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CHACHERE PRESIDENT OF DRAINAGE BOARD

Plaquemine Commissioners Meet and Effect Permanent Organization

LEON DUPRE IS MADE BOARD'S SECRETARY

Drainage Tax Election in Plaquemine and Bellevue Sections to Take Place Shortly

The Plaquemine Drainage District, the youngest district created in St. Landry, was given official life on Monday afternoon, when the commissioners met in the Road Supervisor's office, in the courthouse, and elected James O. Chachere, of this city, as president, Eugene Richard, Sr., vice president and A. Leon Dupre, secretary-treasurer. Those present at the meeting were Jas. O. Chachere, Eugene Richard, Sr., P. P. Hidalgo, Joe Boone Leon Dupre and District Attorney R. Lee Garland; Z. T. Cary, on account of the serious illness of his wife, was unable to attend the meeting. Because the assessment of the district could not be ascertained and since it is estimated that it would cost \$30,000 to dredge Bayou Plaquemine and its tributaries, the commissioners decided to take up the matter of taxation at the next meeting of the board, which will take place shortly. Some of the commissioners are in favor of a millage tax, while others are of the opinion that an acreage tax would be more appropriate. All agree, however, that there will be no difficulty in inducing the taxpayers of the Plaquemine and Bellevue sections to vote in favor of the tax, when it comes up for approval. The outcome of the tax election in the Bayous Plaquemine and Mallet district is being awaited with considerable interest by the taxpayers of Plaquemine and Bellevue, since the same district will dredge the same bayou, but a few miles above the point where the Plaquemine commissioners will begin their drainage work, in the event that the tax is carried.

FAIR CATALOG TO BE ISSUED NEXT MONTH

Booklet Containing List of Prizes to be Awarded Will Be Printed by Clarion

St. Landry will follow in the footsteps of those parishes which have been holding annual parish fairs by issuing a regular and up-to-date fair catalog. This booklet will contain the entire list of prizes to be awarded by the St. Landry Farmers' Fair Association, as well as write-ups of the parish and advertisements of local and foreign firms.

RAILROADS TO RUN EXCURSIONS TO N. O.

The three railroads which operate through this city, will run a three-day excursion to New Orleans on Sunday, September 5th. The round trip fare will be \$2.50, good until Tuesday.

New Orleans is preparing to celebrate Labor Day and it is thought that a large number of people from this section of the state will take advantage of the low railroad rates to transact business in the Crescent City.

PLEASANT AND CO. ATTACK CONVENTION

CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR AND COTERIE OF SPEAKERS DERIDE CONVENTION PLAN AND ADVOCATE ITS DEFEAT

Ruff Pleasant and several speakers of local fame, office-holders and politicians, who are interested in the defeat of the proposed constitutional convention, spoke to an audience of probably two hundred people at the courthouse in this city, last Saturday afternoon. Mr. Pleasant, who is a candidate for Governor, was the principal orator, advancing several arguments why the voters of this state should vote down the proposition of holding a constitutional convention. The speaker, like his right bower, the Hon. Lee Emmett Thomas, is opposed to the convention, because he thinks that the politicians will have control of the delegates and that it will be nothing more nor less than a political gathering. He also claimed that the incoming administration should not be hampered by the doings of the constitutional convention and that if a convention should be held it should take place after the gubernatorial election. Hon. Edward B. Dubuisson, Judge Gilbert L. Dupre, District Attorney R. Lee Garland and Hon. Dudley L. Guilbeau were among those who attacked the convention plan and pleaded with those present to vote down the proposition at the polls on next Tuesday. Immediately after the meeting Col. Pleasant departed for Eunice, where a meeting was scheduled to take place.

POLITICAL GUNS ARE HEARD IN EVANGELINE

Massmeeting at Bayou Chicot Draws Crowd of Five Hundred from Parishes

Politicians had their say at Bayou Chicot on last Thursday afternoon, when a mass-meeting was held for the purpose of hearing arguments for and against the proposed constitutional convention. Senator Leon Haas, as permanent chairman, and Henry Erlich, the Chicot warhorse, had everything arranged for the entertainment of the five hundred guests present. Col. Ruff Pleasant and Dr. Pierson, candidates for governor, Fred Claiborne, candidate for lieutenant governor, candidates for commissioner of agriculture, Bonny Wilson and J. G. Lawler, and a number of other candidates were present. Col. Pleasant and R. Lee Garland spoke against the convention, while Dr. Pierson, Senator Haas and Representative L. Austin Fontenot spoke in favor of it. Mr. Fontenot, it is said, made the biggest hit among the politicians, his arguments convincing a large number of those present that this state is in dire need of revising its organic laws. He severely criticized Col. Pleasant for his attitude towards Governor Hall and the proposed constitutional convention.

