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## SUNSET MAN HANGS SELF OVER WORRIES

Saul Guilbeau, Prominent Citizen Is Found Dead by Wife at End of Rope

## GIN MANAGER'S ACTION ATTRIBUTED TO WORRY

Suicide of Popular and Well Known Member of Influential Family Shocks the Sunset Section

Going to the barn, near his home in Sunset, whistling happily, swinging a rope in his hand as unconcerned as possible, Saul Guilbeau, prominent and well known citizen of the southern section of St. Landry, went to his death, giving no reason for his sudden rash action.

Mr. Guilbeau arose on Wednesday morning in a splendid frame of mind; he told his wife, who went to church at Grand Coteau, that when she would return he would have the fire and coffee made for her. But when Mrs. Guilbeau returned there was neither fire nor coffee and she inquired from the children where her husband was; they told her that he had gone in the direction of the barn at 6:30 o'clock, but had not returned. Mrs. Guilbeau went to the barn and there found her husband's lifeless form dangling from the end of a rope.

The news of the suicide of Mr. Guilbeau quickly spread, his many friends throughout the parish being greatly shocked, as Mr. Guilbeau had never given a forewarn as to his anticipated deed.

The death of Mr. Guilbeau, from his own hands, is attributed to worry. He was the manager of the Farmers Union Cotton Gin and Warehouse at Sunset, which plant was destroyed by fire a few weeks ago. Upon investigation it was ascertained that several bales of cotton, which had been stored in the warehouse, had mysteriously disappeared, before the fire; it was then construed that some one had stolen the cotton and then set the plant on fire, so as to avoid detection, and investigations to discover the guilty party were immediately started.

No one in Sunset, not even the owners of the cotton gin plant ever suspected Mr. Guilbeau of being the guilty party, as he has always borne a good reputation, but it is supposed that Mr. Guilbeau brooded over the loss of the plant, in which he was interested and which he was managing, as well as other financial affairs, and firmly determined to end all earthly worries by hanging himself.

Interment took place at Grand Coteau on Thursday morning; a large number of friends of the Guilbeau family from every section of St. Landry attended the funeral.

## SUGAR REFINERY REPAIRS BEING MADE BY OWNERS

Opelousas Plant Will Operate This Year in Prediction Fall Under Favorable Conditions

The Opelousas Sugar Refinery, which was recently bought from local owners by Crockett and Well, of Alexandria, is being repaired when the whistle blows to announce to the farmers of the surrounding country that it is ready for business next fall. The mill will be in tip top condition.

The new owners of the local sugar mill have had a crew on the scene for the past several days, making all needed repairs, besides erecting two extra boilers, which will serve to give additional power. The building is also being repaired, so that when the season starts there will be nothing to delay the operators of the plant.

The farmers of St. Landry are assured of splendid treatment at the hands of the new owners of the sugar plant; these men have a high reputation in the business world and in assuring the farmers of St. Landry a good price and "sure enough cash" for their crop, they will be believed.

Sheriff Marion L. Swords attended a big Pleasant rally in New Orleans on Thursday night, where it is said over seven thousand persons were present to cheer their candidate.

Thomas Thibodeaux, a prominent planter of the Plaquemine Point section was a pleasant caller at the Clarion on Friday.

## STIRRING ADDRESS MADE BY J. Y. SANDERS

EX-GOVERNOR DELIVERS A MASTERPIECE IN FAVOR OF THE GRAND OLD DEMOCRATIC PARTY BEFORE LARGE CROWD

Before the largest crowd that has gathered in the courthouse during the present campaign to listen to Democratic speakers Ex-Governor Jared Y. Sanders, personal friend and adviser of Ruffin G. Pleasant, an ardent supporter of the Democratic cause, delivered the most eloquent address in behalf of Democracy ever heard by the voters of St. Landry on last Monday night.

