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## CITIZENS PETITION CANDIDATES' VIEWS

Voters Want to Know How  
Candidates Stand on  
Interest Charges

### DUPRE AND ESTORGE WILL VOTE IN FAVOR

Several Petitions Will Be Presented to the Three St. Landry Candidates on Important Question

Nearly every voting precinct in the parish will petition for delegates to the constitutional convention to express their views on Interest Charges, an issue which has been raised by Hon. Dudley L. Guilbeau through the Louisiana press. The first petition to be presented was from Grand Coteau.

No sooner had Henry Estorge and Judge Gilbert L. Dupre been shown the petition then they promised to support the proposition, if elected. Representative L. Austin Fontenot, who, it is thought, will also support the measure, was out of the city, and therefore could not be interviewed on the subject.

Within the next few days it is expected that a score of petitions similar to the one from Grand Coteau will be presented to the constitutional convention candidates.

Following is the Grand Coteau petition:

To the Candidates for Delegates to the Constitutional Convention:

We, the undersigned citizens of the Parish of St. Landry, respectfully request that you express your views on the question of Interest Charges, as discussed in recent communications appearing in both the local and New Orleans Press.

We take this view of ascertaining your views as to whether, if elected, you will stand for a constitutional provision fixing the maximum rate of interest and providing a penalty for its violation.

Respectfully,

J. A. Smith, E. P. Petetin, Joseph L. Burchell, Leo Guilbeau, S. Feucht, A. D. Smith, R. D. Dunbar, W. W. Olivier, W. C. Smith, F. C. Smith, Jas. Fox, J. J. Barry, R. H. Barry, Jr., L. O. Barry, A. J. Polingue, John M. Oge, Dr. T. T. Tarlton, M. E. Lefleur, Simon Levy, H. A. Dunbar, David Meche, S. J. Guilbeau, Dr. E. S. Barry, Numa Meche, O'Brien Elmer, Leonce Quebedeaux, Junius Elmer, Jerome Meche, Lionel Elmer, John Petetin, Wal'on Guidry, L. O. Chatrham, Rufus Guidry, A. Foraz, Gordon Oge, J. M. Foraz, C. Meche, Jos. H. Burchell, John B. Devalcourt, Armand Castille, Wm. Brinkhaus, F. L. Guilbeau, Lawrence Elmer, Caliste Lecompt, J. L. Guilbeau, J. A. Petetin.

### DON'T FAIL TO PICK THE WINNERS

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Kingsbury have just completed the advertising of the official score card and program of the Wallior Brothers' races and the Elks tournament. These programs will be sold by a score of boys and Mr. Kingsbury on the grand stand and on the race track on the day of the big meet.

## OLD DRAINAGE BOARD WILL CALL ELECTION

Plans Under Way to Dredge Every Stream in Bayous  
Plaquemine and Mallet  
Drainage District

The Bayous Plaquemine and Mallet drainage district will be made the garden spot of the parish within the next year or so, provided the taxpayers see fit to vote in favor of a tax, which will be put before them by the board, within a few weeks.

At a meeting of the board, composed of Dr. Chas. Boagni, Val Ledoux, Sam Evans, Judge Arthur Gosselin and Ernest Dejean, it was decided that Engineer Robert make a complete survey of the district, so as to ascertain the number of yards of dirt to be removed and incidentally the cost of dredging out the main streams, as well as cleaning out every gulley in the district.

The drainage board is determined to accomplish something worth while, this time, if the taxpayers of the district vote in favor of the tax. Every member of the board is bent upon draining every piece of property included in the old district.

By cleaning out the gulleys and dredging the bayous there will not be one farmer in the district who will not be benefited by the drainage tax. Every one paying taxes will receive more than the value of

the tax.

For the past several months the members of the Bayous Plaquemine and Mallet drainage board have been very anxious to start the ball a-rolling, so as to ascertain, if it were possible to raise enough money to drain the lands lying in the district. After consulting attorneys it was seen that the board had the power to call an election and issue additional bonds.

There are very few people in the district, it is understood, who will oppose the tax proposition. There are thousands of acres, bringing absolutely no revenue to their owners, simply on account of the lack of drainage. By draining this district the residents and landowners of the district will not be the only ones to benefit.

