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PLEASANT IS VICTORIOUS BY LARGE MAJORITY

PROGRESSIVE TICKET BURIED UNDER AVALANCHE OF VOTES

PARKER CARRIES ST. LANDRY BY BIG VOTE

PROGRESSIVE CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR RECEIVES HANDSOME MAJORITY IN THIS PARISH CARRYING EVERY WARD

John M. Parker, Progressive candidate for governor, received a large majority in St. Landry parish on Tuesday last having 618 ballots more to his credit than his Democratic opponent, Ruffin G. Pleasant.

The outcome of the election in this parish was a surprise to both the Democrats and the Bull Moose followers; it was believed by the Pleasant forces that Parker would carry St. Landry by not more than four hundred votes, while on the other hand the Parkerites felt confident that this parish would roll up a majority of over one thousand in favor of their candidate.

The sixth ward was the banner Parker ward, the Bull Moose carrying every precinct in that ward with a total majority exceeding three hundred votes. Eunice with 132 votes majority was the banner Parker precinct, with Coulee Croche right behind with 104; the second ward went by a large vote for Parker, while the third, fourth and fifth were fairly good for the Bull Moose, with the first the most hotly contested, which ward the Parkerites carried by fifteen ballots.

St. Landry has always been called an "Independent Parish," Jared Sanders, being the only ward boss candidate for governor for the past quarter of a century, to carry this parish.

Parker supporters worked strenuously during the day, Tuesday, rallying to the cause of their standard bearer, getting all their supporters to the polls, while, on the other hand, the Democrats were equally as energetic, striving to reduce the majority to the lowest possible figures.

There were surprises on both sides, several polls counted by large majorities by Parkerites going for Parker by small votes, while other polls, such as Coulee Croche, conceded to Parker by small majorities rolling up tremendous majorities. As a whole, however, the vote came in just about half way between the figures

of the opposing parties, both sides receiving smaller votes than anticipated.

The local Parker headquarters, however, was gratified at the result of Tuesday's election in this parish, and many Parker supporters expressed the opinion that had half the parishes in the state done as well for Parker as St. Landry, the Bull Moose would be governor of Louisiana.

Although other polls returned large majorities in favor of Parker Faquetaique claims the honor of being the only poll in the parish to give the regular Democrat a goose-egg, the Bull Moose receiving 39 votes against Pleasant nothing.

Pleasant which poll has always been regarded a Democratic poll gave Pleasant his largest majority in St. Landry parish, Parker being beaten there by 24 votes.

	Pleasant	Parker
Opelousas	1274	285
Bellevue	20	35
Coulee Croche	42	145
Pleasant	62	38
Grand Coteau	51	144
Notleyville	12	42
Arnaudville	65	96
Bayou Current	2	29
Melville	40	29
Big Cane	22	9
Port Barre	23	44
Washington	75	97
Garland	12	42
Whitville	25	44
Grand Prairie	93	105
Barbreck	1	48
Faquetaique	0	39
Mallet	44	101
Eunice	135	267
Plaq. Point	16	402
Leonville	107	409
Krotz Springs	11	5
Waxia	48	14
Palmetto	18	27
Morrow	18	25
Total	1176	1789
Parker's majority		618

CONGRESSIONAL RACE TO BE INTERESTING

Four Aspirants for Honors Will Fight It Out During Summer

LOCKE, BARBEE, EDWARDS AND LAZARO TO FACE BATTLE

Political interest now centers on the approaching congressional fight. Now that Pleasant has carried this district by a substantial majority, it is thought that Democrats will be allowed the privilege to fight it out amongst themselves.

The friends of Dr. Lazaro feel that Pleasant's victory in the district strengthens his chances of re-election, since he has played such an important part in the recent campaign. Others claim, however, that the St. Landry man's chances have been impaired since his home precinct, Grand Prairie, went for the Progressive candidate.

Some say also, that two weeks ago Grand Prairie was claimed by the Parkerites by over one hundred votes; the results show that Congressman Lazaro's home went for Parker by only 12 votes, despite the fiercest fight put up by the opposition. It is thought by some that the result of the Grand Prairie box will play an important part in the approaching congressional campaign.

