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## STATE WIDE MEETING TO BE HELD ON 29TH

New Orleans Board of Trade Calls Louisiana Convention to Endorse Ransdell-Humphreys Bill and Urge Its Adoption.

The control of the Mississippi River, to prevent the overflow of the rich alluvial delta of the Lower Mississippi Valley, is a matter of vital interest to the people of the State of Louisiana.

Many efforts have been made in the past to bring about the desired results, but because of differences of opinion in other matters, no effective legislation has ever been passed.

"We believe," says Mr. Joseph McCloskey, President of the Board of Trade, "that the time is now opportune for the passage of a concrete bill, such as the Ransdell-Humphreys Bill, which has been approved by the Mississippi River Commission and United States Government Engineers, and has received the endorsements of Mayors of Cities and Towns, and commercial organizations throughout the entire Mississippi Valley, and at a meeting of the general membership of the New Orleans Board of Trade, one of the oldest institutions in the South, and one who has given the subject of waterways very careful study, which meeting was held in the City of New Orleans on Saturday, November 8th, when the Ransdell-Humphreys bill was unanimously endorsed, and a resolution adopted, authorizing me, as President of the Exchange, to call a State-wide Convention, to be known as the 'Louisiana Convention,' to be held in the City of New Orleans on Saturday, November 29th, on the floor of the Board of Trade, for the purpose of petitioning Congress for the early enactment of the Ransdell-Humphreys Bill.

"We believe that a united front can accomplish the passage of this bill at the coming session of Congress, and that this bill and this only will bring about the quickest relief to our people.

It is concrete in form, and has the endorsement of the Government Engineers, and it requires no surveys to be made before or after it is passed, but simply appropriates the money to the Government Engineers to carry out the plans which they have already made for the building of levees, revetment of banks and such other things as, in their judgment, may deem advisable, to improve conditions of navigation and flood protection."

The resolution adopted authorizing Mr. McCloskey to call a State-wide Convention, instructs him to extend a cordial invitation to the Mayors of Cities, commercial organizations, Levee Boards, Police Juries, and others interested in this State, to join with other representatives of this great commonwealth, to urge upon Congress the immediate necessity of enacting into law the Ransdell-Humphreys Bill.

This will be a strictly business meeting, starting at 9:30 A. M. on November 29th, and concluding the same day, and it is held on that day so that those of the delegates who contemplate attending the National Rivers and Harbors Congress in Washington on December 3rd, 4th, and 5th, may leave New Orleans on Saturday night, the 29th, or Sunday night, the 30th, in plenty of time to reach there.

Mr. McCloskey has appointed the following Special Committee on Arrangements to look after the details and handle the proceedings of the Convention: M. J. Sanders, Chairman; A. F. Leonard, E. F. Kohnke, R. F. Clerc, Jeff D. Hardin, S. Locke Breaux, C. H. Ellis, Chas. Godchaux, Sol Wexler, Pearl Wight, W. P. Ross, Ben C. Casanas, Joseph Kohn, Hugh McCloskey, Robert Ewing, Albert Mackie, Geo. Wiegand, Victor Camors, Frank E. Bernard, Simon Pfeifer.

## Many From Here To See L. S. U.--Tulane Game.

The annual combat between Louisiana's two foremost universities, Louisiana State and Tulane will take place at Baton Rouge, on Saturday evening, November 22nd. A large crowd is expected to go from and around Opelousas, and it is thought that there will be a special train run, either on the Frisco or the Southern Pacific to the capital city.

The hope, as it stands at present indicates to a victory for Louisiana State by at least 25 points, but the Tulane adherents are firmly convinced that the victory of Tulane against the St. Louis University and the loss of L. S. U. against Auburn indicates to a very close contest.

Opelousas has always been represented at these state championship contests and it is thought that there will be several to seize the opportunity to see their favorite team in action at Baton Rouge.

Tulane has not played up to the expectation of their fellow students, whilst on the other hand L. S. U. has accomplished more than was at first thought and its defeat by the Auburn eleven by the score of 7 to 0 certainly shows that it was a strong contender for the Southern title, since Auburn has practically been conceded the championship.

## Littell--Vance.

Dr. Isaac Littell, a former Opelousas boy, but now a prominent specialist at Alexandria, was married to Miss Lizzie Luckett Vance, daughter of S. B. Vance, of Alexandria. The wedding took place at the Catholic Cathedral on last the morning of the 3rd, Rev. Father Mahe officiating. Following the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served at the residence of the bride's parents. The newly wedded couple departed that morning for New Orleans, where they went to spend their honeymoon.

