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LAW VIOLATION IS GENERAL IN PARISH

Grand Jury Returns Thirty-One True Bills Against Saloon Keepers—Only Nine In Parish Escape.

The Grand Jury, which was called to convene in special session in this city, caused a stir throughout the parish, when it returned thirty-one true bills against as many saloon-keepers, for violation of the Sunday law. Only nine saloon-keepers in the entire parish were not indicted. Judge B. H. Pavy called the grand jury to meet in special session for the purpose of investigating alleged breach of the law by saloon men. Investigation proved that there were at least thirty-one saloons which have violated the Sunday law in this parish.

When giving his charge to the jurors on Monday morning Judge Pavy stated that there were many reports of violations of the law and that apparently some of the parish, as well as municipal officers in the various St. Landry towns, were not performing their duty, as they had pledged themselves. He therefore advised the jurors to look into and investigate the actions of the officials, beginning with the judge on down. However the grand jury did not return true bills against any of officers either parish or municipal.

Judge Pavy is fully determined to put a stop to the Sunday law violation and will no doubt impose a light fine on the liquor men indicated. As this is the first case of its kind, when so many saloon men have been brought before court for keeping open on Sunday it is thought that the judge will not impose a heavy fine on the accused parties, he will warn them however that the next time they will appear before court for breaking the Sunday law the maximum of the law will be meted out to them.

The Judge stated on Wednesday morning that some of the officers had neglected to perform their duty, and consequently he called upon every official in St. Landry to see that the Gay-Shattuck law be enforced.

Mayor Loeb assured the people of this city that Opelousas will be kept closed up; he even intimated that the Sunday law, relative to selling groceries and tobacco etc. will be strictly adhered to. This will naturally be a hardship to many in Opelousas, but the mayor is determined to enforce the law to the letter.

The report follows:

To the Hon. B. H. Pavy, Judge:

Your Grand Jury just organized for the next ensuing six months and charged with the duties and responsibilities pertaining to that body beg leave to submit this report:

In as much as we have been informed that there will be no session of the petit jury until the fall term of this Honorable Court and that this body will be carried in session again prior thereto, we deemed it unwise to call from their business and occupations at this particular time, the large number of witnesses necessary for a proper examination of felony cases. We have accordingly limited our labors to an examination of the Sunday Law violations.

Our examination into the violations of this law lead us to the inevitable conclusion, that its violation is due, in a large measure, to lax manner in which our officers, parish and municipal, perform their official duties.

We are constrained to believe that there is a feeling prevailing in the minds of especially the retail liquor dealers, that, because of the amount paid by them in licenses, the Sunday Law should be suspended in their behalf, and special immunity and privileges accorded them.

Considering that when these made application and were granted a permit to carry on the business as retail liquor they are fully aware of the conditions and restrictions under which they

were required to carry on this business and considering further that no one compelled or induced them to engage in such a business we are unable to appreciate the justice of their plea for special privileges.

We earnestly request the cooperation of all the officers, whether parish, ward or municipal, in a rigid enforcement of this Statute and that where any officer shows a disposition to protect violators of this Statute that the necessary action be taken to discontinue him of his trust.

In this connection we desire to report that we have gathered from our investigations, that the violation of this Statute is by no means confined to the retail liquor dealers.

We are informed that retail grocers under the pretense of selling fruit, cakes, bread and other such articles of food as are permitted to be sold on Sunday, and drugstores under the guise of selling drugs, are selling promiscuously, on Sunday, from the stock of grocery and notions carried in stock by them. This we believe to be a violation of the Sunday law and are informed that the Supreme Court of our state has so held in interpreting this Statute.

We would therefore urge that all officers give special attention to the enforcement of the law, in this respect, and that all grocers who carry on a fruit business or bakery business, and all drug stores that carry on a general notion business be required to comply with Statute, and that if they wish to avail themselves of the exemptions as fruit vendors, bakers and druggists, that these business be carried on separate and apart from that of the grocery and notion business.

On account of the large number of witnesses necessary to a proper inquiry into this feature of the laws violation, and our desire to make this investigation general and sweeping, we have decided to postpone this inquiry to our next meeting. In the meantime we urge on all officers to be on the alert, to the end that they may assist us in bringing such violators to justice.

We request that a copy of this part of our report be sent to the Mayor and Chief of Police of each incorporated town or village and in the usual districts to each Justice of the Peace and Ward Constable.

