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DUPRE PAYS TRIBUTE TO ATTORNEY LEWIS

Withdrawal from Delegate Race Is Deplored by Lewis' Friends

PERSONAL REASONS ARE GIVEN FOR RETIREMENT

Sure of Election Hon. John W. Lewis Declines to Run as Delegate to Convention

This morning in open court room, John W. Lewis made announcement to me, he had retired from the race as a delegate to the Constitutional Convention.

His retirement when his election was assured beyond peradventure, leads me as one who was an aspirant for the same office, to assert that it is a pity he could not see his way clear towards continuing in the race.

I have been soliciting votes, having canvassed the parish some, and I am thoroughly convinced he would have been elected.

I regret his retirement. I had promised him my vote and an announcement of this fact was in a measure beneficial to his candidacy.

His retirement is the parish and state's loss. He would have been a useful and brilliant member of the Convention. He is young. He may yet see his way clear to aspire to office, when the writer hopes to support him. I have not heretofore done so, and I hoped upon this occasion to help him along—without antagonizing other opponents, which I am not doing.

Mr. Lewis' retirement is universally deplored by his supporters who were confident of his election.

Yours truly,
GILBERT L. DUPRE.

The above letter is self-explanatory. In common with Mr. Lewis' supporters, the Clarion regrets his retirement. He would have been elected. The Clarion force were supporting him. Both factions, rather the leaders of both, had tendered him their support. His reasons for retirement are sufficient. They are purely personal. It is a disappointment to his admirers to see him forego the race for an office to which he was certain of election.

CHICOT NOTES

Let our big sister send three of her ablest citizens to the constitutional convention.

The old reliable Sam Gardner of Ville Platte, is a candidate to the constitutional convention. Sam is well liked by the people of Evangeline and will no doubt get a very flattering vote.

Chicot is now connected by phone with Ville Platte; should any one want to call up Chicot he can do so by phoning Mr. L. I. Ortego, The Gazette, Sheriff Fontenot, Dr. Little, or Dr. Dr. Milburn. We have no central as yet but will shortly make arrangements for one. The phone company is called the Evangeline Telephone Company, which was organized last week.

Judge Gilbert Dupre should be sent to the constitutional convention from St. Landry on account of fearless stand he took in the late extra session of the legislature. Ditto to Hon. Austin L. Fontenot.

If you want to get on the demerit ticket ask the Boss and you may get the permission to run. Several new candidates were introduced into the Woodmen of the World here last Sunday.

Chicot received a pleasant call last week from Capt. Sam Haas, D. D. Haas, Sam Haas, Jr., W. E. Erlich of Alexandria, Cashier Marshall of the Merchants & Planters Bank of Bunkie and Mr. Jos. Fredlander of the Climax Lumber Company of Bunkie.

Crops of all sorts are good in this parish and in fine condition. Rain, however, is very much in demand here.

The people should elect to the constitutional convention men who will not be dictated to by the Boss; men who will go there and cast their vote against any measure which will rise to prolong the term of office of present officeholders. Should they do otherwise it will surely be a step in the wrong direction. Not only that but it will cause an upheaval among the office seekers, who have already announced their candidacies.

WASHINGTON TO HOLD IMPORTANT MEETING

Citizens of St. Landry Invited to Meet Government Engineer Schulz and Discuss Bayou Improvement Proposition

The citizens of St. Landry are offered an opportunity to meet Major Schulz, government engineer, at Washington on next Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 to discuss the proposition of improving bayous Courtableau, Cocodrie and Boeuf. Congressman Lazaro secured an appropriation from Congress for the surveying and investigating of these streams. The people of St. Landry are expected to show Major Schulz that the Government would derive some benefits if these bayous would be dredged out and cleaned.

If these three important bayous would be dredged St. Landry would be given an opening to the Gulf and water transportation would once more be revived.

Following is a letter received from Congressman Lazaro on the subject:

Washington, La., June 30, 1915.
Editor of St. Landry Clarion,
Opelousas, Louisiana.

My dear Mr. Andrepoint:
Upon the solicitation of many citizens of the Parish, during the last session of Congress I secured a provision in the River and Harbor Bill for a survey and investigation of Bayous Courtableau, Cocodrie and Boeuf, with a view of improving them. I have since had the mater up with the U. S. Engi-

neer Maj. Schulz of N. Orleans and with the appropriation carried in this last bill he is now ready to make his investigation and report to Washington. I am today in receipt of the following telegram from him:

"New Orleans, La., 6-30-15.
"Dr. L. Lazaro,
Washington, La.

"Will come to Washington on the 7th, Frisco train. Arrive at Opelousas 1:15 P. M. Would suggest holding meeting at 2:30 P. M. that day.

