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2 DISTRICTS URGED FOR COUNTRY WEST

Several Drainage Advocates Think Better Results Will Be Derived.

MALLET TAXPAYERS WANT OWN DISTRICT.

Drainage Meeting to Be Held in Various Sections of Mallet and Plaquemine Section of Parish.

Many of the staunchest supporters of the drainage cause in the vast territory lying between Opelousas and the eastern Evangeline parish line are advocating the splitting of the Bayou Mallet and Plaquemine Drainage District, so that each section can use and employ its money for such bayous and creeks as their respective drainage boards will deem proper.

It is understood that the Mallet people are very anxious to vote a tax in order to dredge Bayou Mallet, as well as one or two important coulees in that section of the parish. Reports from that portion of St. Landry are to the effect that if the tax is put up to the taxpayers of Mallet and a portion of Prairie Ronde there will be no difficulty in passing it.

Drainage adherents are presently planning to hold a mass meeting at every point in the proposed district, and it is understood that a vast majority of the property owners of Mallet and Prairie Ronde have already pledged their support to the cause.

Further developments in this question are expected within the next few days and it is stated that plans are now being prepared for an active campaign to take place within the next few weeks.

MRS. SYLVESTRE EXPIRES SUD- DENLY.

Mrs. Hermine Deville, beloved wife of Edmond Sylvestre, prominent resident of the outskirts of this city, died on last Saturday morning at 3 o'clock, from an attack of apoplexy.

Mrs. Sylvestre was apparently in good health on Friday morning, while attending to household duties, when suddenly she was struck like with the violent agent of death at the age of 54 years, 2 months and 21 days. Interment was made in the Catholic cemetery the same afternoon of her death, after ceremonies at the Catholic Church, of which she was a devout member.

The deceased was a member of one of St. Landry's prominent and highly respected Creole families, known throughout St. Landry and Evangeline parishes and enjoys the confidence and esteem of hundreds of the foremost citizens of the two parishes. Mrs. Sylvestre is survived by her husband, several children and other close relatives.

MISSIONARY NOTES. BY THE SOCIETY.

Half the world has never heard of Christ. That is the half that is poor today.

In India and China the average increase is not more than ten cents per day per capita.

Half the world is without medical knowledge, worthy of the name and about half of the world today is without education and cannot read nor write in any language. Half the world is without social rights of manhood, womanhood or childhood. How does this compare with your life with that of the other half?

In the Philippines the Protestant missions claim seventy-five thousand church members while there are only thirty thousand in the Sunday School. "A membership equal to the church membership for October, 1916." To realize that they have undertaken a great task one has to only look at the figures.

"I'M OUT FOR STATE SECRETARY"—BAILEY

Baton Rouge Man Arrives and Announces; Raps at Enemies.

"I am a candidate for secretary of state; full fledged; no ifs or ands—am now running," declared Jas. J. Bailey of Baton Rouge who reached the city Monday. Mr. Bailey met Congressman Lazaro; Judge Pavy of St. Landry, and prominent men from Evangeline and other parishes in the seventh district, who are political powers. He was formerly a resident of Opelousas and represented St. Landry in the legislature four years.

"Some of my friends, or rather some of my enemies, perhaps, have mentioned my name for office at various times," added Mr. Bailey, "but I have not been a candidate since 1910 when I opposed A. P. Lajoie for congress in the seventh district. This is my answer to the veiled insinuation that I have been a frequent seeker after office. My heart is in this fight and I'm going to win."

Mr. Bailey is the first to announce for this state office. Edward Everett of Farmerville and John Marshall of Lake Charles have been considering.—N. O. Item.

MANY ATTRACTED INTO CUCUMBER CULTURE.

Mr. M. H. Shaw, representing R. W. Hall and Co., pickle manufacturers, and who has been spending sometime in this section of the state interesting the farmers in the cultivation of cucumbers for pickling purposes, left for New Orleans on Friday, very much enthused over the reception given him by the sturdy tillers of the soil around Opelousas. Before leaving, however, Mr. Shaw announced that he had been assured of a sufficient acreage to justify his company in erecting a branch pickling station self would be here on Monday 22, in this city, and that Mr. Hall himself for the purpose of taking up the work where he left it.

