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NEW CITY FATHERS ORGANIZED MONDAY

Only Two Unfamiliar Faces Seen in Opelousas Official Family

PEYTON R. SANDOZ IS CHOSEN CITY ATTORNEY

Administration Has No Trouble In Permanently Organizing and Harmony Expected to Prevail

The new administration took charge of the affairs of Opelousas on Tuesday night, when the council met for the purpose of organizing, with Mayor Edward Loeb presiding.

Arthur Gosselin, alderman at large was elected mayor pro tem by acclamation.

There was no hitch about any of the appointments, it being understood all along that the same officials would continue in service. With the exception of Peyton R. Sandoz, who was elected city attorney, to replace Dudley L. Guilbeau, whose term expired and who was not an applicant for the position, the appointments were mere formalities as no officeholder were disturbed. The day police, however, was not reappointed, action on this matter being deferred as the city is anxious to combine this officer with the board of health inspector, so as to do away with one jobholder.

It is very likely, however, according to report that the city council and the board of health will not come to an agreement as to combining the two offices; the board of health has the power to appoint its own inspector and it is understood the members of the board are not willing to allow the inspector to pass from their control.

An attempt to raise the mayor's salary from \$750 to \$1000 per year failed for want of a second.

Dave Hollier is the only new member of the council, having been elected without opposition from the fourth ward. The other four members, Arthur Gosselin, Marius Fields, L. L. Danel and Simon Stelly who were elected without opposition.

Harmony will prevail, it is expected, among the city officials. A desire to put up the hatchet and get down to real work is expressed by all. A very successful administration is looked for and it is predicted that Opelousas will flourish in the next two years as it never did before.

STEWART AND McNEESE ENGAGE IN FIST FIGHT

Former Opelousan and Man Married to Opelousan Girl Settle Dispute on Capital Square

Major Oswald McNeese, adjutant general of Louisiana, and Major A. D. Stewart, manager of the Cosmopolitan Hotel, New Orleans and a candidate for adjutant general, fought a bare fist fight on the Capital square at Baton Rouge on Wednesday morning.

Lamar Baker, secretary of the department of education, was the sole referee, being the second of the adjutant general; Major Stewart had appointed Major Tompkins as his second but this gentleman was unable to show up at the engagement.

Both sides claim victory, Stewart's friends asserting that the former Opelousan citizen knocked McNeese down twice, while the adjutant general's backers claim that he was the victor. However it is the general opinion that the pre-arranged fight was a draw.

The fight started over a quarrel the two men had; in discussing the appointment of General McNeese's successor. They decided to conclude their arguments with the bare fists.

Major Stewart was a citizen of Opelousas for many years, having served in the Lower House of the General Assembly in 1912 as a representative from St. Landry. He is now manager of the Cosmopolitan and is recognized as among the leading politicians of the state. General McNeese, while not an Opelousan man, did the next best thing by marrying an Opelousan girl, Miss Cleve Dupre. Both men have hosts of friends in this city.

Miss Thelma Healey, accomplished and pretty young daughter of Clerk of the Police Jury and Mrs. J. J. Healey, has returned to Opelousas from school at Mansfield. Representatives Eastham, Dupre and Sanders and Senator Leon Haas, of St. Landry, spent the week-end with their families, returning to Baton Rouge on Monday morning.

DR. LAFLEUR KILLED IN CENTRAL AMERICA

WELL KNOWN OPELOUSAS PHYSICIAN AND MEMBER OF PROMINENT ST. LANDRY FAMILY MEETS DEATH AT HANDS OF GUATEMALAN SOLDIERS

Dr. Moise Lafleur, a native of St. Landry and regarded as an Opelousas boy and a member of one of the most prominent families of this parish, was shot down by Guatemalan soldiers on the border dividing Guatemala from British Honduras last week. News reached brothers of the unfortunate youth on Tuesday night by telegram. Dr. Lafleur was about 28 years old, was a graduate of Lafayette Industrial Institute, Louisiana State University and Tulane Medical College.