Friends and relatives of Dr. Littell, who is the eldest son of Dr. Robert M. Littell, were present at the wedding.

Felicitations were poured upon Dr. and Mrs. Isaac Littell by their many Opelousas friends.

## Moss Brothers Left for Lake Charles.

The Moss Brothers street carnival left Monday morning for Lake Charles, after a week's stay in this city under the auspices of the Firemen. Large crowds went out to the carnival every evening and enjoyed the various performances. While the show was a small one it must be given the credit of being the cleanest which has visited this place in many years.

During the week the famous \$10,000 flying horses of the Moss Brothers were left here, and they will remain in Opelousas until Sunday night, when they will be shipped to the Mobile, Ala., Hippodrome.

Another feature of the stay of the Moss Brothers in Opelousas is that not one single arrest was made, as is often the case when carnivals come here. Everything was as quiet as possible, and there were no disturbances of the law.

## Makes Purchases.

Superintendent C. J. Thompson returned during the week from Shreveport, where he went to attend the State Fair. Whilst up there the Superintendent of the Parish Schools of St. Landry purchased a registered short horn yearling and a registered pig for the Grand Prairie Agricultural high school.

Whilst speaking of the work accomplished by the Grand Prairie high school Mr. Thompson said that he considered that this school had done exceptionally well in the past, but that "it would be a much better school in the future." This means that the Grand Prairie school, which is already considered one of the best in Southwest Louisiana, will be the very best, within a very short while.

The people of that section of St. Landry feel proud of their school and are helping the professors along as much as possible to elevate that institution still higher.

Mr. J. A. Budd and Dr. R. M. Littell went to New Orleans on Wednesday morning to visit Mrs. Budd who is ill at the Hotel Dieu.

## MANY IMPROVEMENTS AT GRAND COTEAU

St. Charles College Being Beautified Rapidly.--Football Association.

Among the many improvements at St. Charles College, Grand Coteau, is a beautiful statue of the patron of the College St. Charles Barromeo. The statue is of pure carrara marble, life-size. It stands on a beautiful marble pedestal. Statue and pedestal are from far-off Italy and are the gift of Sir Lawrence Fabacher, K. of St. Gregory of New Orleans.

In a short time visitors to the College will see another ornamental in the way of an entrance. An iron fence with ornamental wrought iron gates and re-enforced concrete pillars is at present going up. This is the magnificent gift of Rev. Fr. Roger of Church Point.

The Seniors are now the proud possessors of a pool room and pool table. At recreation lovers of the game are busily engaged beating former records and trying to surpass Henderson, Young and a few others who claim superiority in handling the cue.

The newspaper dope concerning Mandot, Rivers, Russell, K. O. Brown, etc., has put the desire of pugilistic get about into many of the boys and several claim their honors of the "square circle" and are ready for all comers--with well-padded gloves of course.

On Sunday evening last the Juniors got up a foot-ball team to play the "light ones" on Senior side. The score stood, when time was called, 7-0 in favor of the Seniors. In this game Joel Jackson of Meeker was one of the leading stars. As parental permission has been slow in coming for the heavy weights amongst the Seniors to engage in Rugby, it has been decided to organize an Association foot-ball league. An eleven will be picked to play the Sunset team for some early date.

Rev. Father Cummings, President of Spring Hill College, Mobile, Ala., is a visitor of the College. The boys will soon inform his Reverence that it is hard to leave St. Charles without obtaining for them a half-day.

The College is about to launch a venture on the sea of Journalism. A College Journal will soon appear to tell of the doings of old St. Charles and to show some of the work its students are capable of doing in the field of literature.

## Fair To Be Given At Local Convent.

The good sisters of Marientes of the Immaculate Convent of this city, have been busy preparing for the fair which will be held in the Convent Hall, on Sunday November the 23rd.

Each year these good nuns give some entertainment or other by which means they might raise money to improve their already pretty convent. And each year the good people of Opelousas turn out in scores to assist the sisters, and at the same time spend a pleasant afternoon.

It is expected that a large crowd will attend the fair and it is hoped that the affair will be a great success.

Admission tickets are being sold at present, and with every ticket purchased until the 19th a chance to win a five dollar gold piece will be given away.

After that date, however, there will be no more chances given with the tickets.

## Strike on S. P.

A strike on the Southern Pacific Line was declared on Friday morning, and not a train on the Sunset Route moved. It is said that many cane planters were caught with their cane either at the railroad yards, or in cars, and it is thought that, if a compromise between the officials and the employees of this road is not arrived at before long, there will be another great loss in this section of Louisiana.

