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BARRET MEETINGS IN PARISH NEXT WEEK

FRIENDS OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR TO AROUSE ENTHUSIASM OF ST. LANDRY VOTERS BEFORE ELECTION

Several local friends and supporters of Lieutenant Governor Thomas C. Barret and Hon. L. Austin Fontenot have arranged for a series of political meetings to be held in various precincts of St. Landry during the coming week.

James Wilkinson, who made such a big hit in Opelousas a few weeks back, will join Hon. Raoul Pavy, District Attorney Garland and B. H. Pavy, at Melville, on next Wednesday night at 7:30 p. m., where it is expected the well known New Orleans orator will furnish a real treat to the voters of that progressive little Atchafalaya River city.

The first meeting of the next week's series will take place at Morrow, on Wednesday morning, January 12th, at 10:30 a. m., where the eminent orators from St. Landry will speak in behalf of the Caddo senator for governor and the St. Landry representative for lieutenant governor.

After the Morrow meeting the speakers will go to Melville where a real hospitable reception will be extended to the Barret-Fontenot speakers.

At Garland on January 14th at 3 p. m., Hon. R. Lee Garland, Hon. Leon S. Haas,

Judge B. H. Pavy, and others will address the Barret-Fontenot meetings.

An enthusiastic Barret-Fontenot meeting was held at Lawtell on last Tuesday afternoon the speakers Judge Pavy, Mr. Garland and Mr. Raoul Pavy making it plain the issues upon which Barret and Fontenot stood. On their return to Opelousas Pavy and company reported that Mallet will go almost solidly for Barret and Fontenot.

While it is understood that the Pleasant headquarters claim St. Landry by a vote of three to one, the Barret supporters feel assured that St. Landry will give the Caddo senator a substantial majority, while Austin Fontenot, for lieutenant governor, will receive an overwhelming majority over his four opponents.

Reports from North Louisiana point to an overwhelming victory for Fontenot and Barret and for that reason the friends of these two prominent candidates in South Louisiana are hustling to make the majority here almost as large as the one they will receive in the Hills of North Louisiana.

BANKS SHOW HEALTHY BUSINESS INCREASE

Deposits in Opelousas Banks Are in Excess of Last Year's; Banks Do Well

The statements of the five Opelousas banks published in this issue of the Clarion show that the banking institutions, which suffered a severe setback during the early stages of the European war in 1914, have considerably increased their business.

The total deposits in the banks of Opelousas showed that there are \$151,950.29 more on deposit at present than at the same time last year, the St. Landry State Bank being the only to show a decrease over last year's business, while The Peoples, The Opelousas National, The Planters and the Union all showed a material increase. But the St. Landry still maintains a lead over the banks of Opelousas in deposit, having on December 31st \$426,012.56 on deposit, while the Opelousas National is second with \$257,086.21, the Peoples State Bank third with \$211,767.46, the Planters National fourth with \$154,180.06 and the Union fifth with \$131,635.22.

The total deposit of the Opelousas banks for 1915 is \$1,180,681.51 as against \$1,028,731.22 for 1914.

The resources of the banks also show an increase for the year just past, being \$1,936,080.42 as against \$1,829,104.48.

With the banks showing an increase of business it is evident that business conditions throughout this particular section of St. Landry parish are once more normal. The Washington State Bank, at Washington, the Sunset Bank and the Bank of Arnaudville all show a healthy and substantial increase of business, as can be ascertained by their published statements in other columns of this paper.

All of the five banks paid a handsome dividend, the Peoples and the St. Landry State giving \$20 per share to their stockholders, while the Opelousas National and the Planters National Banks paid a semi-annual dividend of 4 per cent and the Union 6 per cent.

Armand Sylvester, candidate for constable in the second justice ward, was a pleasant caller at the Clarion office, during the week.

Miss Dottie Barstow returned to her home in Cheneyville last Saturday.

LARCADE WANTS TO BE IN POLICE JURY

Well Known Citizen Is Only Candidate from This City

H. D. Larcade, Sr., better known as "Fis" Larcade, is a candidate for the police jury and according to a statement issued early this week by Mr. Larcade, he is not aligned with any faction or candidates, and is seeking the election as one of the four members from this city simply through a desire of serving Opelousas in the police jury.

