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TO ORGANIZE FAIR END OF THIS MONTH

Secretary of State Fair to Come to Opelousas on April 23d for the Purpose of Assisting in Organization.

St. Landry will have a parish fair to be sure; men who have never failed in their undertakings are at the head of it and will begin a thorough campaign on April 23d, when Louis N. Brueggerhoff, secretary of the State Fair of Louisiana will be in Opelousas for the purpose of assisting the organization.

Mr. Brueggerhoff will remain in Opelousas for a few days and in those few days he expects to do a great deal.

This parish fair is to be placed on a sound business principle and which will be scheduled to be held every Fall. Heretofore St. Landry had fairs only when a few progressive and energetic citizens of this city would get together and formulate plans for the exhibitions, but this could not be done each year. There is need of some one being at the head of it and there is need of plenty of money.

It is expected that the police jury will appropriate between \$750 and one thousand dollars, for the purpose of promoting the interest of the fair. Merchants, bankers and other business men will also contribute generously, as these men live practically only off of the farmers, and a parish fair is a great incentive for better farming, diversification and scientific modes of tilling the soil and cultivating the crop.

The fair held in this city last year was a great success and there is no doubt that a similar one held each year, under the auspices of the farmers of this

parish, will prove beneficial to the farmers and business men.

The annual parish fair in this city will be in October and it is reported that as soon as the fair association is organized work on the fair will be started, in order to make it one of the greatest events in the agricultural history of St. Landry. Splendid and useful prizes will be awarded to the winners in the various contests and there is sufficient reason to believe that this alone will induce the farmers to raise superior products, as these are more in demand and bring a better price than inferior articles.

Every farmer and business man in St. Landry should interest himself about the farm exhibit, which, if a success, each year, will convert St. Landry into one of the most progressive agricultural sections in the entire United States. Naturally that means more money and better conditions generally.

It is hoped that the business men and the police jury will readily come to the assistance of the parish fair association as soon as it is organized and it is also hoped that the local people will co-operate with Mr. Brueggerhoff in organizing the association.

All of the progressive parishes of Louisiana have parish fairs; the citizens of these parishes credit the farm exhibits as greatly aiding and promoting the progress and prosperity of their section. The people of St. Landry can rightfully expect the same results in this section.

WILSON VICTORIOUS IN BITTER BATTLE

Lazaro and Three Others from Louisiana Vote for Repeal of Toll Bill.

With the speaker of the House of Representatives, Champ Clark, Floor Leader Underwood, Republican Leader Mann and Progressive Leader Murdock, fighting bitterly against the repeal of the toll bill, the house of representatives on Tuesday evening upheld the hands of President Wilson in the Panama canal controversy, by adopting the Sims bill to repeal the exemption on the coastwise shipping by a vote of 247 to 162, a majority of 85.

This is considered the greatest personal victory of President Wilson, as the leaders of all parties were bitter against the bill.

The Louisiana representatives were evenly divided, Congressmen Lazaro, Aswell, Elder and Watkins voting with the president and Representatives Broussard, Estopinal, Dupre and Morgan siding with Champ Clark and Oscar Underwood.

Mr. Clark made an appeal to the Democrats to vote his way, stating that the regretted very much that his colleagues did not see the proposition in the way in which he saw it. The galleries were packed with spectators, all of whom cheered the gray haired speaker throughout his long speech.

It remained for Representative Peters of Massachusetts, to play the high card for the repealers, when, at the close of Speaker Clark's speech, he read to the house a letter from Richard Olney, secretary of state under President Cleveland. In this letter Mr. Olney, whose arguments in support of toll ex-

emption had been widely quoted, wrote, in his opinion the house in this instance should stand by the president. The letter made a strong impression, and is credited with having successfully counteracted the effect of Speaker Clark's earnest appeal against the bill.

