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FONTENOT STUMPING NORTHERN PARISHES

St. Landry's Candidate for Lieutenant Governor Making Great Campaign

REPORTS POIN TO FONTENOT LANDSLIDE

Opelousas Representative Is Receiving Very Encouraging Support Throughout Louisiana Parishes

L. Austin Fontenot, St. Landry's candidate for lieutenant governor, has been kept busy during the past week, stumping the Democratic parishes of North Louisiana, and reports from that section for the state point to a Fontenot landslide on January 25th.

The brilliant young St. Landrian who is the running mate of Lieutenant Governor Thos. C. Barret, is expected to be the lead-off man in the January Democratic primary. His election, it is said, is a matter of practical certainty. Representative Fontenot has been meeting with very flattering encouragement, throughout the hill parishes of Louisiana; his friends in that section expect to see him defeat the combined opposition.

The fact that Senator Ferdinand Mouton, of Lafayette, has announced for Ruff Pleasant and that Porteous Burke, of Iberia, is supposed to be on the Pleasant side also, leads many of the Fontenot adherents to believe that Mr. Fontenot will be in the lead over his nearest opponent by several thousand votes. Some optimistic Fontenot supporters predict a veritable landslide for the man from St. Landry, claiming that he will receive a majority of the votes cast at the January election.

Mr. Fontenot is considered one of the brainiest men in Louisiana public life; he has made such a splendid record in the House of Representatives during the past four years that he is regarded as the champion of some of the best laws in Louisiana to-day; he has championed the cause of organized labor and organized farmers and it is expected that he will receive the practical unanimous vote of all the various labor and farmer organizations in the state, which means that he will receive a very large vote among the laboring classes.

\$418,540 DECREASE IN PARISH ASSESSMENT

Parish Fathers Will Have to On Less Money This Year Than in 1914

The assessment of the parish of St. Landry has been reduced \$418,840 in round figures, which follows that the police jury will have to do on less money in 1916 than previous years.

On account of overflows and crop failures in the Atchafalaya section of the parish, Assessor Fontenot recommended the police jury and the board of equalizers to reduce the assessment of the property in that section, with the result that the recommendation was granted.

While St. Landry and several other parishes in Southwest Louisiana reduced their assessments, other parishes in Louisiana increased their state an increase in assessment of \$3,215,194.

FINDS BUSINESS BOOMING

Goldman Lassalle, ex-postmaster of this city, reports that business is booming at the Joseph Lassalle Store, which he has been managing since J. P. Troclair was appointed postmaster several months ago. Mr. Lassalle is a popular efficient business man, enjoying a large number of friends. Since assuming charge of the Lassalle Store Goldman Lassalle has made a success of the business, as can be evidenced from the increased number of customers. Mr. Lassalle makes a specialty of country produce and he invites all country people to dispose of their surplus products at his store.

FATE OF TAX TO BE DECIDED NEXT MONTH

SCHOOL BOARD UNANIMOUSLY VOTE ON CALLING ELCECTION FOR OPELOUSAS SCHOOL MAINTENANCE TAX

The adherents of the proposed maintenance tax for the schools in Opelousas School District have set to work in dead earnest, since the members of the parish school board unanimously voted to submit the measure to the property owners of the district.

The tax will be submitted on January 11, when it is expected that the Opelousas taxpayers will come to the rescue of the schools in this district. Judging from present indications it is reasonably expected that the tax will be voted by an overwhelming majority.

The patrons of the Opelousas school realize full well that unless this tax is voted the beautiful school building, which is a credit to the progressiveness of the citizens of Opelousas, will be closed after February; if the Opelousas school is closed, it is argued by many, that the cost of sending their children to other schools will be much more than the cost of the tax.