The spacious courtroom was crowded to its utmost capacity long before the Democratic orators made their appearance and when Gov. Sanders, A. J. Poterie and Congressman Ladislas Lazaro arrived in the fight their way through the enthusiastic crowd, which cheered the well known orators when they appeared on the scene.

Hon. John W. Lewis, President of the First Ward Democratic Club, called the meeting to order and as preliminary remarks stated that he wished to give out some information concerning the condition in St. Landry parish; he stated that the speakers had been to Prairie Basse de Grand Coteau and Coulee Croche reported hotbeds of the Bull Moosers, and that the crowds which attended the meetings were large as well as enthusiastic. Mr. Lewis said in part: "Democrats of St. Landry, I want to tell you that John M. Parker will not carry St. Landry parish by one thousand votes, neither will he carry it by 600 nor 400—he won't carry the parish at all."

When Mr. Lewis made this startling announcement the seven hundred throats in the audience shouted themselves almost hoarse.

Mr. Lewis stated that he would rather ride in the Democratic band wagon with Jared Y. Sanders, whom he had always fought politically, than in a palatial car with the Bull Mooser.

The speaker then introduced Senator Leon S. Haas as permanent chairman of the meeting. Senator Haas spoke earnestly in a few words, in favor of Democracy, after which he introduced Mr. Poterie, a young lawyer of Avoyelles parish.

Mr. Poterie is very eloquent and made a deep and favorable impression upon his hearers. He pictured John M. Parker as a political traitor, having forsaken Governor Hall, right after the inauguration four years ago; he reviewed the Progressive candidate for governor's political history of the past twenty years, stating that Mr. Parker had voted the Republican ticket in 1896 and 1900, had failed to vote in 1904 because he had not voted his poll tax and in 1908 voted for Taft, the Republican candidate for president and in 1912 he voted the Republican party and followed Mr. Roosevelt into the Progressive party, voting for Roosevelt for the presidency.

Mr. Poterie pictured Gov. Hall as the Robert E. Lee of the 1912 campaign and Mr. Parker as the Stonewall Jackson, but after the battle was won however that great straggle had fled into the camp of the enemy, unlike the real Stonewall Jackson, and had left his chieftain to reap the fruits of the battle alone.

The next speaker to be introduced was Congressman Lazaro of St. Landry parish. Dr. Lazaro appealed to the people to stand by the Democratic party on April 18th because, he said, if the party nominees were successful at the polls on next Tuesday it would mean that the Wilson administration had been approved by the people of Louisiana, whereas, if Parker was elected over Pleasant, the friend and supporter of that great Democratic leader, Woodrow Wilson, it would mean that the National Democratic administration had been repudiated and the message would click over the wires to Oyster Bay, informing the Bull Moose head that Louisiana had been converted to a Progressive State and that the Solid South had been broken.

Representative Lazaro told his hearers of the laws enacted by the Wilson administration; he told of the Smith-Lever bill, of the Panama tolls bill, of the rural credits law, of the Merchant Marine bill which will soon be passed and of the bill, which will soon be submitted and which will be adopted into law, whereby the levees of the

Mississippi would be controlled by the United States Government.

The speaker averted to the fact that some of the Parkerites have severely criticised him for coming to Louisiana to defend the party which had repeatedly honored him by election to office. He said that he was only responding to the call of duty and that he was asking the voters of the Seventh District to vote conscientiously on the governorship, to the best interests of the state, adding at the same time that he thought if they would do this they would surely vote for Ruffin G. Pleasant, the friend of Woodrow Wilson, as against John M. Parker, the friend and supporter of Theodore Roosevelt.

Ex-Governor J. Y. Sanders was the next speaker introduced and shouts of "Go to it, J. Y." the ex-chief executive officer of Louisiana launched into an eloquent address on behalf of the "Grand Old Democracy." Many who attended last Monday night's meeting stated that it was the best political speech ever delivered by J. Y. Sanders, which means that it is the best speech delivered in the courthouse in many years.

