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PLAQUEMINE TO BE RE-ORGANIZED

Old Drainage District May Be Called Upon to Vote A Tax

THIS TIME SUCCESS IS ULTIMATELY EXPETED

Bayous Plaquemine and Mallet Drainage District Will Probably Lead St. Landry Drainage Work

The police jury of St. Landry has given the drainage board of the Bayous Plaquemine and Mallet drainage district the power to reorganize and call an election, if necessary, to vote upon a tax to raise sufficient money for the dredging out of the bayous Plaquemine and Mallet.

The big drainage district, which covers nearly all the lands between Opelousas and Prairie Ronde and Gradnigo's Island and Lawtell, is badly in need of a substantial drainage system. It will be remembered that a few years past a tax was successfully carried in the district, but on account of unforeseen circumstances the taxpayers never received what they contemplated, at the time of the voting of the tax—and the first attempt at drainage on a large scale in St. Landry was a total failure.

The people residing in the oldest drainage district in St. Landry are very enthusiastic over the prospect of having their property drained and it is thought that in the event that the board of commissioners should decide upon calling a tax election there would be no difficulty in passing the measure. It has been intimated that an election will be called shortly, so that the farmers could start a right next spring, with their lands splendidly drained.

FARMERS TO MEET AT BELLEVUE

An interesting program is being arranged for the entertainment of the guests at the quarterly meeting of the St. Landry Parish Farmers Educational & Co-operative Union, which will take place at West Bellevue on June 30th and July 1st.

The first day of the convention will be devoted exclusively to speechmaking and frolics in general, a genuine Creole picnic being provided for. The public has been invited through the press and it is expected that a large number of St. Landry's most influential citizens will be the guests of the Bellevue Local.

Several of the state officials of the Union have been extended invitations and it is reported that some of them will be on hand to give the members of the Union detailed information concerning the marketing system, recently employed by the Union at New Orleans, which, up-to-date, has been proving satisfactory.

A large number of delegates from every local in the parish is expected to be present at the Bellevue meeting, as the parish officers for the ensuing year will be elected, as well as the delegates to the state convention at Alexandria, which is scheduled to take place the latter part of July.

DEVELOPMENT BUREAU GOES UNDER

The Southwest Louisiana Development Bureau has been ordered to liquidate by the board of directors, at a meeting held in Lafayette, on last Friday afternoon. R. C. Holt, of the Commercial Bank of Rayne, was appointed liquidator and all notes due the bureau were ordered placed in the Commercial Bank for collection.

As the assets of the bureau exceed the liabilities, those holding claims against the bureau will have no difficulty in collecting them.

The Southwest Louisiana Development Bureau was organized in Lafayette during the Fall of 1913, for the purpose of advertising Southwest Louisiana, in an endeavor to interest prospective settlers to invest their money in the fertile land of the thirteen parishes, which it represented. It was an organization to help the farmers secure what they wanted, but on account of the co-operation on the part of the citizens of Southwest Louisiana the bureau, like many other worthy enterprises, has gone under.

Mrs. W. C. Cade, of Orange, Texas, who before her marriage was Miss Rosa Wallor of this city, is spending several weeks in this city the guests of friends and relatives.

OLD BOYS GATHES AT ST. CHARLES COLLEGE

One Thousand Witness Commencement Exercises at Historical Jesuit Institution—Grace Heads Alumni Association

Grand Coteau, La., June 21.—The seventy-seventh annual commencement of St. Charles College was held in the college auditorium Saturday night before an audience of fifteen hundred. The auditorium was beautifully decorated with palms and the college colors (red and green). The cast of characters and program were as follows:

"UNDER THE FLAG"

