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## ST. LANDRY BOY GETS A SPLENDID POSITION

Elected Attorney for the Orleans Levee Board Without Opposition.

### SON OF JUDGE GILBERT DUPRE

Born on St. Landry Plantation Home, and Went to New Orleans and, Like Other Sons of the Old Parish, Made Good.

The Clarion takes pleasure in chronicling the election of Gilbert L. Dupre, Jr., to the attorneyship of the Orleans Levee Board—a very lucrative as well as honorable position, one filled by Bernard McCloskey for many years.

Young Dupre is a St. Landry product, the son of Judge Gilbert L. Dupre. He was born on a St. Landry farm and while yet young in years went to New Orleans and, like all St. Landry boys do, "made good" there.

Speaking of him, the New Orleans Picayune says:

He was born on a plantation near Opelousas, La., in November, 1883. He is a son of Judge Gilbert L. Dupre and of Julia Estilette, the only daughter of Judge E. D. Estilette, of Opelousas. He was educated in the public schools of that place, at Rugby Academy, of this city, at Tulane University and at the University of Virginia. He is a graduate of both the law and academic departments of Tulane University and is an alumnus of the law department of the University of Virginia. Mr. Dupre has been practicing law in this city since 1905, and is considered one of the most eminent of the younger lawyers of this state. He is now a member of the firm of Dupre & Dupre, composed of himself and Congressman H. Garland Dupre, with offices at 304-06 Hennen Annex.

In politics Mr. Dupre has been considered as affiliated with the regular Democratic party, although in the past fight he was a supporter of Congressman Pujot for the United States Senate. His father, Judge Gilbert L. Dupre, as is well known, was not only a supporter of Judge Hall, but was an ardent and enthusiastic member of the Good Government League.

Mr. Dupre is prominent in the business, social and lodge life of this city. He is a member of the Boston Club, the Chess and Checker and Whist Club, the Young Men's Gymnastic Club, the Audubon Golf Club and of several carnival and social organization clubs. He is a Mason and an Elk and at college was a member of the Alpha Tau Omega and Theta Nu Epsilon Fraternities. He is a member of the board of directors of the Morris Building and Land Improvement Association, one of the largest property holding corporations in this state, and is prominently connected with many other business enterprises of this city.

### Alphonse Reed.

Died, in Lafayette, La., on Saturday night, Alphonse Reed, aged 68 years. Funeral services at the Catholic Church in Opelousas Sunday.

Mr. Reed was a prominent citizen of this section, a member of one of the pioneer families. He was born a few miles from Opelousas, and resided in this city and the surrounding country all of his life, until a few months ago, when he moved to Lafayette, there making his home with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Hart H. Sandoz.

He was for several years a member of the Democratic Executive Committee, of Opelousas, and at various times took keen interest in political affairs.

In his death a good citizen goes to his last reward.

### Tribute.

Opelousas Grove 241, Opelousas, La., extends deep sympathy to Sovs. Emily Durio and Corinne Clary, in the death of their father.

## MRS. Z. RUNGE McREE TO BE TRIED NEXT MONDAY

Interest Tense In Celebrated Case Of Woman for Killing of Allen Garland.

The Jury Commission of St. Landry parish met Thursday, the 21st, and summoned two hundred tales jurors to serve in the case of Mrs. J. P. McRee, which comes up for a second time on next Monday. The motion for the extra panel was made by the prosecution, without objection from the attorneys for the defense.

Mrs. McRee shot and killed Allen Garland, a young boy, an intimate friend of the McRee family, at her home, a year ago, because, Mrs. McRee alleges, he insulted her.

"I would not have done it if I had had a moment to reflect over the matter. It was so sudden," testified Mrs. McRee, speaking of the killing of the family friend whom she killed.

There will be much difficulty experienced in selecting a jury for the trial of the case, notwithstanding the panel of two hundred veniremen. The case is so well known, not only in this parish, but throughout the State, that few will feel competent to serve.

Hon. E. B. Dubuisson is District Attorney pro tem. in the case, on account of the dead boy's relationship to District

Attorney Lee Garland. The District Attorney is associated in the case, and so are lawyers E. P. Veazie and Robert Harry.

The defense is represented by Lewis & Lewis and Peyton R. Sandoz of this city, R. P. Hunter, of Alexandria, and A. D. Henriques, of New Orleans.

Mrs. McRee arrived from her Texas home Wednesday, accompanied by her husband, who fills a prominent railroad position with the Frisco. Soon after Mrs. McRee's trial last October, the family sold out their interest here, consisting of a pretty home (where the killing occurred) and a farm on the outskirts of the city.

Mrs. McRee believes she will be acquitted at this trial, and so stated Wednesday, when interviewed. "I welcome a retrial. I want to get through with the entire deplorable affair."