We desire to express to our Police Jurors, our appreciation of their determination to co-operate with the law officer in the enforcement of the Gay-Shattuck Law; as manifested by their resolutions a copy of which was handed in by their president.

We present, herewith, thirty-one indictments for violation of the Sunday Law and earnestly hope that this presented, will spare up the unpleasant duty of again presenting them for any future violation of the same statutes. However if they persist and throw down the gate of defiance, we can assure them that we will feel no compunction in taking it up.

We desire to thank the court and its officers for the assistance accorded us at our present session and respectfully beg to be discharged until such time as your Honor may see fit.

Respectfully submitted,

A. A. ANDING, Foreman.

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C. F. BAILEY, Dy. Clerk.

True bills were found against the following saloon-keepers: Antoine Speyer, George Ruppert, Remi Wallior, Allen Sandoz and Willie Ardoin, Jos Lassalle, Valliere Wyble, Adolphe Cormier, Hypolite Miller, Joe DeVargas, Ben Christian, Leonard Prejean, Sam Garbo, Numa Bertrand, R. R. Miller, Pete Martel, John Nico, Albert Andrus, Leon and Abe Goudchaux, Atanas Manuel, Francois Fontenot, Leon Pitre, Frank Doucet, M. F. Budd, A. D. Smith, L. Tridico, U. S. Fisher and W. P. Baldrige, Ben Donato, Frank Rougeau, Frank Fuselier, Guillory, Gustave Fusilier, Paul Fusilier.

Notice.

There will be divine service at the Episcopal church, in this city, on Monday night, at 7:30, by Rev. Caleb Reed.

NEW GENERAL AGENCY TO BE LOCATED HERE

New Brunswick Company to Be Representative in State By Mr. Lacombe.

A. L. Lacombe, one of the most successful local insurance agents in Southwest Louisiana, will, on July 1st, take charge of Louisiana as manager for the New Brunswick Fire Insurance Company of New Brunswick, N. J. Before long announcement is expected of still another company to be under Mr. Lacombe's supervision as manager for Louisiana. Mr. Lacombe will operate his general agency from Opelousas, La. The New Brunswick is already well planted in Louisiana, having heretofore been handled by Messrs. Hughes, Yates, and Hurt, general agents of Atlanta, Ga. The New Brunswick Fire Insurance Company has a record of nearly one hundred years of honorable and fair dealing with its agents and policy holders throughout the United States.

All agents of the New Brunswick in Louisiana will report to Opelousas. This will mean a transfer of the Atlanta offices to Opelousas. Mr. Lacombe has worked several years to have the company recognize Opelousas as one of the best located cities in the state for a general agency and is to be congratulated upon having accomplished his purpose. Fire losses will be adjusted by Mr. Lacombe and paid by him through this office.

All premiums collected in this state will be sent here for deposit. With a general and local office, Mr. Lacombe is now in a much better position to serve his many valued policy-holders.

Mr. Lacombe has successfully and uninteruptedly been in the local agency business in Opelousas for the past twenty years, representing twenty-five or more of the largest fire insurance companies doing business in the United States. He will continue to represent the same companies in connection with the general agency.

Mr. Lacombe expects to increase his force within the next few weeks with experienced men. Some of the best known insurance men of the state are already in connection with Mr. Lacombe and it is expected that business will be humming around the lacombe office before many days.

Progressive Opelousas.

The Clarion received a set of new Opelousas view cards from the enterprising firm of Jacobs News Depot Company; these view cards show the new seven-thousand dollar school building, the various streets recently laid with creosoted wood block paving.

These cards will be a good advertisement for Opelousas, at the same time being a credit to this city. All improvements made during the last year or two are depicted in the new cards.

First Cotton Boll.

Mr. Alva Burleigh, a prosperous and progressive farmer of the Sunset section of this parish, brought to Opelousas on last Monday the first bolls seen this season. Mr. Burleigh reports that his crop, and in fact the entire crop in his section, is in splendid condition and that if the harvesting season is favorable Sunset will be a busy little town during the Fall.

Masters Edward Dubuisson and Emile Bordelon are spending their summer vacations in this city, after spending ten months in St. Charles College.

Hon. Darius Fontenot, wife and family are spending two weeks at Brown's Well, Miss.

LOCAL BALL CLUB IS ONCE MORE REVIVED

Fans Subscribe Enough Money to Re-Organize Opelousas Ball Team.