It appears from present indications, that Calcasieu will have at least three candidates in the field against Lazaro, Attorney T. A. Edwards, of Lake Charles, being

SEVERAL BETS WERE MADE ON THE OPELOUSAS POLL

Money Was Plentiful to Decide Political Arguments But Parkerites Prove More Successful

Money was plentiful on Monday night and all day Tuesday, even while the ballots were being counted, as a means of deciding the hot political arguments. The Parker supporters were a little more timid about betting on the Opelousas box, although several of them readily bet all they could spare.

The Pleasantites were ready at all times to bet on the local precinct. The closer it came to 7 o'clock Tuesday night the more heated were the arguments and the more plentiful was "that scarce thing."

Parker people, although defeated over the state, are smiling, because they have won their bets on the Opelousas box, the first and on the parish, some waging that Parker would carry St. Landry by over five hundred votes.

It is understood that several hundred dollars changed hands on Wednesday morning as a result of heavy betting on the Opelousas box. The fight was so close that both sides were claiming the box in the neighborhood of 25 votes—the Parker people were better guessers, however, carrying the poll by 24 votes.

mentioned and urged to become a candidate against Leon Locke Judge Barbee and Congressman Ladislav Lazaro. It is understood that Edwards is seriously considering the proposition and in all probabilities will thrust his hat into the political arena of the seventh congressional district.

COL. PLEASANT IS ELECTED BY OVER THIRTY THOUSAND

Democratic Candidate Is Victorious Over John M. Parker By An Overwhelming Majority ---Third District Progressive

The Democratic party is supreme in Louisiana; Wilson's administration has been given the stamp of approval by the vast majority of the voters of Louisiana.

Opposed by the strongest political individual outside the Democratic party, Col. Ruffin G. Pleasant was successful in last Tuesday's election by a majority ranging between thirty to thirty-five thousand votes.

As expected John M. Parker carried the third district. He was able to receive a majority of votes in only eight parishes outside the "rebellious third."

The rock-ribbed Democrats of the hills of North Louisiana rolled up overwhelming majorities in favor of their choice, proving the contention of many years standing that none but Democrats could carry any parish in that portion of Louisiana.

After leaving St. Landry and Evangeline, going north, Mr. Parker ran far behind the Democratic nominee.

Senator Fernand Mouton, of Lafayette, has defeated Edwin S. Broussard, of Iberia. Progressive candidate for Lieutenant Governor, by over twenty thousand votes on the face of incomplete returns. The candidates for Lieutenant Governor failed to receive as many votes as their running mates.

The seventh district claimed by the Parker people went Democratic by some five hundred votes, Pleasant carrying Allen, Beauregard, Cameron and Calcasieu, while Parker lead in St. Landry, Evangeline, Acadia and Jeff Davis.

Col. Pleasant will be inaugurated Governor of Louisiana on May the 15th.

Carrying forty-nine of the sixty-four parishes in Louisiana Ruffin G. Pleasant, Democrat, was elected governor over John M. Parker, Progressive Independent, by the largest majority ever accorded a candidate, having what appeared to be serious opposition.

Mr. Pleasant carried every congressional district except the third and he received a majority of over twenty thousand votes in the country, besides eleven thousand in New Orleans.

In North Louisiana the Parker supporters were disappointed in certain parishes. Several of the parishes in the hills of North Louisiana, which were claimed as doubtful, went for the Democratic nominee by overwhelming majorities.

Mr. Parker, however, carried the majority of the rice and sugar parishes, receiving a clear majority in south and southwest Louisiana.

The sixth and seventh districts, which were conceded by both sides to be very close, both went for the Democratic nominee, the sixth by some one thousand votes, the seventh by about five hundred.

The campaign, thought to be the most exciting in Louisiana for many years. Although much interest was manifested in the campaign no personal attack was made on either candidate; the campaign being waged on issues and party lines.

