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L. AUSTIN FONTENOT  
Candidate for Lieutenant-Governor.

## FONTENOT CANDIDATE ON BARRET TICKET

St. Landry Man to Become  
Running Mate of Thomas C.  
Barret on Dry Ticket

## POPULAR AND STRONG, MAKE GOOD RACE

L. Austin Fontenot, Union  
Labor Champion in the  
House Will Make Campaign  
for Lieutenant-Governor

Hon. L. Austin Fontenot, St. Landry representative, leader of the Union Labor cause in the House of Representatives, and considered as one of the most brilliant young Louisianians, has finally decided to cast his hat into the political ring as a seeker for lieutenant-governor of Louisiana, on the Barret submission platform.

Mr. Fontenot is considered a tower of strength by the press of Louisiana, the Shreveport Journal coming out boldly as follows:

Mr. Fontenot has acquired a reputation as an intense foe of ring politics and has led the attacks against the New Orleans ringsters in the House during his term of office. He is also justly regarded as one of the strongest friends of the cause of union labor in the state legislature and is the author of a number of important labor laws.

"Mr. Fontenot is extremely popular with the Creole element in the southwest section of Louisiana. He is considered a strong stump speaker and promises to be a tower of strength."

It is said that when Lieutenant-Governor Thomas C. Barret busied himself looking over the state for a running mate his eyes immediately centered upon that energetic and brilliant young representative of St. Landry. In picking up Austin Fontenot as his companion through the present campaign, it is argued by many, that Mr. Barret has strengthened his candidacy in South and Southwest Louisiana, as well as with the thousands of labor unionists of this state, who regard Mr. Fontenot as their friend in the state.

The farmers of the state, it is said, feel exceedingly kindly towards the St. Landry representative, who always sought their advice and unhesitatingly fought for whatever the farming element of Louisiana was desirous of having. He has so ingratiated himself with the sugar planters in the third district that it is said that he will receive a very flattering vote, right in the heart of the Bull Moose camp.

## NEW PRESSING SHOP

H. Vidrine has opened up a new pressing shop, back of the old Mercantile building, on East Landry street, where you will find the best of work at reasonable prices. Young Vidrine is a country boy and deserves of the patronage of the people of Opelousas.

Miss Lita Boone of Swords visited friends here Wednesday.

## PARISH FAIR PROMISES TO BE GREAT THING

The Fair Association Headed By Dr. R. M. Littell Will Have Everything In Readiness to Receive the Crowd

## EXHIBITS TO LAST THREE DAYS

On Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 28-30, Will Be Held the Largest of Any Previous Agricultural Show at the Old School House—People from Every Section of Southwest Louisiana Coming.

St. Landry is preparing to make the first annual fair of the St. Landry Farmers Fair Association the greatest event in the annals of the once Empire parish of the state. Dr. R. M. Littell, president of the fair association, has been working day and night for the past two months, endeavoring to perfect every detail for the success staging of the big agricultural show and to him, in a large measure, will the credit of the success of the fair be attributed.

The farmers and business men of the parish have taken such deep interest in the approaching fair that it is a certainty that St. Landry will have the most splendid assortment of farm product display, ever exhibited in this section of Louisiana.

Excursions are expected to be operated to Opelousas during the fair from various points in Louisiana and thousands of visitors from outside the parish will be here to see what St. Landry has to boast of in wonderful agricultural resources.

Postmaster J. P. Troclair will have on exhibition the different standard containers, used to ship farm products by parcel post. The exhibition of the postoffice department is expected to be unique and will draw an immense crowd. Mr. Troclair has been working on his exhibition for a number of weeks, having gotten in touch with the manufacturers of these containers, who sent different makes to place on exhibition at the fair. Besides having containers on exhibition, Mr. Troclair will have butter, eggs, dressed chickens, sausages and various farm products packed and ready to ship. He will show the farmers exactly how much it will cost to send five pounds of butter from here to Chicago, New York or any other place in the United States. The merchants of this city will also take an active interest in the parcel post exhibit, many of the local merchants will have some of their goods on display ready to ship.

Besides lecturing to the farmers Mr. Troclair will distribute valuable literature on the parcels post, how to use it, what to ship and everything to this valuable department of the post office.

Now that St. Landry has a parish fair association, of which the citizenry should feel justly proud, it is incumbent upon every loyal son and daughter of this parish to flock to the banner of the fair association, so that nothing can stand in the way of the ultimate success of the parish fair.

