

FATHER CUMMINGS IS MADE PRESIDENT

Well-known Pulpit Orator Is Chosen Executive Of Spring Hill College.

The name of Reverend Father Edward Cummings, S. J., takes the people of this city back to the time, when Fathers Powers and Cummings gave a mission at the St. Landry Catholic Church in the month of May, 1912. During the time which Father Cummings spent in this city he made friends with people of all denominations; friends who will never forget him and in whose hearts always remain imprinted the image of a good, gentle and jovial priest.

The thousands of friends of Father Cummings, in St. Landry Parish are glad to hear of his promotion to the Presidency of Spring Hill College, one of the oldest and leading Colleges of the United States. In the month of September, last he was made the Vice President of that well known institution and in the space of seven months he was promoted to the highest office of that College.

Beside being an Educator of a good reputation, Father Cummings has won fame throughout the United States as a pulpit orator, and in the Sunny South he is considered one of the very best Missionaries of the present day.

Spring Hill College is in very good hands and it is thought that it will prosper exceedingly, under the reign of such an eminent person, as Father Cummings.

Reverend Father Francis X. Twelmeyer, who has been the President of Spring Hill for the last six years has been transferred to St. Charles College, and it is said that he will be made the Vice President of the famous St. Landry institution. The people of St. Landry, who know Father Twelmeyer are glad to learn that he has come here to live with us and are confident that he will do St. Charles a vast good and assist greatly in the up-building of that College to one of the best in the Union.

Father Wilkinson has taken Father Cummings' place, as Vice President of Spring Hill.

To Father Cummings, his many admirers in this Parish, extend their congratulations, and hope that his official duties will not prevent him from paying a visit to this city, during the coming summer, to deliver some of his masterful and excellent sermons, as well as to see his scores of friends here.

Good Credit.

This week a mortgage note was presented for cancellation at the Clerk's office, and the Clerk was surprised and amused to note among other small credits the following:

"By two bottles whiskey, \$2.50"

The maker of the note certainly went about a good way to liquidate it.

We won't tell any names, but the party who got the "goods" is one of our oldest and hand-somest physicians, who often tells anecdotes about others, but whom we do not so often get a chance at.

Council Proceedings.

Opelousas, La., Mar. 14, 1913. 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 on Saturday, March 15th, 1913 at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of compiling and promulgating election returns of the special election for Aldermen of the 4th Ward held on Tuesday the 11th, inst., in compliance with the law; and for the further purpose of making necessary appropriation to defray expenses of conducting the above election, and the primary election held Feb. 25th, 1913.

E. L. LOEB, Mayor.
Attest:
J. E. A. STAGG, City Clerk.
Received the above notice on the 14th day of March, 1913, and on the same day and date I notified all the members of the Board of Aldermen in person.
C. L. HAYES, City Marshal.
Opelousas, La., Mar. 15 1913.
The Board of Aldermen met

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PEOPLE SUPPORTING TRACTION COMPANY

Citizens of Every Town Wherein An Election Was Held Voted In Favor of the Tax.

In every town in which the proposition of a tax in favor of the Louisiana Traction and Power Company has been voted on, the will of the people has always been on the safe side; in every place where an election was called, the tax was voted overwhelmingly. This goes to show that the people in Iberia, Lafayette and Vermillion Parishes are all willing and glad to tax themselves, in order to secure an enterprise which means unconceivable good to them personally, as well as generally.

In Abbeville, an election was held recently and the result was that, the people of that progressive and enterprising town were of the universal opinion that an electric car line is a necessity to the up-building of their city.

They did not think that they were taxed too highly, but gladly went to the poll and cast their ballots in favor of the tax.

They realized that their town must of necessity have an interurban line, and it did not take these progressive people any length of time to decide whether or not the car line was worth the tax. On the contrary, they were already taxed for one car line; not satisfied with having only one Abbeville grasped the opportunity to have another.

The several towns which have voted in favor of the different car line taxes are in no better way of paying the tax than the people of Opelousas, these towns are not as rich as this one; they are not in better financial situation than Opelousas, but still are as progressive as any towns in this State. The people of Lafayette and Abbeville are taxed as highly as the people of Opelousas, but still they voted by great majorities for a bonus tax in order to be in connection with other towns by means of interurban lines. Opelousas will soon have an opportunity to vote on the same tax for the same Company and it is expected that the citizens of this city will display the same spirit of progressiveness and go-forwardness that the people of Lafayette and Abbeville have recently showed. Every voter in Opelousas is urged to come to the 22nd of April to cast his vote in favor of the tax, as it means a great deal of good to his fellowmen, as well as to himself.

