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NEW COUNCIL HOLDS INITIAL MEETING

Only Three Officers Are Retained on Administration Payroll.

The recently elected city council held its first meeting on last Tuesday evening, when Hon. E. L. Loeb, re-elected mayor, struck his gavel on the table calling for silence and ordering the meeting to order. There were approximately one hundred men present.

As soon as the council was organized, Mr. Simon Stelly, the only member from the old board, was elected mayor pro tem, by acclamation. Mr. Herbert U. Callihan, of Midland, was appointed city clerk and ex-officio tax collector, with a salary of \$1200 per year.

Mr. Mike Halphen, through appreciation of the board of aldermen, for his work in rounding the streets of Opelousas into splendid thoroughfares, was re-elected street commissioner by acclamation.

Superintendent Jones, of the electric and power plant, who was also in opposition to the present administration, during the recent city fight, was again re-appointed superintendent, on account of his efficiency. Mr. Jones, greatly assisted in converting the power plant from a burden to a paying proposition, during the last two years.

Messrs. Elijah Fisher and Leopold were elected night policemen; Mr. L. V. Meginley was appointed day police and health inspector.

Hon. Dudley L. Guilbeau was the board's choice for city attorney, whilst Dr. R. M. Littell, was elected city physician.

Mr. Christian Mornhinweg was appointed janitor.

The city health board appointed consists of Dr. Buster Littell, who was re-elected but on account of his competency, as he too was opposed to Mayor Loeb's ticket, Dr. J. A. Haas, Lorenzo Mornhinweg and Charles Ventre. R. M. Hollier was elected by acclamation city engineer.

INSURANCE RATES RAISED.

Companies Fearing Mexican War Will Take Only Good Risks.

Insurance agents in this city have been notified that during the contemplation of a war with Mexico the rates have been raised approximately fifty per cent; only very good risks will be taken during this time.

At first the insurance people did not advise the reduction of rates, but finally being convinced that the United States would most likely have to go to war with the Mexicans, a conference was held the consequence of which any one desiring of being insured will have to pay a much higher rate than during peaceful times.

Garbling News.

"It is understood about Opelousas that Julia Anderson, the Carolina woman who claims Bobbie Dunbar as his child, is preparing to marry W. C. Anderson, the kidnaper, in the event of his acquittal.—Jonesboro News.

That's garbling names a little but a later report has it like this at Opelousas: Julia Walters has decided that he will not marry W. C. Dunbar because Bobbie Anderson is reported to have been making some slight remarks about Bruce Bilbo. It is also reported that the Daily Item, a morning paper published at Crowley, La., has got its business in a jam for faking interviews with the above mentioned trial. Also, that Sheriff Garland and District Attorney Swords dined heartily this morning, the menu being ham, eggs, hot biscuits, butter, et als.—Winnfield Comrade.

Miss Dina Dossmann after spending several days in this city as the guest of her sisters, Mesdames Charles Ventre and W. A. Hays, returned to her home in Ville Platte, on last Friday evening.

Mrs. Lyne Hyner, of Angola, left during the week for her home after a week's stay at the home of her father, Mr. Walton Sandoz, in this city.

OVER TWO HUNDRED CHILDREN CONFIRMED

Bishop Laval Confirms Large Class—Lawtell Church Is Blessed

Bishop Laval of the New Orleans diocese confirmed over two hundred children at the Catholic Church in this city on last Sunday, in the presence of about fifteen hundred people.

Through the efforts of Father Egerbrink a large class was secured for this holy Sacrament on a short notice from the Archbishop. As the Bishop comes to Opelousas only every two years the spacious church is always crowded whenever Confirmation is administered to local children.

On Tuesday morning Bishop Laval accompanied by Father Egerbrink journeyed to Lawtell, where the Catholic Church, recently erected there, was blessed. An endeavor will be made to secure a priest for the little village on the Frisco, which is now in the Opelousas territory.

On Sunday night Bishop Laval was entertained at the Knights of Columbus Hall, by the local Knights and Daughters of Isabella.

EUNICE WINS STATE HIGH SCHOOL TITLE

Jenkins Pronounced Best Public School Athlete In Louisiana.

Baton Rouge, La., May 2.—Brilliant performances featured the victory of the Eunice High School team in the track and field events of the annual State High School rally here Friday. Only six athletes composed the Eunice team, but they were equal to the occasion and out-distanced their nearest competitors, the New Orleans team, which numbered about thirty athletes, by eight points.

