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FIRE BOYS TO PRESS AUTO TRUCK CLAIM

Appropriation for Improvement to Company Expected to Be Made

CITY COUNCIL THOUGHT TO BE FAVORING TRUCK

Modern Firefighting Apparatus Will Be Asked Administration on Next Tuesday Night

The automobile fire truck question will probably be re-opened at the Tuesday meeting of the city council. A delegation of firemen will storm the city hall to besiege the administration to make the necessary appropriation for the purchasing of the much-needed auto truck.

Several months ago the question was broached at a meeting of the old council, but it was the opinion of the members to defer action until the new administration would take charge of the city's affairs.

It is understood that three members of the council have already expressed themselves as favoring the appropriation and if these three should decide to vote in favor of the measure the Opelousas Volunteer Company would secure the modern fighting machine that it has long wanted.

The movement was promised support by Mayor Loeb, who sometime ago, stated that he would favor the appropriation at the first meeting in June.

With assurances of Aldermen Danel, Stelly and Hollier the fire-boys feel confident of carrying the day at the approaching regular meeting of the council. It is very probable that the other two members, Messrs. Field and Gosselin, who have not expressed themselves on the proposition either one way or the other, will favor the appropriation, when the subject comes up for disposal.

Opelousas is in need of the auto fire truck; disastrous fires may visit this city, when the fire company is least equipped to battle the flames. Fires of other cities have served as valuable examples of unpreparedness by the fire companies. As the horses now on hand can be disposed of at a handsome price, and since the cost of feeding these animals would be eliminated, it is figured that the automobile truck would, in reality, cost nothing to the city.

At any rate Opelousas should have the auto truck, no matter if it has to pay the entire cost, even losing its horses, because this city is too large for the present equipment of the fire company. Some day if the truck is not purchased, these very remarks will be proven, by the breaking out of a disastrous fire.

It is to be hoped that the council will act favorably on this important proposition and the Opelousas will have a fire truck sufficient to take care of its needs for the next few years.

GRAND COTEAU NOTES

The baseball game Sunday between the Boy Scouts of Opelousas and the St. Charles College juniors was forfeited to the local team 9 to 0 when the Opelousas boys refused to play during the last half of the eighth inning on account of a decision of the umpire. The college boys' playing was superior to the boy scouts' with the exception of one inning due to wild plays they let the visitors bring in 5 runs.

With the locals at the bat, one out, and three men on base in the eighth a hit brought in one run. The umpire called the batter safe at first. This ended the game; the scouts said it was out and refused to continue. All the fans near first base at the time verified the umpire's decision.

Mrs. Flo Field, a writer for the New Orleans Times-Picayune was here Sunday to see her son who is attending St. Charles College.

Miss Zita Brooks left Thursday for her home in Indiana after several days' visit to Mrs. and Mrs. James Fox.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Barry who were recently married here returned Sunday from their bridal tour.

Dr. E. S. and Mr. J. J. Barry were carencro visitors Tuesday.

The young ladies and gentlemen called on Miss Brooks Monday night. All spent a most enjoyable evening.

A large crowd attended the dance at Merry Makers' Hall Tuesday night.

PRIMARY BILL WILL FORCE PARTY PLEDGES

ADMINISTRATION MEASURE COMPELS ALL PARTIES TO HOLD PRIMARIES ON THE SAME DAY—DEFINES PARTY

The administration bill has been drawn up and a fight for its passage in both houses will be started in earnest. The bill deals rather severely with those who bolted the democratic party during the recent gubernatorial campaign; it would make party bolting a misdemeanor.

The bill provides for compulsory primaries and a pledge to support the nominees of the primary. Separate commissioners and ballot boxes are provided for. All primaries must be held on the same day.

A party is defined as a political organization having received ten per cent of the votes in the last general election.

Party nominees who turn to the support of another party will be ejected from nomination. Trial shall be on petition of twenty-five electors and shall be by the party committee whose decision shall be final.

Party committees likewise may purge their roll of any member who gave aid, comfort, assistance or support to the nominees in the ensuing election.