The tax will pass by an overwhelming majority and Opelousas will be connected with many of the most prominent towns and cities of this state by an electric car line. The voters of this city have realized that a tax like the Traction Company's is an investment rather than a burden.

The most prominent men in Opelousas, both financially and politically have declared themselves in favor of the tax.

Amongst these are men who have for years and years voted against any and all taxes coming before the people; the eyes of these men have been opened to the fact that Opelousas need and must have a car line. They will place their tickets in the ballot box in favor of the tax.

This is a chance the people of Opelousas have to set a precedence, they have an opportunity to show how strongly in favor of the tax they are; it is a sure thing that it will pass, so every man should go to the poll on Tuesday the 22nd of April, and cast his ballot FOR THE TAX.

Everything is in readiness for the coming of The Greater Sheesley Shows, which arrive here Sunday, over the Frisco R. R., from Beaumont, Texas, at which place they exhibited for two weeks. This is a monster Carnival Company, traveling on their own special train of 12-60-foot cars, carrying upwards of 200 people.

The attractions are the best that money and skill can put together, being ten (10) in number.

First: the best and biggest "Old Plantation Show" ever seen in this city, composed of 20 singers, dancers and cake-walkers, all of whom will keep you in an uproar of laughter.

"The Edna Show," with 15 beautiful ladies, form a ballet, with handsome costumes and beautiful stage settings; the Merry-go-Round and the Ferris Wheel, which ride them all, both large and small.

"Happy Jack," the "fattest boy on earth," weighs 700 pounds—an entertainer for ladies and children.

"The Maid of the Mist, or the Dancing Girl," pleases many.

"Taming Electricity." Pay this lady a visit, if only to shake hands with her.

"The Hippodrome," the Big Show of the Midway, where ladies and children are royally entertained. At this show there are performances in which dogs, monkeys, ponies, and birds take part. A treat to the children; here all the big acts are seen.

There are many other shows on the Midway not mentioned in this column. In all it is the best and cleanest show ever brought to Opelousas, and the people of this city and vicinity should feel very thankful to the Elks Club for furnishing these shows for a week's pleasure, as they know the Elks always have the best of everything.

The shows will open on Monday night at 9:30 o'clock sharp, amidst the ray of thousands of electric lights, glittering gold show fronts, funny clowns and melodious music, by Prof. Tony Nasser's Royal Italian Band.

Capt. J. M. Sheesley, owner of the Greater Sheesley Shows, will be seen in the center of the gorgeous Midway, making his welcome address to the good and kind people of this city, after which fun and frolic may have its own way for the balance of the week.

Mr. Ernest Richard was so happy and jovial, always greeting all whom he saw with an everlasting smile, it was discovered that it was all due to pride, but not the pride of vanity but, simply because he was the father of a big bouncing boy. The mother and baby are reported as during splendidly. The many friends of Mr. Richard congratulate him upon his good luck.

One More Day For Opelousas

ST. LANDRY PARISH HIGH SCHOOL RALLY.

On Saturday, April, 19th, there will be held in Opelousas the Fourth Annual Athletic and Literary School Meet, and all schools of three or more teachers are urged to enter contestants in all or some of these events. Get to work and enter contestants from your school in as many contests as possible and help us make this year's meet a great success.

LITERARY CONTESTS.

Declamation for Boys; One contestant from each school. Any masterpiece, not to exceed five minutes in delivery.

Recitation for Girls; One contestant from each school. Any recitation of literary value, not to exceed five minutes in delivery.

Debate—Subject: Resolved, that the President of the United States should be elected for a term of six years and be ineligible for re-election. Two contestants may represent each school. Delivery not to exceed eight minutes.

Contest in spelling; Fifty words will be selected from the Modern Business Speller. Contest will be written, and each school map have two contestants.

Contest in English Composition; subject will be selected from eight subjects from each of the high school grades. One contestant from each school. Time will be limited to one hour and a half.

Contest in Arithmetic; Five problems will be selected from Nicholson's Grammar School Arithmetic, three from percentage and two from mensuration. One contestant from each school. Time one hour and a half.

Contest in Algebra; Five problems will be selected from Nicholson's School Algebra, between Part Two—High School Algebra, page 124 and Quadratics page 228. One contestant from each school. Time one hour and a half.

Contest in Geometry; Five problems selected from the originals of Books one and two of Wentworth's Plane Geometry. One contestant from each school. Time two hours.

Contest in Music; Quartette of male, female, or mixed voices. All competing schools to use the same music. As soon as quartette is selected the title of same will be sent you.

All literary contests will be made out by the Department of Education, as in former years, sealed in separate envelopes and not opened until the time of the contest and in the presence of the contestants.