The work of Jenkins, of Eunice, was easily the feature of the meet. Jenkins captured the 100, 220 and 440-yard dashes and running broad jump, also competing as a member of the winning relay team. He established a new record in the 440, which he covered in 53 4-5.

Lewis, of DeRidder, ranked next to Jenkins in the matter of individual point scoring. Lewis captured first place in the 50-yard dash and 120-yard hurdles, running both in fine time and secured second place in the 220 and broad jump and third in the hop, skip and jump.

Holland, of Stonewall, set a new record in the mile, covering the distance in 5:04 1-5. Adam, of New Orleans, turned an excellent half-mile, winning in 2:10 1-5.

Modering captured the shotput with 42 feet 8 inches, and Eldred Stream won the hop, step and jump with 42 feet and 8 inches. These were only first places secured by the members of the New Orleans team.

Simpson, of Arcadia, captured the high jump with 5 feet 8 inches, and Hughes, of Merryville, tossed the discus 155 feet for first place. Leopold, of Grand Cane, captured the pole vault event with a vault of 10 feet 7 inches.

The standing of the teams was as follows: Eunice, 37; New Orleans, 29; DeRidder, 21; Merryville, 19; Grand Cane, 6; Stonewall, Homer, Arcadia, 5; Crowley and Hammond, 4; Abbeville, Oakdale and Monterey, 2.

E. Roland Gill, of the New Orleans High School team, son of Librarian Gill, who was hit by a 12-pound hammer during the meet, is doing well. Gill will return home Saturday. The doctor pronounced the injury as slight.

Birthday Party.

Little Master Kirby Pledge celebrated the anniversary of his sixteenth birthday last Friday evening at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Pledge. A number of his little friends were present and enjoyed themselves very much with games of all kinds. Delicious ice cream and cake were served, after which the little companions of Kirby departed for their respective homes, after wishing him many more happy birthdays.

MEDICOES HAVE HOT TIME AT CONVENTION

St. Landry Delegates Report New Orleans Meeting Interesting.

The returning delegates from the Louisiana State Medical Society bring the news that the late convention was the hottest in the history of the society.

It seems that ancient abuses had crystallized and that cliques had gained control to such an extent that when men arose to protest in open meeting would suddenly get cold feet and so year after year the abuses grew and hardened.

Dr. Fred J. Mayer in his presidential report cut the Gordian knot and precipitated the fight, which centered around the official journal, which on the anniversary of its seventeenth birthday was turned down by the society and a new organ selected which has not yet and will not have an official existence until June.

The new journal, which will bear the name of The Pan American, will be edited by Drs. Merrick Swords, Hofelt and Richards, three brilliant young men, one of them a St. Landry boy and oldest son of the grey and grizzled Sheriff Marion L. Swords.

Despite the war in the House of Delegates Dr. Mayer pulled off the scientific section on scheduled time, as well as his symposium on religion in its relation to hygiene and state medicine, which was the unique feature of the convention, this being the first time anything of the sort had been attempted. Six clerics of different denominations delivered masterly addresses and a grand sacred concert of eight members was rendered at the Crescent Theatre.

Dr. Bel, of New Orleans was elected president of the society and Lake Charles chosen as the next meeting place.

Among the doctors from St. Landry who attended were: Dr. Fred J. Mayer, president of the society; Drs. R. M. Littell, B. A. Littell, Ertemon Lafleur, Frederick Vidrine and Gardiner, who was delegate from the St. Landry Medical Society and Dr. Brown president of St. Landry Medical Society.

May Get Mail on Motor Car.

The Southern Pacific has been asked by the Progressive League of Opelousas and Postmaster Goldmann Lassalle to give Opelousas a mail service on the motor car running between Morgan City and Washington, and it is expected that the railroad company will agree to the demands of the local people.

The citizens of this city are of the opinion that the mail service between this city and Lafayette is very poor. There is but one mail a day from and to Lafayette and it is to be hoped that this can be remedied.

A great portion of the local mail goes through Lafayette, as well as a great quantity received in Opelousas is also routed through Lafayette; the establishing of two mails a day from Washington to Morgan City would greatly benefit the people living on the Alexandria branch. Mr. Lassalle is confident that the S. P. will render the people the service asked and it will not be long before there are two daily mail services from Opelousas to Lafayette.

