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JUDICIAL FIGHT TO BEGIN JULY FOURTH

If Any Opponents Are Brought Out Battle Will Begin Soon

CHICOT MASS MEETING TO ATTRACT POLITICIANS

No One Has Announced Against Garland and Pavy But Decision To Be Made Soon

If there will be any fight for judicial offices in this judicial district it is reasonably certain that this fight will be precipitated on July 4th, at a mass meeting to be held at Chicot, Evangeline parish, according to one of the men being urged to make the race for district judge.

Thus far no success has been attained in securing the consent of several aspirants for the positions of Judge Pavy and District Attorney Garland, but these aspirants are daily consulting with friends it is understood, and will most probably decide to make the race by the time July Fourth rolls around.

While every effort is being put forth to get out a ticket in opposition to the present incumbents, Judge Pavy and District Attorney Garland, it is said, are not losing a minute rebuilding old broken political panels and are almost as anxious to get in a fight as those who desire to give them a fight.

Hon. L. Austin Fontenot, who ran in the recent democratic primary for lieutenant governor and who was spoken of as a very likely aspirant for the judgeship, emphatically denied, on Wednesday evening, any such idea. He asserted that he knew of no definite candidate, but assured the reporter of this paper that opposition to the present incumbents would likely crop up at any moment. Mr. Fontenot, while taking an active part in the approaching campaign, in event of contests for the two judicial jobs.

Reports drifting in from Ville Platte are to the effect that Sam Gardner, a young attorney of the parish, is anxious to get into the political arena, having strong political ambition.

Every politician of any consequence in the two parishes has been invited to Chicot and it is likely that the first real political meeting of the judicial and congressional campaigns will be held. Dr. Lazaro and his two opponents for congress, Judge Barbe and T. A. Edwards will probably be there, also.

KINDER AGGREGATION TO BE HERE TO-MORROW

Old Time Rivals Will Make Their Appearance of the Season on Sunday Evening

The Kinder team, accompanied by several scores of enthusiastic fans, will arrive in Opelousas to-morrow evening for its first game of the season against the local club.

The Kinder boys are old time rivals of the Opelousas players, and as usual will induce several hundred fans to be on tap at Comeau's park to-morrow afternoon to witness the hardest fought game of the season.

With the addition of Barret Opelousas has been considerably bolstered up, and as Bienvenu has produced the goods, as one of the most promising young amateur pitchers of Louisiana it is very likely that the Opelousas boys will have the kinder scalps dancing at their belts, when the time of the to-morrow afternoon game rolls around.

Admission to-morrow will be 25 cents for adults and 10 cents for children. Manager Dejean expects a large crowd of local players to be on the grounds early to get the home players to victory. Plenty of noise and pep will be needed by the local players, as Kinder is expected to bring its usual delegation of players for their root club.

CHAPPUIS-THIBODEAUX

Blaise Chappuis, popular to well known young man residing at Rayne, and Miss Leita Thibodeaux, charming and accomplished young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thibodeaux of this city, were married by Rev. Father John Engelbrecht at the Catholic church here, on last Monday evening.

Both the bride and the groom are well known here and enjoy a large circle of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Chappuis will make their home at Rayne, where they are popular with the younger set of the progressive Acadia city.

TEN GRADUATED AT ST. CHARLES COLLEGE

BISHOP VAN DE VAN PREACHES BACCALAUREATE SERMON BEFORE LARGE CROWD OF ALUMNI AND STUDENTS OLD ST. CHARLES

Grand Coteau, June 20.—Sunday was truly a red-letter day for St. Charles College for on this day the fourth annual meeting of the St. Charles College Alumni Association took place. The meeting was largely attended and all were enthusiastic over the celebration.

