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## SAD DEATH OCCURRED NEAR SUNSET SUNDAY

Lady 68 Years Is Crushed By Roman Castille's Automobile.

A terrible accident occurred near Sunset, on last Sunday evening, which resulted in the death of Mrs. Hawks, 80 years old, when she was crushed by Mr. Roman Castille's automobile.

Mr. Castille, who is one of the most prominent merchants and citizens of the little town of Sunset, was out riding with his family, when he noticed a buggy ahead, occupied by a lady and a man. In this buggy were Mrs. Hawks and her son Mr. Hawks. It seems that the old lady, being afraid that the horse might get scared, prevailed upon her son to get down and take hold of the animal. When Mr. Castille saw that the persons in the buggy were a little excited he slackened, and was passing by the buggy, when the accident occurred.

### Died.

Mrs. Corine Louise Pitre, beloved wife of Raphael Boudreau, died at Washington Monday and was buried Tuesday at that place. She was sixty-four years old, and is survived by a loving husband, two sons, Thomas Boudreau of Washington and Dr. Willie Boudreau, formerly Coroner of this Parish, now a leading physician of New Iberia, and four daughters, Mrs. Joseph Lalonde of Lafayette, Mrs. A. D. St. Cyr of Opelousas, Mrs. Hugh McWiggins of Dubuque, Iowa, and Mrs. Herbert E. Kerr also of Lafayette.

It is the lot of few to live out the full time allotted to us on earth and enjoy at all times the full confidence, admiration, and love of all with whom we come in contact. Such was the life and such was the privilege of Mrs. Boudreau. She was of a lovely disposition, kind to her husband, children, and grand children, of spotless purity and nobility of character; her gentleness of manner, her amiability and her delicate sense of honor, won the admiration of all.

She was a devout Catholic, and before her last illness took an active part in the consideration of her religious duties, expressing herself freely of the necessity of each and every person attending Church regularly and observing all fast days and other religious obligations. Though sincere and positive in her views, she offended none, as all knew her utterances were the dictates of a pure and honest heart.

It was impossible to know her without partaking to some extent of her noble and religious nature and her exalted qualities. She was kind and affectionate to her husband, children, and to her friends, and no sacrifice was too great for her to make in their behalf.

In the later years of her life she lived in the retirement of her rural home at Washington; though sick, yet at all times patient and full of hope.

The hand of affliction had been weighing heavily on her for many months—during which the pure ore of her nature was made to shine the brighter, until it lost its brilliancy to human vision in the brighter glory of heaven. Very many will lament her demise, and with us tender her enduring sympathy to her sorrowing husband and family.

K. AND C.

Dr. B. A. Littell went to Ville Platte last Friday.

## THOUSANDS ATTEND NEW IBERIA MEETING

Louisianians Gather at New Iberia to Approve Stand of Ransdell and Thornton Against Free Sugar.

Trains from various points in Louisiana brought thousands of Democrats to New Iberia, on Saturday August 2d, where a meeting was held for the purpose of endorsing the course pursued by the two Senators from this state, who are making a brave fight, in the United States Senate, at Washington, to keep sugar from going on the free list. Never before was the city of New Iberia invaded by such a crowd of enthusiastic Democrats, and never before was there so much celebration in any part of this state on such an occasion.

A strong delegation of prominent business and political men from New Orleans, headed by Mayor Behrman, attended the rally, which was a true democratic rally, one which was called for the sole purpose of convincing Senators Ransdell and Thornton that the great majority of the Democrats in this state were on their side, in the fight to prevent sugar and rice, two of the principal industries of this state, from going on the free list.

Both Senator Ransdell and Senator Thornton are doing what they think best for this state, both have made a desperate fight to keep sugar in Louisiana, and both have gone against the principles of their party to fight for the interest of their state. Louisiana comes before the Democratic party, in their mind, and for that reason the people of south Louisiana gathered, on last Saturday, to honor their able Senators.

New Iberia was beautifully decorated for the occasion and the people of the pretty city, situated in the heart of the romantic Teche country, had everything in readiness to receive the thousands, who poured in on every train.