Every taxpayer who has the interest of the community, who wishes to see Opelousas

continue on the road of progress is earnestly besieged to use his best efforts in favor of the tax. It would be a shame and disgrace for the voters to turn deaf ears to the pleadings of the seven hundred pupils of the Opelousas High School, as well as the several hundred other pupils who are attending the other schools in the district; their appeal to you for an education makes it a duty for you and every taxpayer of the Opelousas School district to vote in favor of the measure.

It is said that if the tax is not voted the school authorities will obtain the money from other sources. This is not so; the city is not in a financial way to assist the schools just at present, besides if the city would assist the Opelousas High School the other institutions in the district would have to close, as the city council would do nothing for them. It is important, therefore, that we take no chances. The tax must be voted and it is our duty of all of us to cast our ballot in favor of it.

MELVILLE PRODUCES LOUISIANA ORANGES

Cluster of Uniform Louisiana Sweets Are Sent to the Clarion by D. V. Berger

A cluster of uniform Louisiana sweet oranges were sent to the St. Landry Clarion by D. V. Berger, a progressive farmer of German descent, who resides seven miles north of Melville on the Atchafalaya river. Mr. Berger planted the seeds of a Louisiana Sweet nine years ago and for the last five years has been harvesting a nice crop of oranges annually. On three trees Mr. Berger counted over sixteen hundred oranges, despite the fact that the members of the family have been daily picking off the oranges.

The cluster of oranges sent to the Clarion composed four of the prettiest and best oranges ever grown in Louisiana, or as a matter of fact in the United States. However there is a cluster on the Berger farm in the Atchafalaya section of St. Landry which is composed of one even dozen of the largest, sweetest and best Louisiana Sweets grown this year. According to Mr. C. Anderson, who brought the oranges to the Clarion, the Atchafalaya section can raise many things besides corn, cotton and sugar cane; it is the best orange country in the state and the goods are there to prove this assertion.

ST. LANDRIAN HONORED

Dr. Moise Lafleur, a native of Prairie Ronde, St. Landry parish, who has been practicing in Mamou, Evangeline parish since his graduation from Tulane Medical School, last May, was recently appointed physician on the United Fruit Company's steamship, Sir Name, plying between New Orleans and Central American points.

Dr. Lafleur is a son of the late E. T. Lafleur, who for many years was a prominent figure in business circles of that section of St. Landry. The many friends of the young St. Landry physician were glad to know the news of his selection by the big steamship company.

Rural Mail Carrier Henderson returned on Saturday from New Orleans, where he had gone for medical treatment, having been bitten by a dog and being afraid that hydrophobia would develop. Everything was found all right, however, and that he would not go "mad."

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Andrepoint spent a few days in New Orleans the past week, returning on Tuesday morning.

OPELOUSAS LOSES TO BATON ROUGE GIRLS

Local Basket Ball Team Is Finally Defeated In Exciting Game Saturday

The Opelousas Girls Basket Ball team was defeated on last Saturday morning by the Baton Rouge team in Baton Rouge by the score of 54 to 46. The local girls were fatigued when they arrived in Baton Rouge, having departed here on the early Frisco train Saturday. Had the game been played in the afternoon, so that the Opelousas girls could have been given a rest there is no doubt that the local team, which was being touted as the girl champions of the state would have returned to this city with the Capital City girls' scalp dangling on their belts.

McGEE-FREDERICK

The Catholic church at Eunice was the scene of a beautiful and impressive wedding ceremony, Saturday at 7 P. M., Father Chambon officiating. The bridal pair, Maxim McGee and Miss Agnes Frederick are both popular young people of that city. The bridal party which consisted of Miss Dana McGee as bridesmaid, Charlie Frederick as groomsmen, and Mr. Frederick, who gave the bride away, entered the church to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march beautifully rendered by Mrs. McGee.

During the ceremony a love song was softly sung by Miss Ardoin of Eunice.

The bride was simply but beautifully attired in white, long veil was caught with orange blossoms at her head. She carried an exquisite bouquet of white roses and maiden-hair-ferns.