About six months ago Dr. Lafleur was employed by the United Fruit Company as ship physician, being stationed on boats between New Orleans and Central America. Reports from Central America, which were very meager, were to the effect that Dr. Lafleur and a party of seven men, who were engaged in scientific research work in British Honduras, were taken for revolutionists, and were fired upon. Dr. Lafleur and the guide of the party were killed.

The research party was in the habit of making frequent trips to the border and the soldiers' act is hard to explain.

Dr. Lafleur was a son of the late Ertemon Lafleur, for half a cent-

ury one of the most prominent and influential farmers of the Prairie Ronde section. He is survived by several brothers and sisters, among whom are Mrs. Albert Prudhomme, Mrs. F. D. Cortez, both of Malist, Alide, Omar, Rael, Dr. Ertemon, Sinae and Dimmick Lafleur.

The news of the tragic death of the well known Opelousas physician came as a severe shock not only to his numerous relatives in this and Evangeline parishes but to his numberless friends throughout Louisiana.

An effort will be made to bring the body to Opelousas for interment, brothers of the deceased having wired authorities to ship the body to this city.

Before going with the United Fruit Company Dr. Lafleur practiced in Swords for several months. After his graduation from Tulane. He was looked upon as a splendid physician and bright prospects were in store for him.

It is very likely that an investigation of the killing of young Lafleur will be asked of the Guatemalan authorities by the United States officials, as Dr. Lafleur was an American citizen.

SHERIFF SWORDS DENIES OPPOSITION TO FEE BILL

St. Landry Man States That He Is Supporting the Administration As A Life-Long Democrat

"I am supporting the administration as a Democrat," said Sheriff Swords, entering a denial to the announcement that he is interested in opposing the administration policy on the fee system.

"The sheriffs, as officials elected by the people under the constitution, are entitled to say something about the matters that are concerned in the making or unmaking of the positions to which they are elected. But there is not a sheriff in Louisiana who is not ready at this moment to do everything in his power to make the administration a success.

"All we are asking for is a safe and sane discussion of the system under which we hold our commissions from the people before the legislature acts. There ain't no use going ahead and doing something in a half-baked sort of way that won't operate fair play as well as the welfare of the state."

CHIEF HAYES DECLARES WAR AGAINST ALL DOGS

June the First Is the Limit Set for Roaming Dogs Without Muzzle or Tag

Chief Clarence L. Hayes has declared war against all dogs. If you are a dog, you had better look out. June the first is set as the limit for Opelousas dogs to roam about the streets. After that date any dog seen on the streets without a muzzle or tag will be shot down by the city marshal.

Tags can be procured at the Mayor's office for \$2.00 each.

HOG CHOLERA FINALLY PLACED UNDER CONTROL

Entire Parish Was Threatened With Disease for Some Time But Attention Was Given

For a time it was thought that the greater portion of the parish would be infested with hog cholera. Prompt and vigorous attention given by swine breeders, who were ably assisted in the fight by W. M. Babin, farm demonstrator, served to check the disease and put it under complete control. Now the disease has entirely disappeared.

The loss caused by the disease can not be estimated but thousands of dollars worth of hogs went into oblivion by the way of hog cholera.

The experience had by swine owners during the past month was costly as well as valuable; it is the opinion of some that henceforth owners of hogs will be more careful and will not fail to vaccinate their stock, as advised by the State Experiment Station.

JURORS TAKE THEIR SEATS NEXT WEEK

New Parish Governing Body Will Organize at June Meeting

FRIENDLY CONTEST IS EXPECTED FOR PRESIDENT

Half of the Incoming Members Are Fresh from the Voters of St. Landry

St. Landry's new police jury will effect organization on the first Tuesday in June, when a president and other officers will be elected and the new members take their places.

There will be a few new faces in the police jury which will assume charge of the affairs of the parish next month. Every ward has sent in new members. In fact half of the members were not in the police jury during the past four years, although one of them, Theodore Doucet, of Grand Prairie, has already served as a juror.