Opelousas will not be hurt any by this strike, because of the fact that it has two other roads running into this city, but the other towns in St. Landry will suffer considerably, since they are at the mercy of the Southern Pacific.

It is thought, however, that everything will be settled within the next several hours.

## LOCAL ELKS HAVE FINE TURKEY SPREAD

Mr. Campbell Preparing To Give "Billies" and Their Partner Great Big Supper.

The members of the local order B. P. O. E., had an enjoyable evening on Tuesday of last week. Their wives and sweethearts were entertained at their beautiful home, on Main street. A splendid spread was tendered in honor of the fair sex in the way of turkeys, salads, and of course wine. After the feast dancing was indulged in.

Despite the fact that Mr. A. S. J. Campbell, the man who is responsible for the success of these feasts, which are often given by the Elks, was served notice that the Elks wanted a turkey supper, only twenty-four hours prior, a table was placed before the seventy-five persons present, which rivaled those of "Mine Host Cretin," when he is called upon to give one of his state widely known banquets. Mr. Campbell has been in charge of these entertainments for several years and has shown that he is fully able to fill the position.

When the Elks first began giving suppers in this city there were very little funds, consequently Mr. Campbell, started on a small scale. He at first served cheese and crackers and now his order has grown to such an extent that turkeys and the finest kinds of birds are brought into the Elks Home.

On December the 7th party of Elks will be dispatched to go into the surrounding country and make a hunt. All the birds these men will kill will be served at the grand annual game banquet. It is expected that this year's banquet will even surpass any ever tendered by the local Billies. Two years ago over six hundred birds were consumed by the members of lodge 1048, but it is thought that there will be more quails and doves eaten on December 9th than two years ago.

On Friday November the 21st, the Elks will have a stag supper.

## Saloon Men Should Make Application Now.

Those desiring to operate a saloon after the first of the year will have to publish a notice of application before the city fathers, as required by law, is the edict given out by the popular tax collector of this city, Captain C. L. Hayes.

The time is ripe for the saloon men to have their notices published and Mr. Hayes would advise those who intend operating saloons after the first of the year to make their application for same as soon as possible, as it is always a bad policy to wait until the very last minute to do something, which could have been done days before.

It is not expected that the action of the police jury in raising the license will greatly affect the saloons in Opelousas, and it is thought there will be as many saloons, to say the least, during the next twelve months as there have been operated in this city the past year.

## Porter--Jackson.

Miss Helen Jackson, the pretty and accomplished daughter of Mr. G. A. Jackson, a prosperous farmer, living near Washington, was married, in this city, on Wednesday, to Mr. C. C. Porter. The groom is a recent addition to the popular citizens of the progressive and enterprising town of Eunice. Both of the contracting parties are well known in this city, and both enjoy a wide circle of friends, not only in Opelousas, but throughout the parish.

The ceremony took place at the Rectory, Rev. Father Tessier, Pastor of the Washington Catholic Church, officiating. The bridal couple left on the evening Frisco for Baton Rouge, from whence they will go to various points on their honeymoon. They will make Eunice their home.

The Clarion congratulates the happy couple and wish them the best there is in store for them in their new state of life.

Mrs. Mentor Dupre, of Plaisance, spent one day this week in Opelousas.

Messrs. Emar Lafleur and Eraste Andrepoint were business visitors to this city on Thursday.

## TWO FROM HERE SENT TO PEN FOR LIFE

Judge Pavy Passes Sentence on Several Found Guilty by Jury.

Judge B. H. Pavy on Saturday morning, passed sentence on all those convicted before the Criminal Court during the past month. Two were sentenced to life imprisonment, whilst two got ten years at hard labor in the state penitentiary, two were given 5 years at Baton Rouge, and several given minor sentences and fines.

The majority of the cases tried before the October Criminal court were homicides, and the judge was not at all severe on the sentences given on those found guilty by the jury. There were more homicide cases this year than for many years past and by being severe on those found guilty, it might be one means of somewhat checking the lawlessness of some of the people in this parish.