A few weeks past a meeting was held, by the North Louisiana Democrats, at Ruston, to denounce the tariff attitude of the Louisiana Senators, and to cast them out of the party, as not being true Democrats. At this meeting Ransdell and Thornton were both derided for their efforts to save the sugar industry, but the New Iberia meeting was more splendid, more enthusiastic and more real than the Ruston affair, and will have more weight in voicing the sentiment of the people of Louisiana. Senators Ransdell and Thornton are doing just what they promised the people of Louisiana to do; they were elected by the majority of the people, and consequently are keeping to their pledges, notwithstanding the fact that North Louisiana tried to swing them over to the other side.

South Louisiana showed her Senators that she was highly pleased with their record, and furthermore highly commended them for their deserving work. It is a certainty that the meeting will inspire Senators Ransdell and Thornton with the feeling that they are not alone in their fight to preserve sugar.

### Attention Automobilists!

The Police jury at its last session, passed an ordinance ordering the Clerk of the Police jury to purchase two hundred automobile tags, which means that in about two months, the law will go in effect that every automobile owner will have to obtain one of these tags, or else pay a fine, which cannot be more than one hundred dollars or thirty days in jail, or both.

The auto owners will have to come across if they don't care about paying the fine, or going to jail.

Sixty days after the time of its passage the ordinance will be law in this parish.

Watermelon Sale Over \$1,500.

Bayou Chicot: The watermelon industry around this section reached its height this season, over \$1,500 worth of the vegetable being disposed of by farmers at Bunkie, Ville Platte, Opelousas, Eunice and Oakdale.

The Chicot watermelons are widely known as the best raised in the state, and when one wants to get a real good treat a melon from Evangeline fields cannot be beaten.

## NATIVE BRED HORSE WINS RACE IN TEXAS

Eva Moore, a chestnut sorrel filly, recently sold to W. S. Pike of Lake Charles, by Hon. J. J. Thompson, of this city, made a name for herself, out in the western portion of Texas, where the trotting and pacing horses meet in the Circuit, from all parts of the United States, by winning her race, coming in jogging.

This filly was raised on Captain Thompson's place and was sold three months ago to the Lake Charles man, being taken from the pasture when delivered. She had not been on the track for over a year, when she was brought to Texas to take part in the circuit, competing against the very best horses raised in the United States.

A photograph received by Capt. Thompson shows plainly how easily the former Opelousas horse carried away the laurels of the day, she being quite a distance in the lead, with three lagging behind; she came in jogging under the wire in 2:19. Had she been pushed she could have made the mile in 2:10 with ease, which was the world's record for trotters, twenty years ago.

The showing of Eva Moore on foreign soil, as well as many other horses, which were bred in St. Landry parish, goes to prove that St. Landry can boast of horses, as fine as the very best in the Union. There is no need of sending off to Kentucky and other states, paying exorbitant prices, for horses, when one can raise better in Louisiana. St. Landry for years past, has always boasted of the best horses in Louisiana and it is a sure thing that she will retain this title for some time to come, if stock raisers would take example after Capt. Thompson who has bred beautiful and fine horses for a number of years.

The organization of the bureau means prosperity to this country, if it is properly conducted, and with such men at the helm, as were at the Lafayette convention it can do naught but succeed.

### Bruner Is Hard Luck Man Sure Enough.

E. O. Bruner, commissioner of agriculture, now serving a sixty day sentence, in the parish jail, at Baton Rouge, for having slandered Dr. Dodson, is surely running in hard luck in 1913. His home, in Rayne, which was valued at about \$8000 was burned to the ground, early Monday morning.

The home was occupied by J. W. Myers, manager of the Louisiana Rice Mill of Rayne. The origin of the fire could not be ascertained, but it is thought that it started from a defective flue. Insurance on the building is said to be about \$4,000.

This is the first serious mishap to have happened to Mr. Bruner within the last thirty days, the first of which he is still suffering from its sting, by being confined in the parish jail, at Baton Rouge.

### Judge Courville Dead.

As we go to press we are informed that Judge David Courville, of Eunice, has just died after a long illness. We are unable to obtain particulars at this time. Judge Courville was too well known all over St. Landry and Evangeline parishes for us to say who and what he was. For several decades he has been repeatedly re-elected to office as Justice of the Peace in his section, and has been recognized as a strong leader, both personally and politically, all over the southwestern portion of old St. Landry.

