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PARISH WILL BUILD EIGHTEEN DIP VATS

St. Landry Will Soon Be Able to Lift Quarantine on Cattle

EACH WARD TO HAVE THREE DIPPING VATS

Three Thousand Dollars Appropriated by Police Jury for Fight Against Cattle Ticks in This Parish

St. Landry will soon follow in the footsteps of the other progressive parishes in the erection of dipping vats throughout the six wards. Police Juror Brown, after Dr. Kaiser, representative of the United States Government had given a lecture on tick eradication, introduced a motion empowering the police jury to borrow three thousand dollars for three years, for the purpose of erecting three dipping vats in each ward. The motion was adopted without any trouble.

Dr. Kaiser showed the police jury that Louisiana cattle which were quarantined by the Federal Government, brought over four cents a pound less than cattle raised in tick free parishes. He gave an example of a farmer residing in Louisiana, who shipped cattle, which apparently were as fine as cattle raised in Mississippi, right across the line, but in a tick free county, and which brought several cents less than the Mississippi cattle.

Dr. Saizan urged the police jury to take steps in inducing farmers to make this a tick free parish, stating that he was anxious to see the Federal quarantine raised from St. Landry as any other man, and patriotically asserted that the Union Bank & Trust Company of which institution he is president, would gladly lend the parish the sum desired for three years at six per cent.

Dr. John A. Hass, one of the largest cattle raisers in this section of Louisiana, told of his experience with dipping vats, stating that he had been using one for some time and has caused his cattle to increase in weight as well as in price.

John Thistlethwaite, prominent lumberman of Washington, was loudly applauded by the large number of citizens in the lobby of the police jury room, when he advised the police jury that his dipping vat was at the service of the parish, in the event that the police jury would adopt the Brown motion. This brought Mr. Beall on his feet; the distinguished police juror from the fifth ward extended the services of his vat to the parish, free of charge.

Mr. E. P. Veazie also urged the police jurors to erect dipping vats throughout the parish; he was the first cattle owner in St. Landry to build a dipping vat, which has proved a source of great savings to him and which has brought him large dividends each year.

CRAYFISH PLENTIFUL

The Louisiana crayfish are plentiful in the many creeks, lakes and bayous of this parish. Crayfish is a favorite dish with the Creoles of Louisiana and many citizens of Opelousas and surrounding country are taking advantage of the times to secure enough crayfish to make a famous "Crayfish Bisque."

UNION UNANIMOUSLY FAVORS PARISH FAIR

Interesting Two Day Session of Farmers Union Is Held at Bellevue and Opelousas—Parish Fair Thoroughly Discussed

The St. Landry Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union of America held a most interesting two days' session, on Wednesday and Thursday of last week. The first day's meeting, which was composed of frolicking and speaking, intermingled with a famous St. Landry creole picnic, took place at Phillips country place in West Bellevue.

President R. Lee Mills presided as chairman at the speaking at Bellevue, while J. G. Lawler, candidate for Commissioner of Agriculture, was the first speaker, talking along lines of crop diversification and a better marketing system for the farmers of Louisiana. Mr. Lawler's talk, although extemporaneous was well received by the large number of people present at the picnic. James Sanders, candidate for the Legislature, and a member of the Farmers Union, spoke along similar lines as did Mr. Lawler.

After the dinner, which was composed of chicken and many other dishes which have brought fame to the Creoles of Louisiana, Hon. L. Austin Fontenot, spoke on the need of a constitutional convention. He addressed the audience for nearly two hours, but his speech was so interesting that the time was not noticed. A detailed report of his speech appeared in last week's Clarion.

The second day's meeting was staged at the Elks Home in this city, where a large number of the members of the Farmers Union gathered. Regular business was attended to first, after which the farmers took up the question of a parish fair, which was thoroughly discussed. The Union members are united on this proposition and are determined that this parish will have

SCHOOL BOARD VOTES TO INCREASE SALARY

All Teachers Employed for Twenty Years to Get More Money for Their Services

The school board on last Tuesday morning set a splendid precedent, when it approved Dr. Guidry's plan of increasing the salaries of all teachers employed in this parish for twenty years or over.