The program was as follows: Solemn High Mass coram episcopo in the Sacred Heart Church at which Father E. J. Baehr, S. J., was celebrant, Father J. P. Moore, S. J., deacon, Mr. G. A. Whipple, S. J., master of ceremonies, Rev. Fathers M. A. Grace, S. J., and John Buckley, S. J., deacons of honor. Right Rev. C. Van de Ven, bishop of Alexandria, La., clothed in his episcopal robes occupied a throne in the sanctuary which was beautifully decorated by the young ladies of Grand Coteau. The mass was sung by the Small Boys' College choir and they carried themselves with glory on the occasion. It was the first time they attempted anything of this kind.

The ten graduates who were dressed in their graduation uniforms filled the first two pews in the main aisle. The balance of the middle pews were taken up by the alumni and college students. The pupils of the Sacred Heart Academy and a large number of the congregation also attended the mass.

Bishop Van de Ven preached a beautiful Baccalaureate sermon. After thanking the Jesuits for their kind invitation to be present on this auspicious occasion he exhorted the members of the graduating class to live up to the good christian training they had received from the Jesuits. In part the bishop said: "Higher education without religion is absolutely worthless for it is filling up our penitentiaries and jails. What we need in the world at the present day is good christian men."

Immediately after mass Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was given during which the Te Deum was sung. The ceremonies of the church were inspiring. It was a beautiful sight to see the old college boys from as far back as the civil war to the present day graduate taking a stroll beneath the magnificent live oaks planted nearly one hundred years ago. Here they related many instances of their school days and the happy time they had at dear old St. Charles. At 4 P. M. lunch was served in the college refectory.

The Alumni assembled in the college hall at 2:30 P. M. for their annual business meeting. In the absence of the president of the association, Joseph A. Grace, the Rev. Francis X. Twellmeyer, S. J., first vice-president called the meeting to order, after expressing deep regrets at the absence of their worthy president. The minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary and adopted as such. Over sixty members answered the roll call and seventeen new members presented their names for admission. Joseph Colomb of Lafayette was named temporary treasurer in the absence of the treasurer Dr. C. A. Gardiner who is at Coopers Well, Miss. The report of the treasurer was then read. A vote of thanks was given the secretary and treasurer for their excellent reports. Marshall Billeaud, Jr., read a magnificent paper on an agricultural department for St. Charles College. Father Grace said the faculty had already made inquiries about the matter and were not in a position to have one. So much taken with this subject the alumni appointed a committee to look into the matter and see what can be done to start this department. Many of the alumni are of the opinion that much can be done and that this department will be ready for the fall of 1917.

Before adjournment the following officers were re-elected by acclamation without opposition: Very Rev. C. Van de Ven, S. J., Hon. President; Rev. Joseph A. Grace, Plaquemine, La., president; Rev. F. X. Twellmeyer, S. J., first vice-president; Rev. J. Barry, Grand Coteau, La., second vice-president; Judge William Bonobell, Lafayette, La., third vice-president; Dr. Denegre Martin, New Orleans, La., fourth vice-president; Col. J. P. Sullivan, New Orleans, fifth vice-president; Gilbert

St. Julien, Lafayette, La., secretary and Dr. C. A. Gardiner, Sunset, La., treasurer.

After the meeting the members were given a delicious banquet in the college refectory. Judge E. D. Estillette of Opelousas, the oldest alumni who attended school was the first one called on for a toast. He gave an interesting talk of school days at Grand Coteau College. The other speakers who also made grand toasts were: Bishop Van de Ven of Alexandria, Rev. Father Teurlings, Judge William Campbell, J. Gilbert St. Julien of Lafayette, A. L. Andrus, E. B. Dubuisson of Opelousas, Major John M. Oge of Grand Coteau and Rev. Father Twellmeyer, S. J. The speakers praised the teachings of the Jesuit Fathers and said they had done immense good to this state by having one of the grandest institutions in the United States. The Very Rev. M. A. Grace, S. J., president of the college, who is well known and loved in this section of the state, and who is always wonting to bring St. Charles in the limelight as one of the most famous institutions in this country, in a few well chosen words thanked the speakers for the kind words they had said about the college, and also the alumni for their attendance, and the interest they had taken at the meeting. The Shakespearean play came off at 7:30 P. M. It was a complete success and vastly enjoyed by the old boys, collegians as of a high class.