The beautifully decorated church was crowded with friends and relatives of the bride and groom. After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride on Third Street, where delicious refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. McGee will make their home in Eunice. All of their friends join heartily in wishing them long, prosperous and happy lives.

JUDGE DUPRE IN CROW- LEY

Judge Gilbert L. Dupre of St. Landry was greeting old friends here Monday. The Judge has an intense interest in the affairs of the state and of his immediate section of the country and is a fearless advocate of whatever he conceives to be right.—Daily Signal.

SABINE ISLANDS IN CALCASIEU PARISH

United States Has Formally Transferred Them to the State

FAMOUS STRAWBERRY PATCH BELONGS TO LA.

Lake Charles People Believe That Sabine Islands Should Be Sold for \$1.50 Per Acre

The area of Calcasieu parish was formally increased this week by some 9,000 acres, says the Lake Charles American Press. Register Fred J. Grace of the state land office who is spending several days in Lake Charles, was notified yesterday by wire from Baton Rouge that the patent transferring the Sabine Islands from Federal to State ownership had arrived at the capital.

With the receipt of the patents Mr. Grace's interest in the matter ceases. His efforts have been confined to obtaining title to the lands for the state, but the fight has been a long one. Mr. Grace made several trips to Washington, and finally succeeded in convincing the federal government that the lands embraced in the islands are subject to overflow, and have no minerals, consequently coming under the provisions of the swamp land act.

At present the actual ownership of the land on these islands is being contested in the courts on the ground that it was filed before the state had actual ownership of the islands, and was therefore illegal.

Considerable interest was aroused early in the summer when a New Orleans newspaper sought to show that these islands possessed valuable oil and sulphur deposits, much high land suitable for farming, and at least \$200,000 worth of timber. It was intimated that Register Grace's efforts to secure title for the state were in order that he might gain some personal advantage.

It is a notorious fact here, however, that all of these lands are low, and subject to overflow. Many residents of Lake Charles have been bear hunting on the islands, and agree that of the swamp land in this part of the state they are undoubtedly the "swampiest."

It seems to be unanimously agreed here that if the state can secure \$1.50 an acre for the lands from Duggan it will be playing the latter a scurvy trick to sell him. Mr. Grace stated yesterday that owing to other business engagements he would not have time, on this trip, to go over and inspect the "strawberry plantation" discovered last summer on the islands by a New Orleans newspaper.

MRS. L. J. BAUMAN

The entire community was shocked when the news of the untimely death of Mrs. L. J. Bauman, wife of the popular young druggist engaged at the Shute's Drug Store, was learned. Mrs. Bauman had been suffering for several days, finally passing away on Saturday morning at five o'clock.

The deceased was one of the most popular and best liked matrons of Opelousas, enjoying a large circle of intimate friends and acquaintances, who regarded her in the highest esteem.

The body of the deceased was brought to New Orleans on Saturday afternoon on the Frisco; interment was made in New Orleans, where the relatives of the young matron reside.

The Clarion joins the community in expressing sympathies to the bereaved husband and relatives of the dearly beloved Mrs. Bauman.

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

Diamond Bertrand, Sr., of Mallet, was among the business visitors to Opelousas on Tuesday.

FONTENOT WELCOMED AT COULEE CROCHE

BIGGEST PRECINCT MEETING IN HISTORY OF ST. LANDRY IS HELD AT JEAN LEGER S'ON THURSDAY NIGHT

A howling and successful Fontenot meeting was held at Coulee Croche, at the home of Jean Leger, on Thursday night. It was estimated that over two hundred voters of St. Landry parish were present and scores of Fontenot admirers from across the Acadia line were also present.

