				
Port Barre	17	6	15	15				
Faquetatque	7	7						
Leonville	21	15	23	41				
Notleyville	5	4	5	3				
Whiteville	8	9	8	17				
Barbreck	7	6	2	1				
Garland	13	9		8				
Morrow	18	18	10	6				
Big Cane	9	4	15	6				
Arnaudville	34	20	63	34				
Palmetto	11	15	4	11				
Waxia	7		2	4				
	790	747	617	787	267	263	283	247

ITALIANS PREPARING FOR GRAND ST. JOSEPH CELEBRATION

A Yearly Feature In the Life of the Sons of Sunny Skies.

The celebration of the feast of St. Joseph is always looked forward to with interest in Opelousas, because the local Italians make it an elaborate affair.

Fireworks display, music, singing, and general cheerfulness mark the event.

This year will be no exception to the past. Preparations are now going on which promises to make this event even greater than those of the past years.

A partial program tells of their attending Vespers at the Catholic church on the night of the 18th; of music by an Italian band from New Orleans on the courthouse square after services; of their attending High Mass at ten o'clock on the 19th; and of the beginning of the amusements on the church grounds at 3 o'clock on the evening of the 19th. Climbing a greasy pole, catching a slippery pig, and other amusements will be features.

At night, the firework display will take place.

Hayes--Roberts.

Mr. H. V. Hayes, of Bradford, Tenn., but now agent for the K. C. & S. at Bon Ami, La., and Miss Hilda Roberts, daughter of Mr. J. M. Roberts, of Arnaudville, were married at the residence of the bride's father on February 19th.

The wedding was strictly a home affair, and occurred at eight o'clock in the forenoon so that the couple could catch the Southern Pacific train for the honeymoon trip, which took in carnival in New Orleans and a week at Lake Charles.

Mr. Henschel Roberts, brother of the bride, was groomsmen, and Miss Ester Perkins, of Opelousas, was bridesmaid.

The Clarion wishes the young people abundant success.

SOUTHERN RICE GROWERS' ASSOCIATION GAINING IN FAVOR

Beaumont, Texas, Feb. 24.—

Unsettled weather during the week has hindered plowing on low lying lands, but better drained lands are being put into shape for planting, and a good percentage of rice lands has been plowed. Planting will be unusually late, even with the best possible weather from now on.

Forecasters predict that the Texas acreage will not be increased, and many of them say it will be slightly decreased. In Southwest Louisiana there are indications that at least a full acreage will be put in. It is expected that the river acreage will be at least cut in half.

The clean rice market holds very strong, with a good prospect that there will be a shortage of supply before the new crop arrives. The distribution this month is heavy, and will probably equal any previous February distribution.

In Southwest Louisiana there has been a heavy sale of mules and horses this spring, indicating larger preparation for planting. Already thrasher houses have done a good business in threshing machines for this year, and sales of seeders have been heavy.

The Southern Rice Growers' association is gaining in favor among farmers of the rice belt. Membership is steadily increasing, and it is now certain that the strength of the association will be much greater than last year.

The annual stockholders meeting for selecting a Board of Directors will take place at the office of the St. Landry Clarion on Saturday, March 16th, at 4 p. m.

R. BREAUX, President.
AARON JACOBS, Secretary.



ENNIS S. KERR
Judge-elect.

GOOD ROADS TRAIN TO TRAVERSE ENTIRE FRISCO SYSTEM.

With his usual broad-minded

policy, Mr. B. F. Yoakum of the Frisco System has made arrangements with the Office of Public Roads of the United States Department of Agriculture to send a Good Roads Special Train over the entire Frisco System. The Government's equipment on this train is the most up-to-date for illustrating methods of road improvement ever exhibited. It will require four especially equipped cars to carry this unusual exhibit. There will be exhibited models of every type of road construction, from the sand-clay and gravel roads to the most expensive type of bituminous-macadam; also miniature road machinery and rock quarries in operation; as well as the most improved types of bridges and culverts, in construction. Illustrated lectures will be given at each stop, and the farmers and road supervisors along the Frisco Lines will have an opportunity to see illustrated the most beautiful roads of the world.

This Good Roads Train will cover about fifteen thousand miles of track, or about five times the distance between Washington and San Francisco. More than three hundred towns will be visited, and everything that the farmer wants to know about the improvement of his roads, even his own "personal puzzles," will be solved for him by the Government experts on the train.

These government representatives will be experienced highway engineers and will officially represent the U. S. Office of Public Roads.

Within a few days, a complete schedule of all the points at which this Good Roads Train will stop will be posted along the lines of the road, and also given in all the local papers.