St. Charles has been favored with success ever since it was re-opened in 1909, and again has become an educational institution of special importance in Louisiana, having shown its worth by the thoroughness of training of a large number of young men it has educated. During the past session the enrollment at St. Charles was 175, the largest on record in the history of the college. Since the new college was re-opened seven years ago the enrollment has been on the gradual increase as the following figures show: 1909-1910, 58; 1910-1911, 72; 1911-1912, 93; 1912-1913, 125; 1913-1914, 135; 1914-1915, 149; 1915-1916, 175.

The following young graduates received their degree of bachelor of science at St. Charles College on Wednesday morning: Robert A. Ross, New Orleans, La., William J. Gaudreau, New Orleans, La., Laurent M. Barousse, Church Point, La., Robert J. Young, Abbeville, La., John B. Vandegae, Many, La., Israel L. Hebert, Maurice, La., Arthur J. LeBlanc, Midland, La., Carroll J. Mouton, Lafayette, La., Escalon J. Gaiennet, Lecompte, La., Randall U. Abshire, Leroy, La. This is the largest number St. Charles has ever graduated in one session.

The class excellence leaders for the 1915-1916 session are: Junior, X. Alexis Voorhis; Sophomore, George Smith; Freshman, Daniel Gremillon; First Academic, Edward Dubuisson; Second Academic, Alexander Azar; Third Academic, R. Brijant; Superior (graduating class) Israel Hebert; Intermediate, Lionel Jeanraud; First English, Ralph Ragley; Second English, Alvin Comeau; Third English, U. Billeaud; Preparatory, George Snyder.

The officers and professors at St. Charles during the past session were: Very Rev. Michael A. Grace, S. J., president; Rev. Francis X. Twellmeyer, S. J., vice-president; Rev. Henry A. Devine, S. J., secretary and professor of Superior class; Rev. Emile J. Baehr, S. J., treasurer; Rev. James A. Chamard, S. J., Chaplain; Rev. John Buckley, S. J., Sophomore; Rev. R. M. Brooks, S. J., Junior; Mr. G. A. Whipple, S. J., Freshman; Mr. J. J. Ryan, S. J., First Academic; C. J. Quirk, S. J., Second Academic; Mr. P. M. Barranger, S. J., Third Academic; Mr. J. B. Doonan, S. J., Intermediate and prefect of senior division; Rev. Andrew B. Fox, S. J., First English and prefect of senior division; Mr. R. A. Macdonald, S. J., Second English and prefect of junior division; Mr. J. M. Johnson, S. J., Third English and prefect of the Junior division; Rev. M. Habig, S. J., Preparatory; Mr. B. Thiel, M. A.; Mr. Robert Mouton, stenography and typewriting.

The closing exercises of the Sacred Heart Academy were held

CITY WILL CONSIDER TRUCK NEXT TUESDAY

Special Meeting to Be Held for Purpose of Deciding Plan

COMMITTEE ENJOYS TRIP TO BATON ROUGE LAST WEEK

Fire Boys Feel Confident That Their Efforts Will Prove Successful With City Council

It is very likely that Opelousas will own an automobile fire truck; so much interest has been manifested in the proposition that a special meeting of the city council to take up the matter has been called for Tuesday night.

A committee composed of Mayor Loeb, Aldermen Stelly and Hollier and Chief Brown of the fire department journeyed over to Baton Rouge last week, where they inspected the new auto fire truck, which was recently purchased by the capital city fire department. The committee was driven all over the city in the truck and every member of the committee expressed himself as being perfectly satisfied that a fire truck would prove of benefit to this city.

The Opelousas fire boys have been making a noble fight during the past year in an endeavor to give Opelousas this much needed improved fire-fighting apparatus; the city council never turned a deaf ear to the fire boys, always assuring them as soon as practicable the matter would be taken up and finally disposed of, by the purchase of the fire truck.

