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HIGH WATER RUSHES IN PORT BARRE TOWN

Eastern St. Landry Is Being Seriously Effected by Floods

LOSS WILL RUN INTO THE THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS

Frisco Railroad Is Put Out of Commission the Road Bed Being Swept Away at Places

High water is upon the people of the eastern portions of the parish, it has come to stay with them while, according to reports received here during the week.

Although it is almost impossible to secure reliable information as to all the particulars of the condition in that country lying between Port Barre and Krotz Springs, it is a certainty that the water is working havoc among the property owners of the swamp lands of this parish.

The water has come to Port Barre and although it was stated that the water had gone down during the early part of the week it is understood that it took a sudden rise during the middle part of the week.

Krotz Springs and Port Barre will suffer considerably, it is said as a cause of the high water. The railroads operating between here and the Atchafalaya river are being seriously affected, the Frisco being already out of commission.

It was rumored in this city on Wednesday evening that the Frisco road bed at some points between here and Port Barre had washed away. This company will suffer several thousand dollars damages. Direct connection between New Orleans and Opelousas has been cut off, the Frisco trains being derailed by way of Baton Rouge over the Texas & Pacific tracks to Bunkie, from thence to Eunice; an accommodation train is being operated between Eunice and Port Barre.

While the Texas & Pacific branch has not been effected as yet it is thought that it too will be out of commission if the water continues to rise in the Atchafalaya swamps.

WILL CONDUCT RACKET STORE HERE NEXT MONTH

E. J. Hilborn to Locate in Old Clary Building on Landry Street

E. J. Hilborn, a store keeper of Greenville, Miss., and brother-in-law to Adolphe Jacobs, of the Dietlein Jacobs Grocery Co., will locate in this city on the fifteenth of next month and will open up a 5, 10 and 25 cents store in the old Clary building, between the St. Landry State and the Winsberg store. The building will be placed in splendid condition by the time the store will be ready for the public.

Mr. Hilborn investigated matters in Opelousas and after ascertaining for himself that this was a splendid place to locate in, decided to operate one of these popular price stores here.

Opelousas has long felt the want of an up-to-date and successful business concern of this kind and the people of this city will no doubt be delighted to hear that Mr. Hilborn will locate here.

PARKERITES HOLD BIG CHURCH POINT MEETING

Prominent Speakers from Opelousas Address Gathering in Behalf of Bull Moose Candidate

The Parkerites held a meeting at Church Point in Acadia Parish, on Sunday evening. A large number of Parker supporters from this city and surrounding country attended, several of whom addressed the meeting.

Parker supporters are preparing to organize in this parish, but it is understood that no parochial ticket will be put out, as was expected some weeks back, although there is still some talk of one or two candidates for the legislature coming out.

Dudley L. Guilbeau, Morton Thompson and Raoul Pavy were among those who spoke in behalf of the Progressives-Republican candidate.

REQUEST CHANGE IN MAIL

Postmaster J. P. Troclair and Aaron Jacobs, local representative of the New Orleans papers, have sent in a request to the post office department to change the departure of rural route carriers, until after the Southern Pacific thereby giving the patrons their mail as soon as it reaches Opelousas.

Owing to flood condition on the Frisco this step was taken.

ANDRUS TO WIND UP CAMPAIGN ON MONDAY

POPULAR CANDIDATE FOR ASSESSOR WHO LED IN THE FIRST RACE WILL SPEAK AT ROUSING RALLY AT BAND AUDITORIUM

A. L. Andrus, popular candidate for assessor of this parish, who led the field in a three-cornered race at the recent primary, will wind up his campaign in Opelousas at the band auditorium on Monday night. Prominent speakers and influential gentlemen from different sections of the parish will address the meeting in behalf of Mr. Andrus, the leading candidate. The famous Carenero band, the members of which regarded Mr. Andrus so highly as to journey to Opelousas on Sunday two weeks ago to play for the big rally free of charge, will furnish the music.

