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TWO CANDIDATES SPEAK HERE TO-DAY

Ruff Pleasant and John M. Parker Are Expected at the Parish Fair

BULL MOOSE HEAD IN HIS FIRST SPEECH

Opposing Candidates for Governor Will Be Heard from the Same Rostrum This (Saturday) Morning

John M. Parker, Bull Moose nominee for Governor, and Ruff Pleasant, candidate for the Democratic nomination will be heard this, Saturday, morning from the same rostrum, speaking to the several hundred people who will attend the third day of the first annual fair of the St. Landry Farmers Fair Association.

While John M. Parker has been heard in this city on several occasions, it will be the first time he has appeared in Opelousas since having declared his intention to run for Gov. Hall's job on the Progressive ticket. Ruff Pleasant who is being backed in St. Landry by the Swords-Lewis faction, has been in Opelousas during the past six months, having addressed a large gathering during the summer months, when he spoke against the constitutional convention. A large crowd of enthusiastic Pleasant men from Eunice are expected on a special train.

Mr. Parker and Mr. Pleasant have been following up the parish fairs throughout the state, while Thomas C. Barret, candidate for governor on the Democratic ticket, has gone ahead of them.

Besides Parker and Pleasant a large number of other candidates, for state and parish offices, will be heard.

Quite a number of state politicians availed themselves of an opportunity to meet the voters of Opelousas and surrounding country at the parish fair, which was largely attended during the three days.

SEVEN RUNNING FOR POLICE JURY HERE

First Ward Fight Expected to Develop Considerable Interest During Campaign

There are seven candidates for police jury in the first ward, which comprises Opelousas, Bellevue and Plaisance. Three of the old members are seeking re-election, while H. D. Larcade, Sr., R. Lee Mills, president of the St. Landry Farmers Union, Louis Hebert and P. D. Walker, are battling for recognition; the three old members, who will go before the voters for re-election next January are Adolphe Guillory, A. D. St. Cyr and Sam Evans.

Usually the fight for the four seats in the police jury from this ward is tame, but it is thought that it will develop considerable interest as the fight progresses.

R. Lee Mills was the first to announce for the vacancy caused by the withdrawal of Frank Dimmick, then Mr. Hebert was finally persuaded to go into the fray, while Mr. Walker was urged to make the race also. At the last moment, however, H. D. Larcade, Sr., only candidate from Opelousas, finally consented to run for representation in the police jury.

TEXAS AND PACIFIC CHANGES SCHEDULE

The Texas & Pacific Railway Company has adopted a new schedule on the Opelousas branch, between Crowley and Melville. The east bound train is due to arrive here at 9:30 every morning, while the west bound train is scheduled at 3 P. M.

PACKED HOUSE HEARS STATE CANDIDATES

BARRET, FONTENOT, BAIL EY, COCO, GARLAND, HAAS AND PAVY SPEAK TO LARGE CROWD AT COURTHOUSE ON FRIDAY NIGHT

Hon. Thomas C. Barret, lieutenant governor of Louisiana, and candidate for governor, together with his running mate, Hon. L. Austin Fontenot, of this parish, who is seeking the election of lieutenant governor, held the first Democratic rally in St. Landry parish during the campaign, on last Friday night.

The courthouse was packed with ladies and men long before the Senator from Caddo and the distinguished son of St. Landry made their appearance in the historic courthouse. At about eight o'clock, however, Mr. Barret was escorted to the forum amid great applause, but when Austin Fontenot walked through the aisle the voters of Opelousas and surrounding country went wild in their applause for the St. Landrian, who has made such a splendid record in the Lower House of the General Assembly during the past four years.

Senator Leon Haas opened the meeting and after making a few remarks called upon Judge Henry Pavy to take the chair. Judge Pavy eulogized Mr. Barret for his stand on prohibition and praised Austin Fontenot for having the courage of his conviction by coming out for lieutenant governor on the submission platform.

After talking for a few minutes Judge Pavy introduced Mr. Barret who defended his stand on prohibition and who called upon all those in favor of submitting the prohibition cause to the voters of Louisiana to cast their lot with him. His address was well received. Mr. Barret is reputed to be one of the best stump speakers in

Louisiana politics; this, besides his large personal following here, was the cause of a very large audience.

Judge Pavy then introduced A. L. Fontenot who reviewed his splendid work in the House of Representatives, besides explaining his stand on the prohibition question. Mr. Fontenot is in favor of submitting the matter up to the voters of this state. The consensus of opinion among those present at the Friday meeting was that Mr. Fontenot made the most able address of all those who spoke; his talk appeared to have suited the crowd's satisfaction.