It is evident that the city will purchase the truck, as it is understood that the five members of the council are satisfied that the purchase of an auto truck would prove a profitable investment.

OPPELOUSAS BOYS GOING TO THE MEXICAN BORDER

At least three Opelousas boys will go to the Mexican border, or may even go into the depths of the southern republic, if war is declared. The three Opelousas boys to go to Alexandria for the mobilization of the Louisiana National Guards are Hart and Eddie Littell, who belong to Company H, at Baton Rouge, and Robertson Lacombe who readily enlisted at Crowley on last Monday. Paul Roy, a former Opelousas boy, who resides at Crowley will also go to the front, in case the Louisiana National Guards are called to the Mexican border. George Phillipa, it is understood, has also enlisted; while not an Opelousas boy, he is well known here, where he has been engaged in the rice business for a number of years.

Hart Littell departed on the Wednesday morning Frisco train for Baton Rouge, from whence he went with other members of Company H to Alexandria for mobilization. The other young men went with the Crowley company.

Eddie Littell after standing a competitive examination for West Point to-day, will leave for Alexandria to join his company.

Opelousas is never lack in furnishing soldiers to Uncle Sam, whenever called on, and it is very evident that should a state of war be declared between the two countries, this city will contribute its mite towards the building of a formidable band of volunteers to battle for supremacy with the greasers.

Quite a number of local young men have signified their desire to follow in the footsteps of the Littell boys and Rob LaCombe, in enlisting on the border or in Mexico.

Alexandre Sylvestre, member of the fifth ward of the police jury, was in Opelousas on Thursday, attending to preparatory plans for the erection of the proposed Sylvestre school, in the western portion of the ward.

Willie Dejean, who represents the Plaquemine section of the sixth ward of the police jury, was here during the week. Mr. Dejean reported that crops were in splendid shape in his section and predicted bumper crops.

Monday evening before the faculty and students of the convent, Right Rev. C. Van de Ven, Bishop of Alexandria and the following priests from St. Charles: Very Rev. Father M. A. Grace, S. J., Rev. Fathers John Buckley, S. J., James Chamard, S. J., A. M. Fontan, S. J., and M. Habig, S. J. A beautiful program was well rendered after which the bishop distributed the premiums and gave an interesting talk.

AMERICANS KILL 14 IN CARRIZAL FIGHT

COMMANDERS OF OPPOSING FORCES BOTH MEET DEATH WHILE MANY COMRADES ARE KILLED AND WOUNDED

When news of the battle of Carrizal reached Opelousas by special dispatches excitement prevailed, many expressing the opinion that a declaration of war would follow as soon as details of the fight could be gotten.

In many towns and cities of Louisiana, and throughout the United States, when this startling news flashed over the wires, patriotic citizens quickly organized parades and patriotic demonstrations followed. Baton Rouge held a parade, which has never had its equal in the capital city, since the Spanish-American war.

Since the battle of the San Domingo ranch the Carranza forces have been evacuating many Mexican border towns, retiring further south, where they are expected to offer resistance to invading American forces.

The city of Juarez, opposite El Paso, has been practically evacuated by the Carranza garrison. Trainloads of soldiers and residents have been hurried to the south, and many cities along the international boundary lines have been left behind by the fleeing, excited populace.

President Wilson is firm in his belief that war can be averted and does not expect the Carrizal battle to precipitate a declaration of war. In the meantime all national guards have been ordered to mobilize and national guards of three states, Missouri, Kansas and California have already been called to the Mexican border. The Louisiana national guards are mobilizing at Alexandria, where they will train for use on the border in case the United States should need Louisiana, it is said, can furnish nearly two thousand men for service in Mexico.

GIRON OPENS UP PARK FOR COLORED PEOPLE

Opelousas Team Beats Negro Nine from Lebeau in Two Games By Big Score

On last Sunday, June 18th, Opelousas colored baseball team opened the season at Giron's park, with Lebeau. The local team had no difficulty in decisively trouncing the visitors by the score of 8 to 2. On Monday evening the same teams engaged in another battle, which resulted in Opelousas winning by the score of 9 to 0.