Mr. Andrus made an exceptionally remarkable hit at his last meeting in this city; the enormous crowd which attended this meeting and who heard Mr. Andrus went wild with enthusiasm and predictions were made from that day that Mr. Andrus paved a way to victory right in Opelousas.

From present indications Mr. Andrus will carry five of the six wards in this parish; his friends claim that he will secure a majority of two hundred votes in the country and that he stands a splendid chance of carrying Opelousas by a handsome vote.

The Andrus meeting on Monday night, the night before the election, will be the greatest political meeting ever held in Opelousas; over one thousand voters are expected to attend and the young Grand Coteau boy will be cheered to certain victory by hundreds of personal friends and admirers.

The band auditorium, which has a seating capacity of several hundred will be filled to its uttermost, as it is said that supporters of Mr. Andrus have been rallied under the Andrus banner, with a certainty of victory.

Not only are the farmers behind Mr. Andrus' candidacy, but the

business men of Opelousas, Washington, Eunice and other towns of St. Landry, are enthusiastic supporters of the candidate, who led the ticket in the first primary. In Opelousas it is pointed out over ninety per cent of the business men are supporting Mr. Andrus, because they realize that he is the most competent and that with him as assessor they will feel certain that their interests will be well taken care of.

A prominent supporter of Sheriff Swords expressed his sentiments in the following manner: "I have been an ardent supporter of Sheriff Swords and have done all I could to assure his election, but I must admit that as much as I like Swords he could not persuade me to vote against this boy. Neither the Sheriff nor any of his friends could make me believe that Mr. Andrus was not neutral in the recent sheriff fight. There is no question in my mind that Mr. Andrus has ever been true to his word and that he had absolutely nothing to do in the Grand Coteau poll going against Sheriff Swords. I believe that they are not toting fair when they charge Mr. Andrus with double crossing the sheriff and I firmly believe that the sheriff should keep hands off in this assessorship fight."

Several of the most ardent political admirers of the sheriff feel that an injustice has been done Mr. Andrus in charging him of carrying the poll against Mr. Swords.

After the speaking a dance will be held for all those who enjoy this amusement, the music being furnished by the famous Carenero band. The dance will be free of charge and as the band auditorium is the most ideal dancing place in this city it is expected that a most enjoyable dance will be held.

LEE MILLS MAKING FINE RACE FOR POLICE JURY

Well Known President of Farmers' Union Is Assured of Victory at Second Primary

R. Lee Mills, one of the best known and most progressive farmers of the Bellevue section of this parish, is making a splendid race for member of the police jury from the first ward. Mr. Mills has interviewed practically all the voters in the ward and he has been assured of victory on Tuesday next.

The first ward could make no better selection than Mr. Mills for member of the police jury, especially at this time, when his neighborhood is not represented at all on that important board.

Mr. Mills has always taken an active interest in all progressive moves; he has made one of the staunchest friends the farmers of St. Landry have ever had; he has headed the Farmers' Union in this parish since its birth and as president of this organization he has come in close relation with practically every man that tills the soil in St. Landry.

The farmers of this parish hold Mr. Mills in the highest esteem, as can be shown by the returns of the Plaisance and Bellevue boxes at the recent primary when he secured over one hundred votes out of a possible one hundred and seventy-five. That he will make a better race this time is a certainty and it is expected that the popular Bellevue candidate will secure a substantial majority over his opponent Mr. Louis Hebert.

Mr. Mills has made a success as a farmer and by hard knocks and economic ideas has accumulated a snug sum.

While the voters of the first ward realize Mr. Mills' opponent is a splendid man, a refined gentleman and no doubt as able as Mr. Mills to fill the seat in the police jury, they also realize that Mr. Mills has been a true friend to the farmers and business interests of this parish; they also realize that Bellevue is in need of one member of the police jury and for those reasons Mr. Mills will be elected.

Dr. and Mrs. Frederick Vidrine of Andrepont motored to this city on Monday afternoon and were the guests of relatives.

YOUNG ESTORGE RETURNS AFTER ACADEMY EXAMS.