The first ward will be represented by Sam Evans, J. T. St. Cyr, H. D. Larcade, Sr., and R. Lee Mills; the second, Jos. E. Dailey and Barousse Beaug; third ward, Dr. F. O. Pavy and Robert Lancelot, Jr.; fourth, K. T. Catlett, Walter Brown and J. B. Rabington; fifth, Theodore Doucet, Alexandre Sylvestre and Fred Martin; sixth, W. C. Dejean and Allen McCoy.

The fight for the presidency of the police jury is expected to be an interesting but friendly one; no one seems to have the inside track and the election is considered in doubt. The veteran member from the fourth ward, K. T. Catlett, was the first to announce; J. E. Dailey, the oldest member in point of service, announced early in the game. Walter Brown and Dr. F. O. Pavy are others who may throw their hats into the ring.

J. J. Healey will probably be re-elected clerk of the police jury without opposition.

JOHN W. LEWIS WILL GO TO ST. LOUIS CONVENTION

Opelousas Attorney Is Chosen as One of the Seventh District Democratic Delegates

John W. Lewis, prominent local attorney, who made a losing fight along with the other Pleasantites in St. Landry, in the recent gubernatorial contest, has been chosen as a delegate from the seventh congressional district to the St. Louis National Democratic Convention, which will take place next month.

Mr. Lewis' election as a delegate did not come as a surprise to any of his friends as it was expected that he would be accorded this honor by his fellow-democrats.

The other delegate appointed from this district is Dr. J. H. Cooper, Welsh; alternates, Coleman Lindsey, Oberlin, and J. Hugo Dore, Ville Platte. Mayor William M. Egan of Crowley, was chosen as elector.

ST. LANDRY REPRESENTATIVES ON IMPORTANT COMMITTEES

Local Representatives Making Good In General Assembly and Secure Important Assignments

The St. Landry delegation at Baton Rouge is fund fully capable of taking care of itself. Representative Dupre has been selected chairman of one of the judiciary committees and has also been assigned on other important committees. Representatives Eastham and Sanders are members of some of the most important committees in the Lower House.

Over in the Senate Senator Leon S. Haas is chairman of the printing committee and is also member of several other important committees.

The local representatives are shining at Baton Rouge; they will have a record by the time the legislature adjourns, of which their constituents will be proud.

Representative Eastham is making a brilliant record as a new member, already having been recognized for his ability, while Mr. Sanders is by no means in the shade; he too is making a splendid record, while Senator Haas and Judge Dupre are keeping up their good work of the past four years.

H. D. Larcade, Sr., went to Thibodaux on Monday, where he attended the annual convention of the Catholic Knights of America. Mr. Larcade is one of the valuable members of the local council of Catholic Knights and has repeatedly honored as a delegate to the state conventions.

Simon Levy and J. J. Barry, of Grand Coteau, were prominent visitors to Opelousas on Tuesday.

STATE CONVENTION VERY HARMONIOUS

EWING, BEHRMAN, RANDELL AND PLEASANT ARE CHOSEN DELEGATES AT LARGE AND EWING IS UNANIMOUSLY CHOSEN COMMITTEEMAN

Adopting a resolution ringing with the spirit of true democracy and calling on recreant followers of the party to return the commission confided to them, the democratic state convention at Baton Rouge on Tuesday night set a new record for enthusiastic interest in party supremacy.

Robert Ewing was unanimously elected national committeeman, and the "Big Four" consisting of Governor Pleasant, Martin Behrman, Senator Joseph E. Ransdell and Ewing was given a practically unopposed endorsement.

More than 1,000 men crowded the house of representatives' hall to participate in the convention. The one big contest of the night was that which came from Ascension, where the Caleb faction, which stood by the democratic candidate in the state fight, was seated unanimously by the credential committee.

Lee Thomas will be alternate for Governor Pleasant, who on account of the legislative session will not be able to attend the St. Louis convention. J. Zack Spearing will be alternate for Col. Robert Ewing, Theodore Wilkinson for Behrman and W. W. Whittington for Senator Ransdell.