"SCHULZ, Engineer."
I have accordingly made arrangements for him to hold a public meeting in Washington, on Wednesday, July 7th, at 2:30 P. M., to which everybody is invited. At this meeting, everybody interested in the development of these bayous will be given an opportunity to be heard, and since it will largely depend upon Mr. Schulz' recommendations in his report to Washington whether or not Congress will make appropriation for these streams, I would earnestly request our people to attend this meeting and give the Engineer the benefit of their information.

Very truly yours,
L. LAZARO.

SANITARY CODE'S RULES FOR CHARBON

Disease Attacks All Animals on Farm and Is Transmissible to Mankind

The prevalence of charbon in certain sections of the state is calling attention to the best method of case, but there yet seems to be combating the spread of the disease general ignorance on that subject. One means of spreading the disease is the custom of skinning and selling the hides of animals which have died of the disease. This is absolutely prohibited by the sanitary code of the state.

Chapter IX of the code has to deal with anthrax or charbon, and it is made the duty of the municipal or parish health officer in whose jurisdiction the outbreak appears to promptly take steps for its control, based on the well known facts that the disease is especially prevalent in the lower Mississippi valley, and along the Gulf littoral and coastal prairies, where it is enzootic and attacks all farm animals and is transmissible to mankind through inoculation by the horse fly or mosquito, or through the handling of affected animals through food and water contaminated with the spores, and by the inhalation of dried spores.

The spore retaining its vitality for long periods in surface soil, manure, infected food stuffs, blood, hides, hair and wool, and animals contract the disease while grazing over infected areas. The disease is widely distributed by carrion crows and small farm animals also distribute the malady by running at large, or by dying and establishing fresh foci.

The symptoms of the disease are explained in the code, and it is made the health officer's duty when an animal dies without apparent cause during the warm weather to have the body isolated and protected from flies with fish oil emulsion, or by covering with netting. He shall obtain immediately after death half of the ear of a large animal, or a foot of a small animal, and placing it in a sterilized bottle, properly sealed and packed, ship it to the State Experiment Station at Baton Rouge for microscopic examination. He shall also immediately inject the carbuncular swellings in the live animals with a 5 per cent solution of carbolic acid, and promptly vaccinate by the Pasteur or Soberheim method all animals that have been or are likely to be infected. In the event of the death of an animal, it is the duty of the health officer to stop all offices of the body with cotton waste or moss, to prevent the escape of fluids, and then to cremate the body on the spot, with crude petroleum. If cremation is found to be impractical the body must be buried in a deep trench covered with a stratum of lime. In no case should

JENKINS MAY GO TO FRISCO

Dana Jenkins, the phenomenal young athlete of Eunice, will probably be one of the representatives of the Southern Athletic Association at the San Francisco Exposition, where the best athletes in the United States will meet to battle for national honors.

According to reports and according to the spectacular showing made by the young Eunice athlete, it is expected that Dana Jenkins should acquire himself with honor at the Frisco meet. His friends expect him to capture either the hundred or the two hundred yard dash.

GARLAND SPOKE AT CONVENT EXERCISES

On account of the misplacing of copy Hon. R. Lee Garland was not given credit, in the school article, for making the feature talk of the convent exercises. The speakers for the occasion were Rev. Father Engberink, Mayor Loeb and District Attorney Garland.

As usual Mr. Garland was eminently fitted for the occasion and delivered one of his well known masterpieces. It was through no intention of ours that the Clarion failed to state that Mr. Garland had spoken on this occasion. In the shuffle, somehow, the copy of the article which gave an account of the Garland oration was lost and in a rush to get the paper out on time, the error was not caught in the proof.

TAKES OVER OVERLAND AGENCY

Senator Leon Haas recently took over the agency of the Overland cars and is determined to supply this parish with these fine cars. Mr. Haas is a hustler and a good business man and there is no doubt of his making a success in his new venture.

Rene Fontenot, a prominent planter of the Grand Prairie section, transacted business in Opelousas Monday. While here Mr. Fontenot had occasion to meet many of his Opelousas friends. Reports from way of California are to the effect that Dr. Fred J. Mayer, of this city, ex-president of the Louisiana State Medical Association, is spending a most delightful summer vacation, taking in the expositions at San Diego and San away for over a month and will probably not return for some time to come.

Miss Lena Loeb will leave this afternoon for Crowley, where she will spend sometime as the guest of her uncle, Aaron Loeb, Mayor Pro Tem of the rice metropolis.

The health officer permit the body to be dragged through pastures or along public roads.

The skinning or sale of hides from diseased animals is absolutely prohibited.