It is reported that about one hundred and fifty acres will be cultivated in cucumbers, the Chicago having signed contracts with the farmers of this section at 60 cents a bushel.

During his absence and until Mr. Hall arrives Mr. Shaw will be represented by Littell & Lawler of this city, who will gladly sign contracts with and furnish seeds to any farmer desirous of venturing in this new enterprise.

ART EVENING AT THE LACOMBE HOTEL.

Saturday evening from three to six the ladies of the Manse Circle of the Presbyterian Church gave an art display, in the parlors of the Lacombe Hotel. Tea and Nabiscoes were served to the visitors and a most enjoyable evening was spent by all.

The members of the Manse Circle are greatly indebted to Mr. Cretin, proprietor of The Lacombe for the many courtesies extended that evening and to all who assisted in making the evening such a pleasant affair.

Mr. Geo. Jaubert of New Orleans was a business visitor to our city during the week.

Mrs. Chas. Hummel and children of Baton Rouge are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Boy Claus.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Chachere and Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Andrus were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Levy of Grand Coteau Sunday.

Miss Rose Chachere accompanied by Miss Gertrude Fox spent several days at Port Barre as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Shute.

Mr. S. L. Levy of New Orleans transacted business here this week.

Mrs. L. Campbell who has been the guest at the home of Mr. J. O. Chachere for sometime departed for her home at Houmas.

MINERAL WATER CO. ORGANIZED HERE

Will Develop Town of Krotz Springs—Establish Resort.

KROTZ AND DOAK TO PROMOTE CORPORATION.

Col. Krotz First President—To Build Carbonating Plant and Bottling Factory.

A new corporation has been formed to take over and raise money to promote and build up the Town of Krotz Springs. A carbonating plant will be erected to carbonate the Krotz mineral water. A glass factory and crate factory will also be built and put into operation to manufacture bottles and crates for shipment of water—all of which will quickly build up a little city at Krotz Springs. The officers of this new Company are C. W. Krotz, A. W. Krotz and J. K. Doak, all hustling business men of ability and good judgment. The name of the Company is the Standard Water Company.

C. W. Krotz, the president of the company, has been in this parish for 15 years engaged in the development of lands and town property on the Atchafalaya River.

In 1904 Mr. Krotz located in the town of Melville, at that time a small village of about 250 inhabitants, located on the Atchafalaya River and Texas & Pacific R. R., surrounded by woods. Mr. Krotz purchased thousands of acres of the wooded land at Melville, cleared hundreds of acres of the land and platted what is now the town of Melville, graded the streets, induced the Texas & Pacific R. R. to build a branch railroad from Melville to Simmsport, along the river front and aided in locating and constructing the Opelousas Gulf & North-eastern Railroad from Crowley to Melville and in three years built a little city of about 1500 inhabitants.

The town is now considered one of the best towns in the state for its size and is still growing, and Mr. Krotz has since been known as the founder of Melville. While building up the town of Melville, Mr. Krotz was also drilling for oil 12 miles below Melville on the same river, owning at the time the lands on the west bank of the river. After drilling at a depth of 3200 feet, going through several strata of oil, the famous Krotz Mineral Water was struck which is still flowing through an 8 inch pipe with pressure reported of 50 pounds. Mr. Krotz having the water analyzed by physicians discovered that the water was a fine remedy for stomach and kidney troubles, platted out the town of Krotz Springs, and induced the officials of the Colorado Southern Railroad, now the Frisco, to build their road through Krotz Springs, 20 miles on the river above where their original survey of the road was made, and this was done by the officials of the road, after a thorough investigation of the mineral water well and the prospective benefits the road might derive from the promotion of the mineral water from the well and the future prospect of a mineral water resort town.

With sufficient funds to promote the town of Krotz Springs with its mineral water well, and with Mr. Krotz at the head of the company, in a short time Krotz Springs will be a fine little city, and the mineral water well and town will develop into a fine paying proposition for the promoter and investors in property, or interest in the company. It is rumored that Eastern capitalists will invest in the company.