District Attorney Garland in his usual eloquent manner delivered a forceful address on the submission of the prohibition, claiming that the anti-prohibitionists themselves should not oppose submission since the people would then decide for themselves exactly what to do with this proposition.

Hon. James J. Bailey, ex-St. Landrian, who is running for the office of Secretary of State, and who, it is said, has splendid chances of victory, and Judge A. V. Coco also addressed the assembly. Both speakers were listened to attentively. Bailey, it is said, will get the practical solid support of the voters of St. Landry parish, being well known here, where he was born and raised.

Mr. Barret and Mr. Fontenot both announced that they would be in St. Landry at some future time, when they expect to stump every precinct in the parish.

OFFICERS ARE BUSY WITH INSTALLATION

District Deputy Prescott and District Warden Hollier Kept Busy by Knights

District Deputy John M. Prescott, of Washington, and District Warden David Hollier, of this city, both members of the Opelousas Council 1173 of the Knights of Columbus, have been kept busy for the past month installing the newly elected officers of the various councils in Southwest Louisiana. Last Sunday they were engaged in New Iberia and Jeanerette, where they officially installed the officers of those two prosperous councils.

On next Sunday Messrs. Prescott and Hollier will go to Lafayette to put on the work in that town.

OPELOUSAS BASKET BALL CLUB WINS FROM BREAUX BRIDGE

The Opelousas High School girls basket ball team played in excellent form on Friday afternoon, at the fair grounds, defeating the Breaux Bridge girls by the one-sided score of 110 to 36. The local team is composed of several good players, chief among whom are Misses Bennet, Sterling, Bourcier, Morhinivg and Breaux. These five alone would have had no trouble in defeating the team, while the other players also played a splendid game, not having as many opportunities to secure stellar positions.

MERRY MAIDS WILL BE HERE ON NOV. 6th.

David Hollier, the popular manager of the Sandoz Opera House, announced during the week that the first show to be staged at the opera house will be here on November 6th. The Merry Maids, a musical comedy, will be in Opelousas for an entire week.

Mr. Hollier promises the Opelousas theatre-goers a splendid season this fall, several good shows being assured to the public. The Merry Maids is considered an excellent musical comedy and will no doubt be seen by a large number of people from this city and surrounding country.

JESSIE BARNETT WILL NOT RUN FOR COUNCIL

On Account of Press of Business Cotton Buyer Declines to Make Race

As predicted in the last issue of the Clarion, Jessie B. Barnett, well known and prominent cotton buyer, who was a candidate for alderman in the fourth ward has withdrawn from the race, leaving David Hollier unopposed.

Due to press of business Mr. Barnett realized that it was impossible for him to make a thorough canvass of the ward, and not wishing to make any fight for the position, he concluded to give up the fight in favor of his friend and opponent David Hollier.

Mr. Hollier, who will be declared the Democratic nominee by the city executive committee, at some future date, is a progressive plumber in Opelousas; he has always taken active interest in the affairs of the city government. He will make a splendid member of the progressive city administration.

THE CITY COUNCIL

The members of the city council for the ensuing two years have been declared elected, on account of the fact that the five members are unopposed.

In Simon Stelly, L. L. Danel, Arthur Gosselin, M. A. Fields and David Hollier, the voters of Opelousas have cause to feel that they have a splendid board. With the exception of David Hollier the councilmen are the same, who so ably and efficiently guided the affairs of the city during the present administration.

The council is composed of citizens who always took an active interest in the welfare of Opelousas; if we have to judge by the officers the success of an administration we feel certain that the affairs of the city government will be administered with the greatest degree of success.

The Clarion compliments the Democratic nominees for aldermen and we trust that they will be given the hearty co-operation of the citizens in their management of the business of this prosperous and progressive city.

NOTICE

On account of the unique success of the Fair the Association has decided to prolong it until Sunday night.

CANDIDATES QUALIFY FOR PARISH OFFICES

Only Two Candidates for Sheriff and Three for Assessor of St. Landry

LASTRAPES AND LITTELL ONLY ONES UNOPPOSED

A Large List of Candidates Made Eligible for the January Democratic Primary Election

The parish Democratic executive committee met in this city on last Wednesday for the purpose of ascertaining the number of candidates qualified for the various offices in St. Landry.

Contests for police jury will be held in every ward in the parish; the fifth ward, however, appears to have the largest number of candidates to fill the two seats; in the parish courthouse, seven being in the race, despite the withdrawal of Thomas McCaffery from the fray. The contest for the first ward, seems to be rather tame, insofar as the number of aspirants are concerned. A large number of justices of the peace were declared nominees without opposition. Clerk of Court Henry Lastrapes, Jr., and Coroner R. M. Littell will go in unopposed.