Newspaper representatives from the large city dailies will be here to "cover" the trial.

It had been determined by the prosecution some time ago to try the case at this term of court.

## CHAS. H. MOUTON DIES IN LAFAYETTE

Former Lieutenant Governor of Louisiana Called to Rest—Ancestors Exiled from Acadia and Came to This State.

Lafayette, La., March 16.—Charles Homer Mouton, aged eighty-eight, Lieutenant Governor of Louisiana during Gov. Wickliffe's administration, and probably the oldest lawyer in this State, died at his home here this morning. His ancestors settled in Louisiana after being expelled from Acadia by the English. He was admitted to the bar in 1844, was a leader in the opposition to the Know Nothing party, an organizer of the

Gov. Wickliffe, he was elected to the office of Lieutenant Governor, which office he subsequently resigned on account of serious disagreements with the Senate, and returned home and became a candidate for district judge, to which office he was elected. He served as such during a great part of the war, until the appeal for volunteers was made, and he closed his court and reported to Gen. Alfred Mouton for duty at the battle of Bisland, becoming aide-de-camp to Gen. Mouton. After the war he moved to New Orleans, where with others he engaged in the business of commission merchant. In 1871 he returned to Lafayette and resumed the practice of his profession. In reconstruction days he headed the White League



Home Built by Gov. Mouton in Opelousas.

White League in this State and took an active part against the Louisiana Lottery. He held many important political positions.

Mr. Mouton was born in this parish Dec. 8, 1823. He was educated in the private schools of the times, and finished his education at St. Charles College, at Grand Coteau, where, it is said, the records show he was the first student matriculated at that institution. He read law under Judge Cornelius Voorhies of St. Martinville, and upon his admission to the bar he formed the partnership of Voorhies & Mouton, with offices at Lafayette. A short time after he was appointed by the then Governor as district attorney of that judicial district, comprising the parishes of Lafayette, St. Landry, Vermilion and Calcasieu, covering that vast territory on horseback, for at that time there were no railroads. Some time thereafter he was elected State Senator from the district comprising the parishes of Lafayette and Vermilion. At the end of his term he was nominated as Lieutenant Governor as the running mate of Gov. Wickliffe, and stumped this section of the State, winning for himself the sobriquet, "Creole Pony." With

movement in this parish. In 1878 he moved to the parish of St. Martin. Some time after he was elected district attorney for the parishes of St. Martin and Iberia, serving several terms. Later on he moved back to this parish and reopened his law office. For several years, and up to the time of his death, he served as the attorney for the police jury.

He was married to Miss Celine Dupre, a granddaughter of Gov. Dupre, in the year 1848. In the spring of 1865 his wife died, leaving him with the following children: Kossuth Mouton, deceased; Louise Mouton, widow Judge Conrad DeBaillon; Julie, widow F. H. Thompson; A. Emile Mouton; Major Andrew H. Mouton of Eunice, Judge Orther C. Mouton, Judge Julian Mouton and Josephine Eugenie Mouton, widow J. C. Buchanan. In 1867 he was married to Miss Emerite Olivier of St. Martinville, a daughter of the late St. Maurice Olivier, who preceded him to her grave by but a few months. Of this union were born the following children: C. Maurice Mouton, Houston, Tex.; J. Homer Mouton, deceased; Lucie Mouton, wife of A. G. Goulas of St. Martinville; Philip S. Mouton, Attorney Jerome Mouton, Frank T. Mouton of Melville, and Miss Marie Mouton of New Orleans.

## 'THIS IS THE DAY OF DEMOCRATIC OPPORTUNITY.'—MR. LEWIS.

Chairman of State Democratic Executive Committee Speaks Words of Harmony to that Body.

The eloquent addresses delivered by the Hon. E. J. Joffrion of Avoyelles Parish, and by the Hon. Portius Burke, of Iberia Parish, before the State Democratic Committee, are well worthy of being published in full. Upon presenting the name of Mr. Thos. H. Lewis, for the office of chairman of the committee to serve for the next four years, Mr. Joffrion said:

For the purpose of nominating one to be Chairman of your body I desire to ask a few minutes of your attention and consideration. The principles of Democracy, like other principles, find their expressions in good deeds.

These principles, though apparently abstract and modernly born, are concrete, rock-ribbed and eternal as the hills. They stand side by side and in company with the highest and noblest principles of virtue and right.

This Assembly of citizens is the embodiment, the representation and the concentration for Louisiana of these great principles.