ATHLETIC

Tract and Field Events.

Officials

Supt. C. J. Thompson Referee

Mr. P. D. Pavy Starter

Mr. P. H. Griffith Finish Judge

Mr. W. N. Anglin Finish Judge

Mr. J. C. Perrault Time Keeper

Mr. R. C. Childs Time Keeper

EVENTS

Fifty yard Dash; 100 yd. Dash.

Discus Throw; Half mile Run.

Hammer Throw 12 lbs.; Shot Put 12 lbs.

440 yds. Run; Broad Jump. 220 yds. Hurdles (low) 220 yds. Run.

One mile run; 110 yds. Hurdles (high)

High Jump; Pole Vault. Relay Race—Team of four.

Two contestants may enter in all Athletic contests, except in relay where four must enter and start, but only one can start from each school in each athletic contest.

All contestants must be regular students of the school which they are to represent.

Please notify, as soon as you can, the Rally Chairman, W. B. Prescott, Opelousas, La. your intention to enter any of the above named contests.

Rally Committee, W. B. PRESCOTT, Chairman.

"Do It Now."

The Columbian Woodmen of Atlanta, Ga., insures against death, insanity, total disability, partial disability, old age, loss of eye, loss of leg, loss of arm, broken arm, and against the forfeiture of insurance while ill and mentally disqualified.

Strong, Secure and Sure. See Hoffpauir, District Manager, at the Marine Hotel, and join this instant—without another moment delay—so as to have for yourself and family the best protection.

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SEWERAGE BOARD TO REMAIN IN CONTROL

This Decision Reached at a Joint Conference of the Board of Aldermen, Board of Health and Sewerage Board, Held on Tuesday Night.

A joint conference of the Sewerage Board, the Board of Health and the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, was held at the City Hall on Tuesday night, for the purpose of discussing the future management and operation of the Sewerage System.

On motion of Mr. E. B. Dubuisson, Mayor E. L. Loeb was elected Chairman of the conference. The progress of the work on the plant was explained by W. J. Sandoz, Secretary of the Sewerage Board. The proposed ordinance to be adopted by the Board of Aldermen governing the connections to be made with the system and the future operation of the said system was read in full by E. B. Dubuisson, President of the Sewerage Board.

Short talks were made by Drs. B. A. Littell, J. A. Haas, and Chas. F. Boagni and others as to the future management of the plant.

Mayor Loeb stated to the meeting that the people, in his opinion, had elected the Sewerage Board with the understanding and intention of having them assume charge and management

of said system.

That this Board was a most representative one and had the welfare of the community at heart as much as the Mayor and Board of Aldermen; that they would be just as economical and painstaking as the Board of Aldermen would be in the management of the system and that it was his desire that the Sewerage Board continue to assume the management and control of the sewerage system.

The members of the Board of Aldermen present were of the same opinion with the Mayor and joined in the same request, as also were the members of the Board of Health and it was unanimously agreed that the Sewerage Board continue the good and faithful work that its members have been performing in the building of this splendid system.

The ordinance referred to above has already been adopted by the Sewerage Board and will at some future time be published so that the public will be informed as to its requirements.

L. S. U.'S CRACK CATCHER TO COACH.

Dr. Frances Secured by St. Charles College This Coming Season.

Grand Coteau, La., Mar. 12—The alumni and friends of St. Charles College will be delighted to learn of the good fortune the college had in securing the services of Dr. Francez of Caren-

cro as coach of its baseball squad. Though Dr. Francez is not a graduate of Saint Charles it was here he obtained his early training. During the time he spent at the college he was a great admirer of the national game and his skill on the field elicited great praise. It was his work behind the bat that distinguished him and later made him such a tower of strength to the famous teams on which he played.

His receiving for Spring Hill College (1901-1905), for St. U. and Sewanee where he had obtained his medical degree was the same gilt edge order and those who have seen him at work with S. C. C. squad affirm that he has lost none of his old time pep. The rapid progress S. C. C. is making under his direction is a sufficient tribute to his ability in this line. Coach Francez and the faculty manager picked these men for the various positions. The following will probably be the line-up:

R. Broussard, Jos. Drouet, Lee Vandegaer p.; P. Vautrot, E. Le Blanc and R. Young, c.; A. Melancon, 1st; C. Billeaud, 2nd; G. Gaennie, s. s.; Dave Pettijean, 3rd; Robert LeBlanc, Dardeau, E. LeBlanc, Stemmanns, H. Ganucheau for fielders.