LOEB PLEASD WITH MAYORS' CONVENTION

Opelousas Executive Returns from Alexandria Meeting Satisfied With It

Mayor Edward L. Loeb, who represented Opelousas at the formal organization of the Louisiana League of Municipalities, returned Wednesday morning, pleased with the Alexandria convention. Mr. Loeb reported that there were twenty-two delegates present, representing a like number of the most progressive cities and towns of the state. The first day's session was devoted mostly to the general discussion of some of the municipal problems and a speech by Governor Hall on the constitutional convention. On Monday night a banquet was tendered the delegates by the Chamber of Commerce; the banquet was largely attended by the merchants and business men of Alexandria.

On Tuesday municipal problems were against discussed and the constitution and by-laws of the league were adopted. Tuesday afternoon, after the session, some of the delegates were taken out to the Tioga gravel pit and others went near Boyce, where they inspected the newly brought in hot water well. All cities belonging to the League will be charged a prorated fee, Opelousas having to contribute \$15.

The next convention will be held at Baton Rouge.

POSTMASTERS TO BE SHOWN ROYAL TIME

Preparations Being Made to Entertain Delegates to Convention

EXPECT CONVENTION TO BE WELL ATTENDED

Meeting Is Held in Mayor's Office for the Purpose of Naming Committees for Gathering

The State Presidential Postmasters Association will hold its annual convention in this city on Oct. 6, 7 and 8th and it is expected that this convention will be the banner one of the association.

State President Watson, of Baton Rouge, has issued letters to every postmaster in the state, urgently requesting their presence at the Opelousas convention, setting forth that it is the intention of the officers and members of the association to make this convention the greatest possible success. Acting accordingly, J. P. Troclair, the local postmaster, set to work energetically, with the co-operation of several of his friends, with a view of making all necessary preparations for the proper entertainment of the visitors.

A meeting was held in the Mayor's office on Wednesday afternoon for the purpose of naming the various committees. Goldman Lassalle, ex-postmaster, was made chairman of the reception committee, while Lorenzo Mornhinveg was placed at the head of the arrangement committee.

It is the intention of the arrangement committee to receive the visitors in a royal fashion. On the first night of the convention the delegates will be entertained by the Elks and the Knights of Columbus, while the second night a dance at the Band Auditorium, will be given in their honor. The last night, of course, will be devoted to the banquet. It is thought that a barbecue will also be made one of the features of the entertainments, while an automobile ride throughout the surrounding country will also prove of material interest to those Federal office-holders who are headed this way during the beginning of October.

The committees appointed are as follows: Reception committee Goldman Lassalle, chairman; E. L. Loeb, Judge Henry Pavy, R. Lee Garland, Judge Ennis Kerr, M. L. Swords, Henry Lastrapes, Jr., Darius Fontenot, Arthur Gosselin, Marius Fields, E. K. Eastham, L. L. Danel, Dr. R. M. Littell, H. U. Callahan, Lorenzo Mornhinveg, Dr. Charles F. Boagni, Dr. John A. Haas, G. H. Cretin, Gilbert L. Dupre, Isidore Isaac, Dr. A. J. Bercier, J. P. Troclair, D. L. Guilbeau, Lawrence Andrepont, T. A. Jackson, Senator Leon Haas, Dr. James A. Shaw, Dr. E. T. Bercier, L. Austin Fontenot, S. L. Hebrard, O. Durio, J. J. Healey.

Committee on arrangement: Lorenzo Mornhinveg, chairman; E. K. Eastham, Dr. A. J. Perrault, A. S. J. Campbell, Goldman Lassalle, E. L. Loeb, J. P. Troclair, John Brown.

Committee on hall and rooms: G. H. Cretin, chairman; Eddie Durio.