Coming as you do fresh from the body of the people, a representation of their will expressed at the polls in the primary election on January 23rd, you are gathered together without a chairman. In looking into the faces of those who compose this body, I see many who measure up to the high standard of the requirements and qualifications of a chairman; but my eyes, my mind and my heart, as do yours also, in scanning this body, are arrested by the noble and stalwart figure of one of your distinguished members. Cradled in Democracy, reared in the pure and inspiring atmosphere of its principles, his young and active life was spent in fighting its battles and his mature years were given to the counsels of his State and his party.

He is a Democrat now and he was a Democrat during the dark days of the reconstructive period of our State. He is a Democrat now; he was a Democrat when to be a Democrat it was necessary to sleep with a shotgun at the head of his bed. While the sun of his life is approaching the western horizon to set behind the hills of eternity, he stands as one who has never during his useful life, sought nor held an office at the hands of his party or his State. Now as an inadequate expression of his party and State's appreciation of his noble service in young manhood and his sage advice in ripened years, let us place on his brow this well deserved crown—the Chairmanship of the Democratic State Central Committee of Louisiana.

We have just emerged in this State from a fierce but friendly political fight. The smoke of battle had scarcely cleared away when the opposite factions—the blue and the grey—met in this very building with the glad hand clasp of friendship—and to-day we are enjoying—

One of those umbrageous eyes That days of storm so oft leaves.

Now as one of the younger generation who has partaken of the fruits of his active service and enjoyed the reward of his wise counsel; in the name of that generation; in the name of his sister parish from which I come; in the name of this united Democracy, and in the name of our State, I take pleasure in nominating for the Chairmanship of the Democratic State Central Committee of Louisiana, Hon. Thomas H. Lewis, of the Parish of St. Landry.

Mr. Burke, of Iberia, in seconding Mr. Lewis' nomination, said:

There is a spirit that obtains and abides in Louisiana from which the Democracy of the State has always derived its inspiration. It is that spirit of patriotism, that spirit of devotion to Democratic institutions, that spirit of vital interest in the material and moral welfare of her people.

## HEALTH BOARD AND CIVIC BODIES SAY CLEAN-UP

And If You Don't Do It, Doctor Dowling Will Make You.—Wednesday, March 27, Suggested As General Cleaning-Up Day.

The health officers and the civic bodies are on crusading for sanitation and a clean city.

As is said in the appeal, which follows, the summer months are near at hand, and a sanitary condition is not only essential to health, but is a preventive against the invasion of Dr. Dowling, President of the State Board of Health, who spares none.

The appeal of the local authorities, timely, follows:

To the Citizens of the City of Opelousas:

The undersigned respectfully and urgently call your attention to the pressing necessity for a general and sweeping cleaning and disinfecting of all the habitations and yards, as well as all places of public business, within the limits of the city; as also the draining and filling up of all spots permanently or occasionally containing stagnant water, and which furnish breeding grounds for the mosquito.

The near approach of summer, and the danger of infection with germ and epidemical diseases now prevalent in other sections, warn us individually and collectively to place our city without delay in such a clean and whole-

some condition as to be able to pass inspection by the health officers of the State, should they pay us a visit.

Energetic, systematic and combined effort will alone accomplish the desired result. We suggest Wednesday March 27th, as the date for the proposed general cleaning up, and we urgently advise and recommend all the people of our city to respond to this call for the public welfare, so that when the day closes on that day, our city will be in truth and in fact in perfect sanitary condition.

Let us by all means maintain the reputation which Opelousas has always enjoyed of being one of the healthiest towns in the United States, to the end that our people may enjoy the inestimable blessings of good health and the people of other sections of the State may be invited to come here to invest their capital and increase the population, progress, wealth and happiness of our city.

Very Respectfully,  
B. A. LITTELL, M. D.  
City Health Officer.  
IRENE E. SHUTE,  
Pres. Civic League.  
A. J. BERCIER,  
Pres. Progressive League.

To-day the Democratic organization of the State, through its State Central Executive Committee, is selecting its officials and is renewing its political entity. In times of stress and in times of peace the Democratic party of the State of Louisiana has always more or less reflected that spirit of patriotism and devotion to the interest of the people of the State, and it is in verity in keeping with the best traditions of the party that the organization to be perfected to-day should reflect exalted ideals and patriotic zeal.

It occurs to me that there is in this organization a gentleman who pre-eminently stands forth as an exemplar of true democracy, and who personifies that spirit of patriotism and that spirit of devotion to Democratic institutions and of zeal for the interests of the State which is the inspiration of the Democratic party of the State. This gentleman is ripe in years, strong in mentality and unblemished in character. He has been a moving and shining figure in the councils of the party for a long span of time. To me he would seem the embodiment of the real Democratic spirit, ever cherishing in his heart the thought of serving his State and uplifting her people. Since his early manhood in every political battle wherein the Democratic party of the State was engaged, or wherein the people of Louisiana were interested, he has been in the thickest of the fight; and truly he has ever borne the heat and burden of the day, without ever seeking public office or public honors. Could the Democratic party to-day turn to a more distinguished citizen and one more worthy of the honor to preside as chairman of the destinies of this organization than that Sage of St. Landry, as he is justly called; that old Roman whose every heart beat is for the moral and material upbuilding and uplifting of Louisiana and her people—Colonel Thomas H. Lewis, whom the gentleman has just placed in nomination.

