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ELECTION ORDERED FOR SEPTEMBER 9th.

Judge Gilbert Dupre Has Announced Himself to Succeed A. H. Garland for the Legislature.

The Times Democrat of Wednesday contained a special from Baton Rouge to the effect that the Governor had called a special election for September the 9th, to fill the vacancy in the General Assembly from this parish, caused by the removal of A. H. Garland from the parish.

Our fellow townsman Judge Gilbert L. Dupre has announced his candidacy for the office. He is being supported by the following prominent gentlemen, viz: Judge Pavy, District Attorney R. Lee Garland, Sheriff Swords, Clerk of Court Henry Lastrapes, Jr., Assessor D. M. Fontenot, Coroner R. M. Littell, Senator elect, Leon S. Haas, Representatives Stewart and Fontenot, Ex-Clerk of Court Andrepont, Ex-Representative Dudley L. Guilbeau, Mayor E. L. Loeb, City Judge E. S. Kerr, the City Marshal, Chief of Police and the people of the town generally. Besides these, the Mayor of the town of Washington, F. P. Martin, and of Eunice, S. Wyble have promised him their support.

Up to date the Judge has no opposition. Mr. John M. Oge was in Opelousas upon two occasions recently, canvassing for the office. It is however stated by the Judge's friends, that Mr. Oge only intended being a candidate in the event there were two vacancies to be filled, as it was supposed there would be. Mr. Oge stated to quite a number of people, that he was not running against Judge Dupre, but for the vacancy occurring in Mr. Fontenot's seat.

not's seat. That if there would be two vacancies, then he would aspire to fill one of these.

It is not believed now that only one vacancy has been ordered filled, that Mr. Oge will oppose Judge Dupre, who first announced for the office. The Clarion is not endeavoring to prevent anyone from entering the lists, but it is free to confess that with the formidable support the Judge has already developed, and such as he will continue to develop, by reason of the forces at work for him, he is going to win hands down. The Judge is an old campaigner and has gone to work with his accustomed energy.

The parish Executive Committee will convene at the Courthouse on Saturday the 23rd inst., to a call primary which must precede the election. The time is short, and if opposition develops the candidates will have to get busy. Judge Dupre stated to a representative of this paper, he was busy and he was not going to stop moving until he was nominated. "The people have rallied to my support to such an extent that I do not believe that my candidacy is going to be opposed. If opposition develops, my support is going to overcome it," were the Judge's parting words, as he walked off to mingle with some friends from Eunice, among whom were Ex-Marshall Henry Landry, and S. Leer Lacombe, both of whom are supporting him.

PARISH FAIR PROMISES TO BE GREAT THING

The Committee On Arrangement Headed By Dr. Charles F. Boagni Will Have Everything In Readiness To Receive The Crowd

THE EXHIBITS TO LAST TWO DAYS

On Friday And Saturday August 29th and 30th Will Be Held The Largest Of Any Previous Meeting Of Farmers At The Courthouse--People From Every Portion Of The Parish Coming To Opelousas For The Fair

The Committee on Awards of premiums for the best exhibits at the Farmers' Exhibit and Fair to be held in Opelousas, on Friday and Saturday, the 29th and 30th inst., announces awards of cash premiums which will be for the following exhibits:

- Corn: Best 10 ears exhibited.
- Cotton: Best two stalks.
- Rice: Best two bundles, any variety.
- Sugar cane: Best 10 stalks, any variety.
- Sweet potatoes: Best sample of merchantable sweet potatoes, one peck.
- Irish potatoes: Best sample of Irish potatoes, one peck.
- Best exhibit of Farm Products of every variety and kind.
- Best exhibit of garden products of every variety and kind, including melons.
- Best exhibit of fruit of every variety and kind.
- Hogs: Best hogs exhibited.
- Mules: Best native mules, three years and under.
- Best Jack exhibited, any age.
- Best stallion exhibited, any age.
- Best exhibit of beef cattle.
- Best exhibit of dairy cattle.
- Best chicken exhibit.
- Best duck exhibit.
- Best turkey exhibit.
- Best goose exhibit.
- Best exhibit of oranges, St. Landry grown, including the Louisiana orange and the satsuma orange.
- Best variety of St. Landry grown fruit.
- Best exhibit of native grown tobacco.
- Best bale of new hay.
- Best exhibit of sheep.
- Best exhibit of alfalfa hay.
- Best exhibit of red clover.
- Best exhibit of modern improved farm machinery.