A Drama in Five Acts
CAST OF CHARACTERS
Willard Blake, a diamond broker, afterwards a farm hand in disguise on Firman's plantation in Cuba.....Rousseau Voorhies
Jerre Dunne, Blake's pal, afterwards disguised as Antonio, a farm hand, with Blake in Cuba.....Robert Mouton
George Morris, Blake's chief clerk, afterwards superintendent of Firman's plantation.....Robert Young
Larry O'Toole, Blake's second clerk, afterwards companion to Morris in Cuba.....William Grace
Rastus Hemingway, janitor.....Arthur LeBlanc
Gerald Firman, Gerald's father, and owner of a large plantation in Cuba.....Louis Mauboules
Ricardo Gutierrez, Governor of the province of Santiago, Cuba.....William Ganucheau
William Ewing, an American in the Cuban army.....Charles Daferner
Father Delgado, a priest.....Robt. Rose
Sanchez, a farm hand.....Geo. Billeaud
Pedro, a negro jailer.....David Pettijean
Farmhands, Soldiers, Insurgents.....
COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.....
Program
Overture, "National Airs".....College Orchestra
ACT I
A diamond broker's office in New York.
Violin Quartet, "Marche Militaire" (Schubert).....Messrs. George, Manning, Cornelius, Willis, Billeaud; Mr. John Troy, Piano.
ACT II
Firman's plantation in Santiago, Cuba.
Selection, "Spirit of Independence".....College Orchestra
ACT III
A prisoner in Cuba.
Violin Duet, "Barcarolle" (Tschalkowsky).....Messrs. Manning and Cornelius Billeaud
ACT IV
The open country outside the prison.
Violin Quartet, "Wedding March" (Mendelssohn).....Messrs. George, Manning, Cornelius, Willis, Billeaud; Mr. John Troy, Piano.
ACT V
The ground's near the governor's house.
"Olympian March".....College Orchestra
The graduation exercises were held in the college auditorium Sunday morning before a thousand people. The following program was rendered in an excellent manner:

GRADUATION EXERCISES

Program
Concert Waltz, "Sweethearts" (V. Herber).....College Orchestra
Distribution of Premiums.
Violin Solo, "Ballade and Mazurka" (J. Slunicko).....Mr. C. Billeaud
Recitation: "How I Edited an Agricultural Paper" (M. Twain).....Robert Mouton
Winner of the Senior Elocution Medal.
Violin Quartet, "Nocturne (J. Slunicko).....Messrs. Manning, Cornelius, George, Willis, Billeaud; Mr. John Troy, Piano.
Recitation, "The Progress of Madness" (Lewis).....Chas. Daferner
Winner of the Junior Elocution Medal.
Violin Solo, "Prelude and Waltz" (J. Slunicko).....Mr. Manning Billeaud
Roll of Honor.....Class Excellence Leaders.
Violin Solo, "Concerto in D" (Seitz).....Mr. George Billeaud
Award of Medals.
Violin Duet, "Barcolle, Op. 30, No. 1" (J. Slunicko).....Valedictory.....Curtis G. Breaux
Conferring of Degrees.
Address to the Graduates.....Hon. Wm. Campbell, L. L. D.
Violin Quartet, "Serenade, Op. 58, No. 1" (J. Slunicko).....Messrs. Cornelius, Manning, George, Roy, Billeaud; Mr. Jno. Troy, Piano.
The degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon the Hon. William Campbell, L. L. D., Judge of the 18th Judicial District of the parishes of Lafayette and Acadia.
The degree of Master of Arts was conferred upon William Martin Nevins, B. A., '10, (Loyola College, Baltimore, Md.).
The degree of Bachelor of Arts was conferred upon Ovide A. Bernard of Rayne, La., Curtis G. Breaux of Houma, La., John A. Troy, B. S. '13, (St. Stanislas College, Bay St. Louis, Miss.) of Yazoo City, Miss.
The degree of Bachelor of Science was conferred upon Armand L. Brinkhaus of Sunset, La., Harold N. Henderson of New Iberia, La., Robert B. LeBlanc of New Iberia, La., Alfred J. Melancon of Carencro, La., Raymond J. Mouton of Lafayette, La.
The highest honors of the Senior Class (B. A. Degree) were won by John Aloysius Troy.
The highest honors of the Superior Class (B. S. Degree) were won by Armand L. Brinkhaus.
AWARDS OF MEDALS
The gold medal for Christian doctrine (Senior Division) was merited by Alexis Voorhies. Next in merit: John Troy, Robert Mouton, Israel Hebert, William Ganucheau. Donor: Sir Lawrence Fabacher, K. St. G., New Orleans.
The gold medal for Catechism (Junior Division) was merited by Drouin Gremillion. Next in merit: Joseph Joseph, Lucius Courville, Clayius Meche, Victor Berthelot. Donors: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McHardy, New Orleans.
The Alumni gold medal donated annually by the Alumni Association of St. Charles College for the highest yearly scholarship average in the College was merited by Alexis Voorhies. Next in merit: Donald Labbe, Eugene Fields, Godfrey Cook.
The gold medal for Arithmetic was merited by Armand Brinkhaus. Next in merit: Aloysius Castille, Eugene Fields, Drouin Gremillion. Donor: Mr. Charles Billeaud, Broussard, La.
The gold medal for the best essay in Moral Philosophy was merited by John Troy. Subject: The Sanction of the Moral Law. Donor: Rev. F. J. Roger, Church Point, La.
The gold medal for good conduct (Senior Division) was merited by Walter Boulet. Premium: Alexis Voorhies. Honorable mention: John Vandegaer, Armand Porche, John Troy, Ronald Barrilleaux, Robert Moton, Cleveland Fruge, Arthur LeBlanc, Allan Thompson.
N. B. The gold medals for Good Conduct have been awarded by the votes of the students with the approbation of the faculty. Donor: Very Rev. W. J. Teurings, Lafayette, La.
The gold medal for good conduct (Junior Division) was merited by Louis Soumeillan. Premium: Geo. Smith. Honorable mention: Drouin Gremillion, Manning Billeaud, Eugene Fields, Jules Krauss, Godfrey Cook, James Villien, Donald Labbe, C. Barry. Donor: Hon. Wm. Campbell, L. L. D., Lafayette, La.
The gold medal for the best English Composition was merited by Alexis Voorhies. Next in merit: Louis Mauboules, William Ganucheau, Robert Mouton. Donor: Dr. Felix Guilbeau, Sunset, La.
The gold medal for Elocution (Senior Division) was merited by Robert L. Mouton. Next in merit: William Ganucheau, Armand Brinkhaus. Donor: Hon. Fred J. Grace, L. L. D., Baton Rouge, La.
The gold medal for Elocution (Junior Division) was merited by Charles Daferner. Next in merit: Howard Olivier, Charles Mouton, Lesley Gardiner. Donor: Rev. A. Doure, Rayne, La.
The Class Excellence Leaders for the year 1914-1915 were as follows: J. Troy, Senior; A. Voorhies, Sophomore; G. Smith, Freshman; D. Labbe, First Academic; G. Cook, Second Academic; J. Krauss, Third Academic; A. Brinkhaus, Superior English; I. Hebert, Intermediate English; L. Jeanmard, First English; E. Fields, Second English; C. Fruge, Third English; R. Roy, Preparatory.
Certificate for Proficiency in typewriting was awarded to Robert F. Broussard, Carroll J. Mouton, Curtis G. Breaux, Harold N. Henderson, Raymond J. Mouton, Robert Gutierrez.
Diploma in Stenography was awarded to Robert F. Broussard.

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FIVE NOW IN RACE FOR CONVENTION

Estorge and Fontenot Latest to Announce Candidacies

ST. LANDRY IS PROMISED AN INTERESTING CONTEST

Parish Is Assured of Able Representation Which Convenes in N. O. in September

That there will be a fight for delegates to the constitutional convention, which will convene in New Orleans on September 14th, seems a practical certainty, judging from the number of candidates already in the field.

Hon. Henry Estorge, one-time clerk of St. Landry parish, and present member of the State Board of Equalization from the Seventh District and Hon. L. Austin Fontenot, regarded as one of the ablest legislators of the state, are the two latest candidates to hurl their hats into the political arena. Judge Gilbert L. Dupre and Hon. John W. Lewis, announced their candidacies sometime back, while the candidacy of Hon. Edward B. Dubuisson, who represented this parish in the constitutional convention of 1913 is regarded as certain.

St. Landry is entitled to three delegates in the constitutional convention. With such able men contesting for the honors as have already announced this parish is assured of splendid representation in the body of men, which will revise the organic laws of Louisiana.
The first convention delegate primary will be held on July 27th, while provision has been made to hold the second primary on August 10th in the event that a final runoff is necessary.