Son of Real Estate Dealer Is Home Awaiting News of His Examination to Enter Annapolis

Edward Estorge, bright young son of Hon. Henry Estorge, ex-clerk of court of this parish and prominent real estate dealer of this city, has returned to Opelousas after a stay of several months in Annapolis, preparing for final examinations to the Naval Academy.

Young Estorge does not know whether he has passed the exams, but he feels confident that within the next couple of weeks he will be sent word to go back to Annapolis to enter the Academy. He was appointed by Senator Broussard some time back and immediately departed for Annapolis, where he prepared himself for the examinations.

Lionel Castille, son of Lucius Castille, cashier of the St. Landry State Bank, who was appointed by Congressman Lazaro, and who left here at the same time with young Estorge, is expected in the city within the next few days. He stood the examinations also and is also confident of securing passing marks.

The many friends of these two young men and popular Opelousas boys are hoping to hear the good news of their acceptance to the Naval Academy.

PERRAULT IS PRINCIPAL OF OPELOUSAS SCHOOL

Native Boy Is Selected by School Board to Preside Over the Session of Local School

W. C. Perrault, who has been at the head of the Melville High School for the past two years, was selected by the school board at a special meeting to replace W. B. Prescott, resigned, as principal of the Opelousas High School.

Mr. Prescott suggested the name of the young Opelousan as his successor as principal.

Mr. Perrault will no doubt make a splendid success of the affairs of the local school; he is known as a hustler and coming from energetic stock, he will no doubt continue to build up the local high school.

Ferdinand Lanney of Eunice was among the many Sunday visitors to this city.

PLEASANT PEOPLE TO ORGANIZE MAR. 1

Call Is Issued for the Organization of A Democratic Club Here

PROMINENT DEMOCRATS ARE ACTIVE WORKERS

First Ward Democratic Club Will Make Determined Fight Against The Parkerites After March 1st

The staunch Democrats, who expect to fight under the Pleasant banner for the next two months, have issued a call for an organization of the 1st ward Democratic club. The mass meeting at which the club will be organized will take place at the courthouse on Wednesday night, at 8 o'clock, March 1st.

Several of the most prominent Democrats of Opelousas have signed the call and the meeting announced for Wednesday night will undoubtedly be a largely attended one.

The Democrats of St. Landry are determined to prevent the Bull Mossers to carry out their threat of carrying old St. Landry for John M. Parker and his running mates.

W. J. Sandoz, who was the first to speak of organizing a Democratic club, went about town on Thursday evening getting the Democrats together, and he reported that he had the names of practically all the Democrats on the call.

Following is the call that was issued:

We the undersigned Democrats of the First Ward of St. Landry Parish hereby call upon all true Democrats of said ward to meet with us at the Courthouse at Opelousas on Wednesday night, March 1st, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of organizing a Democratic Club. We urge all who participated in the primary to rally to the support of the Regular Democratic Nominees and to affiliate with us in the organization of said club.

H. E. Estorge, John W. Lewis, W. J. Sandoz, J. P. Troclair, E. K. Eastham, Plais-Horn, E. Gonsoulin, E. T. Lewis, L. T. Castille, Gus E. Dupre, A. A. Anding, L. L. Perrault, Leopold Simon, W. C. Perrault, R. M. Littell, G. H. Cretin, L. J. Bowman, Henry Lastrapes, Jr., G. L. Dupre, J. P. Saizan, A. J. T. Littell, H. D. Littell, Clement Smith, David Hollier, V. DelBuono, W. R. Lacombe, A. A. Crouchet, G. Guidroz, Yves Andrepont and others.

LARGADE SAYS HE IS IN FOR BEAUTIFYING SQUARE

Opelousas Member of the Police Jury Is Bent Upon Beautifying Courthouse Square

H. D. Larcade, Sr., who was recently elected member of the police jury from the first ward, is in accord with the views of the Clarion, expressed in last week's issue, relative to having the courthouse square beautified. He says that as soon as he will receive his commission he will set to work trying to get the police jury and the city council to compromise on the proposition to beautify the court square.