Nominees removed are to be replaced by the party committee. Committeemen are to be likewise replaced.

The following is the pledge to be printed on the ballot:

"By casting this ballot, I pledge myself to abide by the result of this primary election and to air and support all the nominees thereof in the ensuing general election."

Changing of the pledge shall be

considered a spoiled ballot. The measure proposes to punish as a misdemeanor the following:

"That any voter who participates in the primary election of the political party is prohibited from, directly or indirectly, aiding or assisting in the election of any person in opposition to any candidate nominated in the primary in which he took part; that he is prohibited from serving on any committee, allowing the use of his name, publicly or privately advocating the election of any one in opposition to any candidate nominated in the primary in which he took part; that any voter is prohibited from contributing money toward the election of any one in opposition to the candidates nominated in any primary in which he took part; that any persons violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished as provided for in the act; and that, in the event of any prosecution under the act the poll list showing the vote of the primary shall be prima facie evidence that he voted in the same."

It is made the duty of all the clerks of court to preserve all poll lists delivered to them for four years after each election. It is defined that any one convicted of misdemeanor under the act would be fined not less than \$50 nor more than \$500, and be imprisoned for not less than two months or more than one year, and not be eligible to hold office for four years.

COTTON MEN PREDICTING LARGE CROP FOR PARISH

Prospects for Bumper Crops Have Never Been Better in the History of St. Landry

The outlook of the cotton crop is so bright at present, that cotton men are predicting that St. Landry will produce a bumper crop this fall.

Throughout the parish the stand is reported as being good; working condition is ideal and the stock that brings forth the fancy price and valuable staple is improving daily.

Weather condition permitting St. Landry will produce the largest cotton crop, since the division of the parish, and in fact since the arrival of the boll weevils nine years ago.

The cane crop is by no means second to any other, cane growers reporting that a bumper yield will be realized. As this crop is expected to bring a fancy price this winter the cane growers are complimenting themselves on having increased their acreage.

The corn and rice crops are as good as during the best years; as a matter of fact some of the oldest corn growers in this parish claim that St. Landry will double its usual corn output. As several large rice planters have installed pumping outfits and have drilled deep wells the rice crop, it is believed, will be larger than any previous year.

Taken as a whole the crop conditions in St. Landry are ideal; prospects for bumper crops have never been better and if the farmers do not get any severe setback during the coming summer months it is very probable that they will place on the markets the largest crops ever produced in the history of this parish.

ST. LANDRIANS GUESTS OF H. GARLAND DUPRE

Under a Washington, D. C. news note head the following account of an entertainment tendered friends by Hon. H. Garland Dupre is found:

Representative Garland Dupre entertained handsomely at dinner in honor of Mrs. Thomas E. Mount, of Baltimore, formerly of New Orleans. Present were his mother, Mrs. Laurent Dupre, his sister, Miss Edith Dupre, both of Opelousas; Senator and Mrs. Ransdell, Representative and Mrs. Ladislas Lazaro, Representative and Mrs. L. Morgan, of Covington; Representative and Mrs. Riley Joseph Wilson, of Harrisonburg, and Miss Edith Chaffé, of Louisiana, a niece of Mrs. Ransdell.

COMMISSIONS ARRIVE; OFFICIALS QUALIFY

St. Landry Officers Take Charge of Their Respective Places

JURORS WILL ORGANIZE AT MONDAY'S MEETING

Henry Lastrapes Kept Busy Several Days Swearing the New Officials of St. Landry

Clerk of Court Henry Lastrapes, Jr., was busy for several days during the week, swearing in the several scores of parish officials. Practically every officer has been sworn in and given their commission, with the exception of several police jurors, who will avail themselves of the opportunity to qualify on next Monday.

There will only be one change in the important offices of the parish, that being the office of assessor, which will be filled by A. L. Andrus; this office, however, will not become vacant until the first of the year. Sheriff Swords, Comptroller Littell and Clerk Lastrapes will be found filling their same offices.

The new police jury, which is composed of eight new and eight old members, will take hold of the parochial reins on next Monday when they will permanently organize.

