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BARRET MEETING TO BE HELD ON OCT. 23

First Meeting of Candidate for Governor in This Parish To Take Place Here

BARRET TO BE HERE WITHIN A WEEK

Caddo Senator Has A Large Number of Friends Here Who Will Bring Out A Big Crowd

Lieutenant-Governor Thomas C. Barret, candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor against Ruffin G. Pleasant, will make his first appearance in Opelousas, on Barret meeting to take place here next week, is expected to arouse considerable interest Friday, October 22d. The in political circles in St. Landry, as the Lieutenant Governor has a large number of friends openly supporting him and waiting for the word to start working in earnest.

It was hoped that all candidates for state offices would be in Opelousas on Oct. 30, the last day of the Fair, as President Littell, of the St. Landry Farmers' Fair Association, has planned to make that day "Candidates' Day." It may be, however, that Mr. Barret might be induced to postpone his meeting for one week, at least.

A large crowd is expected to hear Mr. Barret's first address here during the campaign. Such political leaders as District Attorney R. Lee Garland, Judge B. H. Pavy, Austin Fontenot, J. R. Pavy, who are reported to be openly espousing the Barret cause, as well as others, who are opposed to prohibition, but who are in favor of the Caddo senator, will be getting out their friends to hear the most distinguished stump speaker in present day Louisiana politics.

Mr. Barret is an extremely pleasing speaker. It will be remembered when he made his speech in this city four years ago that he kept his listeners alive the whole time, despite the fact that the audience had been tired out by other speakers, who had been occupying the floor for over three hours.

DIETLEIN SPRINGS POLITICAL SURPRISE

Prominent Jeweler Announces for Mayor Against E. L. Loeb at Late Hour

Frank J. Dietlein, prominent Landry street jeweler, sprung the biggest political surprise in recent years, by announcing as a candidate for mayor against the incumbent, Edward L. Loeb, a few hours before nominations would close.

Mr. Dietlein was considered a possible candidate for mayor several months ago, and on account of appeals from friends he finally was persuaded to make the race.

Following is the announcement of Mr. Dietlein, one-time alderman of this city, who served with distinction:

"At the constant and urgent requests of my friends to run for mayor of the city of Opelousas, I have decided to make the race, and if elected I promise to all the people of Opelousas a fair and square business-like administration."

ST. CHARLES TO PLAY STRONG NORMAL TEAM

Interesting Football Game to Take Place at Grand Coteau This Evening

St. Charles College and the State Normal football teams will battle on the Grand Coteau gridiron this afternoon for football supremacy. The Normal is considered one of the strongest college teams in the state, and as St. Charles has no weak team itself a very interesting contest is promised.

Since the Lafayette-St. Charles game, when the Grand Coteau boys were defeated by two touchdowns, St. Charles has considerably strengthened so much so, that the admirers of the St. Landry institution are waiting to see Lafayette go down in defeat, when the two teams will play here on October 30 for the benefit of the St. Landry parish fair.

TO OPEN SCHOOL FOR WHITE ILLITERATES

SUPERINTENDENT THOMPSON WILL CONDUCT A NIGHT SCHOOL FOR ADULTS ABSOLUTELY FREE OF CHARGE

Superintendent of public schools C. J. Thompson announced Wednesday morning that on Monday night, November 6th, he would be ready to begin the work of stamping out illiteracy among adult whites in this community, by opening a night school for the white illiterates. The school will be conducted twice a week and will be under the personal supervision of Mr. Thompson.

Throughout the state a fight is being waged to stamp out illiteracy as much as possible. At the suggestion of State Superintendent T. H. Harris night schools in a majority of the parishes were instituted for the purpose of giving white adult illiterates all possible chance of securing a limited education.

In St. Landry parish the percentage of illiteracy among white adults is enormous, being nearly 50 per cent. It is the intention of Superintendent Thompson to secure the cooperation of the teachers throughout the parish in an endeavor to establish a night school for adults in every community in St. Landry.