"If elected I will perform my duty impartially. I will take care of the interests of the parish, and will not attempt to represent Opelousas since, realizing that a member of this important board would be his duty toward the entire parish."

LOCAL KNIGHTS GOING TO ALEX. SATURDAY

Initiation of Large Class Will Be Witnessed by A Large Number of C. K.'S

Several members of the Opelousas Council Knights of Columbus will depart on Saturday evening for Alexandria to witness an initiation of a large number of candidates.

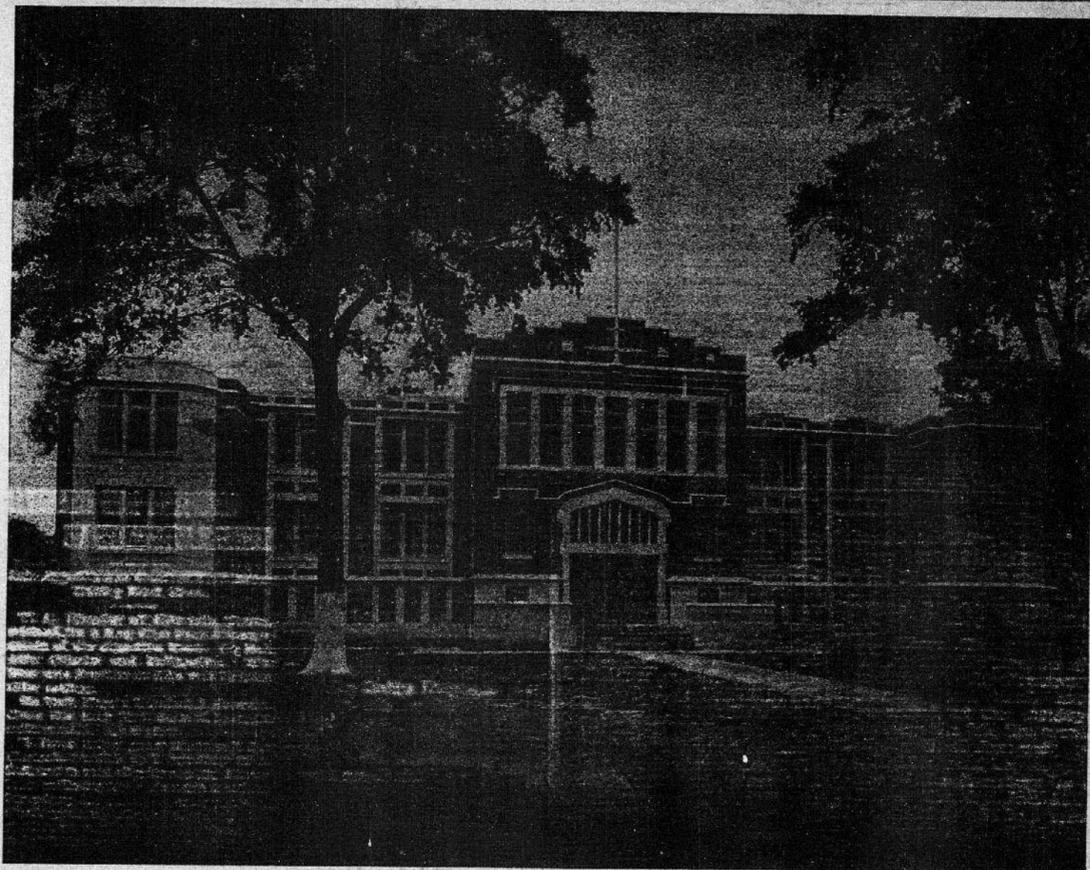
The Opelousas degree team will be on hand to exemplify the mysteries of the order and a goodly number of local members, also, are expected to attend the impressive ceremonies.

The Opelousas boys have been friends with the Knights of Columbus of Alexandria ever since the local council was organized nine years ago, and it is expected that they will have a howling good time in the progressive central Louisiana metropolis.

HUGE PENDEROSA LEMON

Mr. William Hargroder, of Coulee Croche, in this city during the week and while here he exhibited a Penderosa lemon, which was raised on the Ned Boagni plantation, in Coulee Croche, which place Mr. Hargroder manages. This lemon was the largest of its kind exhibited here, it tipping the scale to two pounds.