Following is the list of persons who have qualified themselves to become candidates for the various parochial and ward offices:

D. M. Fontenot and M. L. Swords, for sheriff; Henry Lastrapes, Jr., for clerk; R. M. Littell, for coroner; A. L. Andrus, Robert Lafleur and Chas. Thibodeaux, for assessor; G. L. Dupre, E. K. Eastham, S. A. Gournay, R. Lee Hawkins and J. M. Sanders, for representatives. The candidates for police jury are: 1st ward: J. S. Evans, Adolphe Guillory, Louis Hebert, H. D. Larcade, Sr., R. Lee Mills, Jos. T. St. Cyr, R. L. Walker, Jr.; 2d ward: Aristide Beaugh, J. E. Dailey, Zenon Dugas; 3d ward: Leonce Darby, John Honnmonn, Antoine Lanclos, Jr.; F. Octave Pavy; 4th ward: J. B. Babington, W. F. Brown, Kemp T. Catlett, S. W. Dunbar; 5th ward: Theo. Doucet, W. B. Baker, F. P. Martin, W. L. Stagg, Alexandre Sylvester, H. B. Walters; 6th ward: W. C. Dejean, Aduel Fontenot, Allen McCoy.

PRAIRIE RONDE

A fair was given last Friday night by the school, and proved very successful. The teachers are working to put up a cistern and buy more boards. After all expenses were paid they cleared \$16.20.

Miss Susan Stagg, our primary teachers, spent the week-end with her parents.

Miss Ivel Jackson and Mrs. E. Andrepont of Mallet were in Prairie Ronde last week, the guests of Mrs. E. Lafleur, Jr.

Mr. Raoul Andrepont spent Monday in Opelousas.

Mr. Evrard Brown was attending business in Opelousas Wednesday.

Miss Hattie Gragnier and Miss Elia Moreau were in Opelousas this week, the guests of their relatives.

FAIR IS PRONOUNCED A DISTINCT SUCCESS

FIRST ANNUAL FAIR OF THE ST. LANDRY FARMERS FAIR ASSOCIATION SURPASSES EXPECTATIONS OF CITIZENS OF THE EMPIRE PARISH

The first annual fair of the St. Landry Farmers Fair Association has proven, beyond a doubt to surpass all fond expectation, and will go down on record as the greatest and most beneficial agricultural fair staged in St. Landry during its hundred years of existence.

Hundreds of entries were made in every department and the spectators found it difficult to discern which department made the best showing. The women folks, of course, figured out that their department was the best, while the Farmers' Unionists thought that their exhibit surpassed anything in the agricultural department.

The livestock exhibits made a splendid showing, visitors proclaiming them the best ever seen in Southwest Louisiana. To Eunice and Opelousas High Schools great credit is due for the interest manifested in the fair; the Eunice school, headed by Professor Griffith, planned for several days a splendid exhibit of the many and varied products of the progressive town; hardwood, rice and cottonseed in all their stages are seen in the Eunice room, while the school exhibit itself is a splendid advertisement for the town. The Opelousas School did not let the Eunice school outshine it; the domestic science exhibits are probably the best seen in this section in years. The parcel post exhibit made a splendid showing. Postmaster Troclair having planned a unique display of the many farm products which can be sent by parcel post. The farmers have been greatly enlightened on the subject of the parcel post since display at the fair.

The poultry exhibits were splendidly arranged and are a credit to this great and progressive parish. The number of fowls shown comes from every section of St. Landry and by the beauty of those on exhibition it can be seen that this parish is adapted to the raising of standard

bred chickens as well as any other part in the United States. Dr. R. M. Littell, president of the St. Landry Farmers Fair Association, has been receiving the congratulations of the hundreds of visitors to the fair, for the splendid manner in which he had everything so arranged that the success of the fair was assured. It has been such a great success that the farmers are already planning for the next parish fair.

Governor Luther E. Hall was the main orator on the day of the opening of the fair. He spoke for nearly three hours to a packed house. Had it not been the power plant fire had attracted many spectators to the scene of the fire the Governor would have had a splendid audience the entire time he spoke. Governor Hall boldly stated that his administration needed no defense and that the criticisms of the political enemies of the administration would redound to their discredit. He told his listeners of the bad shape in which he found the affairs of the state; that Louisiana had no credit when he took the oath of office and by his work and energies he accomplished to pay off the state debt, despite great opposition, thereby re-establishing the good name of Louisiana.