For years past the parishes in Louisiana, which have been holding annual parish fairs, have come to realize that the fair is the life and sustenance of the farming element of those parishes. Wherever a permanent fair association has been established in the United States it has never been deemed wise to discontinue the annual fair, hence it is evident that the annual agricultural show in this city is destined to make St. Landry flourish like like never before.

The parish fair association was organized for the purpose of promoting the interest and welfare of the farmers of this parish. The association has enough money to justify the holding of an annual fair; it is now up to the people of St. Landry to lend their co-operation and assistance, in so much that they will make the fair a howling success each year.

Upon the success of the fair which will be held in Opelousas on October 28-29-30, depends the future of the other fairs. If the business men and farmers of St. Landry will come out in full force and show an active interest in the three day fair it is certain that those who have been working for a number of years with a view of promoting a parish fair association will go to work with renewed vigor for the next fair, which in all probabilities will surpass the one which will take place next week.

Hundreds of farmers, who have splendid agricultural products to place on exhibit, are urgently requested to get in touch with Dr. R. M. Littell, president, or Edgar Andrepoint, secretary, before the date of the opening of the fair. On account of the fact that there has never been held in this city a fair under the rules and regulations used by other fair associations, the officials of the St. Landry Farmers Fair Association have taken considerable pains to acquaint all interested parties as to the steps to pursue in order to be a qualified exhibitor.

During the fair there will be amusements of all kinds for those who attend. As several thousand people are expected during the three days a large number of different kinds of amusements will be on hand.

The football game, between St. Charles College and Lafayette Industrial Institute, will be staged at Comeau's park, on Sunday afternoon, at 3:30 o'clock. On account of the limited space at the fair grounds it was discovered that the football game, which will be one of the feature attractions, would have to take place some place else, so Comeau's park was secured and everything has easily attend.

Seven years ago Mr. Hawks lectured in Opelousas and of course is well known by a number of prominent citizens. Thursday evening he gave a most interesting discourse on "Name." There was an unusually large house for the first service.

Sunday at eleven o'clock the people of this city are invited to hear Sunshine Hawks. His subject will be "Mother." At 7:30 Sunday evening a large crowd is expected to hear Sunshine.

Sunshine Hawks is a real Southerner and is a loyal Confederate veteran.

## BARNETT TO GET OUT OF ALDERMAN FIGHT

That Business Will  
Prevent Cotton Buyer to  
Make Campaign

J. P. Barnett, prominent local cotton buyer and manager of the Opelousas Compress Gin it is understood, will pull out of the alderman race in the fourth ward, leaving David Hollier unopposed.

It is reported that Mr. Barnett's business will not allow him to make a campaign for the office and consequently he prefers to stay out of the fray.

Mr. Lawrence Fux visited friends in Lafayette Sunday.

## LAWLER WITHDRAWS FROM STATE FIGHT

Opelousas Candidate for  
Commissioner of Agriculture  
Pulls Out of Race

FRIENDS CONGRATULATE  
HIM FOR HIS STAND

Believing that Candidacy of  
Austin Fontenot Might Be  
Impaired Real Estate Man  
Declines to Run

J. G. Lawler, prominent local real estate dealer and an announced candidate for Commissioner of Agriculture, who had received encouraging support throughout the state, has officially withdrawn from the race, after concluding that his fight might impair the chances of L. Austin Fontenot, candidate for lieutenant-governor.

Mr. Lawler is a Barret supporter as well as Mr. Fontenot. It was agreed that the Barret supporters could not carry two men from the same parish and consequently Mr. Lawler magnanimously consented to pull out of the fight for the purpose of bolstering up the Fontenot candidacy.

The many friends and supporters of Mr. Lawler throughout the state have congratulated him upon his gallant stand and express the confidence that in the event that the Opelousas real estate man

should offer himself as a candidate for a state office in the near future his chances of victory would be greater than ever.

Following is the statement issued by Mr. Lawler, while in Baton Rouge on Thursday evening:

"Mr. Fontenot's announcement as a candidate for Lieutenant-Governor, coupled with the determination of Mr. Dunbar to offer for a State office, both from my parish, complicates my candidacy, and leads me to the conclusion that I might involve my friends and supporters in a futile campaign. I have been hospitably received wherever I went, and have also received assurances of support from many quarters, all of which I appreciate more than I can express in words, but for the consideration above stated I am persuaded to withdraw from the race for Commissioner of Agriculture and Immigration.

"To those good men in this State who have tendered me their support and who spent their time and energy promoting my candidacy, I adopt this method of extending my affectionate and heartfelt thanks."

