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FARMERS WILL SOON HAVE MARKET HERE

Prominent Local Business Men Organizing Co. to Take Care of Products.

TO OPERATE SHELLING PLANT

The Company Will Export All Corn Available To Other States.

One of the most promising business enterprises set on foot in our city, for a long time past, is erect and operate a corn shelling, corn shelling and shipment of the surplus of corn produced by our farmers.

The plant embraces not only that business, but the canning of fruits and garden products and the purchase of these products for that purpose. The lack of a local market for the sale of corn, potatoes, sugar cane syrup, fruits and vegetables for canning, has long been felt, and the time is now ripe for the installation of such a plant.

There is an unlimited demand for corn for export from New Orleans and all that is needed now is a strong company well organized and equipped to handle that important farm staple, as well as the other products of the farms.

The end in view is the establishment and maintenance of a permanent home market, upon which the farmer and truck raiser may rely with certainty to take his produce at its market value, and at all times.

Heretofore it has often happened that a farmer would bring to town a load of corn from his home several miles distant in the country, and would be compelled to sacrifice his corn, or haul it back to his home. The reason of this anonymous condition was that the only market was the small demand locally, and that being quickly satisfied the farmer's corn became a drug upon the market. A permanent market here for such products would mean money to the farmer, money to the Opelousas merchants and business men, and stimulus to a more prosperous time. The farmer upon his part would cultivate more land in corn, would prepare his land more carefully, and the result would be that the production of corn would be almost doubled upon the same land now in cultivation.

We are informed that this new enterprise has behind it some of our most substantial business men, who have ample capital to set it successfully on foot and keep it going.

Morris-Marine.

At the home of her parents, Miss Ella Marine of this city, was joined in happy wed-lock to Mr. Reginald Morris, of Morris Ranch, Texas, on Thursday morning at 10:30, Rev. Mr. J. B. Brock, Baptist minister, performing the ceremony.

The wedding was a quiet affair, only a very few intimate friends being present. Cupid hovered rather close to the Clarion and there is no doubt that a few of the pretty girls employed by the Clarion might feel romantically inspired since Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris left immediately after the ceremony for various points in Texas, after which they will be at home, at Morris Ranch, on August 20th.

Attorney William J. Sandoz returned during the week from Grand Isle, where he had been spending a few days, on his vacation.

Mayor E. L. Loeb and Hon. Leon S. Haas spent Tuesday in the Capital City, attending to business.

Mr. H. R. Thompson, of Baton Rouge, was a pleasant visitor to this city during the week, returning on Tuesday.

Mr. Anselm Lassalle, of Canada, during his stay in Opelousas expressed many times his heartfelt appreciation of the kind attention he received at the hands of the people whom he met. He departed for his Northern home with the satisfaction of having had a glorious time, furnished him by the various social gatherings he incidentally fell in, whilst here and he is loud in his praise of the hospitality and geniality of the people of Opelousas.

Opelousas is an ideal living spot, far surpassing the cities of Canada, is the opinion of Mr. Lassalle.

CITY WILL WELCOME FARMERS ON 30TH.

Big Parish Exhibit to Be Held On Courthouse Square On Saturday, August 30th.

Preparations are under way for making Saturday, August 30th, one of the biggest of all days in this city, as the farmers from every portion of the old parish are urged to come to town on that day, with their best products, to place them on exhibit. There will be prizes awarded to every farmer who brings to town, on that day, the best corn, the best rice, potato, sugar cane or anything which is raised on the farm.

The large gathering of farmers from all over St. Landry on Saturday, August 30th, is for the purpose of bringing the farmers in closer touch with one another, in order that a farmer living in the northern portion of St. Landry will know what the farmers in the south, east or west of the parish are doing. But the primary principle of the exhibit is for the purpose of permanently organizing a parish fair association, like other progressive parishes in Louisiana have already done.