This committee is composed of: EDGAR DUPRE, JOS. MCCLELLAND, LOUIS HEBERT, J. J. THOMPSON, M. C. KILPATRICK, W. F. CLOPTON, R. LEE MILLS, Chairman.



DR. CHARLES F. BOAGNI, Chairman of Committee of Arrangement.

The Parish fair, at which the best country products raised, not only in St. Landry, but in the entire state, will be placed on exhibition, will be held on the courthouse square on Friday and Saturday, August 29th and 30th respectively.

It was at first announced that it would be held on Saturday only, but the Committee on Arrangement, after considering the question closely, came to the conclusion that it were best to have the fair last two days, instead of one, as then, it would be easier to get everything straightened out and more time could be devoted to the formation of a permanent Parish Fair Association.

The farmers throughout the parish have already shown a certain interest in the coming fair, as several of them have already sent various farm products to the office of Hon. Thomas H. Lewis, one of the promoters of the parish fair. Those who have already made their appearance surely can compare with the very best farm products in the United States. By the time that the Fair comes off it is expected that several more pretty and attractive products will find their way to some of the members on the committee of Arrangements.

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The farmers are requested to bring their products in the morning of Friday the 29th, so as to illuminate a rush at the last moment. It is the object of the promoters of this great meeting, at which it is expected and hoped that nearly every farmer in the parish will be present, to have everything in readiness, when the time comes to open the meeting, with speeches by many of the prominent speakers of the state.

The Committee on Arrangements, since their former announcement of Saturday August 30, as the day upon which the fair will be held, have determined to give two days for the fair instead of one, as one day is too short a time to afford opportunity for attention of the public to the various exhibits that will be made and for the number of addresses that will be delivered by prominent speakers.

The committee, therefore, announces that the farmers are invited to urge to bring in their non-perishable exhibits on Friday, August 29, so that ample time will be allowed for installation. A Committee will be on hand on the Court House Square Friday morning to take charge of and install the various exhibits, and which will be cared for until the fair closes. It is proposed that the exhibits will be open to the public at noon on Friday of that date.

Addresses will be made on Friday and also on Saturday, when a good brass band will discourse music for the entertainment of the visitors. The speaking will be in the open air, weather permitting, where seats will be provided for the ladies.

Persons intending to make exhibits will please notify the Chairman of this Committee as (Continued on page 8.)

The Photograph Below Comprises Native Products Exhibited Here Three Years Ago.



JOHN W. LEWIS WILL BE ON COMMISSION

Local Man Will Be Made Chairman Of Louisiana Publicity Commission.

BARRACKS RECOMMENDS HIM

Barracks Is Authorized To Place Name Of Prominent Opelousas Attorney Before Hall For Appointment.

Hon. John W. Lewis, a prominent attorney of this city, will, in a few days, be appointed chairman of the Louisiana Publicity Commission, is the belief of A. R. Barracks, of Baton Rouge, secretary and manager of the Publicity Commission.

Mr. Lewis has already given his consent to serve as Chairman of the Commission, stating in a telegram to Mr. Barracks on Monday:

"If you believe that as chairman of the Louisiana Publicity Commission I can contribute something toward the upbuilding and advancement of our beloved State, you are authorized to present my name in that connection to the Governor, although I would have you understand that I can only give the position such attention as would not conflict with my professional duties."

The position of the chairman of the Louisiana Publicity Commission has more work to it than anything else; it is an honorary position, with no pay, and it is indeed gratifying to the thousands of friends of Mr. Lewis throughout Louisiana, that he has consented to leave Mr. Barracks present his name to the Governor to be appointed as the successor of Charles S. Willard, of New Orleans, who resigned recently.

There is no doubt that Mr. Lewis will make a splendid head of the Publicity Commission, as he is one of the ablest men in this section of the state, as well as being able to compare with the best of other parishes. He will work to promote the interests of the Commission and will be an honor to his people, as well as a credit to the Commission.

The people of Opelousas are glad to note that an Opelousas man will be on this Commission, which will be a source of great good to this state in the future, and these same people feel confident that Mr. Lewis will do all in his power to allow this section of Louisiana to get a glimpse of the inside of the Commission.

Mr. Barracks feels assured that Governor Hall will appoint Mr. Lewis as Chairman of the Publicity Commission and it is to be hoped that the Governor will act accordingly.

Mr. Lewis is now on a vacation in Cooper's Well, Miss., and could not be interviewed by a Clarion representative, having left this city on Tuesday morning.

WOMAN IS TRAPPED BY FALLING SHELVES

Mrs. Blanc Has Exciting Experience When Shelves Topple Over Her.