—Mrs. James Townsend of Washington, D. C., accompanied by her little daughter, Elizabeth, is spending a short while in Opelousas, the guest of her uncle, Mr. H. O. Lauman, and family. On last Sunday morning, at the M. E. Church, South, she gave a very interesting but informal talk to the Sunday School classes, which was attentively listened to and greatly appreciated by both scholars and teachers. She is delighted with her visit.

—Mr. A. E. Lafleur has been studying and just finished a course in real estate business and has decided to co-operate with the National Realty Co. All lands listed with him will be sent to his association.

ELKS PLANNING GALA AUTOMOBILE CARNIVAL AND RACES

The Elks' Commercial Club announce that they are planning to have in the near future, or after Lent, a gala automobile carnival and races.

Many entries are expected, among whom are such noted automobilists as Andrew Moresi, driving a 1912 high-power "Overland," "Bill" Stewart in his new electric "Cadillac," "D. D." Larcade in a "Mitchell" runabout, "Toby" Veltin in a "Marmon," Cliff Allen in an "Overland" racer, and others.

The most spectacular and sensational event of the day will be an Auto-Aerial Exhibition by "Izzy Do" Isaac.

While suspended in mid-air, Mr. Isaac will drive his new "Lemy Zueme" car for the first time in public, at the rate of one hundred and fifty miles per hour.

This is not going to be a farce in any sense of the word, as challenges have been sent to all the auto racers such as Bobby Burman, Ralph De Palma, Ray Harroun and others.

The Elks always give the people their money's worth, and we hope that the weather will permit the pulling off of this great event.

Mr. Boudreau Thanks the Voters.

Sunset, La., Feb. 29, 1912.
Editor St. Landry Clarion,
Opelousas, La.

Permit me to convey, through the columns of your paper, to my many friends throughout the parish, my heartfelt gratitude for the loyal support they gave me and the principle for which I stand; namely,—The Political Independence of the Electorate of this parish.

From a purely personal standpoint, it matters not that I was defeated, and, for that reason, I have nothing but the best of feelings in my heart for those who voted against me out of a firm conviction that those for whom they voted are as well, or better, qualified than I am to work for the greater glory of Louisiana. These men I honor.

Towards those who do not enter into the qualifications of candidates, but who act under the lash of the whip; who do not vote, but who register the will of their Boss or Little Tin God; who do not think, but who voice the sentiments and thoughts of those who keep them in "Line" by means of cheap flattery fed to their voracious vanity,—towards these, I say, I feel the utmost pity. To them I extend my sympathy.

Very truly yours,
W. J. BOUDREAU.

A PROSPEROUS BANK.

Peoples' State Bank Wants to Increase its Capital Stock.

We publish in another column notice of a meeting of the stockholders of the Peoples State Bank of Opelousas, for the purpose of voting on a proposition to increase the capital stock of the said Bank.

This Bank has done wonderfully well, having paid over 200 per cent in dividends and the book value of the stock still being over \$700 per share.

This Bank made over 50 per cent of their capital last year, notwithstanding the fact that Opelousas had two more new banks.

We understand that the value of the Stock will be reduced to something near par and that a few shares will be placed with some of the customers and friends of the Bank.

Board of Directors: David Roos, Samuel Haas, J. A. Haas, Leon S. Haas, Lawrence Larcade.

Officers: David Roos, President; Samuel Haas, Vice-President; Lawrence Larcade, Cashier; N. M. Childs, Ass't Cashier; Leon S. Haas, Ass't Cashier.

Notice.

Meeting of R. E. Lee Camp, No. 14, U. C. V., at Major A. Simon's office, Saturday, March 9th, for the purpose of payment of State and national dues, and election of officers.
C. P. RICHARD,
Lieut.-Com.

SEWERAGE BOARD CALLS FOR BIDS FOR BONDS

Forty Thousand Dollars in Five Per Cent Bonds On Market for Sale.

FIRST SEWERAGE DISTRICT

Of City of Opelousas.—The Issue Consists of Eighty Bonds of Five Hundred Dollars Each.

The subjoined notice asking for bids for the sale of sewerage bonds for the city of Opelousas means much to the inhabitants of the city.

It means much towards progress and uplift.

It is an important notice.

"The First Sewerage District of the City of Opelousas, Louisiana, invites sealed bids for the purchase of its \$40,000 Bond issue. The issue consists of 80 bonds of \$500 each, dated Oct. 1, 1911, interest 5 per cent per annum from date, payable annually on Oct. 1st, and principal payable \$500 a year from 1913, to 1917 inclusive, \$1,000 a year from 1918 to 1927 inclusive, \$1,500 a year from 1928 to 1934 inclusive, \$2,000 a year from 1935 to 1938 inclusive, and \$3,000 a year from 1939 to 1941 inclusive.

