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ST. CHAS. WILL CLOSE SUCCESSFUL SESSION

Alumni of Old Grand Coteau Institution to Meet on June 18th.

NUMBER OF BOYS WILL BE GRADUATED ON WEDNESDAY

Best Year in History of Jesuit College to Be Brought to a Close the Middle of Next Week

Notices have been sent out broadcast throughout the South and in practically every community in Louisiana advising the old boys of the renowned old St. Charles College that they are due a good time at Grand Coteau on Sunday, June 18th, as on that day the Alumni Association will meet for a general good time.

Commencement exercises will last three days at the Grand Coteau institution, beginning with a Solemn High Mass, at 10 a. m., Sunday. Singing at this mass will be furnished by the Small Boys' College Choir. The Baccalaureate Sermon will be preached by Rt. Rev. C. Van de Van, D. D., Bishop of Alexandria, La.

The old guards are warned that the Alumni meeting will convene in the College auditorium at 2 o'clock Sunday evening. The meeting will be followed by an elaborate banquet which will begin at 5 o'clock.

On Tuesday, June 20th, the commencement play will be staged at 5 o'clock, P. M. Graduation exercises will be held at 9 o'clock, Wednesday morning.

Since the beautiful new building took the place of the famous historic buildings destroyed by fire several years ago St. Charles College has been having most successful sessions. Increase of students has been great and the college will close next week the most successful school year in the annals of the splendid institution.

A large number of boys, destined to be leaders in this state, will be graduated on next Wednesday morning.

The Alumni Day serves to bring a majority of the old boys of St. Charles, who gather under the historic oaks of the beautiful little village to relate their experiences of the old college days, as well as to tell of their conquests in worldly affairs.

Preparations have been made by the good Jesuit fathers to take good care of all the old boys who desire to stay at the college for all the exercises, which will take up three days, and a cordial invitation is extended to all St. Charles College alumni.

SUGGESTS FIRE HALL AS SUITABLE FOR OFFICIALS

Aldermen Fields of the Opinion that Hook & Ladder Hall Would Make Ideal City Hall

Alderman Marius Fields is of the opinion that the Hope, Hook & Ladder Company's hall, on Union and Bellevue streets, would make an ideal city hall for the present. Mr. Fields thinks that the building could be artistically arranged, so as to afford commodious and comfortable quarters for the city officials.

The fire hall, as the Hook & Ladder hall is known, is centrally located, and is in splendid shape; according to Mr. Fields' views it would not take very much money to fix up the building so as to make it a city hall.

By occupying the same buildings with the fire company, it is figured, that Opelousas will save enough money each year from rent as to place the fire company on a surer and safer basis.

The question of the city hall was broached at the recent meeting of the city council and it was decided not to take action on any of the proposition offered by some of the citizen property-owners.

Mr. Fields will no doubt meet with considerable support, as he will present his case so logically as to force recognition. On account of the large sum of money which will be saved annually, by doing away with the rent, the Fields proposition is due thorough investigation and discussion.

The first ward member believes that the city and fire company authorities should work on a more co-operative basis; he is willing for the city to aid as much as possible the fire boys, and believes that more material benefits will be derived by both bodies.

Felician Pitre, a prominent citizen of Washington, was a Friday visitor to Opelousas and incidentally paid us a pleasant call.

LAZARO SUBMITS HIS RECORD TO VOTERS

SEVENTH DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE RENDERS COMPLETE ACCOUNT OF HIS STEWARD SHIP AND ANNOUNCES FOR RE-ELECTION

Congressman Ladislas Lazaro makes his official announcement as a candidate for re-election and at the same time submits his stand on every important measure that has come up and is about to come up before congress. Mr. Lazaro thinks that his record is fully able to speak for itself and for that reason did not hesitate to submit it to his constituents for consideration.

In a letter to the editor of this paper Dr. Lazaro fails to say when he will be here to begin campaigning in earnest. In all probabilities he will remain at his post of duty in Washington until the adjournment of the present session of congress. It was thought by local friends of the seventh district congressman that Dr. Lazaro would make a flying trip to Louisiana while the national democratic convention would be taking place.

Dr. Lazaro's friends are paying the way for his campaign; they feel confident that St. Landry will return a majority in favor of their candidate and it is expected by them that he will lead the field by a good margin in the first primary.

Friends of T. A. Edwards claim that the race will be close between the present incumbent and the Calcaesieu district attorney, while the Barbee supporters are practically certain that the final run off will be between the youthful Calcaesieu district judge and the St. Landry physician.

It is expected, however, that Dr. Lazaro will be here plenty of time to start the campaign; he knows how to work the district and he is pretty apt to be kept busy for a few weeks, at the least, re-building his fences.