Baseball fans owe a debt of gratitude to one of the most prominent citizens of this city, Mr. J. B. Clements, who has been an ardent admirer of the local athletes and who believes that baseball is the best cleanest and most popular game in America. Yes, you fans and little kids should thank Mr. Clements for reviving the "down and out" ball team of this city.

Last week Mayor Loeb gave formal announcement that he had severed his connection with the ball club; this consequently threw the ball players and fans in a turmoil, finally resulting in the disbandment of the ball club and nothing but dull Sundays stared the Opelousas fans in the face. But wherever there is unity of action and one leader things can be shaped up just as is desired and that is what happened on Tuesday morning when Mr. Clements took it upon himself to canvass the town for subscription to re-organize the ball club.

The fans of Opelousas, as well as many who have never understood the first principle of baseball, readily went down in their pockets and in the space of a few hours Mr. Clements secured several hundred dollars, made an engagement with the strong Kinder nine and notified all the out-of-town players to hike back to Opelousas for Sunday evening.

Charley Dejean, the Injun, has been named the manager and will take charge of the ball players on Sunday, when it is supposed that Opelousas will again show some class on the field.

Casey is slated to do the slab work, whilst Dowie, who caught for Opelousas last season, will do the receiving. Manager Dejean will take care of the initial bag, whilst the remaining of the lineup will be the same as before.

The following subscriptions were received up to Friday morning, and the list will remain open for another week:

J. A. Haas, \$20; B. Bennett, \$10; J. B. Clements, \$10; St. Landry Clarion, \$5; J. A. Perkins, \$5; J. W. Lewis, \$5; M. H. Thompson, \$5; E. C. Veazie, \$5; Princess Theatre, \$5; C. P. Chachere, \$5; A. S. Simpson, \$5; G. H. Cretin, \$5; A. Durio, \$5; E. M. Boagni, \$5; Dr. Chas. F. Boagni, \$5; Leopold Simon, \$5; L. Bienvenu, \$5; R. Lee Garland, \$5; The Kandy Kitchen, \$5; J. J. Thompson, \$5; Henry Lastrapes, Jr., \$2; Patton Blackshear, \$2.50; J. F. Garbo, \$2.50; E. McClelland, \$2.50; A. A. Crouchet, \$2; C. J. Thompson, \$2.50; L. T. Castille, \$2.50; J. J. Perrodin, \$2; Dr. J. A. Shaw, \$2.50; J. D. Chachere, \$2; R. M. Hollier, \$2; Sidney Dejean, \$2; C. Morninga, \$1; S. L. Hebrard, \$1; Fred. Hollier, \$1; H. D. Larcade, Jr., \$1; A. A. Comeau, \$1; R. L. McClelland, \$1; J. E. Healey, \$1; W. R. Lacombe, \$1; J. W. Gordon, \$1; H. B. Anderson, \$1; C. C. Cary, \$1; A. Leon Dupre, \$1; Allen Dezauche, \$1; Alex. I. Castille, \$1; E. T. Bercier, \$1; Ardrie Dunbar, \$1; S. J. Megninley, \$1; L. J. Bauman, \$1; Ix Frige, \$1; E. J. Chachere, \$1; E. B. man, \$1; G. L. Lassalle, \$1; F. C. Allen, \$1; H. M. Roberts, \$1; H. E. Estorje, \$1; J. N. Rills, \$1; D. Mizzi, \$1; Edwin Stagg, \$1.50; Jacobs News Co., \$2; Lawrence Larcade, \$2.00; C. W. Roy, \$5; J. P. Troclair, \$1; Sam Garbo, \$2; J. A. Dejean, \$1; Dave Hollier, \$2.

ST. CHARLES ENDS SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Commencement Exercises Are Held On Saturday and Sunday.

Grand Coteau, June 23.—The seventy-sixth annual commencement of St. Charles College was held in the College Hall Saturday night before an audience of one thousand people. The play entitled "A Celebrated Case," a tragedy in five acts was well rendered from start to finish and the music was excellent. The cast of characters and program was as follows: Duke d'Aubeterre, Colonel of "King's Own," C. Breaux. Marquis d'Aubeterre, R. Brou-

OPELOUSAS ATTORNEY URGED FOR GOVERNOR

Friends of John W. Lewis Would Like to See Him Make the Race.

Many friends of Hon. John W. Lewis of this city would like to see him make the race for Governor in 1916. Mr. Lewis has been receiving hundreds of requests from various sections of the state to submit his name to the people of the state for the exalted position of Governor of Louisiana.