The convention was called to order at 8 o'clock by Lee Thomas, who was elected permanent chairman by acclamation. Thomas Campbell of Orleans was made secretary and Thomas Ryan sergeant-at-arms. The crowd was a record breaker.

Hugh C. Cage was elected chairman of the committee on resolutions and Carey M. Thomas of Catahoula was elected chairman of credentials committee.

The ringing address of Chairman Thomas was received enthusiastically after which a recess of 30 minutes was ordered to permit committee work.

Nominated by John W. Lewis of Opelousas, Col. Robert Ewing was re-elected national committeeman of Louisiana by acclamation.

Following are the district delegates selected to represent Louis-

iana in the democratic national convention at St. Louis on June 14: First district—delegates, Victor Maubert, Alex Pujol; alternates, John T. Pender, Albert Boyer; elector, John P. Sullivan.

Second district—delegates, Jas. C. Henriques, L. H. Marraro, Sr., alternates, W. O. Hart, Leon C. Viel; elector, E. M. Stafford.

Third district—delegates, Porteus R. Burke, New Iberia; Philip Gilbert, Napoleonville; alternates, A. M. Smith of Kaplan, Vermillion parish; John D. Shaffer, Terrebonne; elector, Alex Fournet, St. Martin.

Fourth district—delegates, Dr. S. A. Dickson of Shreveport, John M. Sandlin of Webster; alternates, C. W. Ellum of De Soto, Robeson of Bienville; elector, C. W. Seals of Homer.

Fifth district—delegates, Allan Sholars of Monroe; Jeff B. Snyder of Tallulah; alternates, Ike Haas of Monroe, John Ferguson of Rayville; elector, Carey M. Thompson of Catahoula parish.

Sixth district—delegates, J. H. Wornack of Tangipahoa; Ellerie Robinson of West Feliciana; alternates, A. Gueymard of Iberville; Wade Bynum of East Baton Rouge; elector, M. Miller of St. Tammany.

Seventh district—delegates, John W. Lewis of Opelousas; Dr. J. H. Hooper of Welsh; alternates, Coleman Lindsey of Oakdale, Chas. A. Picheu of Ville Platte; elector, Philip Chappuis of Crowley.

Eighth district—delegates, Phanor Brazeale of Natchitoches, Senator B. Weil of Alexandria; alternates, J. B. Roberts of Colfax, J. W. Joffron of Marksville; elector, J. W. Tedlie of Winn parish.

Delegates at large—Robert Ewing, Martin Behrman, Ruffin G. Pleasant, Joseph E. Ransdell; alternates, J. Zack Spearing, Theodore Wilkinson, L. E. Thomas, W. W. Whittington; electors L. Austin Fontenot of St. Landry and Ben Michel of Plaquemine; electoral messenger Henry Fuqua.

The Louisiana delegation will go to St. Louis next month pledged to vote for Woodrow Wilson for re-election as president.

SETS STRINGENT RULES FOR PROHIBITIONISTS

Acadia Representative Wants Anti-Liquor Men to Abstain from Drinking and to Register

Baton Rouge, La., May 23.—Representative Zaunbracher, of Acadia Parish, announced tonight that he would introduce a bill requiring all prohibitionists in the state to register with the clerks of the district courts and with the registrar of voters in Orleans. The bill prohibits prohibitionists from buying, receiving or drinking intoxicating liquors, and liquor dealers or saloon keepers will be prohibited from selling intoxicating drinks to a prohibitionist. Violation of the act will be made a misdemeanor, punishable by fine or imprisonment in the parish jail.

BOY SCOUTS TO PLAY ST. CHARLES JUNIORS

Opelousas Lads Will Christen New Suits in Baseball Game at Grand Coteau To-Morrow

The Opelousas Boy Scouts Team will go to St. Charles College tomorrow (Sunday) afternoon to play a game of ball with the junior team of the collegians.