This body will go into existence with the election of a president and a clerk; what is expected to develop into a very spirited contest will be the election of janitor; it is said that there are several applicants for this position and as this jobholder will be required to do more work than heretofore, it is expected that the most qualified will be chosen.

There are several candidates for the honorary position of president; this will prove a very interesting contest. None of the police jurors will commit themselves on this election.

SPLENDID EXPOSITION OF STATE'S NATURAL RESOURCES

A report of progress and achievement and a thorough exposition of the natural assets of one of the richest states in the American Union is the biennial report of the Conservation Commission of Louisiana that has been published and a copy of which has been received by this paper.

The report has been most excellently arranged and printed and would prove invaluable as a supplementary reader in the public schools of the state and most certainly every man and woman interested in the advancement of Louisiana should have one. It is splendidly illustrated with many half-tone photographs of the oil and gas wells of the state, the salt mines, the fisheries and oyster industries, the fur-bearing animal industry, and many exceptional photographs of the wild and animal life taken in their habitats.

President Alexander has so arranged his report that each of the various departments of the commission are represented by reports written by their respective heads; each report showing that the commission has lived up to its duties by not only guarding the natural resources of the state but by upbuilding them for the profit of the people of Louisiana.

The conservation of the game birds, song birds, and insectivorous birds is from the pen of Stanley Glisby Arthur, the ornithologist of the commission; the report of the activities of the game farm is written by E. A. McIlheney; the work being accomplished by the state on the Urania Forest Preserve is handled by Henry E. Harder; what is being one of the greatest oil and gas fields of Louisiana is reported by J. W. Smith; the conservation of oysters and a review of the oyster industry of the state is reported by F. T. Payne; the report of the state's fish life and the fisheries is reviewed in a complete manner by E. A. Tulian, superintendent of the fisheries department; Dr. Robert E. Coker reviews the fresh water mussel resources of Louisiana; while other parts of the report as a whole deals with the fur-bearing animal industry, the introduction of elk in the state, the educational work pursued by the commission, its financial report and other matters.

President Alexander is not only to be congratulated for the energy he has expended in bringing Louisiana up to the front rank of the different states in the matter of conservation but he is to be commended for not making his report of the work accomplish a mass of dry figures the fault of so many re-

CLASS OF FIFTEEN GRADUATED FRIDAY

ARTHUR THOMPSON CARRIES OFF HONORS OF LARGEST CLASS IN HISTORY OF LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL BY CAPTURING THREE MEDALS

The largest class in the history of the Opelousas High School was graduated on last Friday night. The class is composed of fifteen members, seven girls and eight boys.

Arthur Thompson, youngest son of the late C. J. Thompson, for many years superintendent of the parish schools, carried off the honors of his class; he was awarded the Littell, Interstate Bank and Clarion medals. Frank Daly was the only other member of the class fortunate enough to secure a medal, capturing the Lewis medal.

Dr. R. L. Tullis, dean of the law School of the Louisiana State University was the orator off the occasion. Superintendent W. B. Prescott awarded the medals and diplomas, at the same time making a splendid heart-to-heart talk to his former pupils.

The class membership is as follows: Misses Marie Gray Brower, Iradel Marie Durio, Emma Eulalie Healey, Goldie Virginia Kerr, Josie Clyde Lawler, Hilda Marie Sandox and Alice Sudduth; Messrs. Albert, Robert M. Littell, Jr., Raymond Richard, Walter A. Sanders, Arthur Thompson and Guy M. White.

A very large and appreciative audience was present at the graduating exercises which took place in the large high school auditorium. The following interesting pro-

gram was rendered to the full satisfaction of all who attended: Salutatory, Mr. Arthur Thompson; Piano Selection, Miss Richard; Class Will, Miss Marie Brower; Vocal Solo, Mrs. Will T. Stewart; Valedictory, Mr. Frank Daly; Instrumental Duet, Mr. Louis White, Mr. George Bienvenu; Address, Dr. R. L. Tullis; Presentation of Diplomas, Medals and Awards, Supt. W. B. Prescott.