At about 10 o'clock Wednesday morning a loud crash was heard in the center of the city, and men who were taking life easy, on the courthouse square, and in front of the post office, wondered what had happened. A few minutes after the noise, the screams of a woman were heard in the heart of the city. These screams brought some twenty men into the store, formerly owned by Mr. Robert Chachere, but lately bought out by Mr. M. Blanc, of New Orleans. Upon reaching the scene of the noise; the men, who hurriedly came to the store saw a woman pinned down between the counter and fallen shelves. She was screaming at the top of her voice and had not the shelves been removed immediately Mrs. Blanc, the wife of the proprietor of the store, would probably have suffered greater injuries than she is at present nursing. How she escaped death is little short of a miracle.

It appears that she and Mr. Chachere were speaking behind the counter, little aware of the terrible crash which was about to ensue, when both were knocked rather violently by the tum- (Continued on page 8.)

RAYNE WAS SWAMPED BY OPELOUSAS TEAM

Bitter Rivals Meet On Local Diamond Sunday and Visitors Are Vanquished.

The Rayne team proved to be no match at all for the local aggregation of ball players on last Sunday in a game played at Comeau's Park. It was rumored that Rayne was prepared to give the Opelousas team the worse drubbing it had ever gotten, and for that reason the Rayne club was accompanied by nearly one hundred eager fans from the Acadia town.

The Rayne players appeared to be playing "ping-pong" more than baseball; they looked more like wood choppers than hitters, and the mainstay of the team was easily the prey of the local sluggers, having to retire in favor of Swanson, before the game had been well under way.

Opelousas started the free show by getting in two men in the first inning; in the second one more was registered to the account of the home boys, whilst in the fourth the Rayne boys really went up in the air, whilst the Opelousas players were touching their pitcher for some timely hits, and base runners were hurrying around the circuit. When the dust settled and the score board had been attended to, the score stood 7 to 0 in favor of the local club; this score remained the same until the last inning.

To-morrow evening (Sunday) the Rayne team will have an opportunity to beat the Opelousas team on their own diamond. There will be an excursion to Rayne on the O'Gee leaving this city at 1 o'clock, the round trip fare being 75 cents. It is expected that several hundred people from this city will take advantage of the low rates to take in the last game of the season, as it is reliably reported that the Opelousas team will be disbanded after Sunday.

The local fans are confident that they will see Brown, Broussard, Dejean and Thompson, do their usual good work at the bat, whilst Francioni, Aycock and Dowie will perform some really classy stunts in the field, and Casey will make the Rayne boys strike at the wind, in the same manner as they did last Sunday.

The local team with such a formation as above mentioned is almost unbeatable, by any amateur team in this state. Every player on the team not only fields well, but is also to be relied upon at the bat.

CITY WILL HAVE A FIRE ALARM SYSTEM

Bids Will Be Opened at the First Meeting in October.--To Cost About \$5000.

It now seems evident that Opelousas will once more take a step toward progressiveness. The Mayor and the Board of Aldermen have decided that Opelousas is large enough to have an electric fire alarm system, by which means the fire company will be able to tell at an instant notice where the fire is. It will not take five, ten and fifteen minutes, as is often the case now, to get the fire boys on the scene of destruction, after the fire alarm system will have been in operation. There will be twenty alarm boxes, stationed at various portions of the city. These will register at the central fire company, which will be the Hook & Ladder Hall, telling on what block the fire is to be found. By this means the fire boys will have the notice in a flash and will as quickly rush to the fire.

Bids for the fire alarm system will be opened at the first regular meeting in October. It is expected that the entire plant will cost approximately \$5000.

Chief Brown has been working for the last few years in that line and the people at large should feel grateful to this citizen for having influenced the city fathers in the obtaining of this great relief to the people of Opelousas. It will mean a saving of property, of life, of everything else. It will prevent the fire from getting a good start, thereby aiding greatly in preventing the spread of the flames.

The Opelousas fire alarm system will be so established as to be approved by the Louisiana State Fire Prevention Bureau.

It will take 6 1-2 miles of wire to cover the territory over which the alarm system will be established.

Mrs. S. Colosha and daughter, Lola, of San Antonio, Texas, after remaining in this city for several weeks as the guests of Mrs. R. B. Christman, have returned to their home.

The fans, to be sure, are indeed sorry to learn that the team might break up after Sunday's battle, as they live in hopes to see Opelousas "mop up" with the very best amateur teams in the state.