A Lewis boom was launched on Tuesday evening in Baton Rouge when Democrats from Central and Southwest Louisiana discussed Mr. Lewis as gubernatorial timber.

Mr. Lewis, however, stated on Wednesday, when interviewed by a Clarion representative that he was too busy attending to his legal practice to think about politics. He was not informed of the action of his friends in Baton Rouge, until after his arrival in this city on Wednesday morning. When asked to give a positive answer to the report from Baton Rouge Mr. Lewis said: "I am not a candidate, in fact, I am not even a tentative candidate. Nevertheless I appreciate the honor bestowed upon me by friends in suggesting me as a candidate for Governor. I greatly appreciate the interest they take in me, but at present I am too busily engaged with my legal business."

Since the report went forth from the capital that John W. Lewis might be a candidate for Governor Hall's place the Opelousas attorney has received telegrams and letters from prominent people throughout the Seventh District, many of whom were opposed to him for Congress, assuring him of their support, regardless of whoever might be his opponent.

Mr. Lewis is well known throughout the state, having been prominently identified with the Good Government League, which was organized by his father the late Thomas H. Lewis, and which swept Governor Hall in the chair at Baton Rouge.

Abbe Pare, R. Ross. John Renaud, a French soldier, R. Voorhies. Francis Renaud, John's father, W. Grace.

Adrian Renaud, John's son (1st act), N. Mouton. Adrian Renaud, John's son (2d act), R. Young.

Valentine, a college chum of Adrien, C. Dardeau. Lazare, a camp follower, A. Brinkhaus.

O'Rourke, Sergeant of "King's Own," L. Lassalle. Officer of "King's Own," J. Troy.

Captain of "King's Own," H. Thompson. Sergeant of "King's Own," W. Ganucheau.

Martin, Louis, French peasants, G. Gaiennie, L. Mauboules. Seneschal of Montagne, R. Templet.

Joseph, a servant, A. LeBlanc. Soldiers, Guards, Galley Slaves.

Act 1—Scene a room in John Renaud's house. "St. Charles Two-Step," Chausier, College Orchestra.

Scene 2—Camp of "King's Own" Regiment. March, "The Conservator," College Orchestra.

Act 2—Scene in the garden of Duke d'Aubeterre. Time: Twelve years later. "Alabama Cotton Slide," Evans, College Orchestra.

Act 3—Scene, In the palace of Duke d'Aubeterre. "St. Charles Waltz," Chausier, College Orchestra.

Act 4—Scene, Same. Act 5—March, Finale, "Home-

COUNCIL TO TAKE UP SIDEWALK QUESTION

Administration proposes to Have Three Miles of Walk Constructed This Year.

The newly-elected city council will take up the sidewalk question, which consumed a great deal of the last administration's time, according to reports current on the streets. It is rumored that the administration will adopt an ordinance calling for the construction of at least three miles of concrete sidewalks.

There are several streets in this city which are in dire need of sidewalks and it is indeed gratifying to the public to learn that the progressive aldermen who are steering the affairs of this city to safety will have this much needed improvement accomplished.

It is understood that the sidewalk question will be the most important matter coming up before the council at its next meeting. All the aldermen are in favor of more sidewalks, the only hitch about the matter is the question as to which streets are most in need of cement sidewalks.

Last year a movement to construct some eleven miles of sidewalk was launched, but the council deemed it wisest to settle the paving question first. This naturally consumed the greater portion of that body for several months, and consequently the sidewalk question was left for the new administration to settle.

The graduating exercises were held Sunday morning before a large crowd with the following program splendidly carried out: Overture, "Lustpiel," Keler-Bela, College Orchestra. Distribution of Premiums. "Humoreske," Dvorak, M. and W. Billeaud, Violins; J. Troy, Piano.

Recitation, "The Parricide," Robert Young. Winner of the Senior Elocution Medal.

"Angels Serenade," C. and G. Billeaud, Violins; J. Troy, Recitation, "Little Orphan Annie," Arthur Grace.

Winner of the Junior Elocution Medal. Trio, L. Villien, Cornet; J. Villien, Baritone; J. Troy, Piano.

Roll of Honor—Class Excellence Leaders. Tchefuncta, Quartet, R. Broussard, R. Voorhies, C. Breaux, H. Henderson.

"Remembrance of Naples," Bennet, College Orchestra. Valedictory, R. P. Voorhies. Conferring of Degrees.