With such men at the head of this meeting as Dr. Chas. F. Boagni, Thomas H. Lewis, J. G. Lawler, Dr. J. A. Haas, R. Lee Mills, Joe McClelland, J. J. Thompson, E. L. Loeb, Edgar Dupre, Jas. O. Chachere and other prominent men of St. Landry the exhibit show, which is scheduled to take place on Saturday, August 30th, will be one of the most successful affairs of its kind, which has ever taken place in the state.

F. S. White, Agricultural and Horticultural Agent for the Frisco Lines, will be here with his exhibit car and will carry away the products which the judges of the contest declare are the finest to the North, East and West, and there he will let these products tell of the fertility of the soil in St. Landry; from these products progressive farmers in progressive states will readily see that in St. Landry they would fare better than in their own country, and these very products will be the best mode of advertising the wonderful resources of this, the grandest parish in the state of Louisiana. The Frisco people have always evidenced a great deal of interest in the developing and peopling of the section of this state, through which they operate, and for that reason they will lend all the co-operation needed to the men who are working strenuously to make Saturday, August 30th, the biggest day in the parish.

Besides the exhibit of farm products and native-bred stock, there will be a grand barbecue, on the courthouse square, to which the public is invited. There cannot be too many for this occasion, and it is the hope not only of the committee of arrangement, but also of every business man of this city that every farmer who can come into town on that day will avail himself of the opportunity of bringing some of his products for exhibition.

Mr. A. R. Barracks, Manager of the State Publicity Commission.

Mr. Chachere Sells His Stock.

Mr. Robert Chachere, for the last twenty-eight years one of the leading merchants of this city, has sold his stock to Mr. M. Blanc, of New Orleans.

Mr. Chachere has made a success in the mercantile business and is now ready to retire from it. Mr. Blanc will leave shortly for New York city where he will purchase his fall goods. He promises to keep up the standard of the store, which is one of the very best in this city.

Mr. Chachere is the president of the Planters National Bank and no doubt sold out so that he could devote most of his time to the rapidly growing bank.

The Clarion wishes the newcomer success.

Services at the Episcopal Church.

There will be divine service at the Episcopal Church in this city, to-morrow (Sunday) night at 7:30. The services will be conducted by the Rev. Mr. Doswell. Everybody is invited to attend.

tion, will be on hand to speak to the people of this parish and to get them more interested in the get-together movement, which seems to prevail in all other progressive cities and towns of Louisiana.

Dr. W. R. Dodson, Director of the State Experiment Station, of Baton Rouge, will be one of the prominent speakers. Dr. Dodson, it will be remembered, is the one, on whose account, Bruner and Halligan are serving a sixty day term, in the parish prison at Baton Rouge, for having slandered the "Doctor." He has hosts of friends in this parish, and will no doubt be a great drawing card to the fair.

There will also be several local orators of fame, who will address the large concourse of visitors and exhibitors.

No matter who you are or what you are all that the committee on arrangements want is that you bring your products to place on exhibition; you, farmers, will derive the benefit of the fair. Those who will win the prizes will, by the very fact of their products being better than the others, advertise their place better than anything else. It certainly speaks well of a place, not to say anything about the farmer, himself, when the corn raised on that place captures first prize in a contest which comprises the whole of St. Landry parish, or if the syrup which you made is the best that can be gotten in this parish. No matter what you have good, whether it be hog, cow, chicken, horse, vegetable or any other farm product, bring it to town and place it on exhibition. Be in the spirit which is now prevalent throughout the south; help organize the parish fair, to which the farmers of St. Landry will be able to look forward each year with anxious anticipation, and where the best of products St. Landry raises will be exhibited.

The committee, which has been appointed to judge the merits of the exhibits and award cash premiums and badges of merit, consist of the following citizens: R. Lee Mills, Edgar Dupre, Joseph McClelland, Louis Hebert, J. J. Thompson, C. M. Kilpatrick and W. F. Clopton. These men are all well known to everybody in the parish and the farmers can readily see that the prizes will be awarded to the ones deserving them, and nothing dishonorable will take place. Men who have the esteem and respect of the citizens of St. Landry, like those who comprise the judges of the contest, can inspire the farmers to come together for such a fair, and for that reason there will be a great abundance of exhibits on hand, on Saturday, August 30th.