After these thousands of acres of land, which are not being cultivated, will be put in such a condition that anything under the sun will be able to be produced, the entire parish will benefit therefrom.

The people of Opelousas are interested in the western section of the parish, probably more than any other section, as these landowners transact their business in this city.

### VIDRINE IS WEDDED TO MISS FONTENOT

Assistant Opelousas Postmaster Marries Member of Prominent Grand Prairie Family

James Vidrine, the young Opelousas assistant postmaster, fell a victim of Dan Cupid, on Monday morning, after Postmaster Troclair had given him a two days' leave of absence. The former Grand Prairie boy took as his life partner, Miss Rhea Fontenot, daughter of Rene Fontenot, one of the most prominent planters of the Grand Prairie section.

The wedding took place at the Grand Prairie Catholic church at a nuptial Mass, Father Tessier, of Washington, performing the ceremony.

The bride was one of the most charming young ladies of Grand Prairie and was a graduate of the Grand Prairie High School, while the groom is the member of a prominent St. Landry family, being assistant postmaster of Opelousas and a graduate of the Louisiana State University.

Walter Parker, cousin of the bride, was the best man, while Miss Leonius Fontenot, sister of the bride, served as maid-of-honor. The wedding although taking place suddenly, was largely attended by the numerous friends and relatives of the contracting parties.

Mr. and Mrs. Vidrine will make this city their home, where both enjoy a large circle of friends.

### PRECOTT APPOINTED A DISTRICT DEPUTY

St. Landry Man Is Once More Honored by Louisiana Knights of Columbus

Mr. John M. Prescott, assistant cashier of the Washington State Bank, of Washington, received official notice from the state secretary of the Louisiana Knights of Columbus, that State Deputy C. O. Mouton, of Lafayette, had re-appointed him as one of the

three district deputies in Louisiana.

Mr. Prescott, while not an Opelousas citizen, is looked upon as a home boy, having served several years as grand knight of the Opelousas lodge, besides marrying Miss Bessie Sandoz, one of the charming young daughters of this beautiful little city.

The many friends of Mr. Prescott are delighted to know that his services were regarded as indispensable by state officials, hence his re-appointment. Mr. Prescott has been serving in the capacity of district deputy with a territory which covers all of Southwest Louisiana, for the past two years, during which time he has made countless number of friends.

### CLARION ONCE MORE HONORED BY COUNCIL

City Administration Re-Appoints St. Landry Clarion Official Journal of Opelousas

The city council at its last meeting once more honored the St. Landry Clarion as its official organ, by re-appointing Lawrence A. Andrepoint, as the City printer.

The Clarion has enjoyed the distinction of being the official organ of the city of Opelousas practically the entire time it has been existing, despite opposition, although for the past three years this paper has enjoyed the field all to itself.

The city fathers realize that the Clarion has been square and fair with them at all times, whether there were no opposing papers or whether there were several newspapers being published here.

The Clarion is the official organ of the city of Opelousas, the towns of Port Barre and Melville, the parish of St. Landry, the Atchafalaya Levee Board and the parish school board. This evidently shows that the various public bodies in this parish have explicit confidence in the largest paper in St. Landry.

## OPELOUSAS MAY GET CARNEGIE LIBRARY

Women's Club Corresponding  
With New York Philanthropist for Funds

### MRS. JOHN W. LEWIS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Need of Public Library Has  
Been Felt Here for Years  
And Women's Club Wants  
One

A public library, to be maintained by the city council and to be erected by the people of Opelousas with funds derived by public subscriptions or public entertainments, together with the money which will be appropriated by Andrew Carnegie, the world known New York philanthropist, is now proposed.

The woman's club, with Mrs. John W. Lewis as chairman of the Carnegie Library committee, has taken charge of the proposition and indication point to Opelousas securing a public institution which will be of great benefit to the people of this city, as well as well as grown-ups.