The Scouts team is very strong and as the St. Charles boys have played good ball during the season a peppery and interesting contest is bound to issue. The local lads will christen their new suits, which recently arrived and in which they have had no opportunity thus far to play.

NOTICE

Saturday, June 3rd, 1916, Confederate Memorial Day, being a Legal Holiday the banks will be closed. ST. LANDRY STATE BANK, PEOPLES STATE BANK, OPELOUSAS NATIONAL BANK, PLANTERS' NATIONAL BANK, UNION BANK & TRUST CO.

ESCAPED PRISONER CAUGHT AT EUNICE

Deputy Sheriff Henry Landry Arrests Fugitive for Second Time

MISSISSIPPI SHERIFF TAKES MURPHY AWAY

Jail Breaker Who Escaped from the Top of the Parish Prison Is Captured in Woods Near Eunice

Claude Murphy, wanted in Winston County, Mississippi, for leading a mob for taking a prisoner away from a policeman and for shooting with intent to kill, after making a successful escape from the local parish jail, was captured near Eunice on last Friday by Deputy Sheriff Henry Landry and a posse. Murphy had worked his way out of the parish jail by means of a hole through the roof of the building; he descended from the roof by means of a rope. A negro by the name of Shorty, wanted at Melville for burglary, also made his escape with Murphy, last week. He has not been caught however.

Murphy was at Eunice before his first arrest; the local officials were trying to locate him, when leading members of the "Holy Rollers" came to Opelousas and requested the sheriff to allow them a deputy in order to keep peace. Upon being asked the name of the man whom they wished to name deputy the Holy Rollers said they wanted Claude Murphy. Of course the sheriff's office got in communication with Deputy Landry and a short while after the Opelousas incident Murphy was lodged in the parish jail. While the Mississippi authorities were on their way here to take him back to Louisville, Murphy made his get away.

The escaped prisoner made his way to Eunice, where there lives a woman he is in love with. He dropped a note to this woman asking her to bring him some food in a vacant house in the woods nearby, but a child of the woman saw the note and reported the matter to the Eunice officials. Several men went out to hunt the prisoner, as a reward of \$50 was offered for the capture of the fugitive.

Murphy was warned of the approaching posse and made for the woods. Deputy Landry and a few friends went into the woods armed to capture the fugitive; as soon as they came upon Murphy the prisoner broke out in a run and it was only after Deputy Landry had sent a bullet sizzling through his shirt that Murphy decided that it would be wise for him to stop and deliver himself up to the authorities.

He was brought to Opelousas and lodged in the parish jail. On Sunday Sheriff Hull and Special Deputy Stevens departed for their home in Louisville with the man who caused so much trouble to the St. Landry authorities.

Mr. Stevens is the father-in-law of the policeman that Murphy and his mob attempted to kill and for that reason Mr. Stevens took delight in coming to Opelousas, paying his own expenses, so as to see that the prisoner was safely conveyed to the Winston county jail at Louisville, Miss.

INITIATION LARGELY ATTENDED BY THE KNIGHTS

Exemplification of Degrees Witnessed by Many Knights from Surrounding Towns

The initiation of a class of some twenty-odd candidates by the Knights of Columbus of Opelousas was very impressive and drew a large crowd of members from councils in surrounding towns. The ceremonies were conducted by State Deputy Mouton, assisted by District Deputies Prescott and Cambre. The famous Dallas, Texas, degree team put on the work.

Taken as a whole last Sunday's initiation was one of the most successful pulled off in Opelousas for several years. The candidates were well impressed with the ceremonies and all expressed gratification for having "ridden the goat."

The Opelousas Knights will journey to Lake Charles this (Saturday) afternoon and will assist in the initiation of a large class in that city. It is expected that a score or more from here will attend the Lake Charles initiation, returning on Monday morning.

DIVINE SERVICES

There will be divine services at the Episcopal church on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock; the sermon will be preached by Rev. M. Monard Doswell.