The following sentences were given, by Judge Pavy, on last Saturday morning:

Valsin Willis, convicted of murder, sentenced for life imprisonment; Floy Ewell and Andrew Pliny, were sentenced 2 years in the penitentiary; Adam Sam and Louis Sam, cattle stealing, five years in the penitentiary; Edgar Sam, cattle stealing, five years in the penitentiary; James Wesley, assault with intent to murder, 10 years in the penitentiary; Henry Brown, assault with intent to commit murder, 10 years in the penitentiary; Arthur Domingeau, murder, life imprisonment in the penitentiary; Valentine Lede, \$100 and cost in default of which he will be imprisoned in the parish jail for 60 days; Prien Meche and Gilbert Meche, violating act No. 31 of 1886, 10 days in the parish jail and a fine of \$10 each, in default of which they will be imprisoned 30 days more; Alibe Bertrand, hunting deer out of season, \$25 and cost; Lezime Godeau, 10 days and a fine of \$25 and cost, in default of which he will be imprisoned in the parish jail for 60 more days; Hebrard Thibodeau, 30 days and a fine of \$50, or 30 days more in the parish jail.

## Mr. Sandoz No Longer Manager.

Mr. Morgan Sandoz has resigned as manager of the Sandoz Opera House. He severed his services with the historic old place immediately after the Confession was played in this city. Mr. George Abdalla, owner of the building will operate the opera house.

Mr. Sandoz was to resign sometime ago, but desirous of making the Confession a great success, financially as well as otherwise, on account of the Knights of Columbus, he decided to manage the theatre for that one play.

It is not known yet what plays will come to this city, since the management of the place has changed, but it is thought and at the same time hoped that Opelousas will be visited by good shows for the rest of the theatrical season.

## R. E. Lee Camp's Election.

The last meeting of the members of R. E. Lee Camp No. 14 in this city was one of the most interesting held for many days. On this day and at this meeting the officers of the Camp, which is composed of old and honorable soldiers of the historic war between the North and South, were elected and installed.

The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: Commandant, Arthur Simon; 1st lieutenant and assistant adjutant, Chas. S. Hollier; 3d lieutenant and assistant adjutant, S. M. Phillips; 4th lieutenant and assistant adjutant, August Dupuy; adjutant and treasurer, W. A. Sandoz; commissary, Theodore Deville; quartermaster, J. A. Whitley; surgeon, Dr. Theog. Chachere; assistant surgeon, Henry Chachere; chaplain, T. R. Carroll; color-bearer, Ralph Boudreau; color-guard, Ozeme Moreau; Vidette, Ambrose Valin. The Camp will hold its regular meeting on every first Saturday of each month.

Messrs. P. W. Roy, Steven Durand, Ix Fruge, and Misses Gladys Perrault, Vivian Smith and I. Evans motored to Washington, on Wednesday night to attend a dance given by the Washington boys.

## BLANCHARD IS MADE HEAD OF CONVENTION

Constitutional Convention Which Is To Settle State Debt Called To Order By Justice Breaux--Expected To Last Fifteen Days.

Chief Justice Joseph A. Breaux, of the Louisiana Supreme Court, called the first constitutional convention since 1898, to order at 12:10 o'clock p. m. on Monday.

Alvin Hebert, secretary of state, read Governor Hall's proclamation explaining the purposes of the convention. The session is limited by law to fifteen days and the impression prevails that the deliberations will continue the full limit.

With the exception of four men the 80 delegates responded to the roll call. Following the reading of the roster, Judge Breaux administered the oath to the delegates in groups of ten. Ex-Governor Blanchard was then elected chairman of the convention by acclamation. The other officers elected were also chosen without opposition, those being: First Vice President Robert B. Butler, of Terrebonne, Second Vice President, Chas. J. Theard, of Orleans.

The convention is composed of eighty members, one each from the seventeen wards, of the parish

of Orleans, and one each from the sixty-three country parishes.

In the call, ratified by the people, it is practically limited to the consideration of two subjects--provision of the retirement of the state debt of \$11,108,000, due January 1, 1914, and an amendment of the Sewerage Board act, which effects the city of New Orleans, only.

The last named amendment will permit the surplus of the water tax over the cost of the maintenance and operation of the sewerage and drainage plants, the whole burden of which now falls on the city. For these purposes the city this year gave approximately \$32,000 a month.

Included in the sewerage amendment will be a provision permitting the board, by a vote of two-thirds of its members, to pay a salary to its president, which most probably will be \$5000 per annum. The position which is occupied by Hon. Joseph Voegtli, is at present unsalaried.

## R. YOUNG WINS ST. CHARLES LOVING CUP

Field Day At St. Charles College Proves To Be Greatest In Many Years.