From the number of large Penderosa lemons produced in St. Landry during the past year it is evident that this country is adapted to the cultivation of this excellent fruit; there is no doubt, from expressions heard throughout the parish, that within the next few years large groves of orange and lemon trees will be seen on all practically all modern farms.



This building is yours, and your children's and your grandchildren's.

CAN YOU AFFORD TO SEE IT IDLE FOR A THIRD OF THE REGULAR TERM?

It is to-day a credit and ornament to the City and School District.

SHALL IT BECOME A REPROACH INSTEAD?

This building, its equipment and teachers to-day constitute one of the best High Schools in the State.

SHALL WE LOSE THAT REPUTATION AND HAVE NO HIGH SCHOOL AT ALL FOR OUR CHILDREN?

In this building, citizens, you have created a monument to your own intelligence, your own love for the children, your own civic pride, your own generosity.

ARE YOU WILLING THAT THIS MONUMENT BE DEFACED BY A BLACK AND INEFFACEABLE STAIN?

This building represents, not only your efforts, but the greater efforts of your own

parents, to give YOU an education under more adverse conditions.

WILL YOU FORGET THEIR EFFORTS AND SACRIFICES BY NOW "QUITTING" IN YOUR OWN?

This building represents a large but exceedingly remunerative investment in the happiness and future prosperity of your and the other fellow's children.

CAN YOU AFFORD TO CUT OFF A THIRD OF YOUR DIVIDENDS BY CLOSING IT IN FEBRUARY?

This building represents the pride and love of Opelousas in all her children a few years back.

IS THAT PRIDE AND LOVE DEAD TO-DAY?

Finally, the amount asked is small and the period short, the very least, in fact, that will keep the schools of the whole district open.

NOW FOR THE SUM IT WILL ACTUALLY COST YOU, WILL YOU RUN THE CHANCE OF YOUR VOTE KEEPING OVER EIGHT HUNDRED INNOCENT CHILDREN OUT OF THEIR BIRTHRIGHT OF A NINE MONTHS' SCHOOL TERM?

We ask you to answer these questions honestly to yourself, and then join us in keeping open this building, in educating and making better citizens of the children of our community.

Not for the sake of anyone who is for or against the movement but

FOR THE SAKE OF THE CHILDREN

DRAINAGE ENTHUSIASTS MEET AT ANDREPONT

Taxpayers Propose to Have Drainage District Created in Plaisance Section

A drainage meeting, which aroused the interest of the taxpayers, was held at the home of Judge Adolphe Guillory, at Andrepont on last Monday evening at one o'clock. The purpose of the meeting was for drawing preliminary plans for the organization of the Bayou Grand Louis Drainage District, which it is said will take in some thirty thousand acres of the most fertile lands in St. Landry and Evangeline parishes.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Ertemon Lafleur, who proposed that J. F. Schell should be appointed permanent chairman. Mr. Schell thereupon made an eloquent address to the large number of interested taxpayers, who had gathered for the purpose of ascertaining what could be obtained for their section in the way of proper drainage. He pointed out that the Prairie Ronde-Andrepont section of St. Landry was probably the most fertile in the state, being

favorable with the climate as well as splendid tillable lands. He urged the creation of a drainage district and the calling of a tax election.

Several of the most prominent taxpayers of that portion of St. Landry agreed with Mr. Schell and all decided that their best efforts would be put forth for the success of the proposed drainage district.

A committee composed of J. F. Vidrine, Dr. E. T. Lafleur, Emare Dupre, Armand Souvet and E. T. Dupre was appointed to name three additional members from Evangeline parish to this committee and to draw up the lines of the proposed district.

Mr. Schell will act as ex-officio chairman of this committee and as the members of this committee are enthusiastic supporters of the proposed drainage district, it is expected that it will not be long before the police jury will be called upon to create the district and appoint commissioners.

The committee appointed at the Monday meeting was conveyed to Crowley on Thursday for the purpose of investigating the various

drainage canals and districts in Acadia parish and at the same time to interview farmers residing in those drainage districts. Every member who was fortunate to visit Acadia on Thursday returned full of enthusiasm over the proposition of draining their lands in a similar manner.