Preparations are now being made for the inauguration of Governor Pleasant, on May the 15th. Being the almost unanimous choice of the Democratic voters of Louisiana,

and having been elected over his Progressive opponent by such an overwhelming majority, thousands of Louisianians will gather at Baton Rouge on inauguration day to pay homage to the man who was elected by the largest majority ever accorded a candidate for governor in this state.

Contrary to the predictions of many politicians the vote cast in Louisiana last Tuesday was larger than that polled on January 25th, there being in the neighborhood of one hundred and thirty thousand votes cast. This is the largest vote on record since the negroes have been cast out of politics in this state.

The campaign was so interesting from the viewpoint of both parties that all men who could possibly arrive at the polls, in North Louisiana, as well as in South and Southwest and Central Louisiana, voted for their choice.

	Pleasant	Parker
Acadia	1,151	1,563
Allen	822	274
Ascension	688	627
Assumption	756	1,096
Avoyelles	1,705	1,068
Beauregard	856	329
Bienville	1,401	401
Bossier	660	43
Caddo	2,877	411
Calcasieu	1,537	1,000
Caldwell	646	222
Cameron
Catahoula	454	99
Clairborne	1,315	30
Concordia	212	60
DeSoto	786	465

East Baton Rouge	1,586	1,113
East Carroll	200	43
East Feliciana	555	309
Evangeline	940	1,090
Franklin	844	161
Grant	797	203
Iberia	936	1,619
Iberville	552	556
Jackson	37	1
Jefferson	1,409	336
Jeff Davis	908	957
Lafayette	1,100	1,494
Lafourche	564	1,620
La Salle	554	172
Lincoln	1,098	475
Livingston	662	185
Madison	213	19
Morehouse	541	84
Natchitoches	1,074	439
Orleans	25,958	14,507
Ouachita	1,278	347
Plaquemines	585	221
Point Coupee	439	602
Rapides	2,216	890
Red River	676	168
Richland	705	48
Sabine	801	221
St. Bernard	591	131
St. Charles	263	365
St. Helena	332	156
St. James	643	860
St. John	376	531
St. Landry	1,467	1,799
St. Martin	877	856
St. Mary	685	1,470
St. Tammany	1,034	617
Tangipahoa	1,340	753
Tensas	205	48
Terrebonne	676	1,166
Union	429	51
Vermillion	1,350	1,790
Vernon	1,321	374
Washington	1,093	517
Webster	1,012	43

FIGHT AGAINST BIG ODDS SAY DEMOCRATS

Col. Pleasant Congratulated by Opelousas Democratic Club

RESULT IN ST. LANDRY SATISFACTORY TO THEM

Chairman Lewis Voices Sentiments of "True Blue" Democrats in Predicting Pleasant Success

The Opelousas Democratic Club, on Wednesday morning, through Chairman Lewis, wired its congratulations to the standard bearer of the Democratic party.

"We have made a good fight," says the telegram to Col. R. G. Pleasant, "we have kept the faith against tremendous odds. Out of a vote of seven hundred and four this ward Parker majority only eighteen. Parish goes to Parker less than six hundred."

"The faithful here send you hearty congratulations expressing absolute confidence in the future of the party and your administration."

Democrats here are as light as they did. The fight for Democracy here was a supreme test, a number of old line Democrats having gone over to the Parker side, bringing along with them hundreds of friends and admirers; officials did not participate in the fight, with the exception of G. L. Dupre and E. K. Eastham, representatives-elect, and senator L. S. Haas, who stumped the parish for the Democratic standard bearer.

L. Austin Fontenot, defeated candidate for lieutenant governor in the Democratic primary, took an active part in behalf of the nominees of his party. J. G. Lawler, secretary, John W. Lewis, president, and Henry Estorge, campaign manager, were active during the campaign.

A number of other faithful Democrats who are not officeholders, took prominent part in reducing the Parker majority. Mr. Lewis feels that St. Landry Democrats have done their duty.

ALBERT CLARY OPERATED ON FOR APPENDICITIS

Prominent Grocer Has Close Call But Is Now Doing Nicely at the St. Landry Sanitarium

Albert Clary, prominent grocer, and well known citizen, had a severe attack of appendicitis last week. He was rushed to the local sanitarium and was operated on by Dr. O. P. Daly.