SWIPE FERTILE LOUISIANA SOIL

Practical Californians Turn Display at Exposition to Advantage

Louisiana's rich soil is in demand at San Francisco. Californians have carried away every bit of it they could lay their hands on, and are using it to fertilize their grounds and gardens. It excels any of the nature stimulants they have been buying. They were not satisfied with the sample to which they have been welcome, but they have stripped all the boxes and pots and an emergency call has been put in for more of the reclaimed humus from Rareland prairie and other sections, or the prize-winning Louisiana exhibit at the Panama-Pacific Exposition soon will be in bad shape.

When Louisiana made up her exhibit, she took along a quantity of reclaimed soil and filled a box at each corner of the space with the earth. She also packed a large number of tiny souvenir boxes with the composition. The visitors soon learned the wealth of the plant food in the samples and they came back for more. Instead of asking for it, they simply scooped it out of the boxes, and before the raid was discovered, the mule was gone. The attendants at the exhibit would have been concerned about the loss, but they consider it such a fine tribute to the quality of the state's land that they consider the incident rather proof of the exhibit's success as an advertisement of Louisiana's possibilities and opportunities, and have forgiven the visitors who eluded their vigilance.

A number of Californians who have made fortunes through land exploitation have begun investigation that may lead to the investment of millions in Louisiana acres. They have boosted the price of even arid desert land in California to a thousand dollars an acre, and some of the other Western states in which they have operated has passed the hundred dollar mark. They admitted the Louisiana soil and products were far ahead of anything they had seen, and could not comprehend why the farm land in Louisiana was selling at such low prices, unless there was fraud in claims and titles. Several of them told Prof. Glenk that they were going to institute immediate inquiry, and if the opportunity is as attractive as it appeared, they would not hesitate to buy up immense tracts and proceed to prompt development and colonization.

TWO LOCAL SCHOOLS GRADUATED FIFTEEN

Exercises at the Opelousas High School and the Immaculate Conception Convent Witnessed by Large Crowds

The graduation exercises held at the Opelousas High School and the Convent of the Immaculate Conception were a source of great interest to the friends and patrons of the two splendid institutions.

The preliminary exercises were held on Friday night at the High School and on Monday night at the convent. The operetta "Snow White" presented at the High School was received with much applause by a packed house, while the three one-act plays at the convent, were no less favorites on Monday night, where an overcrowded house witnessed the performances.

The graduation exercises at the High School were witnessed by several hundred patrons of the school. C. A. Ives, state high school inspector, was the orator of the occasion, delivering a very interesting address to the thirteen high school graduates. He pointed out that education was the most valuable asset to any person and urged the members of the graduating class to improve upon their education as years wore on, in order to fit themselves as better citizens and to lead a nobler life. The address of Mr. Ives created a very favorable impression on the large audience.

On account of the illness of the honor pupil of the class, who was valedictorian and who carried away two medals, the part of valedictorian was omitted. Miss Elizabeth Cooke, the honor pupil of the class, however, was highly congratulated upon her success in her studies. She was awarded the Littell medal, donated by Dr. E. A. Littell, for the best general excellence for three years; she was also awarded the Thomas H. Lewis medal, founded by the late Thomas H. Lewis and perpetuated by his sons in his memory, for English. The Clarion medal, donated by the St. Landry Clarion, for Geometry, was awarded to Miss Naomi Burr. The Interstate Trust & Banking medal for the

VIDRINE-DOUCET

A wedding of interest to the Opelousas friends of the contracting parties took place at Washington Tuesday morning when Miss Edna Vidrine, a well known Grand Prairie planter, and Mr. Marshall Doucet, eldest son of ex-police juror Theodore Doucet, were married by Rev. Father Tessier, before intimate friends and relatives.

Miss Vidrine and Mr. Doucet are both well known in this city, where they enjoy a large circle of friends, besides numbering many relatives. The bride is a graduate of the Grand Prairie High School, while the young groom received his education at St. Charles College, Grand Coteau.
After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Doucet motored to this city, where they boarded the Frisco Tuesday afternoon for Galveston, Texas, where they will spend three or four weeks on their honeymoon.