Walter Lemelle pitched both games for Opelousas.

J. C. Giron, well known colored butcher, has built a nice park for his fellow citizens and is being liberally patronized. The park is situated at the south end of Court street. N. E. Mouton is manager for the local colored team and is being assisted in building up a strong club by C. F. Giron, captain of the team. It is the aim of the manager and captain to build up the local colored team strong enough to defeat any of the colored teams in this part of the state.

Misses Eleanor Isaacs, Julie Garland and Marie Andrepont have returned from the Grand Coteau convent to spend their vacation with their parents.

OPPELOUSAS EASY WINNER OVER THE RAYNE TEAM

Bienvenu Pitches Superb Ball Allowing Visitors Only Three Hits in Seven Innings

The Opelousas baseball club opened the season on last Sunday evening at Comeau's park, by defeating the Rayne team by the decisive score of 13 to 3. Except for the first inning, when the Rayne boys piled up three runs, not one of which was earned, Opelousas played ring around roses with the visitors.

Lionel Bienvenu, local boy who acquired a reputation as a reliable pitcher with the Spring Hill College team, was on the mound for Opelousas. At first, because it was his first appearance before a home crowd, young Bienvenu was a trifle wild, but he soon settled down. The best that the visitors could do with Bienvenu was to secure three singles and two passes. At all stages of the game Bienvenu had the Rayne players at his mercy.

While Bienvenu was pitching a beautiful game his teammates, led by Charles Dejean, Tate and Clary, were pounding the hide off of the ball; Dejean carved out one three bagger, a two bagger and a single in four times up, while Tate in as many times soaked the ball out twice of two baggers. Clary obtained two singles, the rest of the players, with the exception of Leo Dejean and McKinney, contented themselves with a single a piece.

The batting of Dejean was the feature of the Sunday game. Tate

also showed up in true form, both at the bat and in the field. Young Clary, who made his debut with the locals, appears to have the form of a ball player, and judging from his playing on last Sunday is destined to be one of the best and swiftest players ever produced in Opelousas. Veteran players like Brown and Thompson showed up good, considering the limited time in which they had to get into trim; both will be playing up to their standard, it is expected, by Sunday, when much is expected of them. Brown held down the initial sack with a great credit; he is a good first baseman and will undoubtedly improve with the season.

The "G. O. M.", Leo Dejean, did not get a chance in the outfield, young Bienvenu being opposed to allowing the visitors slugging the ball outside the infield, but he showed up well on bases, scoring three runs. McKinney and Larcade, like young Clary, are promising youngsters and their friends expect them to develop into real ball players by the end of this season.

On account of the inclement weather there was a small attendance at the ball game on last Sunday. The rain necessitated the cutting short of the bill, the game being called off after the seventh inning.

The score follows:

OPPELOUSAS:	AB	R	H	P	O
Tate, 3b	4	1	2	2	1
Thompson, 2b	4	1	1	0	0
Brown, 1b	3	2	1	5	0
C. Dejean, c	4	2	3	10	2
Clary, ss	4	1	2	2	1
Larcade, lf	4	1	1	1	0
McKinney, rf	4	1	0	1	0
Leo Dejean, c f	3	3	0	0	0
Bienvenu, p	3	1	0	1	0
	33	13	11	21	5

RAYNE:	AB	R	H	P	O
Haines, s	2	1	0	0	1
Faulk, 2b	3	1	1	2	0
Peck, p	3	1	0	0	3
Duhon, 3b	3	0	0	0	3
Mire, r f	3	0	0	1	0
Foreman, l f	3	0	1	0	2
Plattsmier, lb	3	0	1	1	0
Pial, c	3	0	0	8	2
McBride, cf	3	0	0	0	0
	26	3	3	21	12