Fall in line with other sturdy tillers of the soil and all you farmers be sure to come to Opelousas on the day of all days for you, August 30th, and you will never regret having placed your products on exhibition, no matter if these did not capture the first prize.

Mrs. I. M. O'Neil Dies.

The many friends of Judge Charles O'Neil, who served in the capacity of judge of the 16th Judicial District, comprising St. Landry parish, during the illness of the late district Judge W. C. Perrault, were shocked when the death of the judge's venerable mother was learned here.

Judge O'Neil is one of the most popular jurists in the state and has his share of friends in St. Landry parish, and all these sympathize with him for having lost the most lovely and sweetest thing a man possesses—his mother.

Plant Still Making Money.

The power plant is still making money in abundance, instead of pulling Opelousas in debt every month, as was the custom, up to a year ago. The plant this month was on the profit side \$670 to the good, and is evidently in no way a weight on the shoulders of the city fathers.

In a few months the plant will have taken itself out of debt and Opelousas will be in a better financial situation.

LEON S. HAAS WILL REPLACE DR. LAZARO.

Mr. Haas was Only One to Qualify for State Senator.

NO PRIMARY WILL BE HELD.

Democratic Committee Endorses Him as Party Candidate to Fill Unexpired Term.



HON. LEON S. HAAS.

Leon S. Haas, a well-known attorney of this city, has been declared the party nominee for the office of state senator, to fill the unexpired term, caused by the resignation of Dr. L. Lazaro, who is now Representative from the Seventh Louisiana Congressional District. Mr. Haas was the only one qualified as a candidate for the primary election, which was to be held on the 16th of August. The Senatorial Democratic Committee of Louisiana, met at the courthouse on Saturday to endorse Mr. Haas, as the party candidate.

It was expected that other candidates would be in the field and a hot race was promised, but to the disappointment of many in St. Landry, Acadia and Evangeline Parishes, who would rather go to the voting booth than eat, there will be no contest.

Mr. Haas is one of the young-bar members of the local bar, and there is no doubt that he will make a splendid senator and will serve his people most admirably. He is a highly honorable gentleman, of gracious qualities, well-known and liked by every one who comes in contact with him. He is a very energetic and promising young man and it is the belief of his thousands of friends throughout the 14th senatorial district that the voters of the district will never have cause to regret that Leon S. Haas was elected to the state senate to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. L. Lazaro.

Mr. Haas feels very grateful to his thousands of friends who readily flocked to his banner, as soon as he announced himself as a candidate for the office of senator. His popularity is evidenced by the fact that on all sides he met with encouragement and the approval of the sturdy voters of this and other parishes in the 14th senatorial district.

When the next session of the legislature will have convened many eyes will be centered on Mr. Haas with interest, and it is the belief of the numberless friends of Mr. Haas that these eyes will all have the satisfaction of seeing the newly elected senator from St. Landry performing his duty in a noble and honorable way.

Mrs. Joseph Lasalle and daughter, Agathe, Mrs. R. Lee Garland and little daughter, Julie, have returned from a two weeks stay at Brown Wells, Miss.

Hon. E. B. Dubuisson left on Tuesday evening from New Orleans, where he went on business. He left the Crescent City during the week, and is now enjoying a vacation at Cooper's Well.

PARISH SOLONS VOTE DOWN SCHOOL TAX

Opelousas Goes Strongly Against Proposed Tax To Maintain Public Schools Of St. Landry.

Practically every poll in the parish has gone against the proposed 3 mill tax, to be levied for five years, for the maintenance of the public schools of this parish. Opelousas went overwhelmingly contra, whilst the other large precincts also went against the tax.

The returns of the election were coming in slowly and the exact amount of votes cast in the parish will not be known until some time to-day.