The general impression existing among the friends of Dr. Lazaro, representative from this district, is that he acted wisely in supporting President Wilson in the repeal of the toll bill. The opinion of the majority of Congressman Lazaro's friends is that he was right in voting for the repeal; the honor of the nation was at stake, besides it would seem too selfish on the part of the United States to allow American coastwise ships the privilege of free toll.

FEW SPEEDERS FINED

Chief Hayes To Rigidity Enforce The City Speed Ordinance.

There is no need of automobile owners thinking that they can speed without Chief of Police Clarence Hayes being aware of it. During the week several speeders were fined and many others were warned that their fines would soon be forthcoming, also.

Chief Hayes and the other police officers are determined to prevent speeders from attempting to see how fast their cars can travel. Special watch will be kept now, since the construction of the pavement. The way some chaffeurs come running down the main thoroughfares of this city is enough, at times to wonder why some one has not yet been injured—in fact that is the manner in which Chief Hayes figures.

Mr. Hayes has notified all offenders of the speed law of this city that a repetition of the offense meant a fine.

OPELOUSAS TEAM TO PLAY NEW ORLEANS

Opening Game Will Be Pulled Off With the American Can Club.

Manager Loeb of the local baseball club has announced that the first game of the season will be pulled off at Comeau park on Sunday, April 12th, when the American Can Company's team, of New Orleans will be on hand to contest for the honors of the day with Opelousas.

An excursion will be run from the Crescent City to Opelousas for the occasion and from all indications and reports it is expected that a large delegation of fans from New Orleans will be on hand to witness the game.

The local fans have taken such a deep interest in the town aggregation that it is expected a record breaking crowd will be at Comeau's park long before the umpire hollows "Play Ball." Opelousas will have a splendid club, and it is expected as the season rolls on the players will develop very speedily and the chances are that Opelousas will have a championship team this year.

Ivens and Vaccaro, two college players, will do the battery work for Opelousas; Ivens being a good pitcher and Vaccaro one of the best receivers in the Crescent City it is expected that Opelousas will have no trouble to cop the game. Veltin and Bordelon are daily rounding back into form and it is thought that they will be able to go into the box. Charlie Dejean, will do a great deal of receiving this year also, but it is expected that he will take care of the initial bag the greater portion of the season. Brown is fast coming back to his old form and will either play in the left garden or will be in the infield; Leo Dejean will undoubtedly be on the same old job, in centerfield, and it is very likely that Broussard, star third baseman and Francioni, shortstop, of last year's aggregation will be back with Opelousas again this season.

The battery for the American Can team will be Charbonnet and McCan, who are reputed to be very good. The grounds are being put in fine condition and an addition is being made to the grand stand, so as to afford more comfort to the several hundred interested fans, who always witness the games. It is reported that a large crowd will attend and every possible means of encouraging the local team will be on hand. The local fans are confident that Opelousas will be victorious in its opening game.

ACADIA FARMERS FOR MUTUAL ASSISTANCE

Organize Co-Operative Company to Transact Farm Business.

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FAUNTLEROY IS NOW NEW REVENUE CHIEF

Former Opelousian Becomes Collector, Succeeding W. Y. Kemper.

J. S. Y. Fauntleroy, for several years a resident of this city, when his father was a local Methodist preacher, during the early childhood of the boy, who has now become prominent in national affairs, was sworn in as collector of internal revenue for Louisiana and formally took charge of his office on Monday morning.

The oath of office was administered by United States Commissioner Arthur H. Browne, in the presence of practically all of the New Orleans federal officials.

Congratulations were heaped upon the young Louisianian, who was appointed by President Wilson through the influence of his former chief, Senator Joseph A. Ransdell, to succeed Walter Y. Kemper. The friends of Mr. Fauntleroy also extended their good wishes to the retiring collector of internal revenue.

Mr. Fauntleroy is but 29 years of age and is the youngest man ever appointed to the collectorship in Louisiana; he is the son of a prominent Methodist minister, and is self-made and self educated. He is well known throughout Louisiana, but here in Opelousas he is claimed almost as a home boy, having resided here several years and being the playmate of some of the most prominent men in Opelousas.