Summary:
3 base hits, Dejean.
2 base hits, Dejean, Tate (2); stolen bases, Brown, Peck, Duhon, Plattsmier.
Struck out, by Bienvenu, 9; by Peck, 7.
Base on balls, off Bienvenu, 2; off Peck, 0.
Hit by pitcher, Faulk, Leo Dejean.
Sacrifice hit, Bienvenu.
Left on bases, Opelousas 2; Rayne 5.
First base on errors, Opelousas 5; Rayne, 2.
Wild pitch, Bienvenu 1, Peck 1.
Errors: Thompson, Bienvenu, Duhon 3, Plattsmier, Pial, McBride.
Time of game, 1 hr. 50 min.
Umpires: Diellein and Bercier.

JOHN LEWIS FEELS VICTORY IS CERTAIN

Seventh District Delegate to National Convention Is Jubilant

INTERVIEWED MEN OF NATIONAL PROMINENCE

Democrats From Every Section of the United States Predict that Wilson Will Be Re-Elected

John W. Lewis of this city, who represented the seventh congressional district of Louisiana at the national democratic convention at St. Louis, last week, has returned and feels certain of a democratic landslide in November.

Mr. Lewis, while in St. Louis had occasion to interview many men, from every quarter of the United States, who are prominent in national politics; all of these predicted a democratic landslide in November, in fact practically every delegate to the convention, which was the most enthusiastic ever held, was sanguine of democratic success at the polls in November.

The young Opelousas attorney came back feeling reasonably certain that Woodrow Wilson would be re-elected by a large vote. He claims that the people of the United States realize that prosperity has come to this country; these people do not care from whence the prosperity has come, nor do they care what brought it about, but they do know that the various classes in the North, East, West and South are prosperous. There is a sentiment that should President Wilson be defeated this era of prosperity would be a thing of the past, hence it is argued that there will be no difficulty in re-electing the former New Jersey governor.

Mr. Lewis was chairman of the Louisiana delegation, an honor which bespeaks the admiration of the Louisiana democrats for the popular young Opelousas attorney.

FIRST BOLLS OF SEASON SENT IN BY BALDRIDGE

Prominent Barbree Merchant-Planter Has Early Start in Early Cotton

W. P. Baldrige, well known merchant-planter, is the first farmer in St. Landry to send cotton bolls to this office, and is undoubtedly the first farmer in the parish able to say that his cotton had bolls on June 19th.

Mr. Baldrige in a letter to the Clarion states that his neighbors are not very far behind him, and that the Barbree planters will be among the first to harvest their cotton crop.

"Our lands are as early as anywhere," says Mr. Baldrige, and he predicts a splendid crop in his section of St. Landry.

BARNETT WILL OPERATE GIN PLANT AT SUNSET

Well Known Opelousas Ginmer Erect Modern Plant in Flourishing Cotton District

J. P. Barnett, well known cotton buyer and ginmer, who last week, with Simon Stelly purchased the modern Hyman-Hiller Gin in this city, has decided to operate a plant at Sunset also. Mr. Barnett has already ordered the necessary machinery and expects to start erecting the gin in the next few days.

Sunset is one of the largest cotton centers in this parish, several thousand bales being ginned there annually. As soon as it was decided that the Farmers' Union gin, which was destroyed by fire recently, was not to be erected. Mr. Barnett quickly seized the opportunity of opening up in that splendid center.

The gin which Mr. Barnett will operate in Sunset will be entirely new and will be modern and up-to-date.

Mr. Barnett will devote some time in both Opelousas and Sunset, but will most likely make his headquarters in this city.

RICE IS HEADING

Arthur Prejean of Plaquemine Point, informs us that his rice heading. This is the earliest rice heading thus far, and Mr. Prejean says that it is doing splendidly.

Rice in the Plaquemine Point section is flourishing and a bumper crop is expected to be harvested this summer. Judge A. W. Dejean and Police Juror Willie Dejean each has a deep well on their places and are in a position to furnish considerable water for irrigation purposes. Practically every patch of rice in that portion of St. Landry is in splendid shape.