The medal winners follow: "Littell Medal"—offered by Dr. B. A. Littell to that member of the graduating class whose general average is the highest for three years was won by Mr. Arthur Thompson.

"Lewis Medal"—originally donated by the late Hon. Thomas H. Lewis and now perpetuated in his name by his sons, to that member of the graduating class, whose standing was highest in English was awarded to Mr. Frank Daly.

A medal offered by the Interstate Trust & Banking Co., of New Orleans, to that member of the graduating class for general proficiency and an original essay on Immigration to the South, was awarded to Mr. Arthur Thompson.

"Clarion Medal"—offered by the St. Landry Clarion to that member of the class whose standing in Geometry is the highest was awarded to Mr. Arthur Thompson.

JENKINS DUPLICATES HIS WONDERFUL PERFORMANCES

St. Landry Boy Has No Difficulty in Carrying Off Honors in Dashes at New Orleans Track Meet

Dana Jenkins, the idol of Southern track fans, reputed to be the most wonderful and at the same time the best track athlete ever produced in Dixieland, had no difficulty in defeating other Southern champions in the 100, 200 and 400 yard dashes, at the S. A. A. U. meet held in New Orleans last Saturday.

Jenkins not only broke the Southern records for the 220 and 440 yard dashes, but came within one-fifth of a second of equaling the world's record. He made splendid time in the 100 yard run, but on account of time-keepers disagreeing he was not allowed the record that he really made.

Track experts claim that Jenkins will easily break the world's record for the 220 yard dash, whenever he meets with a runner that will keep right behind him. In the New Orleans meet he crossed the tape so far ahead of the next fellow that he could stop awhile, and smile behind at his opponents. Had he been pushed it is believed that Jenkins would have lowered the world's record by at least a couple of seconds.

Jenkins will lead the Southern Athletic team, which will represent Dixie colleges and universities at the national A. A. U. meet in Newark, N. J., in September. The St. Landry boy will then have the opportunity of his life of showing exactly what he can accomplish on the track. Southern track experts are confident that Jenkins will be the winner in the 220 and 440 yard dashes, while he has a splendid chance of kopping the 100 yard run. Should Jenkins win out in these three events he will come very close to winning the title of the greatest athlete in the world.

Tad Gormley, the South's greatest track director, is leaving nothing undone to make Jenkins the greatest track man in the world; he believes he will succeed, because the St. Landry boy is always willing to do anything that his directors tell him to. Between now and September it is expected that Jenkins will improve wonderfully and it would not be surprising to see him lower at least two world's records at the Newark meet.

The report issued makes entertaining and instructive reading.

The report is printed under the act that calls for a printed copy of the work of this department of the state to be presented to the governor and members of the general assembly of the state of Louisiana. The extra copies President Alexander has arranged for general distribution to the people of the state as long as the limited supply lasts.

JOHN W. LEWIS MAY HEAD LOUISIANA DELEGATION

Opelousas Prominently Mentioned of Chairman of the Delegates from This State to Convention

Political rumors have it that John W. Lewis, of Opelousas, recently chosen by the state democratic convention, as one of the delegates from the seventh congressional district, will be chairman of the Louisiana delegation to the St. Louis national democratic convention, which will begin on June the 14th.

Friends of Mr. Lewis have launched a pussy-foot campaign with an endeavor to secure him this honorary position. It would indeed be an honor to be head of the Louisiana delegation, and especially so for a young man like Mr. Lewis, as the delegates chosen to represent this state at the national convention are numbered among the leading and most influential citizens of Louisiana.

It is understood that the Opelousas man will be tendered the honor by the delegates by acclamation.

St. Landry has been honored many times by democracy; two weeks ago two of her most prominent young attorneys were chosen by the state convention, one as delegate and the other as elector. Should Mr. Lewis be tendered the chairmanship of the Louisiana delegation, as is expected, democracy certainly will have repaid St. Landry.