Following is the statement made by Mr. Thompson on Wednesday morning, which is of vital interest to the people

of this city and surrounding country:

I will open on Monday, November 6th, 1915, in the St. Landry High School building, at seven o'clock P. M., a night school for the tuition of adult illiterates. The sessions of this school will be held twice a week, on Tuesday and Friday nights, and will continue for one and a half hours. Tuition at this school will be absolutely free, and all the expense to be incurred by the attendants at this school will be for the purchase of books, tablets, pencils, etc. None but illiterate adults, of good character, both male and female, will be admitted to the classes. It is proposed through the establishment of these schools to reduce illiteracy among our people, and, at the same time, help those who wish to obtain the rudiments of an education; in other words, to teach them how to read, write and cipher. It is to be hoped that a feeling of false pride will not deter illiterates from entering this school, because the enterprise is purely altruistic in its origin, and is intended to offer, later in life, to people who were deprived of it in their childhood an opportunity to learn how to read, write and cipher.

DUDLEY L. GUILBEAU LEAVES DEMOCRATS

Prominent Opelousas Attorney Gives Reason for Joining the Progressives

Hon. Dudley L. Guilbeau, for many years one of the leading Democrats in this parish, has made up his mind to go with the Progressive Party and in doing so makes his position clear to the people of St. Landry.

In a statement issued on Wednesday morning, at a request of a representative of the press, Mr. Guilbeau gave out the following:

"After full deliberation, I have concluded to join my efforts with those who are seeking to build up another political party in this State. Louisiana, with her wonderful natural resources, in my opinion, has been handicapped, in that her people have been tied down to one Political Party. The result has been that the National Government has given us scant attention. If the Republicans were in charge of the Nation's affairs, they deal with us, and with the whole South for that matter, on the theory that they could expect nothing from us. If the Democrats came into power, they dealt with us on the theory that we belonged to them, had to stay with them, and consequently, it was of small moment what they did to us. Their best efforts were directed to the country where a division of political sentiment expresses itself at the ballot. It is unnatural that the people of Louisiana, and of the South should be of one political mind. That condition exists nowhere else in the civilized world. As a fact we Louisianians have not been, and are not to-day of one mind politically. The trouble has been that there existed no political party, as a medium through which the white people could express their differences. Today, there is such a Party, The Progressive Party. I propose to lend such meagre ability as I may possess to its permanent formation and existence.

"With reference to the present State Campaign, I shall vote for, and support, to the extent of such little influence as I may possess, Mr. John M. Parker for Governor, and fight here, I wish to say that I favor Mr. Parker's candidacy, not merely because he stands at the head of this new Party, but because my conscience and judgment indicate to me that he is the best man running.

"In thus bidding adieu to my friends of the Democratic Party, I confess to a feeling akin to sorrow; but I am soothed in the knowledge that

I am following the dictates of my conscience and judgment. I believe that the people who know me will give me credit for sincerity of purpose. At any rate, I stand ready to defend the cause I have espoused, and advocate the election of John M. Parker, as Governor of this State, for the twofold reason that he stands sponsor for the organization and integrity of a New Party, and is the best man for the position."

REPORT SHOWS CITY MAKING GOOD STRIDES

Outstanding Debts Have Been Reduced by \$5000 Despite Decrease in Revenues

According to the annual report of H. U. Callahan, city clerk, for the fiscal year, ending October 1st, Opelousas is in a better financial condition than it has been in many years past, despite the fact that license revenues were decreased approximately \$4000.

With this big decrease in revenues not only has the city government been run in a business like and satisfactory manner, but the city's debt has been decreased up to this date approximately \$5000.

This is indeed very flattering and complimentary to the present administration, headed by Mayor Edward L. Loeb. The assets which can be converted into actual cash, the report shows, exceed the liabilities by some seventy-five thousand dollars.