The question of increasing the salaries of old and entrusted employees of the school board was brought before the attention of the members of the board when an application from Miss Belle Dupre, one of the mainstays of the Opelousas High School, and considered by Inspector Ives as the best High School English teacher of his knowledge in the state, was read for an increase of salary. Practically all of the school board members agreed that Miss Dupre should be given more money, on account of her long and faithful service to the Opelousas school.

Immediately after the motion for the increase of Miss Dupre's salary was adopted Dr. Guidry moved that all teachers who have or will teach for twenty consecutive years in this parish shall receive an increase of \$15 per month.

a permanent fair, where the farmers will be able to exhibit their farm products and acquaint themselves with agricultural conditions throughout the parish. The Unionists are taking the lead in pushing the fair question and there is no doubt that they will succeed in this great undertaking, which has been a failure for the past quarter of a century.

R. Lee Mills, the jovial president of the parish union, was made the chairman of the fair committee; he and his committee will confer from time to time with a committee of Opelousas business men as to the best plans to pursue to launch a permanent fair association, in which the farmers of this parish will take considerable interest.

The election of officers passed off quietly, the following being elected: President, R. Lee Mills; Vice-President, P. P. Hidalgo; Secretary, Lawrence A. Andrepoint; Chaplain Zernon Boutte; Conductor Edgar T. Dupre; Executive Committee, Gilbert Hidalgo, Edgar Andrepoint and W. J. Morgan.

The following delegates to the state convention, which will take place in Alexandria during the latter part of July, were elected: W. J. Morgan, Emar Lafleur, Edgar T. Dupre and Lawrence Andrepoint.

A vote of thanks was extended to the Elks for the generous offer of their beautiful home, to J. G. Lawler, for having extended the Farmers Union an invitation to meet in the Littell & Lawler office building, and to Mr. Phillips for the use of his beautiful country place during the first day of the parish convention.

The next quarterly meeting of the parish Union will be held in Opelousas during the month of September.

TO FINALLY CREATE DRAINAGE DISTRICT

Plaquemine People Reviving Important Question Which May Mean Much

The people of Plaquemine Point and West Bellevue have not given up hopes of securing a substantial drainage system, though the farmers have been kept incessantly busy attending to their crops for the past several months.

P. P. Hidalgo, one of the most progressive taxpayers of that section of St. Landry has been working for the past few days in an endeavor to secure enough signatures to a petition, asking the police jury to create the Plaquemine Drainage District. The petition was to be presented to the police jurors at their last meeting, but after a consultation with Police Juror Foster and several of the most prominent taxpayers of the sixth and first wards it was decided to withhold the petition until the August meeting of the parish lawmakers.

The people of Plaquemine Point, from present indications, are very anxious to have Bayou Plaquemine dredged out, so as to secure good drainage and from the outlook, it is expected that there will be no trouble in getting the farmers to vote a drainage tax sometime during the early part of the Fall.

JOSEPH LASSALLE IS SUMMONED BY DEATH

Venerable Old Citizen Expires at His Home on Sunday Night

CAME FROM CANADA TO LIVE IN OPELOUSAS

Deceased. Signalled as Model of Congregation by Rev. Father Engberink at the Funeral Ceremonies

Joseph Lassalle, a venerable old citizen and merchant of this city, known to practically every citizen of St. Landry and Evangeline parishes died at his home on Sunday night at 10:15, after an illness of one month's duration. Although Mr. Lassalle had been in ill health for over three years the news of his death, which was caused by congestion of the lungs, was a grave shock to the many friends of the deceased.