The meeting was called to order by Hon. B. H. Pavy, judge of the sixteenth judicial district of Louisiana, who presided as chairman. The first speaker to address the gathering was J. Raoul Pavy, who exhorted the voters of Coulee Croche to support D. M. Fontenot for sheriff; he stated that he was a native of that section of St. Landry and that the people of Coulee Croche were in a measure responsible for him being able to have a profession to-day. He reviewed past political histories, in the days of the late Alfred Pavy, father of the Pavys of Opelousas and the illustrious T. S. Fontenot, standard bearer of the young white voters of St. Landry parish in the early nineties.

District Attorney R. L. Garland was the next speaker; he spoke in French. Mr. Garland stated that Mr. Fontenot was not the candidate of his faction; that the Garland-Pavy faction had not gotten out a candidate for sheriff, but this faction was supporting the cause of the brilliant young Creole, because they thought that he was the best fitted for the position; he urged all of his friends to vote for Fontenot on Jan. 25th.

Ex-Clerk of Court Andrepoint was the next speaker; he related how Darius Fontenot had won a noble fight in 1908.

METHODISTS WELCOME PASTOR J. D. HARPER

Entertainment in Honor of Rev. and Mrs. Harper Held on Wednesday

The Methodist congregation met on last Wednesday night at their chapel, for the regular weekly meeting, concluding, it being the first appearance of the Rev. J. D. Harper, who is to reside in this jurisdiction for the next year. At the end of the regular prayer meeting services, Dr. Paul Foster announced that there would be a special program in honor of Dr. Harper, and the same was opened by a very beautiful solo by Miss Thelma Guidry.

Mr. John Lewis, on behalf of the Board of Stewards, welcomed Mr. Harper to Opelousas and pledged the support of his board to his ministry. Mrs. M. M. Hayes delivered a most cordial and eloquent salutation on behalf of the Ladies Aid Society, and her well considered remarks on the subject found lodgment in the hearts of every one present.

The address of Miss Bodemuller, speaking for the Junior Epworth League, was also responsively received. Miss Bodemuller is the organist of the Methodist Church, and intimately connected with all of the work of the church and its auxiliary leagues.

Mrs. Paul Foster delivered a very touching and sensible explanation of the work of the Senior Epworth League. After Mrs. Foster's address everybody adjourned to the parsonage where delicious refreshments were served and congratulations showered upon Rev. and Mrs. Harper, both of whom are going to contribute much to the uplift and betterment of Opelousas.

Mayor and Mrs. Edward L. Loeb went to Baton Rouge on last Saturday to witness the basket ball game between the Opelousas and Baton Rouge girls.

Judge Frank Vidrine, of Andrepoint, transacted business in this city on Tuesday afternoon.

When he made the battle single handed in a three-cornered race. That despite the fact that one faction had endorsed Adraсте Lafleur and the other Major Mouton for assessor the son of T. S. Fontenot lead the nearest opponent by some seven hundred votes.

Judge Pavy then addressed the gathering and in an eloquent manner set forth the reasons why the people of St. Landry should elect Fontenot their sheriff; he pleaded with his friends in Coulee Croche not to forget the little "Creole pony," dubbed the Boll Weevil, after the memorable fight of 1908, at the polls next January. Judge Pavy also spoke in behalf of the candidacy of Thomas C. Barret, candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor, as did his brother Raoul Pavy.

After the Fontenot speakers were heard the two candidates for assessor were asked to show the voters of Coulee Croche their claims for the office. Charles Thibodeaux was the first speaker; in a jocular manner he told the voters of Coulee Croche that he was the best fitted for the position, after which Kelly Andrus came back with all seriousness and eloquently pleaded with the people of that section of the parish for their support. In a dignified manner he showed his reasons for being the best fitted candidate for the position, having had seven years of actual experience.

After the speaking a fine chicken gumbo was served to those present. When the meeting broke up the little needle of the clock was creeping to the hour of twelve.

SENATOR HAAS GETS LOAD OF OVERLANDS

Carload of New Cars, Including Willis-Knight Car, Arrives on Tuesday

Senator L. S. Haas, popular agent of the Overland cars in St. Landry and Evangeline parishes, received a carload of cars, including a Willis-Knight on Tuesday morning.