"I believe," said Mr. Larcade, "that the courthouse square could be made the prettiest spot in Southwest Louisiana and if it lies within my power, I assure that it will be beautified."

Mr. Larcade has already served on the city council, has stood for every progressive move, is really the man who first agitated the paving of the Opelousas streets with creosoted wood block or any permanent pavement; he believes, like the majority of his constituents that the court square could be beautified considerably. He stands for the installation of cluster lights around the entire square and he believes that the square, as well as the courthouse and jail should be kept scrupulously clean the year round.

Besides standing for the beautifying of the courthouse square Mr. Larcade is in favor of having a steam heating plant, in order that the jail and courthouse could be effectively and economically heated during the winter months. He expects to agitate this important move and there is no doubt that he will be backed by the majority of the progressive jurors recently elected.

Mr. and Mrs. Simon Levy of Grand Coteau were the guests of Hon. and Mrs. A. L. Andrus, at their beautiful Church street home on Sunday, and incidentally took in the Broken Rosary at the Sandoz Opera House.

Hon. and Mrs. E. B. Dubuisson journeyed to Grand Coteau on last Sunday afternoon to visit their two sons, Edward and Pise, who are attending St. Charles College.

FIREMEN TENDER AN ELABORATE BANQUET

VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS OF OPELOUSAS CELEBRATE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY BY GIVING A MOST SPLENDID RECEPTION

On Tuesday night the volunteer firemen of Opelousas spread themselves at their beautiful and comfortable home on Union street by tendering one of the most splendid banquets ever held in Opelousas.

The fireboys celebrate Washington's birthday annually by holding installation ceremonies and by tendering a banquet to their wives, sweethearts and lady friends. It is usually an elaborate affair, but on last Tuesday night those daring firefighters outdid themselves by giving a banquet, which would make the ancient Roman kings and emperors turn over in their graves and which was considered one of the most gorgeous affairs ever held in this city.

At about eight o'clock a crowd of about seventy people assembled at the Hope, Hook & Ladder Company's Hall to partake of the splendid eats arranged by the wives of the members of the fire company.

The table was covered with the best things imaginable, including chicken salad, oyster cocktails, fish, meats of all kinds and wine flowing like the waters of the raging Mississippi crevasse.

After the food had been consumed Dr. B. A. Littell took up his task as toastmaster; he filled the bill to the satisfaction of all present. He first called upon Father John Engerink, who is an honorary member of the company and who paid a glowing tribute to the firemen. Father Engerink voiced the sentiments of all the banqueters when he said that in his opinion the fire company was the grandest, noblest and most deserving organization in Opelousas. He stated that the people of this city should feel justly proud of such an organization of men, who at the risk of their lives, without pay, went forth into the darkness of the night, at any time of day to fight the raging flames in order to protect the property of this community. He complimented the firemen very highly for their many noble deeds and assured them that whenever he could be of any assistance to the organization he stood ready at all times to lend a helping hand.

Mayor Edward L. Loeb was next called upon and he ably compared the firemen with the soldier; he aptly pointed out that the soldier of war went forth into the trenches to kill and mutilate, while the fireman stood ready to fight to protect life and property. He stated that he had always admired the fire company and had always been a friend to the organization and as such he expected to remain, telling

The ladies who arranged everything so nicely for the banquet deserve unbounded praise; the hall was beautifully decorated with bunting of red, white and blue; the tables were made elaborate by decoration.

At 12 o'clock the sixty-odd banqueters departed for their respective homes in the best of humor, after having enjoyed themselves to their heart's content.

PARKER TO APPEAR AT EUNICE NEXT SUNDAY

Independent Candidate for Governor to Speak at Western St. Landry Metropolis at 2 P. M.

John M. Parker, independent candidate for governor of Louisiana, who will oppose Col. Ruffin G. Pleasant at the general election next April, will make his first appearance in Eunice on Sunday (tomorrow) afternoon at 2 o'clock.

A large number of Parker supporters, including Dudley L. Guilbeau, Raoul Pavy, Morton Thompson, Judge E. D. Estlette and others from here, including Hon. E. B. Dubuisson, independent Democratic candidate for attorney general, are expected to attend and speak at this meeting.