## MAYORALTY FIGHT IS FULL OF EXCITEMENT

Contest Between Mayor Loeb  
and Dietlein Promises to  
Be Interesting

HOLLIER AND BARNETT  
STILL IN THE RACE

Municipal Contest for Mayor  
Will Be Hotly Fought by  
Incumbent and Prominent  
Jeweler

The fight for mayor between E. L. Loeb, present incumbent, and F. J. Dietlein, prominent jeweler and business man, promises to be exciting and interesting. Both men are known to be shrewd business men and they enjoy a large personal following.

It was thought for a while that Mayor Loeb would have no opposition but Mr. Dietlein's unexpected announcement, at the eleventh hour on the day the nominations closed, has given the political wiseacres of Opelousas some food for thought.

The fight in the fourth ward has promises of being more interesting than ever before, since the entry of Mr. Dietlein in the mayoralty race. J. P. Barnett, who is being backed by Mayor Loeb, is opposed by David Hollier. The two candidates for alderman from the fourth ward are extremely popular and it is hard to discern who will have the better of the argument on the day of the election. Hollier's friends, however, claim that his chances have increased since Mr. Dietlein announced his candidacy for Mayor, while at the same time Barnett's supporters are alert to the situation and are out hustling.

Arthur Gosselin will be the alderman at large, while M. A. Fields will represent the first ward, L. L. Danel, the second, Simon Stelly the third, having been nominated without opposition.

Two years ago when Mayor Loeb was opposed by Dr. Jas. A. Shaw, the fight among the various candidates for aldermen was heated and resulted in a close vote. This time however the fight is considered tame, the fourth ward being the only one in which more than one candidate announced.

There will be services at the Episcopal Church Monday night at 7:30 by Rev. C. B. K. Weed and Rev. Menard Deswell. Holy Communion on Tuesday morning at 7:30.

## SHOOTS NEGRO FOR INSULTING SISTER

A. J. Deville Shoots and Kills  
Edgar Sam in This City on  
Sunday Morning

DIFFICULTY CAUSED BY  
CATTLE IN FIELD

White Farmer Resents Insults  
Thrust at His Sister and  
Drives to Town to Shoot  
Down Negro

A. J. Deville, better known as "Black" Deville, early Sunday morning shot and killed Edgar Sam, a negro, living in the northwestern section of the city. Mr. Deville used a double barrel shot gun, it is said, loaded with buck shot; firing on the negro at close range the negro's arm was shattered.

It is reported that Sam, who was employed by Rev. J. B. Brock was sent to Mr. Brock's plantation, near Mrs. Robert's place, about five miles west of Opelousas, on Saturday afternoon to drive out some cattle in the field. Mrs. Robert's cattle happened to be in the field and it is said she asked the negro why he was taking the cattle from the field, whereupon, it is reported the black insulted her, cursing and saying that he had been sent to get the animals out of the field and he was complying with his orders.

Mr. Deville, who is Mr. Robert's brother, upon returning home was told of the incident, whereupon early Sunday morning he drove to town and located the negro. When he asked the black why he had insulted Mrs. Robert, it is said, that Sam got furious and insulted the white man, whereupon Mr. Deville fired into the negro buck, striking him in the arm and neck, causing death a few hours afterwards, while the black was being hurried to New Orleans for medical treatment.

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## COLLEGE VICTORIOUS OVER STATE NORMAL

Billeaud's and Veltin's  
Remarkable Playing Electric  
Grand Coteau

In a fast and furious game St. Charles College defeated the strong Louisiana State Normal football team by the score of 25-7, on the Grand Coteau campus last Saturday afternoon.

The Grand Coteau boys swept the up-state boys off their feet in the first quarter, scoring two touchdowns in the first few minutes of play, before the Normal could find their bearings. Then the visitors settled down and held the St. Charles boys to one touchdown in the second quarter, which was shoved over the goal line only after terrific resistance.

In the third quarter the Normal looked as if it would duplicate St. Charles, performance of the first part by scoring in the first four minutes of play. The goal was kicked for seven points. This was the end of the scoring.

Both sides played spectacular ball, but only saw-sawed up and down the field, during the last quarter. While the game was furiously played, it was one of the cleanest ever seen at Grand Coteau. The Normal boys, true to their reputation, played an exceedingly clean game, and St. Charles played its usual clean game.

The game was prolonged by the Normal players being frequently knocked out, while the Grand Coteau boys were in the pink of condition. The game was full of thrills and long gains on both sides, especially by St. Charles. Rigby, of Normal, was the bright particular star for the up-state boys, while C. Billeaud, of the College, with his sensational end playing electrified the grand stand time and again.

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