S. C. C. has a difficult schedule this year during which she meets such strong teams as S. W. Industrial Institute, Loyola University, Rayne, Opelousas, New Iberia and Lafayette. Loyola University plays the college May 11th. Dates for the other games and for several more to be included will be arranged at an early date.

Entertainment by High School Literary Society.

At the High School Auditorium, Friday, March 28th, 1913:

PROGRAM.

No. 1. The Sweet Family: Ma Sweet—A lone "relic" Wardie Kelley.

Ar'minty Anne Sweet—With many winning ways Evelyn Stagg.

Betsy Belindy Sweet—The delicate one Eileen Oge.

Caroline Cordelia Sweet Dorothy Delilah Sweet (Elizabeth Cooke).

Both Twins—(Lena Marine, Elizabeth Eliza Sweet—By far the most attractive Marguerite Sanders.

Francis Fedory Sweet—Partial to flowers. Henry Ethel Estorge.

Glorianna Gadabout Sweet—Who giggles. Aline Brown.

No. 2. Recitation: "Old Mistis" Helen Porter.

No. 3. Julius Caesar: Julius Caesar John Brown. Decius Frank Pulford. Metellus Howard Voorhies. Brutus Prentiss Obier. Cassius Willie Moreau. Casca Lionel Castille. Mark Anthony—Lawrence Sandoz. Octavius Caesar Octave Castille. Soothsayer Fred Guidry. First Citizen Edward Estorge. Other citizens, attendant, etc.

No. 4. Chorus: "The Hats of Other Days" High School Girls.

For the benefit of the High School Athletic Association. Admission: Adults, 25cts.; School children, 15cts.

Geel! The Old Plantation Show at the Carnival is worth a Dollar! Do you laugh well? I should say so.

The Merry Go Round and Ferris Wheel! Ride Them All—Large and Small. At The Elks Club Carnival.

DR. MAY VISITS OPELOUSAS AGAIN

The Reverend May, formerly pastor of the Methodist Church, at this place, but now presiding Elder of this District, with headquarters in Alexandria, was in Opelousas Saturday and Sunday, leaving Monday morning. Dr. May preached at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Sunday.

The sermon Sunday night was exceptionally fine; Dr. May read the story of Daniel, in the Lion's den, saying that as a boy he had wondered why Daniel had retired to the privacy of his chamber to pray to his God, instead of publicly exhibiting himself in the act as he faced Jerusalem, but that as he reached the age of discretion, it was manifest to him that what was needed at that time was a man with the courage of his conviction to face the pagan multitude and through his own immolation on the altar of danger bring the pagan king and through him the people to a realization of the everlasting One and true God.

Dr. May was extremely felicitous in his allusions to the fact that young men starting out in life are handicapped by the want of proper religious training in the home, quoting the lives of Lincoln, McKinley and Bryan as evidences of not only the value of early religious training in the formation of character but the very foundation stone of their greatness, properly fitting them for the services of the State and mankind on broad human grounds as per contra his thinly veiled allusions to the monumental self-centered political fakir of the age, who after vainly endeavoring to hoist himself into power went down in ignominious defeat, bristled with truth, sarcasm and eloquence, without in anyway of fending the ethics of the pulpit, as it came in a discussion of the feast of Balthazar and the fatal writing on the wall.

Dr. May will return in June, on his regular pastoral visit. He is one of the broadest minded men in that church, always ready to do justice to the labors of all denominations.

PENNSYLVANIANS PLEASED WITH PARISH

Think that St. Landry Is A Grand Spot and that the Climate Can Not Be Better.

A party of capitalists from Lancaster, Penn., interested in the Union Irrigation Canal, were in town on Wednesday, remaining here several hours, shaking hands with their friends and at the same time making new acquaintances. They were very well impressed with the conditions of things in this country and think that there is no better place in the Union for raising rice than in St. Landry. They have realized that this parish possesses the finest rice lands in the country and together with the help that the big Schell canal will lend to this industry, it is expected that this parish will become the chief rice country in Louisiana.

They were all of the opinion that never had they seen a place with such beautiful weather as Opelousas has been experiencing since their arrival in this State.

Mr. Schell accompanied the Pennsylvanians on their tour over the Union Irrigation Company's lands as well as their visit to Opelousas, having come in his automobile.

For the last six years St. Landry has been visited by parties of Pennsylvanians, and every time a new party comes here this country is showered with compliments and words of praise concerning its wonderful possibilities and advantages to the farmers. There is no state in the entire Union which offers more advantages to the laboring class than Louisiana; not even Canada, with its wonderful, fascinating places for the farmers, can offer all the inducements that this State can, and there is no parish in Louisiana better situated to receive large numbers of industrious immigrants than St. Landry.

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