"Symphony," Dancla, Prof. Chausier and C. Billeaud, 1st Violin; G. Billeaud, 2d Violin; M. Billeaud, 3d Violin; R. Billeaud, 4th Violin; W. Billeaud, Cello; L. Vandegaer, Cornet; J. Troy, Piano.

Address to the Graduates, Very Rev. Fr. President.

"Anvil Chorus," Verdi, College Brass Band.

The Degree of Bachelor of Science was conferred upon Robert F. Broussard, Clovis H. Dardeau, Lawrence F. Lassalle, Joseph M. St. Cyr, and Rousseau P. Voorhies. The highest honors of the Graduating Class were won by Rousseau Voorhies.

The winners of the gold medals were as follows: For Catechism, Lawrence Lassalle. Next in merit: Drouin Gremillion, Clayus Meche, Chas. Castille, Manning Billeaud; Donor: Rev. W. J. Teurlings, Lafayette, La.

For Arithmetic, Ovide Bernard. Next in merit: Armand Brinkhaus, Clovis Dardeau; Donor: Mr. Luke Bonin, St. Martinville, La.

For best essay in Moral Philosophy, Robert F. Broussard. Subject: "The Right of the

Sword." Donor: Col. J. P. Sullivan, L. L. D., New Orleans, La.

For Good Conduct (Senior Division): Israel Hebert. Premium: John Troy. N. B. The gold medals for good conduct have been awarded by the votes of the students with the approbation of the faculty. Donor: A Friend.

For Good Conduct (Junior Division): Alexis Voorhies. Premium, Louis Soumellan. Donor: Dr. Joseph Villien, Maurice, La.

For best English Composition: John Troy. Next in merit, Wm. Ganucheau, Louis Mauboules, Randolph Templet. Donor: Mr. G. G. McHardy, Sr., New Orleans, La.

For Elocution (Senior Division), Robert Young. Next in merit, Clovis Dardeau, Armand Brinkhaus. Donor: Dr. Felix Guilbeau, Sunset, La.

For Elocution (Junior Division), Arthur Grace. Next in merit, Charles Daferner and Laurent Barousse, ex aequo; Nicholas Mouton. Donor: Rev. A. Doure, Rayne, La.

The Class Excellent leaders were: R. Voorhies, Senior English Class; J. Troy, Junior Class; A. Voorhies, Freshman Class; R. Young, First Academic Class; D. Gremillion, Second Academic Class; E. Dubuisson, Third Academic Class; A. Brinkhaus, Intermediate English Class; I. Hebert, First English Class; D. Pettjean, Second English Class; T. Barry, Third English Class; L. Villien, Preparatory Class.

One hundred and thirty-five students were enrolled during the past year. The prospects for the next session which opens on September 2d, are bright.

The meeting of the Alumni Association was held Sunday afternoon with nearly one hundred members present. After reading the minutes of the last meeting and the by-laws and transacting new business the following officers were re-elected: Very Rev. M. A. Grace, S. J. of St. Charles College, Hon. President; Joseph A. Grace, of Plaquemine, La., President; Rev. F. X. Twellmeyer S. J. of St. Charles College, First Vice President; Joseph J. Barry of Grand Coteau, Second Vice President; Judge Wm. Campbell of Lafayette Third Vice President; Dr. Denegre Martin of New Orleans Fourth Vice President; Col. J. P. Sullivan of New Orleans, Fifth Vice President; J. Gilbert St. Julien of Lafayette Secretary; Dr. C. A. Gardiner of Sunset Treasurer. After the meeting of the Alumni members partook of dinner in the College Dining Hall. Judge E. D. Estilette of Opelousas who was a student of the College in 1845 made a grand toast, after which Very Rev. M. A. Grace, S. J., President of the College, made a speech in which he thanked all for being present.

Very Much Appreciated.

Readers of the well-known St. Landry Clarion, published at our sister-town, Opelousas, are frequently heard commenting on the greatly improved get-up of the paper during the last few weeks. The writer takes this opportunity of complimenting the Clarion staff and publishers upon the remarkable change which has taken place. It is to be hoped that the good work will be continued, for it is bound to result in a greatly increased subscription list, and incidently enlarged volume of advertising business. The extremely warm weather which we have been experiencing recently does not seem to have affected the energy and resourcefulness of the force which produces the paper on time each week. X. X.—Eunice Gall, June 20.

Messrs. Moise St. Cyr and Lawrence Lassalle, who have been students at St. Charles College for the last few years, returned on Sunday evening with that coveted prize, a diploma. Both young men were graduated in the Bachelor of Science course.