His section of the country, as well as his large and influential family, have lost in him a trusted and experienced leader. His power has always been used for good, and under his influence many personal and political feuds have been compromised, and often a consequent loss of life avoided. May he rest in peace.

### Another Excursion To Galveston.

The Southern Pacific will run another excursion to Galveston, being the last of the season. The excursion tickets, which will be sold for \$6.50, will be good on all regular trains going to and coming from Galveston from the 23rd of August until the 30th. The previous excursions brought hundreds of tourists and visitors into Galveston, and it is expected that there will be a larger crowd to take advantage of the low rate this time than any other time before.

Mrs. Olin Vidrine and Miss Dina Dossman, of Ville Platte are the guests of Madames Charles Ventre and W. A. Hays. Miss Dossman will remain in this city for several weeks, whilst Mrs. Vidrine will be here, but for a fortnight.

Mrs. E. V. Barry, of Grand Coteau, was in this city on Monday. On her return she was accompanied by her daughter, Miss Leonie, who had been the guest of Miss Carmen Voorhies for the last two weeks.

Miss Sarah Landau, an interesting young lady from Lafayette is visiting her cousin, Mr. J. Landau.

Fine Corn Brought to This Office.

Mr. Bernard Ray, a farmer residing on little Teche Bayou, sent into town, on Tuesday, two large sized ears of corn, for exhibition. The corn is already ripe and before long Mr. Ray expects to harvest some five or six acres of this specific kind of sereal. Nevertheless his entire field is reported to be covered with some of the very best corn ever raised in this section. The two years which were brought to the Clarion office are really beautiful. One was nearly twelve inches long, whilst the other was somewhat shorter. Both were crowded with corn. Mr. Ray expects to have one hundred barrels of this corn for sale in the very near future.

## DR. MOSS WILL HEAD BOOSTERS BUREAU

Chosen President at Lafayette Convention—Lafayette Domicile Of Southwest Louisiana Development Bureau.

The Lafayette Chamber of Commerce, after two months of strenuous work, finally realized its dream, when boosters from the thirteen parishes, which comprise southwest Louisiana, began pouring in, on every train at Lafayette, on Wednesday.

Nearly one hundred business men, from every parish of southwest Louisiana, assembled at the Jefferson Theater, at 3 o'clock, Wednesday evening, and immediately set to work permanently organizing the Southwest Louisiana Development Bureau.

Mr. J. P. Colomb, president of the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce called the meeting to order and requested that a permanent chairman and secretary be elected, whereupon Hon. Leon Lock, of Lake Charles, was appointed chairman of the convention. Mr. J. J. Fournet, of Lafayette, was nominated, by Judge Julien Mouton, and was unanimously elected secretary.

The domicile of the Southwest Louisiana Development Bureau has been allotted to Lafayette, and from there the thirteen parishes of Louisiana will have a voice in the commercial, educational and financial world; from there the head of the bureau will govern the boosters of this section.

The organization of the bureau means prosperity to this country, if it is properly conducted, and with such men at the helm, as were at the Lafayette convention it can do naught but succeed.

St. Landry was well represented at the meeting, though at a little disadvantage, as the trains run on such a schedule that nearly all people from here, who at-

### Laudry Street Again Victorious.

The Landry Street team again put one over the Main Street business men. The score was a close one and it took all the latent vim of the Landry street business men, in the final innings, to cop the fray.

The batteries were Darius Fontenot and Leon Haas and Sidney Dejean for the invincible Landry street team, whilst Perkins and Perkins were used by the vanquished club. Darius Fontenot "put 'em over the plate" like an experienced Chataignier pitcher, where he was taught the first principals of baseball, whilst Leon Haas, showed that he was familiar with the Cajan methods of hurling the horse-hide, despite the fact that he is not one, but is somewhat closely connected with Jerusalem.

With such a staff of pitchers the Landry street men could do naught but take the game, though Mr. Perkins pitched really good ball.

The batting feature of the game was the hitting of two home runs by Felix Chachere, the well known tailor of Chachereville.

The Landry street team will soon issue a challenge against the Opelousas aggregation and the business men are confident that they can humble the proud warriors of Manager Loeb.

### Cotton Blooming Fast.

Cotton bolls are beginning to open rapidly at present and it will not be many days before the picking of cotton will be the one great occupation in St. Landry. Several large plantations are being straightened up for the harvesting of the fiber, and it is expected that in a couple of weeks the first bale to be raised in St. Landry will be placed on the market for a handsome purse.