DEVILLIER TIRED OF LIFE IS A SUICIDE

Little Teche Farmer Kills Self in Front of Uncle's Gate

WILD LIFE ATTRIBUTED FOR YOUNG MAN'S ACTION

Louis Devillier, One Time Well-to-Do Farmer, After Visiting Town, Shoots Brains Out Saturday

Because he could not stand to face his uncle, Guilmar Sonnier, who had been a father to him and tired of a misspent life, Louis Devillier, one time prosperous young farmer, with a bright future, blew away his brains at his uncle's front gate in the Little Teche section of this parish, early Saturday morning.

Young Devillier was at one time looked upon as a good citizen and a promising young man. A few years ago, however, he began to lead a wild life, took up with Mary Timmons, better known as Mrs. Laverne, about a year ago, leaving his wife and two children behind and going to Baton Rouge, where he engaged in the butcher business. A disagreement, however, with the woman in the case which resulted in the woman taking nearly a dozen harmless shots at him in Baton Rouge and which finally culminated in the return of Devillier to his family five miles from Opelousas.

It is reported that at the time of his suicide young Devillier and his wife were parted. This and the fact that he was under a charge of forgery in Baton Rouge caused the act of his self destruction.

Devilliers was seen in Opelousas between the hours of three and four Saturday morning, having spent nearly all night in a gambling house here, where it is reported he lost heavily. Returning home, when he arrived at the front gate of Guilmar Sonnier's farm he placed the revolver end on his right temple and pulling the trigger was instantly blown into infinite.

Relatives and neighbors rushed to the spot where they had heard the shot and were startled to find Devillier lying dead. The news of the suicide spread like wild fire through Little Teche.

Interment was made in the Catholic cemetery, where a few friends and relatives of the suicide assembled to send a prayer to Almighty God for the soul of one who misused the privileges given mortal beings.

TO ESTABLISH COMMERCIAL COURSE

Superintendent of public schools, C. J. Thompson, announced during the week that he had perfected arrangements for the establishing of a modern commercial and business course at the Opelousas High School. A large number of the Opelousas students are forced to go to New Orleans and other places to secure a business education and for that reason Mr. Thompson was the local school, which will undoubtedly be of material benefit to the students as well as the parents, who are presently compelled to send their children to distant cities for commercial training.

SATISFIED WITH CREAM SEPARATOR

P. P. Hidalgo, one of the most progressive farmers in this section, recently purchased a cream separator, probably the first in the parish, which he has been using to great satisfaction. Mr. Hidalgo claims that the increase of his butter is sufficient to pay for the separator in no time. His butter is always in demand by the local merchants, who pay him more for his product than any other farmer.

There is no doubt that more progressive farmers will realize the great benefits derived from a cream separator and consequently secure this modern farm machinery.

WHOOPIING COUGH

For the past two or three weeks whooping cough, a dread disease to children, has been prevalent in this city. While there has been no serious case reported, all mothers with young children are particularly these days, when they go visiting.

Louis Mayer has returned from New Orleans where he has been employed at the Boys' High School as a teacher.

L. A. FONTENOT TELLS NEED OF CONVENTION

Service Corporations Are Not Assessed Enough and State Needs Money to Operate Its Many Worthy Institutions.

Hon. L. Austin Fontenot, one of the administration leaders in the fight for the passage of the constitutional convention bill, told the farmers of St. Landry, who had assembled at West Bellevue at the Farmers Union picnic, why the people of St. Landry should vote for the constitutional convention.

Mr. Fontenot stated that some demagogues would have the farmers of Louisiana believe that the constitutional convention was called for no other purpose than to raise the taxes of the land holders. He flatly denied this, admitting, however, that the administration was very anxious to have the assessments of the railroads and service corporations increased, so that these money-making concerns would justly help in defraying the expenses of the state.

The well known St. Landry representative who was the chief orator at the picnic claims that the railroads, the telephones and telegraph companies and the various mining concerns would not be overassessed if their assessment would be increased by \$150,000,000 in the state.

"The only way that we can justly assess the service corporations is by electing the members of the State Board of Appraisers. We, voters, know that when we elect our police juror, our assessor and our member of the Board of Equalization, that our interests will be safe-guarded. These officers are elected by the people and have to follow the will of their constituents. But how in the world can we expect a beneficial result from the

Board of Appraisers, the members of which are appointed by another board, and not by the people. They owe absolutely nothing to the people and they give nothing to the people. The court has no jurisdiction over the board, no other board has any power to review the work of this board.

"If the constitutional convention does nothing more than make the members of the Board of Appraisers elective to my mind it will have accomplished enough to justify its holding."