Mr. Vincent Boagni Passes To His Reward.

Mr. Vincent Boagni died in New Orleans on last Friday and was buried in this city on Saturday evening, interment being made in the Catholic Cemetery.

Mr. Boagni who was a former resident of this city, being the son of the late Dr. Charles Boagni, was 57 years of age. The deceased had been residing in New Orleans for several years, where he was engaged in the business of capitalist.

Mr. Boagni is survived by several brothers and sisters who are prominent citizens of this parish. The dead man leaves a large estate, which is said has been willed to his brother Dr. Charles F. Boagni, of this city.

Mr. Preston King was demonstrating his new Studerbak car to prospective purchasers in Ville Platte and St. Landry on last Saturday.

MAYOR TO ENFORCE BUILDING ORDINANCE

Plans Have To Be Given Council Before Erecting In Fire Limit.

Mayor Loeb intends to enforce the ordinance which was adopted several years ago for the purpose of prohibiting any frame building from being erected within the fire limit. Hereafter any one contemplating constructing a building within the forbidden territory will have to file the plans and specification with the city council.

The ordinance was adopted for a good purpose and it is gratifying for those who have the welfare of the community at heart to learn that the city fathers are determined to enforce this law, which means the safety of persons the entire city. No buildings which are easily susceptible to fire should be erected within the business district and now that Mayor Loeb has notified the public of his intention to prevent any such buildings from going up, Opelousas will no longer have frame buildings within the fire limits.

The law will be enforced from the beginning of next week and it is the intention of the Mayor to enforce it most rigidly.

Southwestern Reflections

(Contributed by Development Bureau)

Has defective drainage interfered with the planting and working of your crop this Spring? Any farmer will tell you that his crops are from two weeks to one month late "because the Spring is backward." In this case the "backward Spring" is simply another way of saying that the water soaks into the ground instead of being carried off as fast as it falls.

A "backward Spring" sometimes costs the farmer lots of money. To illustrate: Two weeks ago potatoes were quoted on the Chicago market at \$7.00 per barrel. This week they are quoted from \$5.00 to \$6.00. Thus, the two weeks you have lost because of bad drainage has cost you, if you have potatoes ready for shipment now, just \$2.00 per barrel.

Let's do some figuring on this: One acre of land, cultivated under favorable conditions, ought to produce a minimum of fifty barrels. This means that the "backward Spring" or bad drainage, cost the farmer \$100 per acre.

Of course, to those farmers who haven't had the enterprise to join the Southwest Louisiana Development Bureau and plant early potatoes for the market, this is "all Dutch." But to the farmer whose potatoes have been set back two weeks because of the rains it means a loss of \$100 of good American money on every acre he planted—not to mention the reduced production.

Now, is the man who is paying \$100 per acre for the privilege of "enjoying" bad drainage, going to kick when he is asked to pay a drainage tax of 5 mills on forty dollar land—or twenty cents per acre? and yet the country is full of men kicking just that way. What do you think of such men?

The Southwest Louisiana Development Bureau is at work on a drainage plan and we are going to "Shell the Woods" with logic along this line.

A Simple Way To Solve the Mexican Trouble.

Mexico needs a school master to send to our Woodrow Wilson; the United States needs a man of Huerta's quality.

Men are the cheapest things in war. Drednoughts, destroyers, submarines, guns, artillery and ammunition require months and months to replace. There have been times when a leader would have sacrificed five or six whole companies of men just to recover as many fieldpieces. Men in any number can always be obtained and trained in, at most, a few months. In time of strife and trouble they flock to the standard of their country in hordes. A modern war can last but a few months, and it would be obviously impossible to replace dreadnoughts and submarine in such a short time. The same condition is true for lesser things. A broken breech block would probably render a mighty twelve-inch gun useless all during a war. XX

GAMEWELL PEOPLE REFUSED EXTENSION

Mayor's Veto On Fire Alarm System Is Sustained By Council.

The Gamewell Fire Alarm System Company has been refused an extension of time by the mayor and members of the board of aldermen. The contract of the Gamewell people expired on last Monday and after due notification by the Mayor attempted to proceed with the work, whereupon the question of an extension was brought up in the council, and after being vetoed by Mayor Loeb, whose veto was sustained by a majority of the board, the extension was denied the fire alarm company.