In her report, which was given to the Woman's Club on Thursday afternoon, Mrs. Lewis states:

"The first essential is for the promoters to provide a suitable site, which must be deeded to the city free of all incumbrances and the city authorities must pass an ordinance providing an annual sum equal to one-tenth of the sum given by Mr. Carnegie for instance if you ask Mr. Carnegie for \$10,000.00 to build the library the city must make a payment of \$1000.00 per year for its maintenance. The plans for the building must be obtained and submitted to Mr. Carnegie for his approval. No part of the money given by Mr. Carnegie can be used for any other purpose except for the building. The books will have to be provided by the city independent of the amount given by Mr. Carnegie and may be provided for by popular subscription, a series of entertainments, or any other way the community sees fit."

The Woman's Club of Opelousas is to be highly commended for making such a patriotic move and it is to be hoped that the people of Opelousas and the city council will co-operate with the ladies of this city in their endeavor to erect an institution so worthy of Opelousas.

Mrs. Lewis has written to Mr. Carnegie and it is expected that within the next few days she will be advised by Mr. Carnegie as to the exact steps to pursue in order to get the necessary funds for the erection of a Carnegie Library.

### FIGHT IN EVANGELINE

Evangeline seems to be doomed for a political contest over the matter of selecting a delegate to the constitutional convention. Hon. Sam Gardiner was the first to announce his candidacy, Clerk of Court O. E. Guillory next, but finally decided that he would not run.

Mr. Gardiner is now opposed by Professor Yves Fontenot, who represented St. Landry in the lower House of the General Assembly from 1908 to 1912. Reports tend to show that a desperate fight will be waged in Evangeline during the next week.

## DECIDE TO ORGANIZE PARISH ASSOCIATION

St. Landry Will Raise Sufficient Amount of Money to  
Justify the Holding of the Parish  
Fair in This City Every Year.

The organization of a permanent parish fair association is now assured, after several futile attempts in that direction by patriotic citizens of St. Landry. A parish fair association, chartered under the laws of the state of Louisiana, with a capital large enough to justify the establishing of a permanent parish fair, will be organized on the 24th of this month.

An interesting meeting of those who took the initiative steps in the organization of a parish fair association was held at the offices of Littell & Lawler in this city. Those present composed of a committee of the town and one from the Farmers' Union. It was decided to organize an association with a capital stock as large as possible.

The merchants and business men of the parish will be asked to purchase stock in the fair association and as the value of the shares is only \$5 a piece it is expected that every progressive and patriotic citizen of St. Landry will take at least one share.

On Saturday afternoon, immediately after the meeting at Littell & Lawler's office, stock solicitors did some effective work, getting large numbers of stock subscribed to, within the space of a few minutes.

The farmers of St. Landry are intensely interested in the project, though it is late at this time to start, it is expected that Opelousas will hold the best fair St. Landry has ever held on October 25-26-27. Exhibitors from every section of the parish, will be invited to participate in the fair. Amusement companies will be here for the occasion and it is thought that the railroads, by operating excursions, will bring thousands of visitors during the three days in the latter part of October. Automobile dealers will no doubt be asked to place automobiles on display during the fair; it is also expected that automobile and horse races will take place.

The most prominent farmers and business men of the parish

are boosting the parish fair. People of Opelousas are enthusiastic over the proposition and the merchants, in due course, will help the city to entertain the thousands of visitors, who will be here for the occasion. Money nor labor will be spared in order that the fair be properly advertised throughout Louisiana.

For the last twenty years the people of St. Landry have started movements for the establishment of a permanent fair organization, but due to unknown reasons it was never possible to succeed. This time the farmers decided to take the initiative and the Farmers' Union took up the matter with the people of Opelousas, whereupon it was discovered that the people of this city were willing, heart and soul, to join in with the farmers with a determination to make the proposition a glorious success. With the city and the country working hand in hand and shoulder to shoulder the ultimate success of the parish fair is assured.

On next Saturday, July 24th, there will be held a meeting in this city, probably in the courthouse, for the purpose of permanently organizing the fair association. There is no "ifs" and "ands" this time. The fair organization is going through.

The people of Opelousas, as well as the country people, in fact every public spirited citizen of St. Landry is urged, nay, even begged to be present at this meeting. The citizens of St. Landry owe it to themselves, owe it to the parish to take active part in the parish fair. Public duty beckons to aid this project and the public expects you to do what you can for the upliftment of this parish, the greatest agricultural section in the entire United States. By helping the parish fair along, not only by working in its behalf but by subscribing to the capital stock of the St. Landry Farmers' Parish Fair Association, you will aid materially in the upbuilding of this great parish.