The latest reports from the sanitarium are to the effect that Mr. Clary is now practically out of danger and will be about soon again.

Many thought that Mr. Clary's case would prove fatal, but the doctors and nurses fought valiantly and successfully to stave off the hands of death. Dr. Daly and Miss Pollar, the head nurse, rushing herefrom Lafayette, at midnight, on Sunday, when it was thought Mr. Clary could no longer survive.

DANCE AT COLUMBUS HOME MONDAY NIGHT

The Catholic ladies of Opelousas will give a dance Monday evening and night at the Knights of Columbus Home for the benefit of the Altar Society.

Monday evening from 3:30 to 7 o'clock the dance will be for children and a general admission of 10 cents will be charged. On Monday night the dance will be for grown-ups, gentlemen being charged \$1, while on-lookers will be asked ten cents.

West Baton Rouge	242	298
West Carroll	222	114
West Feliciana	227	193
Winn	1,220	388
Total	79,316	47,326
Incomplete		

EUNICE ONCE MORE COPS ATHLETIC CUP

Griffith's Boys Prove to Be All-Round Athletes Winning Easy

PARISH SCHOOL RALLY A FINANCIAL SUCCESS

Opelousas Team Is Crippled by Absence of Two Clary Boys But Eunice Deserves Credit

Eunice has had the reputation during the past three years of being a "one man team" but Prof. Griffith's boys easily showed that it was no longer such a team. Every member of the Eunice team proved himself a crack athlete and it was no surprise that Eunice won the meet.

The Eunice track team carried off the laurels at the annual St. Landry school rally, which took place at Wallior's park, on last Saturday afternoon. Washington, however, is allotted lots of credit for being able to run close second to Eunice; a smaller and weaker team Washington proved the surprise of the day and had it two more men like the two Bailey boys the result of the track meet would have been entirely different.

Opelousas had a bit hard luck, though, in the absence of the Clary boys, considered the mainstays of the team, they having been called to the bedside of their father. The race would have been more exciting, however, if these two members, of the Opelousas team would have participated in the meet, but Eunice would have won out, just the same, because Eunice had a well-trained and fast team, every member of which was fully able to take care of himself.

The largest crowd that ever witnessed a school rally in this city gathered at Wallior's park to view the youthful athletes in action and the event, as a whole, was considered a splendid financial success, netting in the neighborhood of sixty odd dollars.

Eunice was also victorious in the literary contest, honors which usually went to the Opelousas school.

Following are the winners in the various contests:

- Geometry—Lorena Hidalgo, Opelousas, 5 points; Julienne Carriere, Washington, 5 points; Luther Story, Eunice, 5 points.
- Algebra—Willis Fusilier, Eunice, 5 points; Hazel Mornhineg, Opelousas, 3 points; Eleanor Capps, Melville, 1 point.
- Arithmetic—Amie Jenkins, Eunice, 5 points; Bert Elise Richard, Melville, 3 points; Ira Durio, Opelousas, 3 points.
- Spelling—Myrta Mayer, Eunice, 5 points; Erma Schell, Washington, 3 points; Rosalie Roos, Opelousas, 1 point.
- Best Athletic—Fred Bailey, Washington, 24 points; Fred Story, Eunice, 18 points; Hebert Larrabee, Washington, 11 points; Willis Fuselier, Eunice, 11 points.
- Debate—Vearie Pavy, Opelousas, 5 points; Luther Story, Eunice, 3 points; Clayton Cason, Melville, 1 point.
- Declaration (Boys)—Luther Story, Eunice, 5 points; A. J. Barcier, Opelousas, 3 points; Ivy Montgomery, Melville, 1 point.
- Recitation (Girls)—Stella Lambert, Opelousas, 5 points; Ethel Holberg, Eunice, 3 points; R. E. Richard, Melville, 1 point.
- Quartette—Eunice, 5 points; Washington, 3 points; Melville 1 point.
- English Composition—Lois Lyman, Eunice, 5 points; Erma Schell, Washington, 3 points; Geo. Perrault, Opelousas, 1 point.