JEFFERSON DAVIS VOTES HALF MILLION FOR ROADS

Proposition Once Turned Down Is Accepted by Taxpayers of Progressive Southwest Parish

The election of Jefferson Davis parish, on Monday, upon a bond issue of half a million dollars for the construction of permanent highways carried overwhelmingly. A large vote was cast throughout the parish, there being one hundred more in Jennings than at the election for the same purpose a year ago. Jennings voted seven to one in favor of good roads, and Welch ten to one, Elton and Raymond voting the proposition by three to one. Lake Arthur carried in number of votes in favor of the bond issue and against the property valuation, small western precincts voted against the proposition.

The people of Jefferson Davis are jubilant over the recent victory of the progressive taxpayers and work on a model highway system for one of the Calcasieu daughters will be started within a short time.

The proposition to vote \$500,000 worth of bonds to construct good roads, which was submitted to the voters of Ouachita on last Monday, was unanimously carried.

CITY TO CONSIDER ERECTION OF HALL

Discussion of Municipal Building Will Be Held Tuesday Night

MANY ATTRACTIVE OFFERS WILL BE MADE COUNCIL

Opinions Vary As to What Course The City Should Pursue But It Is Believed Majority Favor New Hall

At the regular meeting of the newly organized city council on next Tuesday night the question of the erection of the proposed city hall will come up for discussion. It is probable, however, that the council will act definitely.

Aaron Jacobs will offer the city fathers the sale of the old Vilaseca corner, on Bellevue and Market streets, at such an attractive price, he says, that if the city is in a position to erect its own building, a deal will likely be made.

It is understood that Ben Risenman, an other prominent local merchant, who owns a pretty lot, between Landry and Bellevue streets on Market, will offer another attractive proposition to the council.

Opinions vary greatly on the municipal hall; there are some who would like to see Opelousas own its own hall, but these people would want the city to erect a splendid up-to-date and modern building; there are others who believe the city is not in a position to build a municipal hall; others think the city market, renovated and remodelled would make an ideal city hall for the present, while a few will be found favoring matters as at present.

A large number of Louisiana cities and towns own their halls and it is evident among the most progressive element in this city that Opelousas should keep pace with the other progressive cities.

Several plans for furnishing municipal officials new quarters will likely be discussed on next Tuesday night and it is not at all improbable that the council will arrive at a definite agreement on the subject before very long.

JUDGE DUPRE WITHDRAWS FROM DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

St. Landry Representative Refuses to Bind Himself to Vote for Administration Bill

Gilbert L. Dupre of St. Landry has withdrawn from the democratic caucus; he refuses to bind himself to vote for a measure which he might disprove. Judge Dupre's action was followed by the withdrawal of E. Vuillemot of St. Martin and J. Hugo Dore of Evangeline.

J. M. Sanders, another representative from this parish, announced that while he had not sent formal notice of resigning from the democratic caucus he would not attend and would not bind himself to support the caucus election bills, as he understood them.

In sending his notice of resignation Judge Dupre said:

"I have concluded I cannot attend the caucus scheduled to take place this afternoon. The reason is obvious. I do not propose to vote for any of its measures, unless they meet with my approval. I could not go into the caucus, object to any measure proposed by it, and when defeated, oppose the same upon the floor of the House.

"I hope the measures proposed by the caucus may meet with my approval. If they do, I will vote for them. If not, I am going to register my vote against. The proper course to pursue under these circumstances is to further abstain from participation therein."

MALLET NEGRO MURDERED WHILE ON PUBLIC HIGHWAY

Authorities Have Warrant for Arrest of Man Suspected of Committing the Crime

A Sonnier, a young negro, son of Paul Sonnier, a mulatto of Mallet, was assassinated on last Friday while traveling on the public road. Sonnier was reputed to be a peaceful sort of a negro and enjoyed the friendship of his white neighbors. It is presumed by the officials that a white man wanted on serious charges, murdered the negro, because it was feared by the white man that the black would reveal his whereabouts.

Constable Allen McCoy and Constable-elect Eraste Frame were in Opelousas during the week and secured a warrant for the arrest of the white man, suspected of killing Sonnier.