Mr. Fauntleroy is highly esteemed for his ability and intellect; his energy and self accomplishments. Upon retiring recently in Washington as secretary of the Senate committee of public health and quarantine, Mr. Fauntleroy was the recipient of a handsome memento in the shape of an expensive brief case or portfolio, bearing the names of the four New Orleans newspaper correspondents, to whom the new revenue chief is grateful for the valuable prize.

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SHOT IN THE FOOT; IS FINALLY CAUGHT

Bousse Attempting to Break Into Mayer Store at Palmetto Is Found.

Shot in an attempt to rob the Mayer store in Palmetto, and after remaining in the Palmetto woods for four days, without food or water, A. Bousse, whom it is alleged might be implicated in the robbery which took place at the Lyle store, near Cheneyville, last week, was captured by a posse on last Thursday.

The would-be-robber was attempting to enter the Mayer store, which is one of the largest establishments of its kind in that section of St. Landry, when Louis Mayer, the son of the owner, discovered the burglar, and through a mist rain shot him in the foot. Bousse escaped into the woods and was not seen for four days, when a darky coming along the swamps saw him and reported to the citizens of Palmetto, who immediately went out after the robber and capturing him turned him over to Deputy Sheriff Ewell Swords, who brought him to the parish jail, in this city.

It is thought that Bousse might be implicated in the Cheneyville robbery, when Mr. Lyle, the owner of the store, was tortured by two robbers, who wanted him to tell them the combination of the safe, in which, it is alleged, there was in the neighborhood of \$20,000. Because Mr. Lyle did not know the combination the robbers poured hot grease on the foot and leg of the proprietor, in consequence of which he is still suffering agonies.

Mr. Lyle and Sheriff Luckett of Rapides were in Opelousas during the week, but failed to identify Bousse as one of the robbers. However it is thought that Bousse was implicated in some manner or other with the Cheneyville hold-up, and it is even alleged that a pan in which it appears that lard has been melted was discovered in his suit-case, besides many other paraphernalia, which are usually the assets of burglars and robbers.

TO PAINT CITY MARKET

Council Will Have Work of Painting Market Started Next Month.

The city market, which is situated on the courthouse square and is the property of Opelousas, will be repainted sometime next month. The council, it is reported, resolved recently to have the market beautified by painting it and making other necessary repairs.

The city market is on the northwestern corner of the square and will indeed add a great deal to the attractiveness of the square when it will be painted, as paint always makes a building look a hundred per cent better.

It is to be hoped that the parish law-makers will emulate the city fathers' example and that they too will order the painting and remodeling of the courthouse. It needs it worse than the market, in the opinion of the vast majority of the parish solons.

Presbyterian Church.

There will be preaching in the Presbyterian Church Sunday (to-morrow) at 11 A. M. and at 7:30 that evening. Sabbath School at ten. C. B. TOMB, Pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Winsberg spent a couple of days in the Crescent City this week.

CITY TO BE CROWDED FOR WALTERS TRIAL

It Is Expected that Opelousas Will Have Many Visitors When Famous Kidnapping Case Comes Up Before Court.

That Opelousas will be crowded the week of the 12th, when the famous Walters-Dunbar kidnapping case will come up for hearing before court the fact officials and public men have received letters from all over the state asking the date set for the hearing.

Not only people from every corner of St. Landry parish will be here week after next, but also citizens of Louisiana, Mississippi and other Southern states will come for the purpose of hearing the evidence in the case.

The Walter-Dunbar kidnapping case has attracted nationwide attention for nearly a year. Little Bobbie Dunbar, who was at first thought to be at the bottom of Swayze lake, is supposed, now to be in the possession of his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Dunbar. The child was recovered from William C. Walters, at Columbia, Miss., on the 21st of April of last year, when Mr. and Mrs. Dunbar were called to the Mississippi town to identify the boy, who was wandering over the country with the itinerant tinker under the name of Bruce Anderson.