STATE SECRETARY IS PNEUMONIA VICTIM

Alvin E. Hebert Stricken During Rex Carnival Parade Expired

Alvin E. Hebert, secretary of state, died at the home of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Berthlot, in New Orleans, on last Tuesday afternoon, following an attack of pneumonia on Carnival day. He was stricken while viewing the Rex parade from St. Charles avenue.

Mr. Hebert was a native of Plaquemine, Iberville parish and was only 37 years of age. He was prominently identified with the affairs of the state and was a descendant of one of the most influential families of Louisiana. He figured in public life for a number of years and first ran for secretary of state in 1907-8 when he was defeated by John T. Michel.

In 1912 Mr. Hebert again tried for the place and won by a substantial majority over A. Villeret, now deceased, former clerk of court of West Feliciana parish.

The body was taken over to St. Gabriel, La., at which place Mr. Hebert was baptized a Catholic. Funeral ceremonies were held in the same church in which he was made a member of the church, interment being made in the Mt. Pleasant cemetery. State dignitaries and friends, as well as prominent fraternal men from various sections of the state attended the funeral.

There are now several applicants for the office, but it is rumored throughout the state that John T. Michel former secretary, will be appointed, if he insinuates that he desires the position, as it is understood that he is the probable choice of Gov. Hall. Mr. Michel is at present railroad commissioner.

IN MEMORIAM.

The Supreme Architect of the Universe in His infinite wisdom, on Wednesday, Feb. 24th, 1915, at 5:35 P. M., called from this earthly life to "Life Everlasting" Helen Amanda Platt, beloved wife of I. H. Cain.

Mrs. Cain was born at Woodville, Miss., prior to the Civil War.

Her father was a New Yorker and her mother a Southern girl, a Miss Annie Morris of Wilkinson Co., Miss.

Mrs. Cain was born and reared under splendid environments, such as the wealthy planters of the South possessed before the war, and received her education in New Orleans.

Just prior to the war her father Jonas Platt, and family moved to Pointe Coupee parish. In 1868 there came to Pointe Coupee parish, a young ex-Confederate soldier (I. H. Cain by name) and settled upon his father's plantation, near Mr. Platt's. In the early Spring of '68 the Confederate soldier, scarcely 21 years old, and the beautiful Miss Helen Platt, met and loved at sight.

Miss Helen had several rich suitors from New Orleans and elsewhere where laid siege to her heart and hand, but the Confederate soldier, fresh from fields of mortal combat, challenged his rich and powerful rivals for the heart and hand of Miss Helen.

Isiah Cain and Helen Platt were married in 1869 and this soldier boy has been in love with her since. In the Spring of '98 Mr. and Mrs. Cain and family moved to their Clarissa plantation near Opelousas, where they have resided since.

To know Mamere as she was familiarly known by her grand-children and friends, was to love her. When any of her children, grand-children, or friends and even the negroes were sick, and in trouble Mamere would go to see them, when SHE looked more like having

JUVENILE COURT IS URGED BY GARLAND

Supt. Agnew Finds Children in Illicit Houses of Opelousas.

CONDITION REPORTED SCANDALIZING HERE.

Young Girls to Be Rescued and Made Good Citizens Intention of Prevention Cruelty Society.

State Superintendent Agnew of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children made an official visit to this city at the instance of an invitation from Hon. R. Lee Garland, district attorney, and reported that he found scandalizing conditions. As a result of Mr. Agnew's visit to this city, Mr. Garland will ask the police jury at the next meeting of that body for a juvenile court and it is expected that the jury will grant Mr. Garland's request, which it is stated, is based upon supplications from several ladies and church clubs of this city.

Mr. Agnew was accompanied on his visit through the immoral houses of this city by Mr. Garland and deputy sheriff Kelly Andrus. To the amazement of the three it was found that several of these houses were sheltering young girls under the age of consent.

For several months a movement has been on among some of the best citizens of Opelousas, who were aware of these conditions, to have the district attorney secure assistance to stamp out these disgraceful conditions. Mr. Garland, upon being advised of what was going on readily consented to do everything in his power to prevent the harboring of young girls by these illicit women.