The following is the interesting statement of Dr. Lazaro, as sent to this office for publication:

To the People of the Seventh Congressional District of the State of Louisiana;

In submitting my name to you for re-election to Congress in the next Primary election and in asking your vote and support, I do so

in the firm conviction that the office to which I again aspire belongs to the people within the limits of said district. The right and responsibility of selecting the nominee for the Democratic Party at the Primary election to be held this fall belongs absolutely to the individual voter, and not to any particular man or set of men.

In asking the people of the Seventh District to re-elect me, I deem it my duty to give a brief report of my work since the beginning of my service in Congress. I will not discuss my record prior to my election to Congress, as that was thoroughly discussed when I left the State Senate to become a candidate for Congress, and was approved by a large majority of the voters of the District. I have adhered to the platform on which I was elected. I have always tried to study impartially every question submitted for consideration and voted strictly according to the dictates of my judgment and my conscience after carefully weighing the merits of each measure, keeping in mind always the platform of the Democratic Party and my pledges to the people I have the honor to represent.

THE TARIFF
I had promised the people of the Seventh District to stand for a duty on rice, lumber and sugar, and worked and voted accordingly when the Tariff Bill was under consideration. We were successful on retaining a tariff on rice in the first Tariff Bill, and this Congress has admitted the correctness of our position on sugar by enacting a law retaining the present duty on sugar. I am supporting the present bill to create a Tariff Commission, to be composed of experts to investigate the whole tariff question from a non-partisan, economic and scientific standpoint, and to report to Congress from time to time.

BANKING AND CURRENCY BILL
I supported the banking and currency bill. I believe this law has sounded the death-knell of the

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APPEAL TO CITIZENS TO SAVE CATHEDRAL

Gov. Pleasant Joins in Fight for Restoration of Historic Edifice

CAMPAIGN TO PRESERVE NEW ORLEANS LANDMARK

Jews and Non-Catholics Assisting in Cathedral Restoration Campaign

New Orleans, La., June.—Catholics in all sections of Louisiana are rallying to join in the St. Louis Cathedral Restoration Campaign, and hundreds of pledges of co-operation have been received from Jews, and persons and other non-Catholic creeds and of all political factions.

For two months, from headquarters in the St. Charles Hotel, the arrangements have been going on. Hundreds of letters have gone to Catholics and non-Catholics in all parts of Louisiana, particularly in the neighborhood of churches without the guidance of Archbishop Blenk.

Many of the state's most prominent men and women are on the honorary committees, and will attend the banquet, arranged by the Knights of Columbus, at the Grunwald Hotel the night of June 13, when the campaign will be launched formally.

Archbishop Blenk himself is directing the campaign. At the headquarters in the St. Charles Hotel, S. L. Seabrooks, executive secretary, and A. L. Buchanan, assistant, are directing the campaign volunteers and committees, which include New Orleans' most representative men and women, with others from the cities in the diocese in Louisiana.

Every historical and civic pageant and incident in the history of New Orleans has taken place in the St. Louis Cathedral. As long as the city has existed the cathedral has been the center of all religious, civic and other activities. The settling of the walls, caused by decaying foundations, built under old methods of construction with the storm of last September, has badly damaged the structure and the campaign is to get funds to restore the structure in time for the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the founding of New Orleans in about 20 months.

At the anniversary will be the nations leaders, governors of every state and representatives of foreign governments, high church dignitaries and others. It will be a celebration that will surpass anything ever attempted in the country for splendor, and will draw the attention of the world to New Orleans.

Mayor Behrman and Governor Pleasant have heartily indorsed the movement, pointing out the fact that it is a civic and religious duty for everyone to assist in the restoration campaign. Mayor Behrman emphasized the fact that thousands of tourists visit the Cathedral annually, it is known all over the nation, and it will be a reflection on the city if the historic edifice is allowed to go to ruins.

Governor Pleasant, in a statement to the Cathedral workers, declared that armies of Europe are fighting to save the Cathedral of Rheims and other edifices, while the army of Louisiana has permitted the most priceless treasure of this country to totter.

The preparedness idea that is sweeping over our country, seems to have stimulated the local Lodge of Elks to arrange a program, this 14th of June, far in excess of anything yet attempted. Their plans not yet complete and subject to some slight changes are about as follows:

Grand parade to leave Elk grounds at 8 o'clock P. M., headed by Opelousas Brass Band, followed by Boy Scouts bearing flag staff and lanterns, Camp Fire Girls, Confederate Veterans, Elks in regalia, torch bearers, etc. Elks uniform will be white trousers, dark coat and military hats.

Weather permitting exercises will be on Elk lawn.