By assessing the railroads and other corporations their just proportions, Mr. Fontenot asserts that during the term of the incoming administration Louisiana will have sufficient money to pay all its debts, maintain every public institution in the state, and will be in a decade in a position to build model roads from the Gulf to the Arkansas line, and from Mississippi to Texas.

If the constitutional convention is held the question of the Initiative, Referendum and Recall will be taken up and will undoubtedly be written in the constitution of the state. The office of the Commissioner of Agriculture will be given the power to become a farmers' agency, instead of a governmental department, which endeavors to show the farmers what they already know. It will be so arranged that a farmer in St. Landry having a car load of any farm product will be told by the department where this product can be sold at a profitable price. The department of Immigration will be compelled to find jobs for native Louisianians, before going out into foreign countries for new blood.

MORE WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT FOR JUDGE DUPRE

Visits Melville and Eunice, Which Places Are in Line With Him

Since our last issue, the following letters have been received by Judge Dupre:

From one of the leading business men at Eunice.

"I see no reason why you are not eminently qualified to represent this parish, if a Constitutional Convention is held."

From a Justice of the Peace in the Eastern portion of this parish:

"I received your letter and you can depend upon me on the day of the primary. I hope that you will get the position."

From a merchant-planter at Whiteville, La.

"Yes, you can count on my support and hope the other candidates are men that I can support with as much pleasure."

From another farmer-merchant at Dubuison, La.

"I am going to vote for you and do what I can towards getting others to do so."

From which it appears that Judge Dupre is running some. The Judge visited Melville on the 29th and 30th, and spent the day of the 30th at Eunice. He informed a reporter of this paper, his friends asserted he would carry both precincts.

DE QUINCY WINS

The DeQuincy nine defeated the Opelousas baseball team on the local diamond on last Sunday afternoon by the score of three to one. The attendance at the game was very small.

ST. LANDRY HIGHWAYS FINALLY COMPLETED

First Attempt at Model Road Construction on Large Scale Successful

POLICE JURY PRAISED FOR BUILDING GOOD ROADS

Gravel Roads Built in the Parish Proving Satisfactory and More Expected to Be Constructed Soon

St. Landry has practically completed its first attempt at model roads on a large scale, the Port Barre highway nearing completion. There have been built during the past year nearly thirty miles of modern and substantial gravel roads, connecting Opelousas with the principal points in this parish.

When the police jury appropriated over one hundred thousand dollars for the erection of good roads, many taxpayers in this parish were opposed to the plan, some severely criticizing the parish fathers for their supposedly waste of money. Now, however, those very people are among the ones who are presently praising the police jurors for pulling this once "Empire Parish" out of the mud.

While it is true that St. Landry does not boast of possessing the best model roads in the state, no one can deny the fact that the gravel roads built by the parish are a great relief to the farmers, who were accustomed to wade through miles and miles of mud and water, in order to bring their products to market during the Fall season.

Opelousas is now connected with Sunset, Lawtell, Washington and Port Barre by gravel roads—highways which can be used during the wet, as well as the dry seasons. Where farmers could only bring one bale of cotton to market, they are now in a position to bring at least six—all of this on account of the present police jury.

The Clarion is glad that it was for good substantial highways. For months and months before the police jury decided to appropriate money for the construction of good roads in this parish the Clarion took up the fight almost single-handed and advocated the use of gravel for the building of roads, showing the high cost of maintaining dirt roads.

St. Landry is now an ideal place for desirable immigrants to settle, on account of the many improvements made during recent years. Good roads and good schools as well as good churches have been built throughout the parish. Opelousas, the chief marketing cessible from nearly every point in the parish by means of good roads.

BEAUTIFYING COURTHOUSE

The work of beautifying the courthouse has progressed nicely during the last several days. Ivy Schwartzman, who secured the contract for repainting and repairing the historic building, will soon turn over his work for inspection by the parish fathers.

Within the next few days Mr. Schwartzman expects to have the entire building, within and without, thoroughly painted.

A splendid appearance is now made by the courthouse and it is thought that the building, in the condition it will be after the painters will have finished their job, will be a credit to old St. Landry. The building will no doubt serve the purpose for a few years longer, at least until the taxpayers of St. Landry will be in a position to pay for the most modern and up-to-date court building in the state.

FATHER ANDERSON ASSIGNED TO NEW ORLEANS

Father Anderson, Opelousas' only native priest, has been assigned to the church of St. Paul, New Orleans, as assistant pastor. The many friends of Father Anderson, who fondly expected that he would be made assistant to Father John Engberink of this city, while they regret that he is not to be with them, are delighted to learn of the important position given him.

It will be remembered that Father Anderson solemnized his first Mass in this city on June 6th, when over sixteen hundred persons crowded the Opelousas edifice to participate in his first Mass.