It is therefore, Mr. Secretary, with peculiar pleasure and with a degree of pride, and speaking in behalf of the Young Democracy and in behalf of a united democracy that I second the nomination of that old Roman and patriot, the Sage of St. Landry, Col. Thomas H. Lewis. After the election of Mr. Lewis, unanimously and by acclamation, and on being escorted to the platform by a committee appointed for that purpose, he made a brief address of thanks, substantially in these words:

## ORAL HYGIENE IN OPELOUSAS AND IN NEW ORLEANS.

Some four weeks ago Dr. A. J. Perrault delivered a lecture on oral hygiene at the High School in Opelousas.

Dr. Perrault inaugurated the move on his own motion, and it is pleasing to him to note that the Louisiana Dental Society is actively advocating and pursuing the same idea, which, however originated with Dr. Friederichs, of Tulane University.

The mention of the inauguration of the movement in New Orleans is given by the Item as follows:

The Louisiana Dental Society, under the direction of Dr. S. H. McAfee, is charting the uncharted mouths of New Orleans school children and putting their teeth in order, not for money, but for the sake of the public health, they say.

More than 50 of New Orleans' most foremost dentists are engaged in the work. It was actually begun Thursday, though a small band, headed by Dr. A.

## HELP THINGS BY BUYING THINGS FROM HOME FOLKS.

Dealers Should "Push" Sale of Home Manufactured Goods.

"Just tell the madam that if she doesn't like this broom, I will send her another."

This is the message which was recently sent by a grocer to a housekeeper. He had reference to a Sibille broom, manufactured in Opelousas, and a worthy enterprise of the city.

Instead of that remark, which carried with it the inference that the broom was inferior to others, that grocer, a citizen of the town and dependent on its industrialism and its good, should have sent this message to the housewife: "This is a Sibille broom. It is manufactured right here in Opelousas, and is the best article of the kind on the market. Nothing can beat a thing made in Opelousas."

Our people must learn to consume things made at home. There's nothing like it; nothing that goes as far to make everybody, live and prosper. And, moreover, the grocer could have dwelt within the confines of truth when he said the Sibille brooms, manufactured in Opelousas, were the very best, for they are.

Buy at home; use home stuff—that's the ticket.

## HARRIS WAS A GRADUATE OF NORMAL LONG BEFORE ASWELL WAS THOUGHT OF.

The strictures on State Superintendent Harris, because he took part in the late campaign advocating the candidacy of Mr. Michel, are very unkind, to use a charitable expression. If we were wont to be of the same ilk as are the critics of the best educator the State ever had, we would express it more forcibly, for instance, that these maligning criticisms because a man chose to express a preference among the gentlemen offering for the highest office in the State, can be assigned to no other motive than to that of rabid political prejudice because Mr. Harris did not speak for the other fellow, instead of for Mr. Michel.

Speaking on this subject and referring to the oft said delusion that Prof. Aswell was the "mentor and the guide" of Prof. Harris, and that, per se Prof. Harris had displayed ingratitude in opposing Prof. Aswell, Cosgrove's Weekly gives this bit of history:

"Prof. Harris graduated from the Louisiana State Normal in 1894 or 1895, long before Mr. Aswell was ever thought of as its head, or had a name at all in Louisiana school history. Boyd was then in charge, having succeeded Schieb.

"Friend Krebs try and preserve decency and decorum, even when you are repeating a falsehood.

"Oh Reform! What ties are told in thy name!"

## Claude Latiolais Dies At His Home In Carencro.

Claude Latiolais, once Superintendent of Public Education, of Lafayette parish, prominent in politics there, died at his home in Carencro on last Saturday.

He was ill but a short while, his robust constitution being no bar to the ravages of pneumonia.

The deceased is the step-son of Mrs. Dr. Latiolais, of Opelousas.

G. Friederichs, dean of the dental department of Tulane University, began the agitation of this idea for the public schools more than 16 years ago.

The school board, recently, after several mentions of the fight in the Item, passed favorably on the dentists' plan and sent them forth, officially, into the schools of the city to supplement the work of the board's medical inspectors by carrying out a clean-up campaign in the mouths of the children.

All in any way unable to pay to have the work done are treated gratis, and the work must be done, according to the school board's order.