C. F. Maulen, special representative and superintendent of construction of the Gamewell Fire Alarm System, admitted that their contract had expired, but stated that the delays which prevented his company from installing the system during the specific time, was not due to the company, and consequently the company was entitled to more time.

Mayor Loeb however takes another viewpoint of the situation saying: "The council was without any right to grant an extension on a contract which did not exist, the contract having expired by limitation. A request for an extension of time should have been made before the contract expired."

Mr. Maulen expects to continue with the work of installing, whilst Mayor Loeb stated that he would take no injunction to prevent him from so doing. However he made it clear that if the Gamewell company chose to erect the system they were at liberty to do so, but it would not get a cent from the city for the work, so long as he is mayor of Opelousas. His attorneys advised him that he was correct in his views.

Melville Notes.

Melville, La., May 5, 1914.

Amelia Smith Grove No. 236 of the Woodman circle was installed at a public installation by Deputy Supreme Guardian Edna B. Chance, Dist. Manager A. O. Patureau, of Alexandria, assisted by Grand Guardian Amelia Smith of New Orleans, which consisted of both an afternoon and evening session. During the former the secret work of the Grove was communicated by the Grand Guardian to thirty members of the new organized grove.

The following officers constitute the local grove: Past Guardian, Ollie Honeycut; Guardian, Ollie Cason; Advisor, Lena B. Powell; Clerk, Rev. C. B. Powell; Banker, Florence Warden; Assistant attendant, Erie S. Jones, Chaplain, Ruth Honeycut; Outer Sentinel, Celie Gloru; Inner Sentinel, Lauraline Duprey; Physician, Lester J. Williams; Managers, R. H. Jones, Jr., D. E. Burbee, Marie C. Madine. After the installation speeches and refreshments closed the ceremonies.

R. H. Jones, Jr., captain of the gasoline launch "Clyde" had a narrow escape this morning when his engine stopped while crossing the Atchafalaya river above the Texas & Pacific bridge. The current at this point with the height of the river is unusual swift, and before the boat could be started it was swept under the bridge and capsized. Captain Jones and his crew all escaped by catching the iron girders of the bridge and pulling themselves to a place of safety.

District Manager A. O. Patureau, of W. O. W. and W. C., and Mrs. Edna B. Chance, Deputy Supreme Guardian of the Woodman Circle left for Neame, La., where they expect to institute a Grove in that place. XX

Automatic Gasoline Tank

Mr. R. B. Christman had installed during the week in front of his saloon an automatic gasoline tank, from which automobile owners can obtain all gasoline desired, without even getting out of the machine. The tank is situated close to the curbing, in order that automobiles will not have to run into a building to purchase the necessary "juice" to give it the running power.

There are only three gasoline tanks of its kind in the state and Mr. Christman is confident that he will be able to give automobile owners the best satisfaction.

BATON ROUGE CLUB COMING HERE SUNDAY

Excursion Will Be Run to Opelousas and A Large Crowd Is Expected.

The Baton Rouge team, which claims to be the strongest amateur club in the state, will journey to Opelousas (to-morrow) Sunday for a game with the local team. Mr. Loeb promises to send the best team of the season on the Comeau Park diamond on Sunday and is confident that his team will win the contest.

The local fans are not despondent over the showing of the Opelousas boys against Eunice last Sunday; on the contrary they look forward for sweet revenge. The game Sunday it is thought will be more interesting than the one last Sunday, especially so since it is expected that Opelousas will come out victorious.

Baton Rouge has a strong pitching staff, boasting of the best pitchers in Louisiana. Fans here know what Tom Casey is and despite the fact that he was all in last Sunday, considering his usual form, it is a sure bet that he will be in tip-top shape for the Baton Rouge game.

An excursion will be run from Baton Rouge to this city and reports are that a large crowd will come down from the capital city.

Walters Is Placed In Bull Pen.

William C. Walters, convicted kidnaper of little Bobbie Dunbar, was thrown into the prison's bull pen on last Sunday, because he was a little impatient and attempted to pick a fight with the jailer. The prisoner it is said became very angry because the jailer was late, whereupon Walters soon gave vent to some ugly language.

Sheriff Swords on account of the crippled condition of the prisoner allowed him many privileges, never enjoyed by prisoners convicted of such an atrocious crime as kidnaping; Walters was given a comfortable cell, which faced the courthouse and from which the prisoner would deliver speeches to hundreds of interested spectators who were in the custom of paying a daily visit to the jail.