The Willis-Knight car is attracting considerable attention among the motor lovers of this parish.

Senator Haas reports that business in his line is splendid, increasing every day and it will not be very far off when a large portion of the automobile lovers in this section will be owning a gas-wagon.

It has been rumored about town that J. Turpi, who has set these rumors to rest by most emphatically denying them and stating that Mr. Turpi was making splendid headway in his garage.

Mr. A. Laurent LaCombe, alias Larry, leaves the first part of the coming week for New Orleans and Atlanta. He goes for the purpose of closing connections which will enable him to enlarge his territory and add extensively to his already large and growing business. Mr. LaCombe spent fifteen days during the past month away negotiating this deal and says he goes now to bring home the bacon. He will be accompanied by his Special Agent H. B. Edwards. His office will be left in charge of our genial and smiling little friend Mac.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pherris, of Elton, after spending several days in Opelousas as the guests of Mrs. Pharris' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Budd, returned to their home on Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Elia Moreau of Opelousas attended the McGee-Frederick wedding which took place at Eunice Saturday afternoon.

POLICE JURORS TO ASSIST PARISH FAIR

\$500 Is Appropriated by Parish Fathers to Promote Cause of Farmers

BIGGER AND BETTER FAIR IS A CERTAINTY

St. Landry Parish Association Is in A Position to Assure the Farmers the Holding of A Bigger Fair

That the St. Landry Farmers Fair Association will hold one of the biggest, if not the best parish fair in the state, is conceded by countless numbers, who were of the opinion that the 1915 fair would not be worth considering, but who were dazzled when they saw the splendid showing made by the farmers of St. Landry.

The police jury appropriated the sum of \$500 for the purpose of assisting the enthusiastic members of the St. Landry parish fair association. It will be remembered that in the early part of last year the police jurors would not appropriate any funds for a parish fair association, but as soon as the Farmers Fair Association was organized and a committee of farmers, headed by R. Lee Mills, appeared before that august body in July, 1915, an appropriation of \$300 was voted. The police jurors say the good derived from the parish fair and every juror was perfectly willing to increase the appropriation from \$300 to \$500.

Dr. R. M. Littell, who succeeded so well, will lead the association again, despite the fact that he is anxious for some one else to take the lead. The members of the board of directors will meet shortly and the election of Dr. Littell as president, once more, is a foregone conclusion.

The city council will be asked in the early part of 1916 to appropriate as much money as the parish. With the money already in sight the fair association can assure those who would like to prepare in advance that the annual parish fair in 1916 will surpass all expectations and will probably be the best and biggest in the state.

COLLEGIANS TO FILL OFF MINSTREL SUNDAY

Plenty of Fun Is Assured to the Patrons of St. Charles Next Sunday Afternoon

The St. Charles College boys are prepared to stage one of the most successful minstrels of the year at the College Hall on next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Plenty of jokes and funny sayings will be provided for those who attend and two solid hours of laughing is assured to all.

The College boys have the reputation of being splendid actors in minstrels; in fact they pull off some of the cleverest stunts ever seen around here in the line of jokes.

Rev. J. E. Doonan announced during the week that the same minstrel might be played in Opelousas at the Opera House on the night of the 22d under the auspices of the Knights of Columbus. Should the Collegians come to Opelousas they would be given a rousing reception in the way of a large audience.

A CARD OF THANKS.

I take this means of thanking all the friends, although the printed word is but a poor medium for expressing my deep appreciation, who gave me of their kindness, their sympathy and their help, in my recent bereavement. While I cannot begin to mention all, I wish in particular to thank Dr. Frank Shute's entire family and the members of the Elk's lodge. The greatest consolation I could have possibly found has been in the ministrations of all these friends.

Very sincerely,
L. J. BAUMAN.

Mr. W. Pfefferkorn, of Franklin is visiting friends and relatives in this city.