No cards are issued, the public is invited to attend and assist the Elks in making this Flag Day the biggest ever; a genuine preparedness outpouring is expected.

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NOTICE OF TRESPASS
Notice is hereby given to the public to desist from entering my farm south of Opelousas, La., is positively forbidden, and violation will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. A. GIRON, June 10-6.

DR. PAVY IS ELECTED POLICE JURY HEAD

POPULAR YOUNG MEMBER OF THE THIRD WARD OF THE PARISH WILL PRESIDE OVER ST. LANDRY'S LAWMAKERS

St. Landry's new police jurors were on deck bright and early Monday morning, and as soon as the old jurors met to turn over the affairs of the parish in the hands of their successors, the new jury went into temporary organization by the election of J. T. St. Cyr as temporary chairman, and J. J. Healey, as clerk.

No sooner than Mr. St. Cyr had taken his seat the nomination of president of the jury was in order. H. D. Larcade, first of the new members to make his maiden speech, arose and after paying glowing tributes to the veteran member of the fourth ward, placed the name of K. T. Catlett in nomination; the nomination of Mr. Catlett was quickly seconded.

Mr. Catlett arose and in choice language generously declined the honor, saying that he was satisfied to work in the ranks of the jurors and did not seek political preferment, at the same time thanking those who placed his name in nomination. The veteran fourth warder, in his usual manner, made a splendid impression on his colleagues, when he said that his ambition was to serve the entire parish, that he thought that he could accomplish it better by remaining in the rank and file. He was roundly applauded. Then he placed the name of the oldest member in the point of service, J. E. Dailey, for president. Mr. Catlett paid flattering compliments to the distinguished member from the Coulee Croche section.

Mr. Brown made a short address in favor of Dr. F. O. Pavy, whom he placed in nomination, pointing out that Dr. Pavy was young, vigorous and progressive. Nominations were then closed and balloting on the candidates made the order.

Dr. Pavy, who represents the third ward, was elected president over Mr. Dailey by a vote of 9 to 7; the contest proved interesting, and at the same time very friendly. Friends of both candidates were in the dark as to the result until the very last vote was counted.

The two aspirants for the presidency are among the most progressive members of the police jury; they both have had vast experience in managing the affairs of

the parish, which accounts for the close race.

The new president of the police jury is young and popular, active and progressive, and at the same time is well versed in parliamentary rules; his friends predict that he will make one of the best presidents in the history of the St. Landry police jury. Dr. Pavy is a native of this city, being the son of the late Alfred Pavy, for many years a power in St. Landry politics; he is a son-in-law of Representative Gilbert L. Dupre, of this parish. Dr. Pavy is a prominent and practicing physician of the Leonville section of this parish.

J. T. St. Cyr, who has served as president pro tem of the police jury for the past four years, was re-elected by acclamation.

Mr. Catlett, when the time came to nominate the clerk and secretary-treasurer, made a short but impressive address in favor of J. J. Healey, whom he placed in nomination. Mr. Catlett pointed out that Mr. Healey was undoubtedly the best qualified clerk of the police jury St. Landry has ever had, claiming that Mr. Healey was so well versed in the affairs of the parish, that at any moment, without notice, Mr. Healey could give off-hand any information relative to the affairs of any of the six wards. The election of Mr. Healey was made by acclamation and his salary was fixed at the same figures as before.

After the election of Mr. Healey a heated fight for the position of janitor was precipitated. There were a score of applicants for this job, it is understood, but only four were placed in nomination. Those nominated were P. C. Richard, K. Doucet, Ernest Dejean and J. L. Fontenot. Young Doucet proved the best runner of the bunch, winning handsily in the first race, he receiving 9 votes, while Mr. Dejean received 3, Mr. Fontenot and Mr. Richard each 2.

Dr. Guilbeau was re-elected parish health officer over W. R. Larstrapes, of this city, by a vote of 10 to 6. Messrs. Dailey and Larcade were appointed the other two members of the St. Landry board of health.

L. L. Danel was chosen election supervisor by the practically unanimous vote of the police jury.

BILLIES TO CELEBRATE FLAG DAY ON JUNE THE 14th

Some years past, a Grand Lodge of Elks concluded that American patriotism was on the wane. In order that the Elks (an intensely patriotic American organization), may do their part towards keeping the fires of patriotism burning, inaugurated "Flag Day." Since then some 1333 Lodges, scattered throughout America and her possessions, celebrate the birth of our Flag, every 14th of June, with appropriate exercises, interspersed with patriotic addresses, songs and recitations.