Mr. Lassalle was not a Louisianian by birth, although he was proud to proclaim this great state as the most blessed country in the world. He was born near the city of Joliet, Canada, on December 12th, 1844. During his early boyhood he was attracted to the United States, having heard of the wonderful possibilities lying in wait for a young man in the far-famed Dixieland. In 1871 he resolved to leave his native land for a better and richer country and arrived in Opelousas the same year, where he was given employment in the tax-collector's office by Sheriff Sittig. He remained in the tax-collector's office until 1876, having worked under Sheriff J. C. Morris, also.

Shortly before he resigned his position as deputy tax-collector Mr. Lassalle took unto himself for a life partner, Miss Therese Goldman, then a charming member of one of the most prominent families in St. Landry, being the granddaughter of Sheriff Sittig.

Not long after his marriage to Miss Goldman, Mr. Lassalle ventured into the business field for himself, erecting a store, which he conducted so successfully that in 1901 Louis Desmarais was induced to go in partnership with him. For five or six years the firm of Lassalle & Desmarais conducted a large business, being patronized by the people of the entire parish. After the dissolution of partnership Mr. Lassalle went back into the business for himself, operating a grocery and saloon.

The deceased was unquestionably one of the most beloved citizens of the parish. He was honest in his every dealing, charitable and friendly to all, was a kind and devoted husband and father. Rev. Father John Engberink, pastor of the Catholic Church, signalled Mr. Lassalle, in eulogizing the deceased at the funeral ceremonies on Monday afternoon, where a large portion of the population of the city was present, as a model of his congregation.

While the funeral ceremonies were being conducted the business section of the city was as quiet as on Sundays, all stores having closed at 5:30 in honor of the dead merchant. Mr. Lassalle is survived by his aged and venerable wife, and six children, Goldman, ex-postmaster of Opelousas and now a prominent mer-

ST. LANDRY TO HOLD PARISH FAIR IN OCT.

Farmers Organize To Raise Sufficient Funds to Justify the Holding of A Parish Fair in This City

When the farmers unite on a proposition and show that they are in the right, having the aid of the city brothers, there is no question as to the result of their undertakings.

During the last quarterly meeting of the Farmers Union of this parish, held in this city, the farmers resolved to unite on the proposition of establishing a permanent parish fair in St. Landry. A committee composed of the following, was appointed: R. Lee Mills, Chairman; L. A. Andrepoint, Secretary; Edgar Andrepoint, P. P. Hidalgo, J. J. Barry, Emar Lafleur and James Sanders. This committee with Lorenzo Mornhinveg, Secretary of the Opelousas Progressive League, and Mayor Edward L. Loeb, appeared before the police jury on Monday afternoon, requesting an appropriation of at least \$250. Dr. Pavy, the popular member of the police jury from Leon-ville was selected to put the motion before the body, but no sooner had R. Lee Mills, president of the St. Landry Farmers' Union, delivered a talk on the importance of the fair, laying stress on the fact that the farmers were united on this proposition, K. T. Catlett, the distinguished member of the Rosa section, arose and made a motion that the farmers be given \$300. Dr. Pavy quickly seconded the motion and after the votes cast on the motion it was discovered that every police juror was in favor of giving the farmers sufficient money to start the ball a-rolling.

On Tuesday night the Farmers' Union Committee stormed the City Hall and requested \$300 from the city council. The city fathers claimed that they could not afford \$300, although Simon Stelly and one or two other members favored the appropriation of this sum, but the farmers were given \$200 anyway.

The merchants, who will reap the benefit of the parish fair are expected to generously contribute to the fair. It is the intention of the farmers to raise at least \$500 from the merchants, business men and bankers of this city. There should be no trouble in getting this amount from the progressive business people of Opelousas, as the fair will bring a large number of visitors here, who will be willing to spend their ready cash.

In all probability the fair will be of three or four days' duration, in the event of which the farmers and the people of the city will be given all the opportunities to view everything. It is proposed to have an amusement company here during the parish fair.