The meeting at which Governor Hall spoke was opened by Dr. Littell, who called upon Dr. Fred J. Mayer to preside. Dr. Mayer introduced Father Engberink who invoked the blessing of the Almighty, after which Mayor Loeb was called upon to deliver an address of welcome on the part of the city, to which Dr. Mayer responded, after which Gov. Hall spoke. Others who participated in the meeting were Hon. James J. Bailey, E. O. Bruner, Harry Wilson and Mr. Booney.

On account of the fire putting the motors out of commission at the Clarion we are very sorry that we cannot give a full and detailed account of the parish fair. We had intended to tell our readers all about the great agricultural show, which the Clarion was instrumental in having it held this year, but on account of the fire at the power plant we were forced to go back to hand-setting.

FOOTBALL GAME TO BE GREAT ATTRACTION

St. Charles and Lafayette Contest to Be Witnessed by A Large Crowd

The football game between St. Charles College and Lafayette Industrial, which will be staged at Comeau's park, in this city, this (Saturday) afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, promises to be a feature attraction. A large crowd of spectators is expected to witness the championship fight between the two leading educational institutions in Southwest Louisiana.

St. Charles is hoped to be the winner, according to the wise-aces of the sport, despite the fact two of its crack players Bill Dunkleman and David Petitjean will be out of the fray. Lafayette is reputed to have one of the best teams in the state, having held the strong Tulane eleven to only two touchdowns three weeks ago.

The entire St. Charles student body will be down on the evening Southern Pacific train to witness the game; a large number of industrial boys and girls is also expected. A special train will take the Grand Coteau and Lafayette crowd back Saturday night.

NOTICE

Monday, November 1, 1915, All Saints' Day, being a legal holiday, the banks will be closed.

St. Landry State Bank, Peoples State Bank, Opelousas National Bank, Planters National Bank, Union Bank & Trust Co.

THURSDAY FIRE PUT CITY IN DARKNESS

Modern Power Plant Is Seriously Damaged by Thursday Evening Flames

A. C. JONES AND MEN LABORED STRENUOUSLY

For the First Time Since Power Plant Was Modernized Opelousas Was in Darkness for Entire Night

On Thursday afternoon at about three o'clock fire broke out and practically totally ruined the Opelousas power plant. For the first time, since the modern plant was put on a paying basis, the town was left in total darkness.

As soon as the fire alarm was sounded the city firemen rushed to the scene of the disaster near the Southern Pacific tracks and worked heroically during the entire time that the flames were raging to save the brick building, in which the two modern Meitz and Weiz engines, as well as the motors and dynamos were contained. Despite the terrific heat and the enormity of the fire the fireboys succeeded, it is thought, in saving the 150 horsepower engine, as well as the large dynamo, which insured the people of Opelousas light within twenty-four hours.

While the flames were busy destroying the power plant E. M. Boagni, prominent financier and real estate owner of this city, went to Mayor Loeb and several members of the city council in person, and advised them to erect the plant immediately and that he would be glad to allow the city the use of the money, until the insurance, which is placed at \$22,000, could be collected, without one cent of interest charges. The city fathers readily agreed to avail themselves of the generous proffer of Mr. Boagni in the event that they should need to re-establish the plant, before collecting the insurance.

Mr. Boagni realized that the town would suffer considerably if the power plant was totally disabled, and being desirous of assisting the town and taxpayers made the offer to the city officials. Mayor Loeb announced on Friday morning that arrangements had been made to temporarily fix up the plant in order to furnish light and water to the people of this city, until the plant could be entirely renovated and once more modernized.

Due to the fact that the town was in darkness, Mayor Loeb ordered five extra police in the business section of the city; these police will be kept on duty until the light system will be in splendid condition.

To Superintendent Jones and his assistants the people of Opelousas should be grateful for their heroic struggle all during Thursday night and Friday, in an endeavor to furnish the city with light and water as soon as possible. They succeeded in furnishing the necessary water within the short space of six hours after the fire.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION TO TAKE PLACE HERE

There will be held at the postoffice in this city on November 13, 1915, a competitive civil service examination for the purpose of selecting a custodian for the Federal Building here.

The salary for custodian is fixed at \$540 per year.

Application blanks can be secured from the secretary of the civil service board at Opelousas and should be returned to the secretary as soon as filled out in complete form, as priority of filing will affect the relative standing of applicants having the same rating.

Last Friday Miss Marie Brower entertained the "Pleasure Seekers" club. The house was beautifully decorated for the occasion, and everyone had a most enjoyable evening. Miss Lillian Goodloe is the next hostess.