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TROSCLAIR GETS MORE MONEY AS POSTMASTER

Revenues of Local Postoffice Increase Giving Postmaster Additional Salary

Postmaster J. P. Troscclair has just received notice from the United States Postal Department advising him of the fact that his salary has been increased one hundred dollars per year. The increase comes as the result of increase of business in the Opelousas postoffice.

The revenues for the local post office for the past twelve months has surpassed any of the best years in the history of the post office.

Mr. Troscclair is an energetic official and never allows an opportunity to give the patrons of the post office advice on the workings of the department and urging them to send many articles, which heretofore have been going by express, through the postoffice.

JUNIOR EPWORTH LEAGUE ENJOYS PICNIC IN WOODS

The Junior Epworth League of the M. E. Church, together with their parents and a few invited friends, enjoyed a day's outing at the Fontenot Spring, about five miles from the city, on last Thursday. The day was an ideal one for the occasion, clear and cool, and the little folks enjoyed themselves to the fullest, picking berries and wild flowers, romping over the hills, playing games, etc., while the older folks viewed the mirthful scene with quiet satisfaction, recalling the pleasures of their own childhood days.

Dinner was served at noon under the spreading oak near the spring and it was an eager and hungry crowd, their appetites whetted by the invigorating air of the woods and the pure crystal water of the spring, that sat down to do justice to the many good things that had been provided for the occasion; but there was a gen-

DR. LAFLEUR'S DEATH OCCURRED ON MAY 17.

Definite News Received Concerning Murder of Physician

GUATEMALAN SOLDIERS CUT THE THROAT OF VICTIM

Brothers of Unfortunate St. Landry Boy Interview Man With Dr. Lafleur When Tragedy Happened

The mystery surrounding Dr. Moise Lafleur's death, as far as his local friends were concerned, has been partly cleared, as the result of an interview between the brothers of the deceased and J. H. Molley, who was at the head of the scientific expedition, of which Dr. Lafleur was physician.

The interview took place in New Orleans this past week. Dr. Ertemon and Emare Lafleur having gone there to ascertain all facts concerning their brother's death.

On the morning of April 17, just one month before the terrible tragedy, Dr. Moise Lafleur, a Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Molley and two negro servants left Balise, British Honduras, in the direction of El Cayo, which they reached three days later; the expedition's objective point was a newly reported archaeological site, nine days' journey from El Cayo into the Peten bush.

On April 26th the expeditionary party ascertained that revolutionists had organized in El Cayo and had captured nearby villages. Despite the danger they faced Dr. Lafleur and his friends decided to proceed ahead, which they did as soon as they could be provided with necessary outfit, guides, mules and supplies.

The party encountered friends who joined them, so that in case of trouble they would be 18 instead of 9. They could then overcome any picket of the revolutionists. The party reached Holmul, a little village near their destiny, on May 16th, departing from there at 7:30 next morning.

After leaving Holmul the forests were so thick that Dr. Lafleur and his party decided to go together, while their friends would go another way. After over half a day's travel they were in the thickest part of the forests, forty miles away from the village of Holmul; on account of the density of the woods and briars the party was forced to go single file, the guide leading.

All of a sudden the party reached a place, in the middle of the forest, which had been cleaned out. No sooner however than the party reached this spot when shots were heard, and the smoke obstructed the view and no one could be seen. Mr. Molley yelled for Dr. Lafleur and the guides to come back into the thickets, they being the only ones not in sight, but not a word was heard from them, nor could they be seen. The Guatemalan soldiers kept on firing, whilst Mr. Carpenter and Mr. Molley made their escape.

A search for Dr. Lafleur's body lasted two days, his friends risking their lives on several occasions in an endeavor to find him. When the former Opelousas boy was found, he had been shot through the lungs and his throat had been cut wide open; the Guatemalan soldiers had stripped him of his clothes, shoes, rings and other belongings.

The body was brought back to the home of Mr. Molley, where it was interred, the ceremony being performed by a Catholic priest.

Mr. Molley took the trouble of making an extensive investigation of the whole matter, and after interviewing the Lafleur brothers in New Orleans the early part of the week, departed for Washington, where he will present the whole case to Dr. Lazaro, representative from this district, and the Louisiana senators, with a view of having the United States government investigate the shooting.

It is probable that Dr. Lafleur's body will be brought to Opelousas, as soon as possible, for interment in the family graveyard at Prairie Ronde.

rous supply for all and none had cause to complain.

The picnic broke up at 5:30, but before leaving the scene of the day's festivities and as a fitting climax to the enjoyment, the children decorated the vehicles with festoons of moss and green leaves and came home singing and cheering as only a crowd of happy youngsters could.

All voted it a grand success, so much so that the little folks unanimously agreed among themselves that they should have another very, very soon.