Every state official, as well as all state candidates, besides several prominent public men in Louisiana will be invited to attend. The St. Landry farmers will urge its representatives to boost the parish fair with the state officials and to endeavor to get as many of them here for the occasion as possible. I. N. McCollister, president of the Louisiana Farmers' Union, and probably other Union officials, will be in Opelousas for the fair.

Nothing will be left undone to make October the 25-26-27, the most important days of the year. Ladies' committees will no doubt, be appointed to attend to the entertainment of the visitors, as well as to have the town decorated for the occasion. Every person in town is urged to co-operate with the farmers of St. Landry in their attempt to make the parish fair, after twenty years of unsuccessful attempts, the most successful undertaking in the annals of St. Landry parish.

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The farmers' committee will meet a committee from the city and the old St. Landry Parish Fair Association in the police jury room this afternoon at 3 o'clock, when all plans for the coming fair will be mapped out.

PUCHEU STAGG

The many friends of the Stagg and Pucheu families are glad to note that Miss Lydie Stagg, of Eunice, and Mr. Emile Pucheu, clerk of the Evangeline police jury, were joined in happy wedlock at the Catholic Church in Eunice on the 28th. J. B. A. Stagg, of this city, gave the bride who is his sister, in marriage.

A large number of friends of the contracting parties were present for the nuptials. Mr. and Mrs. Pucheu will make their home in Ville Platte, where the groom is one of the most promising, as well as popular young men of the Evangeline metropolis.

chant of this city, Mrs. Ernest Richard, Misses Agathe and Clothilde and Lawrence, all of this city, and Leopold Joseph, one of the efficient teachers of the Pennsylvania State College, but is now working for his Ph. D. degree at Chicago University, after securing a leave of absence from the Penn. College.

CROP PROSPECTS REPORTED SPLENDID

If Crops Move This Fall Farmers of St. Landry Will Flourish

CORN CROP EXPECTED TO BE VERY LARGE

Indications Point to Bumper Crops in Every Section of the Old Empire Parish of Louisiana

Crops prospects in every section of the parish are reported as exceptionally favorable and all indications point to a bumper crop of corn, cotton and rice.

The cotton crop, while the plants are still young and tender promises to surpass last year's crop by a few thousand bales, as it is reported that the acreage in St. Landry was not reduced to any extent and the lateness of planting will cause the boll weevils to considerably diminish their activities of past years.

The corn crop, in every section of the parish except between Opelousas and Ville Platte, is excellent. It is expected that the corn crop of this year will be much larger than in 1914. With the prospect of high prices for grain the coming year farmers of St. Landry are giving special attention to their corn, which will probably be the best money crop this season.

Many farmers have erected deep wells, while others have trusted to Providence in the raising of their rice, and St. Landry will no doubt assume a position among the leading rice producing parishes in the state this year. Several thousand acres of rice have been planted in every section of the parish, but especially in the southern and western sections, where a large yield is expected if weather conditions are favorable.

While the acreage in cane in this parish is small compared to that planted in corn and cotton, this particular crop will in no ways be short. Cane planters of this parish are confident that their crop is as pretty and as promising as any in the state. Indications point to cane bringing a high price this Fall, as it is not expected that the European war will be over by then.

Taken all in all St. Landry has probably one of the finest chances of harvesting a bumper crop this Fall than it has ever had. A general feeling of optimism prevails throughout the parish and the Fall is anxiously looked forward to.

BASKET PICNIC

Opelousas Household No. 100, Columbian Woodmen, will give a basket picnic at the pavilion in the Berrier-Lewis addition on Sunday, July 18th. Arrangements are being made to have a prominent speaker of the Order to deliver an address, as well as local speakers.

Everybody is cordially invited to come along and bring their baskets. This is the first outing of this strong and steadily growing order, and nothing will be left undone by the Committee in charge to make it a success. Come and enjoy the day with us.

Judge Smith, a venerable citizen of Grand Coteau, was one of the prominent visitors to this city on Tuesday.