Mr. Sanders first started by saying that he cared naught who was governor, whether it was Smith, Brown or Black, but he was very much interested in the party affiliation of the governor. He stated that Ruffin G. Pleasant was elected governor on the 31st of last August when the proposed constitutional convention had been smothered under an avalanche of county votes, overcoming the tremendous majority in favor of the measure given by the ward bosses in New Orleans. Of all the officials and state politicians, the ex-governor said, Ruffin G. Pleasant was the only one to brave a fight against the convention plan. He fought the combined efforts of Robert Ewing, Martin Berham, Governor Luther Hall, Lieutenant Governor Thomas C. Barret and the Bull Moose chieftain, going before the people of the country parishes and making his fight against the convention. He was victorious in the country by an overwhelming majority. For that reason, alone, said the speaker, the ward bosses of New Orleans were forced to recognize Mr. Pleasant as their choice and that is the reason why he was given a majority in New Orleans.

He averted to the fact that Mr. Pleasant could have been elected even though he had not received a single solitary vote in the city of New Orleans, as the country voters had expressed their choice by an almost unanimous vote. He took a "fling" at the Progressive candidate for governor, who, he said, was not well enough versed in the laws of Louisiana to hold the position of chief executive; he averted to the fact that Mr. Parker had claimed at the outset of the campaign that he would see to it that the national government would not pay the mileage of the congressmen and Senator Ransdell, when as a matter of fact they are not allowed but the convening and adjourning of Congress. Mr. Sanders also mentioned the fact that Mr. Parker had a candidate nominated by the Progressive convention for attorney general against Judge Coco because the Democratic nominee had dared to speak against him in French and English. The speaker added that Mr. Parker had chosen a man, whom the law would not allow to make the race, because of participation in the Democratic primary.

Mr. Sanders charged that Mr. Parker had grown angry because Democracy had beckoned to its servants at Washington to come to Louisiana to defend its nominees; he stated that Mr. Parker charged that they should have remained at Washington though it was meet and proper to bring Pujot and Broussard to Louisiana, four years ago, for six months while Congress was in session in order to defeat him (Sanders).

The speaker in glowing language closed with a splendid review of the Democratic administrations in the state for the last thirty years, when Democracy came into its own. He said that Democracy had rescued Louisiana from Republican misrule and had made it one of the

most progressive states in the entire Southland.

Mr. Sanders closed with an eloquent appeal to the young voters of St. Landry to stand by Democracy and to stamp the Rooster on Tuesday, April 18th.

## SPECIAL TRAIN WILL BRING LAWYERS HERE

Committee Perfecting Plans for Louisiana Bar Association Next Month to Be Largely Attended

## JUDGE CLAYTON WILL BE THE ORATOR OF THE DAY

Elaborate Entertainment of Attorneys in Annual Convention

Everything will be in readiness for the royal entertainment of the several hundred lawyers who will attend the Louisiana Bar Association which will convene in this city on May the 5th.

The lawyers as a general rule, are jolly good fellows, and in selecting Opelousas as their pick convention city this year they have made no mistake, as they will find out, after the convention will adjourn.

The publicity committee composed of W. O. Hart, chairman; Judge Val L. Stentz and Thomas F. Furlow, have made arrangements for the "Lawyers' Special," which will leave the Terminal Station, over the Frisco, on the night of May the 4th. Lawyers along this road are urged to "hop on" and journey to this hospitable city.

Judge Henry D. Clayton of Alabama will be the orator of the day; other speakers will be J. L. Folsom, dean of the La. State University Law School, who will speak on "Fidic Comissa; Impossible and Illegal Conditions Under the Civil Code of Louisiana;" Walker B. Spence, who will lead a discussion on "The Complete Reorganization of the Judiciary;" Judge Rufus E. Foster, who will speak on the "Federal Compensation Act;" and Philip S. Gidiere, who will speak on Subrogation Under Policies of Fire Insurance Covering Cotton in Transit.

The committee on entertainment has issued an invitation to all lawyers to bring their wives along, as Opelousas is fully able to take care of them.