Ladies auxiliary reception committee: Madames Lorenzo Mornhinveg, E. L. Loeb, Goldman Lassalle, E. K. Eastham, J. P. Troclair, Frank Dietlein, W. T. Stewart, J. P. Saizan, G. L. Dupre, Lawrence Andrepont, A. J. Bercier, John W. Lewis, Henry Lastrapes, Leon Dupre, E. B. Dubuisson, Fred Hollier, Leon Haas and Miss Irene Shute.

The funeral services were held at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church at 11 o'clock Saturday morning before a large number of relatives and friends. Solemn Requiem Mass was sung by Very Rev. M. A. Grace, S. J., president of St. Charles College, assisted by the vice-president Rev. F. X. Twelmeyer, S. J., as deacon and Mr. J. B. Doonan, S. J., as sub-deacon. Rev. R. M. Brooks, S. J. and Mr. Quirk, S. J., were the masters of ceremonies. Father Grace, who officiated at the funeral, preached a beautiful sermon. The pallbearers were: Chas. O. Frank G., Alex. and Sidney Mouton, Dr. E. S., J. J., E. V., S. J. Barry, John M. Oge, Dan Mouton, Albert Levett and Richard Burleigh. Interment was made in the Catholic cemetery.

Grand Coteau, La., Aug. 25—Fred Mouton, aged 57 years, 3 months and 12 days, a native of Lafayette, La., and one of this community's most worthy citizens, died at his residence here at noon, Friday August 20. He was a devout Catholic, a Knight of Columbus, a son of the late Major J. S. Mouton and a grandson of the late Governor Alexander Mouton. He was a charitable man, a kind husband and loving father and had many friends. He leaves his wife and five children, three sons: Michel Beaumont, Texas, Alcibiads of Algiers, La., and Xavier of Washington, D. C., two daughters, Madam Evangeline Mouton, a religious of the Sacred Heart at St. Louis and Virginia; four brothers, Charles O. Frank G., and Sidney of Lafayette and Alex. of New Orleans; three sisters, Madam Aimee Mouton, a religious of the Sacred Heart at Convent, La., Mrs. Edward Voorhies and Miss Carol Mouton of Lafayette.

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The banks here will be closed on Tuesday, August 31st, 1915, Election Day, Legal Holiday.

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CONVENTION FATE TO BE KNOWN TUESDAY

EVERY CONSCIENTIOUS VOTER IN ST. LANDRY PARISH SHOULD CAST HIS BALLOT IN FAVOR OF THE MEASURE

The fate of the proposed constitutional convention, which is to sit in New Orleans in December, will be decided at the polls on next Tuesday, when the voters of the state will express their willingness or unwillingness to hold the convention. It has been estimated that the measure will carry by a few thousand votes, although many predict that the proposition will be voted down heavily by the country people, due principally to the lack of interest being manifested, together with the fact that practically all of the fee-paid office holders and corporation lawyers are opposing the measure, since the convention proposes to place the office holders on a salary basis, as well as to determine some means of making the big corporations pay their just proportion of the taxes.

There should be a convention, there is very little doubt, even the majority opposing the plan asserting that a convention is in dire need in this state, although they claim that it is not the time to hold one, just at present.

The voters of St. Landry have been poisoned against the convention and it is expected that a large number will cast their ballot against it. The anti-conventionist, however, will be surprised at the number of votes the proposition will receive in this parish. St. Landry people have had ample time to reflect over the proposed constitutional convention; they are aware of the fact that they will be given an opportunity to vote down the work of the convention, if it does not come up to their approval. No laws will be forced down the throats of the citizens of Louisiana by slick politicians, as some anti-conventionists would make you believe; on the contrary, especial care will be taken to draw up the laws, so that they will be accepted by the voters of the state.

Go to the polls, therefore, on next Tuesday and cast your vote in favor of the convention, no matter how many are voting against it. You will have the satisfaction of doing what is right, after you will have voted. Be a man and don't let politicians lead you in the wrong direction.

STATE'S CHAMPION HANDCLASPER HERE

Dr. Clarence Pierson Mingles With Friends and Politicians Here

Dr. Clarence Pierson, first announced candidate for Governor, hailed as the champion handclasper of the state, was in St. Landry during the week, mingling with friends, relatives and politicians, with a view of making himself known in these woods.