STORK VISITS JACOBS HOME

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Adolphe Jacobs was visited on Tuesday night by the Stork who left a bouncing baby girl as a souvenir present to the Jacobs family. The well known wholesale grocery man has been receiving the congratulations of his countless friends for his good fortune.

FIRST COTTON BOLLS

The first cotton bolls to be received by the Clarion this year, arrived in Thursday morning's mail from Dubuisson, P. O. and the farmer to boast of the possession of the first bolls of the season is J. E. Bacon, a prominent settler of the northern section of St. Landry parish.

OPELOUSAS EXPERIENCES WARM WEATHER

Opelousas experienced some warm weather during the week, the thermometer being around 100 degrees on several occasions. The Southern States as well as some points in the North were sweltering under the intense heat for the past few days. Few deaths, however, have been recorded thus far on account of heat prostration.

LOCAL CANDIDATES APPOINT COMMITTEES

Pavy Heads Lawler's Campaign and Garland Is Dunbar's

OPELOUSAS WILL BE MADE CANDIDATES' HEADQUARTERS

Political Battles in Registrar and Agricultural Commissioner's Fight to Be Made in This City

Percy Dunbar, candidate for Registrar of the State Land Office and J. G. Lawler, candidate for state Agricultural Commissioner, both of this city, have appointed their campaign committees, which are composed of local men, prominent in the political and business world of St. Landry.

Mr. Dunbar has been making a quiet fight for the past several months and has been receiving encouragement from various sources. Mr. Lawler, local real estate dealer and a man of experience on the farm, has canvassed the greater portion of Southwest Louisiana, as well as other sections and claims to have a splendid opportunity to be victorious. The friends of both Opelousas' candidates for state offices feel optimistic and a hard fight will be waged by the respective campaign committees from this city, as the Dunbar and Lawler headquarters will be made in Opelousas.

The Dunbar committee is composed of the following: R. Lee Garland, chairman; John W. Lewis, Henry E. Estorge, Henry Lastrapes, Jr., E. L. Loeb, and E. K. Eastham, secretary.
Following is the Lawler campaign committee: B. H. Pavy, chairman; John W. Lewis, Henry Lastrapes, Yves Andrepont and L. L. Perrault, secretary.

WOMEN TO SEEK SUFFRAGE BEFORE CONVENTION

Louisiana women desirous of securing the ballot through the approaching constitutional convention, which will convene in New Orleans, in September, have set to work in earnest, to launch a campaign in behalf of Woman Suffrage.

The suffragists met in New Orleans last Thursday to decide upon a plan to canvass the entire state in order to secure a sufficient number of signatures to petition asking the convention to strike out the word "male" from the constitution of the state.

It is asked that men and women willing to aid in the campaign send their names to Miss Jean Gordon, president of the State Woman's Suffrage at New Orleans.

The leaders in the woman suffrage fight are expected to tour the state before the convention convenes and leaders throughout the state, to carry on the fight in the respective parishes and wards, will be appointed by the state leaders.

The women of Louisiana can hold only one political office thus far, that of factory inspector. For sometime past a movement has been on hand to present the proposition to the voters of Louisiana, a proposed constitutional amendment to that effect being defeated by the 1914 legislature.

CHARBON REPORTED IN PARISH

According to reliable reports charbon is playing havoc in the western section of St. Landry. During the past few days several cattle owners have suffered severe losses. At Pitreville, it is reported, heaviest damages have been done, while the Plaquemine and Mallet sections are said to be infested with the terrible disease.

A large portion of the farmers of St. Landry have been in the custom of vaccinating their cattle for the past few years, due mainly to publicity given this particular branch of farm education by the State Agricultural Commission. Those who annually vaccinate their stock have not suffered any loss from charbon to any great extent and it is now evident that vaccinating will grow more popular each year.

RACES NEXT MONTH

There will be horse and automobile races at Wallor's race track in this city on July 28th. Excursions on all roads will be operated and it is expected that Opelousas will be host to a large crowd of visitors.