### TAYLOR DESCENDANT IS CALLED BY DEATH

Mrs. Lucy Taylor Campbell  
Reported Relative of President  
Taylor Dies

Mrs. Lucy M. Taylor, wife of the late lamented Dr. James Campbell, and a member of a family which was prominent in the social and business world of Louisiana during antebellum times, died at her son's, John Posey Campbell, residence in Houma, Tuesday night after an illness of long duration. The corpse was brought to Opelousas on the evening Southern Pacific train Wednesday, funeral ceremonies were conducted in the Episcopal Church by Rev. Weeks, and interment was made in the Protestant cemetery.

The deceased, who had been making her home in Opelousas and Houma for a number of years, is reported to have been a direct descendant of Zachery Taylor, the only Louisianian to occupy the chair of the President of the United States; she was a sister of Captain Sumpster E. Taylor, of the Army of Virginia, during the Civil War. Mrs. Taylor's husband, Dr. James Campbell, was the at-

tendant physician of Madam Mary Wilson, a Sacred Heart religious, at Grand Coteau, who was saved from death by a miracle by St. John Berchman, about forty years ago.

The deceased was about 76 years of age; she was prominently connected in this parish, numbering as relatives some of St. Landry's leading citizens.

Mrs. Taylor is survived by two sons, Joseph Posey Campbell of Houma, and Robert Campbell of New Orleans.

### CITY MARKET TO BE MADE TO LOOK NEW

The aldermen, like their brothers from the parish, want to take care of the public buildings of this city and incidentally voted an appropriation to have the city market, which stands on the corner of Bellevue and Market streets, re-painted.

The city market, like the courthouse, can be made to look almost new and it is expected that after the market will have been re-painted the courthouse square will show up to considerable advantage.

## BILLIES ARE READY FOR BIG TOURNAMENT

Thousands of Visitors Are  
Expected Here on Sunday,  
July 25th

### WALLIOR'S PARK TO BE THE SCENE OF RACES

Railroads Have Spread Thousands of Posters Throughout Louisiana and Texas in An Endeavor to Bring Crowd

The Wallior Brothers' races and the Elks Tournament, which will take place on Sunday, July 25th, promise to draw thousands of visitors to this city.

According to reports the railroads running through this city have spared neither money nor labor to advertise this day, in an endeavor to bring thousands of people from every section of Louisiana and Southwest Texas. The Frisco, Southern Pacific and the Texas & Pacific will operate excursions from various points in Louisiana.

The Opelousas Elks have secured the co-operation of the Orange and Beaumont lodges in Texas, and practically every lodge in South and Southwest Louisiana, in boosting the big day. It is expected that several hundred Billies will turn out for the occasion, since the Opelousas Elks are very popular among their brothers throughout Louisiana.

Some of the prettiest and fastest horses in the South will take part in the horse races at Wallior Brothers race track, while local horse riders are expected to entertain the visitors with a real old fashion Creole tournament.

Not only have the railroads advertised the races and tournament, which will take place in this city on Sunday, July 25, but the Elks have sent out thousands of posters and notices to surrounding towns and cities.

### JUDGE PAVY DECIDED AGAINST A. D. HAWKINS

Palmetto Justice of the Peace Is Loser in Famous Ouster Suit of Long Duration

The case of the State of Louisiana, on the relation of R. Lee Garland, District Attorney, versus A. D. Hawkins, Justice of the Peace, was taken up and tried and disposed of by Judge Pavy on Monday.

The decision was in favor of the state, removing the defendant from office, for being ineligible to be elected and ineligible to hold the same for not having paid his poll taxes two years previous to his election. Without the payment of these taxes, a person is not a qualified elector, and none but a qualified elector can hold any office in this state, nor be elected thereto.

The judge held further that Mr. Hawkins had vacated the office by removing from the ward.

The State was represented by R. Lee Garland, District Attorney, assisted by Judge Dupre, while Messrs. Morton H. Thompson and L. Austin Fontenot looked after defendant's interest.

An appeal lies in the case, returnable within ten days to the Appellate Court wherever it may be sitting. So that if an appeal is taken, the case will be finally disposed of in the near future.