The best posted men in the Andrepont-Prairie Ronde section predict that the tax will be voted with very little opposition, whenever properly presented to the taxpayers.

BOARD MAY RE-ENACT BUTCHER ORDINANCE

Mayor to Recommend Changes That Other Butchers May Come In

Mayor Loeb has under consideration a recommendation that he will submit to the board of aldermen, whereby the ordinance relative to licensing butchers will be revised and reenacted in such a manner as will induce the butchers operating outside the city limits to come into the city and place all on equal footing, so that one will not have advantage over the other in the matter of expense.

The license assessed against those butchers operating outside the city market should be so arranged, the mayor thinks, as to place all in the same position, with equal justice to each and everyone in the same business, and at the same time increasing the city's revenue by having more of them in the city and so that the people will be the beneficiaries.

It is understood that the butchers on the outside will gladly come into the city, if the ordinance is so arranged as to place them on the same footing as those now in the city.

It is thought that this is a very proper move and one that will prove advantageous to everybody.

The wedding of Miss Vivian Thompson of this city to Mr. Walter Prescott of Washington will take place in New Orleans next Wednesday at St. Vincent de Paul's Church, Rev. Father Beauchamp Anderson, officiating.

Miss Della Shaw, after spending the holidays with relatives here left for De Ridder Saturday.

VICTORY IS ASSURED DARIUS M. FONTENOT

Gallant Young Creole Is Being Regarded As A Sure Winner for Sheriff

MAJORITY THE ONLY DEBATABLE QUESTION

Darius Fontenot Who Was Elected (Non-Factional) Is Expected to Land by A Very Handsome Majority

An interesting historical piece of the memorable fight of 1908 is a copy of the St. Landry Clarion of date Feb. 1, 1908, which gives a detailed result of that famous political contest.

In the headlines is found "Swords Sheriff, Andrepont, Clerk, Darius Fontenot, (Non-Factional) Assessor, Dr. R. M. Littell, Coroner, are declared the local nominees."

Mr. Fontenot, who is now a successful candidate for sheriff of St. Landry, and who will be elected to this high office by an overwhelming majority, has been charged as being a member of the Swords-Andrepont faction of that date. But this charge is futile, for the Clarion, which paper was a strong advocate of that particular faction, has the following: "Darius Fontenot, the nominee, who made a most remarkable race in the face of the political conditions he was faced to contend against, wishes to thank his many friends who rallied to his standard, etc.,"

Mr. Fontenot, who is a son of the late illustrious T. S. Fontenot, one time sheriff of St. Landry, has made all his campaigns on his merits, while aligned with the faction that won victory four years ago, he evidently was the strongest of the candidates who opposed the cause of that faction four years ago, as he led his opponent by an overwhelming majority of over five hundred votes, while the other successful candidates of the faction went by 91 and 92 votes respectively.

The staunch supporters of Mr. Fontenot claim that he will carry five of the six wards in this parish; that he will come to Opelousas on the night of the election with a tremendous majority. His election as sheriff of this parish is no longer questioned, the only debatable phase of the campaign being the question of the majority, some claiming that he will carry the parish by some five hundred votes majority.

ST LANDRY STATE IS POLICE JURY, AGENT

Oldest Bank in St. Landry Is Awarded Contract for Fiscal Agent of Parish

The St. Landry State Bank, the oldest banking institution in this parish, was awarded a contract as fiscal agent for the parish for the ensuing two years, by the police jury in regular session, last Monday.

The St. Landry State Bank has been the fiscal agent for this parish for years past. This was the only bank to make a bid for the contract.

The Opelousas National is the agent for the city, having been voted favorably by a three to two vote of the city council over the Peoples State Bank, which offered a similar bid as did the Opelousas National. Due to the fact that the Opelousas National had been the fiscal agent of the city of Opelousas for the past two years three members of the board of aldermen voted in favor of renewing the contract with the Dubuisson bank, although the Peoples State Bank had many friends on her side. At the first ballot the vote being tied it was necessary to send for Mr. Danel, member from the second ward to untie the votes.

Mr. and Mrs. Simon Levy, of near Grand Coteau, were visitors at the home of Hon. and Mrs. A. L. Andrus, on Friday.