The law requires the police jury to recommend the creation of a Juvenile Court in cities of less than seven thousand population. It is stated that the police jury will have no objection to creation of the court, in the event that it can be seen where the money to defray expenses can be secured.

Mr. Edgar Devillier left for Houston, Texas, where he expects to make his home in the future.

Mr. Achille Dupre and daughter of Grand Prairie were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Vidrine Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Pitre of Pitreville motored here Wednesday.

Miss Rita Veillon of Chataignier is the guest of her brother Mr. E. Veillon.

Mrs. Lawrence Chappuis and children of Rayne is the guest of her aunt Mr. A. A. Crouchet.

Dr. R. Chaceere and family of Mallet visited relatives here during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Chachere visited Dr. and Mrs. O. Pavy at Leonville Tuesday.

Prof. Perrault of Melville was the guest of relatives here Sunday.

Mrs. Fannie Barstow and children of Cheneyville are the guests of Mrs. Dr. Wm. Thompson.

The Dr. with her. A loving and dutiful wife, devoted mother and grandmother, sincere friend and the sweetest of mother-in-laws, has gone to meet her God.

We shall always miss her. Well may friends and relatives mourn their loss, not lost but gone before, where winds and storms are no more.

At eventide, just at the last ray of the dying sun; we laid her to rest in the Opelousas cemetery, under the shade of the sweet cedar. I beg your choicest flowers; breathe around her your sweetest breezes, and gently may the dew of night fall on the spot where she is sleeping her last, long sleep.

A SON-IN-LAW.

LAZARO RETURNS; IS STRONG FOR WILSON

First of Louisiana Delegation in Meets Old Friends Here.

MAINTENANCE FUND ENTIRELY DEPLETED.

The Two Municipalities Carry School for Three Months Each Year.

Congressman L. Lazaro, of Washington, St. Landry parish, congressman from the seventh district, returned from Washington early Monday and will spend several days in the city before going home. He is the first of the Louisiana delegation to come back home. Meeting Commissioner of Agriculture E. O. Bruner, Sheriff Patterson of St. Charles and a number of state people at the Cosmopolitan, Dr. Lazaro was given a cordial welcome after his long stay at the national capital. "We are very fortunate to have a man in the white house like President Wilson," he told a group of Louisiana friends. "Only through his conservatism has this country been able to keep out of the entanglements of the European war. His foreign policy has been a great blessing to our people."

In the congressional election last fall, Congressman Lazaro was opposed by Senator Aladin Vincent, of Vinton. Recent rumor from Lake Charles was that Representative Leon Locke would oppose Lazaro the next trip.—New Orleans Item.

CHARLES WHITE IS DEAD.

Another has crossed the river and rests in the shade! The mystical boatman has made his trip and one whom many of us knew in the days of long ago has been the passenger this time. He has turned aside the veil which shuts out the view of the other shore, and once having viewed its mysteries he cannot return. It is passing strange indeed that once a human begins to live, just at that moment he begins to die. Simple is the truth, but in the hurly-burly of life we forget the significance of this dread reality. The Grim Monster stalks abroad in the land, issuing summons to first one and then another to enter on the vast silence of the tomb, but we never grasp the deep sorrow which he brings until death invades our own home circle and calls one of our loved ones away. We know that Death is an issue which we all must meet; a debt which we all must pay in the course of nature, but man-like we dodge the subject and are only awakened to our own position when one of us is cited to appear before the Great Judge on High.

Charles Percy White, a native of Opelousas, and whose span of life had not as yet covered forty-two years, entered on the final sleep at Chicago, Monday, March 1, his interment being at Streator, Ill., the home of his wife, whom he married in West Virginia in 1902. Mr. White was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James M. White and a nephew of Mrs. M. M. Hayes, of Opelousas. His surviving relatives in his immediate family are: Mrs. F. L. Chachere and Mrs. D. C. Rose of Opelousas, Mrs. L. B. Chachere of Crowley and Mr. Ben R. White, also of Crowley.