### Case Of Dyptheria Near Washington.

Dr. Hollman of Washington discovered a dyptheria case, near Washington, last week, and promptly notified the Parish Health Officer, Dr. W. Lastrapes of this city, who took all possible means to prevent the spread of this disease. Dr. Hollman informed Dr. Lastrapes that the child had died.

Misses Frankie Burns and Clarice Sharp, of Natchez, Miss., arrived in this city on Tuesday evening and are the guests of Miss Lulu Comeau. They will remain in Opelousas for a few weeks.

Mrs. L. J. Dossman, of Ville Platte, spent several days in this city last week visiting at the homes of her daughters, Madames Charles Ventre and W. A. Hays.

Messrs. J. J. and C. N. Benoit, of Arnaudville, were in this city on Tuesday.

## FATHER GRACE WILL REMAIN PRESIDENT

Is Chosen Executive Of St. Charles College For Coming Session.

Following the custom of time immemorial the Jesuits announced their status for the coming year of the feast of St. Ignatius Loyola, founder of the society.

Reverend Father M. A. Grace, who is well known throughout Southwest Louisiana and a native Louisianian and who has been acting in the capacity of President of the famous St. Charles College, was chosen to lead the Jesuit at the Grand Coteau College for the coming session. Very few changes were made, the following officers and professors being named to serve at St. Charles College, on Friday August 1: Rev. M. A. Grace, S. J., president and professor of mental philosophy; Rev. F. X. Twelmeyer, S. J., vice president; Rev. H. A. Devine, S. J., secretary; Rev. E. J. Baehr, S. J., treasurer; Rev. James Chamard, S. J., professor of French; Rev. Michael Higgins, S. J., chaplain; Rev. Robert Brooks, S. J., professor of sophomore class; Rev. John Buckley, S. J., freshman; Rev. P. J. Philippe, S. J., lecturer in physics, chemistry and mathematics; Rev. Andrew Fox, S. J., professor of bookkeeping and first English Class; Mr. Eugene Beck, S. J., professor of rudiments and German; Mr. John Doonan, S. J., professor of second academic; Mr. Austin Wagner, S. J., professor of third academic; Mr. A. Rousseau, S. J., professor of French and mathematics; Mr. George McHardy, S. J., professor of third English course; Mr. George Whipple, S. J., professor of second English course; Mr. John White, S. J., professor of special Latin and Greek; Rev. A. Fontain, S. J., and Rev. James Moors, S. J., pastors of the Sacred Heart Church.

Rev. A. J. Stockalper, S. J., late pastor of the Sacred Heart Church, at Grand Coteau, will soon leave for Tampa, Fla., where he will be pastor of the Jesuit Church there.

Father Stockalper, S. J., was born in Switzerland in 1855 and was ordained by Cardinal Gibbons at Woodstock, Md., in 1886. He was stationed at St. Charles before and after ordination. He was made president of this institution for five years, beginning in 1895, after which he was named pastor of the Sacred Heart Church, which office he held ever since, with the exception of three years, 1905 to 1908, while he was a professor at Spring Hill College, Mobile Ala.

Mr. Felix McBride was a pleasant caller at the Clarion office on Tuesday morning. He has just arrived from Brandon, Miss., where he had been living for sometime. Mr. McBride is a native of St. Landry, being born, we believe, on the little Teche; he left Opelousas to cast his lot in Mississippi some twenty odd years ago and had never rested his eye upon his native soil, until his return, recently. When he went away from Opelousas the courthouse square was encircled by a fence, in order to keep the cattle out, and he was greatly surprised to see such a beautiful spot as the square is now. Opelousas was but a little village then, but he finds that it is a progressive city and he is now looking about with a view of establishing a first class restaurant here or in some near-by town.

### "Ado" Hollier Leaves Opelousas.

A. M. Hollier, familiarly called "Ado", has left Opelousas and is at present living in Elton, having moved his family there sometime last week. Mr. Hollier had been a citizen of Opelousas for years, but has left to seek his fortune in the new and fast growing town of Elton. He has accepted the agency for Whittier & Sons, Jewelers, of Boston, Mass., and expects to do splendidly in his new home town.

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