Grand Coteau, La., Nov. 6, 1913. Among the many great doings at St. Charles College was the annual field day on Tuesday morning. From 9 a. m. till late in the evening the boys could be seen contesting for the honors of the various sports of a Field day meet. The following is a list of the winners in the senior contests:

Standing broad jump, 1st, R. Voorhies; 2nd, C. Billeaud; 3rd, T. Duhon. Running broad jump, 1st, R. Young; 2nd, R. Voorhies; 3rd, C. Billeaud. Hop-skip and jump, 1st, R. Young; 2nd, R. Voorhies; 3rd, J. Vandegaer. High jump, 1st, L. Bonin; 2nd, R. Voorhies; 3rd, J. Troy. Jumping from rings, 1st, H. Thompson; 2nd, R. Young; 3rd, R. Templeit. Putting shot, 1st, R. Young; 2nd, A. Arceneaux; 3rd, J. Voorhies. Throwing baseball, 1st, R. Broussard; 2nd, S. Barrette; 3rd, R. Young; 50 yard dash, 1st, T. Duhon; 2nd, H. Thompson; 3rd, Stemmanns. 75 yrd dash, 1st, R. Stemmanns; 2nd, T. Duhon; 3rd, H. Thompson. 100 yard dash, 1st, R. Stemmanns; 2nd, H. Thompson; 3rd, J. Vandegaer. Kicking the foot ball, 1st, H. Thompson; 2nd, Arceneaux; 3rd, J. Troy. Relay race was won by J. Vandegaer, A. Breaux and Templeit. Cheving the string was won by R. Jefferson Mouton. Obstacle race was won by R. Young. The candle race was won by E. Gaienne. The blind fold race was won by J. B. Vandegaer. Barrel race, 1st, C. Dardeau; 2nd, Templeit; 3rd, Voorhies. Sack race, 1st, Dardeau; 2nd, A. Breaux; 3rd, G. Gaienne. Three legged race was won by J. Vandegaer and A. Breaux. High Kick was won by Voorhies with Tremonti a close follower. The tug of war was won by Captain Petitjean's side who took two out of three from Captain Arceneaux's men.

Prizes were given to the winners. R. Young having the highest number of points, 21 in all, was winner of the loving cup. Winners were cheered as they went up for their prizes. Among the prizes was a William's shaving set, Ever ready shaving set, gold pin, pipe set, watch fob, leather card case, cakes, etc. A cake was awarded Curtis Breaux for the finding of the hidden candle. The day was a great success and all claim this St. Charles day to have been one of the greatest and the best field day on record.

The following menu was served to the student body: oysters, extra select, sliced lemons, chow chow, salted peanuts, boiled ham, pickled onions, a fried chicken, new Irish potatoes, radishes, green gosling, apple sauce, French tomatoes; dessert: grapes, oranges, peach-

er, Peras assorted cakes, ice cream, coffee.

In the junior division George Smith won a gold medal as first prize and Roy Billeaud came out second with a watch.

The standing in the minium division was D. Labbe first, who won a silver medal; second, M. Billeaud, who captured a watch.

## Firemen Thank City Fathers For Alarm System.

On motion of Mr. W. A. Sandoz, seconded by A. S. Brown, the following resolution was adopted:

Be it resolved, That a vote of thanks of this Company be and is hereby extended to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen for their action in contracting for a Fire Alarm System, for our city, which system in our opinion, is the best on the market.

It is a fact that we are practically without a fire alarm since the Power House whistle is out of service, and it is only through courtesy of the Cumberland Telephone Company that information as to the whereabouts of a fire can be obtained. The result is that valuable time is lost. By installing this system, it is a step forward towards placing our city in class B, thereby reducing its rate.

With an up to date, reliable fire alarm system many valuable minutes will be saved in reaching and fighting fires, which not only means to the public a more efficient service, but dollars saved, not to mention that Opelousas is keeping pace with the times.

Be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Mayor and council and that a copy be given to the Clarion for publication.

## Gets Offer for Road Bonds

Messrs. Hoehler & Cummings, of Toledo, Ohio, through their local representative, Mr. H. D. Larcaud, Jr., have offered to buy the proposed issue of \$100,000 road bonds which the parish of St. Landry will shortly issue.

The committee did not close for the sale, but it is expected that when they report the offer to the police jury, which meets on December 1st, that the offer made by the Toledo firm will be accepted.

This is the same firm which bought the street bonds recently issued by the city of Opelousas, and their offer to buy the parish bonds show that these people have confidence in the stability of our municipality and parish and the future progress of this section.

The good roads movement has started all over the country. Calcasieu parish has just authorized the issuance of \$900,000 of bonds for the constructing of public roads.

The committee in charge in this parish are progressive men, and it is expected that they will accept the offer for their bonds.

Mr. Paul Roy returned during the week from Texas, where he had been spending a month on a visit to friends and relatives.