Charlie in his boyhood was deeply interested in the theatrical profession, though for a number of years he followed his trade as carpenter in Opelousas and surrounding country. But the love for the footlights was too strong and many years ago he left his native home and journeyed to other fields where he at once entered on a career as a professional actor which he followed until some time ago when he became the advance agent of a theatrical company of which his wife, who was Miss Willie Jane Corbin, was a member. It was while on a business trip to Chicago that he was suddenly stricken and died very shortly afterwards.

Those of us who knew Charlie in the years ago and were his schoolmates here in Opelousas were much shocked when the news of his demise reached us. We had seen him but few times since his departure from our midst, and those few times were when he came to fill an engagement with his theatrical company and his stay among us was necessarily brief. None of us had forgotten him and often wondered how he progressed with his profession and when we learned from time to time that fortune smiled on him we were glad indeed. The time-worn but ever-true saying that death is no respecter of persons and his calls are made on the good and the bad, the young and the old, the rich and the poor alike, and in the process of this natural evolution Charlie White had to meet the fate of mankind. We can but shed a tear over his untimely end and in the sad hour of his loved ones' affliction we can only extend our deepest sympathy. Though his body has returned to dust and his spirit gone to meet its maker on high, we can reverse his memory as long as we abide on these earthly shores. It is a long, long farewell to him whom we knew in the years ago and our deepest hope is that his immortal part rests with the souls of those who preceded him to a better and more peaceful home above.

SCHOOLMATE.

TWO DISTRICTS TO VOTE SCHOOL TAX

School Board Election Held in Eunice and Opelousas.

MAINTENANCE FUND ENTIRELY DEPLETED.

The Two Municipalities Carry School for Three Months Each Year.

The parish school board, at a meeting held in this city during the first part of the week, ordered an election held in the Opelousas and Eunice school districts, for the purpose of finding the sense of the people on the subject of a maintenance tax, in order that the high schools in the two most important towns in St. Landry can be operated the full nine months term each year without being dependent upon the municipalities.

For the past several years Eunice and Opelousas, as well as other localities, on account of the non-existence of a school maintenance tax, have been compelled to carry their respective high schools out of the revenues of the municipality thereby greatly reducing the funds, which should be used for the betterment and improvement of the respective towns.

It is understood that the people of Eunice are willing to tax themselves on his subject and it is not expected that any serious obstacle will be met by those favoring the proposition. The Opelousas district, which is asked to vote on a three mill tax for ten years voted a tax three years ago for the purpose of erecting the beautiful building, which is an ornament to the town and an honor to the progressive citizens of Opelousas.

It is evident that something must be done for the local school, as the city itself has improvements during the past two or three years that it will be a hard matter in the future to scrape sufficient money to operate the schools three months each year.

Mr. Dave Hollier and family have moved to their home which they purchased from Mrs. J. O. Reddit.

Miss Alice Chachere returned Monday to resume her duties at Sunset, after a couple of weeks of illness.

Mrs. W. P. Fisher of Barbreck visited relatives here Friday.

Miss Esther Simpson was the hostess of the bridge club last Tuesday.

Judge Pavy and wife were visitors to the Crescent City last week.

Mr. M. Tankel of Eunice attended to business here Wednesday.

Mrs. Joe Sibille of Sunset was a visitor to our town Saturday.

Miss Simpson of Sunset was the guest of Miss Alice Chachere during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Castille and little family spent Sunday in Sunset.

Mr. Edgar Andrepont spent a few days in New Orleans last week.

Dr. Chas. Boagni and Mr. Raoul Pavy were visitors to Lafayette Sunday.

Mr. Morgan Sandoz of New Orleans was a visitor to our little city Sunday.

Mrs. Goodloe visited her son in Grand Coteau Sunday.

Dr. Fred Vidrine of Andrepont attended the meeting of the Parish Medical Association held at Opelousas on Wednesday.

The many friends of Mr. Willie Healey of New Orleans, son of our popular Clerk of the Police Jury, will be glad to learn that he is recovering from a severe spell of illness.

Mr. Hyman Borer of Alexandria is visiting his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Danel visited their son Lee at the St. Charles College Sunday.

Mrs. A. M. Hollier of Elton is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Du-filio.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Budd visited their daughter Mrs. Jas. Pharris at Elton Sunday.