An informal reception will be tendered the visiting attorneys at the Elks Club on the night of May 5th, while an automobile trip will be made to St. Charles College, Grand Coteau.

## PARKERITES TO HAVE FINAL SAY HERE

Meeting Will Be Held at Band Auditorium Night Before Election.

## SAXON AND O'CONNOR TO BE PRINCIPAL ORATORS

Last Rousing Rally of Progressive Followers Will Take Place on Next Monday Night

The followers of the Progressive candidate are bent upon having the last say in this city, and wishing to carry their plans into execution have secured the services of T. I. O'Connor and Lyle Saxon, two prominent New Orleans orators.

Both Saxon and O'Connor are reputed to be fluent and eloquent orators and there is no doubt that a large crowd of supporters of both parties will turn out to hear the "political dope" handed down in good fashion.

The Parkerites feel that with a final rally in this city they will convert voters, and for that reason they will strive to bring a large crowd to hear the two New Orleans speakers.

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## BULL MOOSE HEAD IS HEARD BY HUNDREDS

JOHN M. PARKER AND EDWIN S. BROUSSARD ADDRESS ENTHUSIASTIC GATHERING AT COURTHOUSE HERE LAST SATURDAY

At a rousing and enthusiastic meeting which overflowed the courtroom, John M. Parker, Progressive candidate for governor and his running mate, Edwin S. Broussard, closed a strenuous tour of St. Landry and Evangeline parishes.

Before the Opelousas meeting Mr. Parker and his coterie of stump speakers spoke to over one thousand people in Evangeline and St. Landry parishes, the first meeting taking place at Grand Prairie, within earshot of Congressman Ladislas Lazaro's home, where 250 people congregated to hear the Bull Moose chief and his Independent Democratic speakers. This meeting is said to have been very successful, as well as enthusiastic; Mr. Parker being repeatedly applauded.

The speeches made at Grand Prairie were the same delivered at Mamou, where some two hundred persons assembled, at Ville Platte, where over three hundred and fifty heard the Parkerites and at Washington, where two hundred are reported to have listened attentively to the arguments presented in a forceful manner.

E. D. Estilette, speaking of the moral obligation question, stated in his speeches in both parishes, "Your moral obligation is to the state, and not to any man or set of men. Your moral obligation is to vote for the best man who you think sincerely offers a program that will benefit you."

Mr. Estilette stated in his Opelousas address, in opening the Parker meeting, which was attended by some seven hundred people, that John M. Parker was the one man of all Louisianians that Governor Earl Brewer, of Mississippi, had selected to preside over the Dunbar-Walters case in New Orleans, and that it was only because the governor realized that John M. Parker was an honest, just and efficient man to judge the identity of the Opelousas boy, that John M. Parker was chosen above all others.

John M. Parker was introduced by Mr. Estilette; it was several minutes before the candidate could begin his address on account of the enthusiastic applause given by the local Parkerites.

Immediately upon being introduced Mr. Parker launched into the discussion of his platform. He told his hearers that if elected governor of Louisiana he expected to have enacted laws by which the business men and the farmers would be benefited. He said that he believed in the short ballot, that the governor should be given the power to appoint minor state officials, in order to assure the people of this state an efficient administration of affairs, by which means also the shortcomings of any administration could be traced to the proper officials. He gave the federal government as an example, showing that when Bryan failed to entertain the same views as President Wilson he was forced to resign, and when Mr. Garrison opposed the president's preparedness project, he too resigned as head of the war department.

Mr. Parker stated that he did not believe in the primary, claiming that before a man should become a candidate for an office he should have the recommendation of 25 per cent of the registered voters, then he should offer his name at the general election.

If elected governor he stated that he would cause to be issued a call for a constitutional convention to frame up the organic laws of Louisiana; this convention will be composed of 25 members, nine of whom are to be appointed by the governor, one from one from North Louisiana, one from Central Louisiana, and a third from South Louisiana, three bankers, two farmers and one labor unionist.