It was thought that Grand Prairie would go for the tax, but it is said that that poll also went by the good majority against the proposed tax. Eunice went for it in the number of votes but was voted down in amount of valuation, whilst Opelousas went 107 against and 20 for, with like proportion in assessed valuation.

Not very much interest was manifested on the election day, and for a time it was thought that there would be no commissioners to serve at the local poll.

This is the first time in many years, if ever, that a tax was so heavily swamped under at this poll; probably it was because of

the recent tax which this city voted in favor of the Traction Company that caused the voters here to cast their ballots against the school tax and again it was placed before the people at a critical time in the year.

The school will have to be maintained in some manner or other and the best way to do this is to have the police jury anticipate a certain amount of money from the 1914 revenues, as it did the early part of the year to help run the schools one or two months longer.

This parish would be in a deplorable condition if the schools would have to close after seven months, but still the will of the people of this parish is not in favor of the tax; consequently some one will have to "save the bank."

It was evident early in the day that the tax would go under by a large majority, and so it was realized on Thursday night as news of the election from the larger voting places in this parish were sent over the wire. The number of votes cast throughout the parish was small.

BIG RACES TO TAKE PLACE HERE OCT. 5TH

All Three Railroads Will Run Excursions Into The City—Base Ball Game

On October the 5th there will be big races in this city, at the Wallior race track, known in the days when Opelousas was famous for its horse races, as the Haas race track. Besides general races there will be a ball game between the Opelousas club and another good team.

Mayor Loeb has made arrangements with all the railroads coming into Opelousas to run excursions on that day, and it is now a certainty that there will be several hundred people here for the races, and a splendid time is promised.

There has not been any races in this city for quite a long time, and it is thought that a large crowd of people living in and around Opelousas will avail themselves of the opportunity to watch good horses go around the circuit.

The best native bred horses will be on the track and there is no doubt that these will make a fine showing, as Opelousas is noted all over the state for raising the best horses in Louisiana.

The exact program will be given out later.

One More Regular.

Another regular democratic voter was brought to light yesterday (Friday) morning, this time making his appearance at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Felix Chachere.

Mr. Chachere glories in his good fortune and when interviewed by a Clarion representative he proudly admitted that he was the father of a big bouncing boy, who might be a powerful factor in the political world of old St. Landry.

It is hoped however that the son will be like his father and always be a good and true voter.

Mrs. John Jennings Dies.

Mrs. Emma Devilliers, the beloved wife of Mr. John Jennings, a well known farmer of Prairie Basse, died at her home about four miles from this city, on last Tuesday evening at 2 o'clock, and was buried in the Catholic cemetery, in this city, on Wednesday afternoon. The funeral ceremonies were attended by a large crowd of friends and relatives of the deceased.

Mrs. Jennings was 47 years, 1 month and 22 days of age and was the mother of a large family. Her death causes an untold hollow and vacancy in the Jennings home, which can never be replaced.

The Clarion extends its condolences to the grief stricken family.

A. MONTELEONE, OWNER OF FAMOUS N. O. HOTEL, IS DEAD.

The sudden death of A. Monteleone, owner of the Monteleone Hotel at New Orleans, which most St. Landrians patronize, was received here with much regret, and his hospitable greetings and kindly associations will be missed by all the patrons of his splendid hotel.

From an humble beginning Mr. Monteleone became a powerful factor in the financial circles of New Orleans, where his many acts of charity and beneficences endeared him to the people of that city.

It is gratifying to the public generally that his son-in-law, J. D. Kenny, will continue his management of the splendid Monteleone Hotel, and that further improvements and additions are contemplated by the family.

The Kewpie Club was entertained by the Misses Mistic, at their beautiful Court street home, on last Wednesday. Euchre was the feature of the evening and Misses Lulu Comeau and Lucille Castille were the ones winning the most games, whereupon they cut for the first prize. Miss Castille proved to be the luckier one and was awarded the prize.

Delicious refreshments were served by three little girls, the little Misses Lillian and Alma Lassalle and Mable Mistic.