In recent years the city affairs have been run in such a way as to reasonably expect Opelousas to be out of debt within a reasonable length of time. So many improvements have been made within the last three or four years as to cause considerable savings to the city. The electric light plant, which up to three years ago was a real burden to the taxpayers of Opelousas, is now a magnificent revenue producer and the envy of the neighboring cities. The last monthly report of Superintendent Jones not only shows excellent service but a net profit of something over nine hundred dollars. These revenues are now being used to pay the small debt left remaining on the plant.

Congratulations to Mayor Loeb, Superintendent Jones and the entire administration.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School Sunday morning at ten o'clock. Instead of the vesper service at six we shall have service at a late hour, seven-thirty. You are cordially invited to attend. C. B. TOMB, Pastor.

BULL MOOSE TICKET FOR PARISH RUMORED

Some Talk of Putting Out Candidates Against Democrats in St. Landry

PARKER MEN INCLINED TO PUT UP A TICKET

Progressives in This Parish Talk About Taking Part in Democratic Primary for Parish Offices

Dame Rumor has it that the Bull Moosers in St. Landry are searching high and low for candidates for the various parish offices, to run against the Democratic nominees. One of the most prominent Progressives in this city stated during the week that the Democrats should not be surprised in the event that Bull Moose candidates, with Parker principles would come out against the Democratic office seekers.

That there will be several hundred Progressive votes cast in St. Landry is a certainty, but the chances of the Bull Moose Party being victorious in Democratic St. Landry are ridiculously small.

A number of Bull Moose, who were former staunch Democrats, have made up their minds to vote in the Democratic primary and then turn around in the general election and slap that party in which they have been born and reared, by voting for John Parker. There are some voters in this city and parish, however, who are Progressives, not because they are dissatisfied with the Democratic party, but simply because they view Parker as their choice of competency.

Should the Progressives get out a parish ticket it is said that the Democratic nominees will cause to be cast such a tremendous vote in the general election, as to cause the over-

RISEMAN'S STORE IS ENTERED BY ROBBERS

Woman Believed to Have Had Something to Do With Burglary Case

POLICE ON TRIAL OF SUSPECTED BURGLARS

Well Known Landry Street Establishment Is Ransacked By Burglars on Wednesday Night

Ben Riseman's store was entered and burglarized of some ten dollars in cash and several hundred dollars worth of ladies' and gents' clothing, last Wednesday night. The robbers effected an entrance from a back window, which was rized out. After having helped themselves to their satisfaction they slipped out by the back door and carried the key away with them.

The police believe that a woman is implicated in this Wednesday night burglary and arrests are expected at any moment, as the officials are said to be hot on the trail of the thieves.

Mr. Riseman could not tell on Thursday morning the amount of his loss, but it is thought that it will run up to a nice little sum of money.

On closing the store on Wednesday night Mr. Riseman left ten dollars in the cash register, leaving the register wide open.

This is the first robbery of any consequence pulled off in this city for the past year, burglars having discovered that Opelousas is no place for them.

MIKE HALPHAN BUSY IN THE SECOND WARD

Street Commissioner Alert To His Business in Fixing City Roads

Mike Halphen, twice mayor of this city, now street commissioner, is still alert to his business, having for the past two weeks, been busily engaged in repairing the streets in the second ward. Commissioner Halphen is considered a splendid road builder and for the past four years has kept the streets of this city in tip-top condition, practically the year round.

The citizens of the second ward, better known as Danel's ward, are very much satisfied with the work done by Street Commissioner Halphen.

INTEREST IS BEING MANIFESTED IN FAIR

FIRST ANNUAL FAIR OF THE ST. LANDRY FARMERS' FAIR ASSOCIATION ATTRACTING WIDESPREAD INTEREST

That the parish fair is attracting widespread interest can be seen by the number of letters being received by Dr. R. M. Littell, president, and Edgar Andrepoint, secretary, of the St. Landry Farmers' Fair Association. Scores of letters are being received each day, requesting space at the fair grounds, by people in the parish, as well as throughout the state.