Speaking of the negro question Mr. Parker said: "If the negroes are registered the work will be done by 59 Democratic registrars." The speaker denounced Robert Ewing, publisher of the Daily States and the Shreveport Times, whom he styled as the "Boss of Bosses," then he politely took a fling at the country newspapers, over 90 per cent of whom are supporting Colonel Pleasant, stating that they were opposed to him, because of the constitutional amendments, which were published every two years.

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## PARISH IN DEMOCRATIC COLUMN SAYS LEWIS

Chairman of First Ward Democratic Club Feels Confident of Pleasant Victory

## CAREFUL CANVASS ASSURES VICTORY IN ST. LANDRY

Reports from the Parish to Democratic Headquarters Say Pleasant Will Get Substantial Majority

John W. Lewis, chairman of the First Ward Democratic Club, in an interview Thursday morning, claims that Ruffin G. Pleasant and the other Democratic nominees will carry St. Landry parish by a substantial majority.

Mr. Lewis is very enthusiastic over the outlook in St. Landry and is firm in his belief that this parish will remain in the Democratic column. He said:

"After a careful canvass of every precinct in this parish I have been convinced that St. Landry will return a majority in favor of Ruffin G. Pleasant and his co-nominees."

"We started the fight a few weeks ago with awful ends against us, but Democracy has asserted itself and we are now assured of a Democratic victory, not only in the state, but right here in old St. Landry."

"Despite the claims of the opposition that Parker will carry this parish by five hundred to one thousand votes I must in all sincerity state that Pleasant will get a substantial majority in this parish."

"Last Monday night's meeting in Opelousas, as well as the Sanders' tour of St. Landry has made many young Democrats realize that in voting for Parker they are following an avowed Progressive right into the Republican camp of Theodore Roosevelt, who is striving to obtain the Republican nomination for President."

"We, who have been working day and night in behalf of Democracy, feel certain that the majority of the votes in St. Landry will be found in the Democratic column, on next Tuesday, April 18."

The Democratic supporters have been working strenuously, for the past two weeks, with a determination of carrying the parish for Pleasant. Democratic headquarters report good news from every precinct in the parish.

## BELLE CHENEY TO RE MADE POPULAR SUMMER RESORT

Company Will Erect Modern and Comfortable Hotel at Historic Evangeline Summer Resort

A stock company, of which J. S. Crowell, secretary-treasurer of the Crowell-Spencer Lumber Company, and John W. Lewis, of this city, will erect a modern and comfortable hotel at Belle Cheney Springs, historic summer resort, now in Evangeline parish.

Mr. Lewis, who is promoting the company, announced during the week that the hotel will be completed by the first days of June, when he expects to have a large number of people from all over Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas, to take their summer vacation.

Belle Cheney has long been recognized as an ideal place for the erection of a modern hotel; many years ago the most prominent people of Louisiana would spend their vacations in the pine woods of Evangeline, then a portion of St. Landry, right on the beautiful Cocodrie lake. Now they will be given an opportunity to visit the best summer resort in the South, as Belle Cheney is destined to assume that distinction before many years.

Doctors consider Belle Cheney of vastly more medicinal benefit than either Mineral Wells, Texas, or Cooper's Well, Miss.

Mr. Lewis now has several photographs of the many pretty spots at Belle Cheney Springs; one of these pictures shows the initials of Thomas H. Lewis, carved in the bark of a mammoth pine tree in 1870.

Mrs. LaCombe, Mr. Lewis' mother-in-law will live at the hotel and will act as the chaperon of the in-law, will remain at the hotel during the summer and act as chaperon to the young ladies who will visit Belle Cheney Springs; the famous and popular Tomkips Band will be at the hotel to furnish music every night.

Dr. and Mrs. Paul Foster, of Lawtell, were visitors to Opelousas during the latter part of the week.

Sheriff-elect Lee Wiggins, of Ville Platte, was in this city last week mingling with friends.