Those present were: Misses Mary Littell, Lucille Castille, Mathilde and Gertie Fox, Marie and Anna Budd, Rose Chachere, Leonie and Lawrence Mistic and the guests of honor, Misses Frankie Burns and Clarice Sharp, of Natchez, who are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dietlein, and Miss Lulu Comeau and Mrs. Adam Guidry.

Mr. James Vidrine, who has been attending the summer normal, at the Louisiana University, is spending his vacation with relatives in this parish.

Mrs. R. E. Burleigh, of Bunkie, was a guest at the home of her brother, Hon. E. B. Dubuisson during the week.

Miss Marie Barry, after a visit of a few weeks, in this city, as the guest of Miss Carmen Voorhies, returned to her home, in Grand Coteau, on Friday.

Mr. Claude Chappuis, a popular young man of Crowley, was the guest of friends on Sunday and Monday.

Mr. Jules Smith, of Sunset, was a visitor to Opelousas on Tuesday of this week.

Mr. Bradford Thompson has returned from the Louisiana State University, and is spending his vacation at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Thompson, in this city.

WILL OPELOUSAS BE REPRESENTED HERE?

S. W. La. Bureau To Appoint Committee Of Five As Publicity Commission.

WILL PARISH HAVE MEMBER?

Step Should Be Taken That Prominent Man From Here Be Placed On This Committee.

At the big state get-together convention, which is to be held, probably in New Orleans, before long, there will be delegates from every parish, municipal and commercial organization in the great state of Louisiana, if the plans of the promoters of the convention does not fall through.

The first gun was fired in this plan, while at the Lafayette Convention for the Southwest Louisiana Development Bureau, when Mr. A. R. Barracks, Manager of the State Publicity Commission, offered an invitation to this organized body to participate in such a move, and thus serve two purposes, the first of which is to show that this district, whilst organized to itself and for Southwest Louisiana, should be desirous of reaching out across district lines and embracing all territories in the state with their co-operative boosting spirit.

The second purpose would be that some tangible move be made at once, to show this spirit of co-operation. As a result of this invitation, a resolution was offered by Mr. J. P. Colomb authorizing an appointment of a committee of five from this district, to be known as a Publicity Committee, and authorized to act in co-operation with the State Publicity Commission in securing a representative attendance at the State Convention, which will be held at an early date. The date of the Convention will be set by the Louisiana Publicity Commission.

The resolution further set forth that the Southwest Louisiana Development Bureau goes on record, and recommends that every section in the state and every parish, municipal and commercial organization appoint a committee to further the interest of this great get-together state convention, at which it is proposed to devise ways and means for the best method for conducting general co-operative development throughout the state.

The people of Opelousas should use their influence to secure the appointment of at least one person from this parish on the Publicity Committee of the Southwest Louisiana Development Bureau. This parish is entitled to it, for the fact that it is the largest in southwest Louisiana, and one of the most principal farming parishes in the state. Another reason for the appointment of one from St. Landry is the fact that it is the northern parish in this district, and one member should be appointed from every section of southwest Louisiana, with one from Lafayette, as the central parish.

Mr. Barracks will be here on Saturday, August 30th and will no doubt make an interesting talk on the co-operation of the different parishes in the state for the purpose of boosting the entire state of Louisiana. He will, most likely explain, the object and purposes of the proposed get together state convention which the State Publicity Commission will call, in the very near future. Nevertheless Opelousas and St. Landry should be well represented at this convention, and the various organizations in the parish should exert themselves to appointing delegates to this convention, but above all these organizations should urge the Southwest Louisiana Development Bureau to appoint one member from Opelousas, or any point in St. Landry, on the committee of five, which will represent this newly formed boosters' bureau, at the state convention of the boosters of Louisiana.

The Hookworm Club still holds its afternoon meeting on the Courthouse square. Free sugar is the principle topic, though the name of Governor Hall is often mentioned in connection with the law suit now pending, in the New Orleans District Court. The verdict will probably be that Colonel Ewing should treat Governor Hall to a stein, whilst he will have secured cheap notoriety.