The fair is destined to be a great success, and it is the hope of the officials of the fair association to make such a grand affair so as to impress the people of this parish on the importance of an agricultural show in this city annually.

Amusements will be provided for all who visit the fair grounds on October 28-29-30; the best speakers in the state on agricultural subjects will be on hand to give all information desired by the sturdy farmers of this great parish. The exhibits will be of such high class standard that immediate benefits from the fair are expected to be derived.

For many years this parish has been endeavoring to organize a parish fair association, so that an agricultural fair could be held here each year in order that the farmers of the entire parish could ac-

quaint themselves of the many and varied resources of St. Landry; this year, however, with the St. Landry Farmers' Fair Association a-going concern, a parish fair on a permanent and paying basis has been established and it is the hope of those who are working faithfully for the interest of the farmers of St. Landry that the fair will progress with age, that from year to year it will be better.

Despite the fact that the fair association was organized at a late hour and plans for the fair were inadequate until recently, President Littell announces that the people of St. Landry will have cause to feel justly proud of their fair association.

Much interest is being manifested in the approaching fair, especially by the farmers; hundreds of them are preparing to exhibit their best farm products, the pick of which will no doubt be sent to the Louisiana State Fair at Shreveport in November.

If you have not got the fair fever get into the band wagon and begin shouting for the cause which is destined to mean scientific and modern farming in this parish within the next two or three years.

GIN REPORTS SHOW DECREASE IN CROPS

St. Landry Cotton Crop Falls Heavily Behind Average of Years Past

That the cotton crop in this parish will be way below that of last year is evidenced from the fact that the ginner's report from St. Landry show a decrease of over one thousand bales from last year's crop. The total number of bales ginned prior to September 25, 1915, being 5,914 against 6969 on the same date last year.

Prior to the August storm the cotton crop in this parish was considered excellent, but when the tropical hurricane hit old St. Landry thousands of bales were destroyed. It is estimated that the cotton crop will not be half of last year's output, which was in the neighborhood of 25,000 bales. Some even go as far as to state that the entire crop for this parish will not amount to over ten thousand bales.

The farmers are consoled, however, by the fancy price at which they have been selling their staple. With half the crop and twice better price than last year the farmers are satisfied that they are making more profit out of a bale of cotton this year than out of two last year.

The fact that cotton seed went over thirty dollars a ton was also encouraging to the farmers, who were much pleased over the little fight put up by the "Sons of Platto."

FONTENOT MIGHT BE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR

St. Landry Representative Being Urged As Barret's Running Mate

L. Austin Fontenot, brilliant St. Landry representative and one of the leaders in the Lower House of the General Assembly for the past four years is being urged by a large number of his local friends to make the race for lieutenant governor on a submission platform, as Thomas C. Barret's running mate.

Mr. Barret has the matter under serious consideration and a decision is expected of him at any moment. His friends here feel that he has a splendid chance of being victorious and strong pressure is being brought to bear to make him enter the state fight for the second highest state office.

Miss Corine Troclair of the Lafayette Industrial spent Saturday and Sunday here as the guest of her parents Postmaster and Mrs. Troclair.

GARLAND DECLINES TO MAKE THE RACE

St. Landry District Attorney Will Not Run for Attorney General

OFFERED ENCOURAGING SUPPORT FROM STATE

Despite His Splendid Chances Of Victory Lee Garland Makes Up Mind Not To Enter State Fight

R. Lee Garland St. Landry-Evangeline district attorney, has finally declined to make the race for attorney general of Louisiana, after having been pledged loyal support from every section of the state.

Mr. Garland claims that the political situation in Louisiana is so much unsettled that he would prefer to remain where he is now, and consequently, wishing to do the bidding of his most intimate political friends and at the same time wishing to be of assistance to them, he concluded that it were best not to enter the state political arena.