Eunice has a large number of Parkerites and as the surrounding country is interested in the race for governor it is thought that a large crowd of Democrats and followers of the Bull Moose banner will attend Mr. Parker's meeting.

Mr. Parker is a forceful speaker and he always attracts a large crowd, no matter if he is in the balliwick of Democrats. Not only will the audience be composed of Parkerites, but it is expected that scores of staunch Democrats, who are followers of Col. Pleasant will attend the Eunice meeting to hear John M. Parker.

Miss Cecile Wiggins, daughter of Sheriff-elect R. Lee Wiggins of Ville Platte, and Miss Celia Dossman, daughter of Hon. L. J. Dossman, former assessor of this parish, after spending sometime in this city as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ventre returned to their homes in Ville Platte.

PARKER CLUB WILL BE ORGANIZED HERE

Mass Meeting to Take Place at the Courthouse This Evening

PLAN FOR CAMPAIGN TO BE FULLY DISCUSSED

Independent Democrats Issue Call for the Organization of a Parker Club in This City

The first Independent Democratic Club in St. Landry parish will be organized at the courthouse in this city on Saturday (this) afternoon when the followers of John M. Parker, candidate for governor, will assemble for the purpose of planning organization.

Parker enthusiasts assert that the Independent Democratic Club which will be organized on Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock will number several hundred of the most prominent citizens of the parish.

Just who will be at the meeting to cause the surprise, which is being awaited, is not known, but it is rumored that one politician, who has been a Democrat for years, and who is an office holder at present, will formally announce for Parker; whether he will do this on Saturday night is not known, but the Parkerites are laughing among themselves, it is said, when they think of pulling off a few of the strong cards which they hold against their political foes.

Several of the prominent Parkerites are being spoken of as president of the Independent Democratic Club, but it is the consensus of opinion that Dudley L. Guilbeau, J. J. Thompson or Frank Dimmick is slated for the head of the Bull Mossers in this parish.

John M. Parker will not be present at the organization of the club; it was expected that when he would reach Eunice he would be induced to come to Opelousas on the same night, but on account of prearranged meetings it will be impossible for the Progressive to come to Opelousas for several days.

Dudley Guilbeau asserted that he was trying to get Mr. Peterman to arrange for a tour of this parish in the near future.

NIGH-RUTLEGE SAWMILL SOLD TO NORTHERN FIRM

Owners of Local Sawmill Finally Dispose of An Enterprise Which Promised Much for Opelousas

The old Nigh-Rutlege sawmill, which was erected in this city about eight years ago, and which was operated for several months, and which subsequently went into the hands of a receiver, has been sold to a Chicago firm. It belonged to B. Bennett and parties, who bought it at receiver's sale several months ago.

The sawmill situated in the western portion of the city, one promised much for Opelousas and surrounding country; it had a large force of employees and the payroll was very large assuring a circulation of ready cash at all times of the year. But as luck would have it the sawmill went by the board and was finally shut down.

It is being moved away to Pearl River, where it will be put in running order.

OPELOUSEANS NARROWLY ESCAPE BEING DROWNED

On Tuesday afternoon, while looking at the high water near Port Barre, Joseph Bordelon and John Hidalgo, of this city, narrowly escaped being drowned, when their horse fell into a gully.

Messrs. Bordelon and Hidalgo were traveling through shallow water, when all of a sudden horse, buggy and men went into deep water. As luck should have it they succeeded in getting out all right and returned to Opelousas after enjoying a nice "ducking," none the worse for their hair-breath experience.

Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Babin and District Agent Perrin will visit each ward of this parish this week and consult with the best farmers concerning the situation and the most pressing work, also lay the foundation for further development.

Mr. Babin will have an office in the Court House where he will be every Saturday from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M. and also on rainy days, at the disposition of those wanting to consult with him. He will also have a telephone installed at his house, where calls will be received. Correspondence is solicited and all letters will be promptly answered.