Dr. Pierson is regarded by many of the local politicians as a formidable candidate for the office now being held by Luther E. Hall. Being well known, as well as being related to one of the most influential families in this parish, Dr. Pierson will no doubt get a large number of votes in the gubernatorial election next January.

EUNICE MILL GETS FIRST CAR OF RICE

Dural Manuel of Chataignier Sells Fine Load of Season's Rice

The first car load of new rice was bought at Eunice on Monday by the Louisiana State Rice Milling Company from Dural Manuel at Chataignier about fifteen miles from here, the Eunice rice mill, paying \$3.30 per sack for the rice.

The Eunice mill expects to begin operation within the next few days, as rice will be coming in rapidly, farmers being presently engaged in harvesting their crop, although considerably delayed by the recent tropical storm.

The rice crop in St. Landry will not come up to expectation since the storm played havoc with this crop, besides hundreds of acres of rice remaining straight. Despite all that reports are that more rice will be harvested this year, due to the increase of acreage, than ever before.

EXPECTS CARLOAD OF STUDEBAKER CARS

Martin Bordelon, proprietor and manager of the Bordelon Garage announced during the week that he was expecting a carload of Studebaker cars, which is on the way to Opelousas. In the lot will be the latest models of touring cars, runabouts and trucks.

Mr. Bordelon also announced that twelve Fords would arrive in his name shortly and would be distributed to purchasers in this parish. The automobile business is still increasing, judging from the many sales being recorded each day.

CITY OFFICE-SEEKERS BEGIN TO ANNOUNCE

Simon Stelly Is Mentioned as Probable Opponent of Plais Horn

PICKENS BUTLER IS OPPONENT TO HAYES

Politics Begin to Brew in City and Lively Contests Promise to Ensnare—Horn and Hayes Will Have Opponents

Municipal politics took a lively spirit during the past week, several candidates being mentioned, who will most likely be in the race for various offices. The rumor that Simon Stelly, popular alderman from the third ward, would be a candidate against Plais Horn, for city marshal, caused some stirring in political circles, while the announcement of Pickens Butler against Police Hayes was of lively interest.

With Stelly in the race for city marshal a vacancy will be caused in the list of candidates for alderman and it is thought that at least two voters of the third ward will aspire for the position. Mr. Stelly, when interviewed on the subject of his proposed candidacy, would neither affirm nor deny the rumor.

While Mr. Horn, who has been serving in the capacity of city marshal for a number of years, has not made an official announcement of his candidacy for re-election, his friends are looking forward to see him enter the field.

In the fourth city ward there are already two aspirants for alderman, those being David Hollier and Jesse Barnett.

The city judge will be contested by Judge Ennis Kerr, incumbent, Judge Arthur Simon and Judge Gus. Dupre; this contest is expected to develop some interest.

In the early part of the year opposition to Mayor Loeb was spoken of, but at present it looks as though, according to Mr. Loeb himself, that he will have no opposition.

It has also been rumored that the race for city marshal may be a three-cornered affair, as one or two others are spoken of as aspirants for the job.

All contests for city jobs promise to be lively ones and further developments are being watched with interest by the political wisecracks of the city and parish.

It is not thought, however, that Aldermen Fields, Danel and Gosselin will have opposition. It is understood that they will offer themselves once more for the jobs they have been holding for the past year and a half.

ATTENTION COMRADES

At our meeting of July 7th and August 14th resolutions were unanimously approved and recommended demanding without increasing the one-mill tax, now being collected, that the Confederate pension law be submitted to the constitutional convention with the view of making the necessary changes; as your Adjutant I feel it a duty to remind you of this in the interest of voting for the proposed convention. If it is put off a year or two there will be few of the veterans left to see the after effect. We ought to have a better opinion of the delegates representing the people; they will do good work. We therefore urge that every veteran and pensioner lend his best efforts in having all who are in sympathy with the members of our camp and over six thousand pensioners in this state that would gladly accept the proposed changes in the pension law, which can only be made by constitutional convention. So let us see what the convention will do. If the convention does not suit us, we can vote it down in November.

Remember regular meeting of our camp Saturday, Sept. 1, 1915, at ten o'clock, A. M.

ARTHUR SIMON, Com. C. P. RICHARD, Adjutant. Camp No. 14, U. C. V.

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