"Bonds amply secured by special tax voted by property holders of district, running for 40 years but sufficient to retire all bonds ten years before expiration. Election now incontestible by statute and tax for first year levied and collected.

"Bids opened at office of undersigned Secretary in the City of Opelousas, La., on Saturday, March 30, 1912, at 11 o'clock A. M. \$400.00 deposit required with each bid. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

"Full prospectus and other information on request.

"BOARD OF SEWERAGE COMMISSIONERS.
"By Wm. J. Sandoz,
"Secretary."

Notice to the Public.

I am no longer connected with the Stokes-Stelly Produce Co., but hope my successors will receive the same patronage that was heretofore given me.
SIMON STELLY.

Hon. Jno. G. Woolley, of international reputation as a platform speaker, will deliver an address in Opelousas on Friday night, March 8th. Everybody should hear him. The place of the lecture to be given later.
I. T. REAMS.

Council Proceedings.

Opelousas, La., Feb. 26th, 1912. To the Members of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Opelousas, La.

Gentlemen: You are hereby notified that there will be a meeting of your Hon. Board this Monday evening at 5:00 o'clock, for the purpose of securing if possible, a modification of the contract of lease entered into by the City with Mr. E. M. Boagni, so as to exclude the use of the premises for a City Jail or Lock-up.

M. HALPHEN, Mayor.
Attest: J. B. A. STAGG, City Clerk.

Received the above notice on the 26th day of Feb., 1912; and on the same day and date I notified all the members of the Board of Aldermen in person.

C. L. HAYES, Marshal.
Opelousas, La., Feb., 26, 1912. The Board of Aldermen met pursuant to the above call. Present, M. Halphen, Mayor, presiding; Aldermen Blacksher, Danel, Dietlein, Loeb and Larcade.

All the members of the Board being present, the meeting was called to order.

On motion of Mr. L. L. Danel, duly seconded by Mr. Dietlein—

Be it resolved that the contract executed by Mayor Halphen on the 17th inst with Mr. E. M. Boagni relative to the lease of a building from him, be and is hereby changed and altered in the following manner to-wit:

That on line 13 of first page the words "Forty five" be stricken out and erased and the word "Thirty seven and 50-100" inserted. That on line 19 of first page the words "and City Jail" be stricken out.

Be it further resolved that the said contract altered and changed as above set forth be and is hereby adopted and de-

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The War-Time Negro. A LAMENT.

By Sapiens Rutidus.

It is no idle praise I sing,
No love-song for the harp;
This is no aimless ballading,
'Tis sadly from the heart.

I sing, I sing,—my thoughts grow sad,—
Of those dark days long past;
I weep where'er I see one leave,
For fear it is the last!

For 'tis the war-time negro old,—
No Toussaint L'Ouverture,—
That is the hero of his race,
His name none can abjure.

O God, it is an heritage
In him you gave the South!
Play, harpists, play! and minstrels sing!

Laud him with pen and word of mouth!
No more we see that woolly head,
Nor feel that kindly way;

His death's a heaven: unlike us,
He longs to see that day.

Who will in future take his place?
Who can that mildness follow?

'Tis surely not the well-dress'd buck—
He leaves a gaping hollow.

Alas, good-bye! God speed thy way!
Farewell, bright star of morn!
For deep within your loose-bound race
Another tribe is born!

William M. Cullom Dead.

Wm. M. Cullom, for many years a resident of Opelousas, died in New Orleans, on Sunday, the 25th, at the age of 60 years.

His body was brought to Opelousas for interment Tuesday, arriving here on the 12:55 Frisco. He was a son of the late Judge Cullom, a distinguished practitioner and jurist at this bar. The younger Cullom had been away from here for some time.

Grand Coteau.

Grand Coteau, La., Feb. 29.—Miss Carmen Voorhies returned to Opelousas after visiting relatives here.

Mr. Laurent Bellemine of Lafayette was a visitor here Sunday.

Mr. Ashton Barry left Sunday for Franklin where he has accepted a position.

Judge J. A. Smith and Dr. Joe Burleigh were Tuesday visitors to Lafayette.

Mr. Stanislaus Feucht was in Arnaudville Wednesday.

Mrs. O. C. Mouton of Lafayette was here Wednesday and Thursday.

Mr. Jules Petetin was a visitor to Washington and Ville Platte this week.

Miss Eleanor Tarlton is visiting relatives at Opelousas.

Miss Annie Dunbar was an Opelousas visitor Saturday.

Mrs. E. S. Barry visited relatives at Opelousas this week.