District Attorney Garland had a splendid chance of being victorious; he would have had very little opposition. The seventh congressional district would have given him such a big vote that the other sections would have to fall in line also.

Although it does not come from Mr. Garland himself, it is reported that he will take a prominent part in the approaching political fight, both for state and parish offices. In all probabilities District Attorney Garland will support Lieutenant-Governor Thomas C. Barret, for governor, in which event it is expected that he will rally to the support of his candidate all his political friends and backers.

OPELOUSAS FREED OF TYPHOID FEVER

Wild Rumors About Typhoid Epidemic Are Finally Exploded

Opelousas once more assumes its place among the Louisiana cities entirely freed of typhoid fever.

Several weeks ago rumor had it afloat that a regular epidemic of the dreaded disease had broken out. Dr. B. A. Littell, city health officer, immediately got busy to ascertain if there was anything the matter with the city water. The fluid was sent to the best authorities in the country for investigation and it was found that Opelousas possessed exceptionally healthy water and that the two or three cases of typhoid fever under observation had been caused by impure cistern water.

The health record of this city is such as to cause other cities to envy Opelousas. For over two years there was not a case of typhoid fever in this city and the few cases here this year did not prove fatal.

YOUNG CASHIER WEDS MISS LOUISE SANDOZ

Prominent Couple Wedded by Father Engberink Before Large Number of Friends

Lawrence Larcade, popular cashier of the Peoples State Bank, and Miss Louise Julie Sandoz, charming and accomplished daughter of Mrs. J. B. Sandoz, were married before a large number of friends and relatives at the Catholic church on last Wednesday afternoon, the ceremony being performed by Rev. John Engberink.

Mr. Larcade is one of the best known and most popular business men of Opelousas; he is highly regarded by the business people of this parish. Miss Sandoz is the daughter of the late lamented J. B. Sandoz, wealthy hardware dealer of Opelousas.

Mr. and Mrs. Larcade, on their return from their honeymoon trip, which will last several days, will occupy their beautiful modern bungalow on Grolee and Union street. The little home of the newly wedded couple is one of the prettiest of its kind in this section of Louisiana.

Miss Seidler of New Orleans is spending sometime here as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dimmick.

COULEE CROCHE TO GIVE BENEFIT FAIR

Public Invited to Participate in Fair for Catholic Church on October 24th

Dr. L. A. Guidry, prominent Coulee Croche physician, was in this city on Thursday morning and announced that the people of Coulee Croche were preparing to give a real big Church fair for the benefit of the Catholic Church.

Several months ago the Coulee Croche congregation gave a benefit fair which proved extremely successful, scores of people from this city taking interest in the affair. The public is invited to go to Coulee Croche on October 24th for the fair, which will wind up with a grand ball. All the parish politicians have been extended a special invitation and it is expected that they will avail themselves of the opportunity to meet the people of that prosperous section of St. Landry.

ONLY TWO OFFICIALS TO HAVE OPPOSITION

Kerr and Chief Hayes Will Have to Fight for Their Same Jobs

Only two city officials will be opposed in the Democratic primary next January. City Judge Kerr and Chief Hayes will have to hustle up the voters in order to obtain their same jobs, the former being opposed by Arthur Simon and Gus Dupre, while the old chief will have to fight it out with Pickens Butler.

The three candidates for city judge are not letting one opportunity to make a vote slip by, while Chief Hayes and Mr. Butler are both hustling for "all they are worth."

In the fourth ward the fight for alderman to take the place of E. K. Eastham, who will run for the legislature, goes merrily on. Dave Hollier, one of the most popular young men of this city, and J. P. Barnett, prominent cotton man, are waging a friendly, but hotly contested battle for the majority of the voters of the fourth ward. Friends of both candidates express confidence in the outcome of the January election.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. McClelland returned from San Antonio, Texas, Saturday, after having spent several weeks as the guests of relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Val Bourque of Church Point motored here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Shute of Port Barre, spent Sunday with