Julia Anderson, the Carolina woman, whom it is said is the mother of Bruce Anderson, came to Opelousas a few weeks after the sensational discovery of the boy whom the Dunbar family claim as their son, failed to identify the child as her own on the day set for the examination, but on the following morning stated that she had not been given a fair opportunity to judge and boldly came out with the fact that the boy was really Bruce Anderson.

The child was afterwards taken to New Orleans, where an examination was held, between the Dunbar family and the witnesses who will appear in Opelousas in favor of Walters, with Hon. John M. Parker presiding as judge. Mr. Parker, however, rendered a decision in favor of the Dunbars, whereupon the child was brought back to the happy home of Mr. and Mrs.

Band Concert Every Friday Night.

A committee has called on the business men, merchants and citizens interested in the future of Opelousas, getting funds to support the band in giving weekly concerts, and the results are very promising as enough has been subscribed to predict that the band will give concerts regularly once a week. The band committee, following the baseball subscription so closely, the citizens of Opelousas should be complimented on their generosity for amusements for the summer.

The band is making wonderful improvement, and were complimented very highly by parties from Lafayette, our neighboring city that boasts of the "Best band in the state." The band has now 16 members and Bandmaster Crawford is working on younger material and soon hopes to have a band of 25 or more members.

What Opelousas wants is the best band and the best baseball team in the state, and by everybody pulling together we will have them.

Mr. Raymond B. Fontenot, of near Ville Platte, was in Opelousas one day this week, and during his stay in the city he paid a visit to the Clarion sanetum and plunked down for another year's subscription.

Dunbar, where the parents rejoiced over their signal victory.

Bobbie Dunbar mysteriously disappeared at Swayze lake on the 23d day of August, 1912 and the majority of the people, who went to the lake for several days following the disappearance of the four year old child thought that Bobbie Dunbar was at the bottom of the lake. But the father and mother of the child never lost hope and traced up every clew which might lead to the discovery of the whereabouts of their little son, until finally Mr. Dunbar was advised that a boy answering the description of Bobbie Dunbar was with W. C. Walters in the neighborhood of Hub and Columbia, Miss., whereupon Mr. Dunbar set out for Mississippi, bringing the little fellow back with him a week later.

The Walters-Dunbar case is one of the most unique of its kind and the evidence which will be produced at the coming trial will prove of a great deal of interest. Several witnesses from Georgia, Mississippi and North Carolina will be brought to St. Landry to testify in favor of the accused.

Walters does not seem to be worried over the impending trial, the outcome of which means either life or death to him. He is confident that his attorneys, Hon. E. B. Dubuisson and Dale & Rawl will succeed in convincing the jurors that he did not kidnap little Robert Dunbar and that the child now in the possession of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Dunbar, of this city, is Bruce Anderson. The Dunbars and their friends, on the other hand are assured that the trial will prove another victory for them, as they are confident that the little fellow is Bobbie Dunbar and that it will not be a difficult matter to prove it, either.

Deputy Ewell Swords was busy during the week serving notices on witnesses, who will appear and testify in the widely known case, during the week beginning on the 13th.

ESTOPINAL MAY RUN FOR GOVERNORSHIP

First District Congressman Thought To Be Only Man To Unite Regulars.

A special from New Orleans to the Lake Charles Daily Times, bearing date April 1, says:

That there will be no lack of candidates for governor in the next campaign is admitted everywhere, but surprise was created here today when it was learned that a well organized attempt is likely to be made to bring out Hon. Albert Estopinal, congressman from the first Louisiana district. Congressman Estopinal, it has been reported, will not be a candidate for re-election in the September primaries, but will be laying plans for his candidacy.

It is further said that if Estopinal runs, it will be because of the candidacy of two men from Caddo parish being aspirants for the same office—Lieutenant Governor Barrett and Attorney General Pleasant.

The regular Democracy of New Orleans is unquestionably divided on there two candidates and political wisecracks are saying that Estopinal will serve to bring about the united force with which New Orleans regulars expect to battle in the next campaign.