The prisoner was taken back to his former cell during the week and is once more contented with his harp.

Master Mechanic With Opelousas Motor Car Co.

The Opelousas Motor Car Company has engaged Mr. Harry J. Mustain, formerly master mechanic with the Buick Motor Company factory at Flint, and in charge of the Buick Motor Company's branch at Toledo, Ohio; Mr. Mustain was also with the Warren Motor Company branch at Detroit.

The new head of the repair department of the Opelousas Motor Car Company comes to this city highly recommended, as being one of the best mechanics ever in this section. He assures all patrons satisfactory and skilled workmanship, guaranteeing all his work.

Chief Hayes Determined to Kill Unknown Dogs.

Chief Clarence L. Hayes stated on Thursday morning that he would kill every strange dog which he saw. By strange dogs he means those which have no tags. Dogs having muzzles will not be molested by Mr. Hayes.

On account of hydrophobia Mr. Hayes takes every precaution not to allow dogs roaming about town. However, since several citizens have valuable dogs Mr. Hayes deemed it vital to warn them that he had been ordered by the city council to kill all roaming dogs.

Mrs. M. J. Powell, of Memphis, Tenn., after spending a week in this city as the guest of her brother, Mr. J. W. Jordan, left for her home recently.

Walter Reed arrived in Opelousas from Ville Platte during the week and will make this city his home in the future.

Mr. J. Perkins, state distributor for the Hudson and Hupmobile cars was a business visitor to Opelousas during the week.

EUNICE PITCHER TOO STRONG FOR LOCALS

Opelousas Loses Second Game of Season To Eunice By A 3 To 1 Score.

For the first time in two years Eunice team succeeded in taking the scalp of the local baseball aggregation back to the western St. Landry town, when the Opelousas club was defeated in a pretty game on last Sunday evening by a 3 to 1 score.

The Eunice pitcher proved to be entirely too much for the local boys, Broussard apparently being the only one able to see the ball to any extent, securing two hits, one of which netted Opelousas' only run in the second inning.

The visitors played superb ball in the field and batted like leaguers, obtaining altogether seven clean hits off of Tom Casey, the local hurler. Casey was not in his usual form and pitched a poor game, considering the work his team mates furnished. With the exception of Haines' error the Opelousas boys played faultlessly in the field; the error came at a critical time, allowing two runners a chance to score.

The locals took the lead in the third, but soon saw the victory ebbing away, Eunice finally capturing the game, which meant so much to the two rival teams. Opelousas had used its best players with a view of defeating Eunice, whilst Eunice brought to this city nine of the best amateur players that ever appeared at Comeau's park to tackle Loeb's team this season.

There was no particular star on either side, both teams as a whole playing excellent ball. Opelousas will go to Eunice on the 24th, when it is expected that the locals will bring back the victory.

SPECIAL TRAIN EN ROUTE TO BORDER

Special Train Carrying United States Men to Brownville.

A special train of eight cars passed through this city on last Monday evening, carrying several hundred United States soldiers, with horses, ammunition and guns to Brownville, Texas, where the soldiers will remain awaiting orders to go into Mexico, if war is declared.

When the soldiers passed through Opelousas they were as gray as though they were going to a re-union instead of preparing for a war. The officers had a coach to themselves, whilst the privates occupied four cars. The train did not stop in this city, but sped on towards the Mexican border line, where there are already several thousand soldiers awaiting orders to invade the southern republic.

Colored Excursion To New Orleans.

General passenger agent J. W. Jordon, of the Opelousas Gulf & Northeastern, announced during the week that an excursion would be run from Crowley to New Orleans, on Sunday May 10th for the grand annual parade and ball of the colored odd fellows, which will take place on Monday and Monday night.

The excursion ticket will be good until 7 a. m. Tuesday morning, after everything is all over. The rate from Opelousas and New Orleans and return is \$2.50. Mr. Jordon has also announced that special coaches, free from all noise will be provided for white people.

Opelousas Boy Captures A Prize At Baton Rouge.

Lionel Castille, the bright son of Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Castille of this city was the only one from this city to bring back a medal from the state athletic and literary meet, held recently at Baton Rouge.

Young Castille was the only one from this city who entered in the spelling contest. Out of a class exceeding eighty Lionel Castille succeeded in capturing five tests. Young Castille is numbered among the brightest pupils at the local high school.