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OPELOUSAS WILL GET TWO MAIN HIGHWAYS

State Good Roads Bill Will Connect Opelousas With Kinder

DELEGATION OF CITIZENS BESEIGE CAPITAL CITY

Author of Important Measure Willing to Allow Changes in Proposed Routes of Highway System

Opelousas will have two main highways if the Alexander good roads bill, calling for an expenditure of \$20,000,000 is adopted. A delegation of citizens of Opelousas, Kinder and Eunice besieged the state capital on last Tuesday afternoon in the interest of the bill, urging the necessity of providing a road from Kinder, in Allen parish, to Opelousas, thereby giving a state highway to one of the most prosperous and populous sections in Louisiana.

Mr. Alexander, it is understood, readily agreed to the change and if the bill goes into law Kinder will be connected with this city by means of one of the scores of state highways. It will also afford a connection of the two most important points in this parish, Eunice and Opelousas.

As the bill was at first considered Opelousas would be allowed only one road, that leading from Alexandria to Lafayette and passing through Bunkie and Ville Platte. Now however this city is assured of both roads; one going from north to south, the other coming into Opelousas from the west.

The Krotz Springs road district will soon be ready for the erection of a model road between Port Barre and Krotz Springs, and in the space of a few months it is thought a model highway will be constructed from Krotz Springs to Baton Rouge, and as Opelousas and Port Barre are already linked by means of a parish model road, this city will have a distinct advantage in the way of good substantial highways, leading to practically every important point in Louisiana.

The Alexander state highway bill is meeting with the approval of all good roads enthusiasts and it is expected that it will be approved by the entire people of Louisiana. If the Alexander bill is adopted Louisiana will soon blossom into the most progressive and highly improved state in the South. Land values will immediately soar and farmers will be given roads on which they can carry their products to market at any time of the year, regardless of the weather conditions.

CITY FATHERS TO MEET ON NEXT WEDNESDAY

Regular Meeting of Council Will Not Take Place on Tuesday on Account of Holiday

Because next Tuesday is a legal holiday, it being the fourth of July, the city council will meet on Wednesday night, instead. The city fathers being patriotic believe that they should observe the birth of the nation, and for that reason, the regular meeting will be held one day later than usual.

There was held a special meeting of the city council on last Tuesday afternoon to consider the proposition of the purchasing of an automobile truck for the fire company. As all the data was not attainable at that time it was decided to defer action on this important question until the Wednesday meeting.

It is the consensus of opinion that on next Wednesday the city fathers will unanimously vote in favor of purchasing the truck for the fire company. The automobile dealers are offering such terms that it is said, it would be to the advantage of the city to purchase the truck immediately.

The horses, which have been used by the fire company, it is understood, can be disposed of at a good price. This money can be used as part payment for the truck. The automobile will prove a big savings to the city, it has been figured, and the firemen are unanimous in their desire to have the truck proposition definitely decided.

Miss Edith Kernighan, after spending the week here as the guest of friends, departed on Monday for her home in New Orleans.

Fernand Dardeau, of Sunset, was here on Monday, summoned as talis Juror.

AMERICANS EVACUATE FOUR MEXICAN TOWNS

GENERAL PERSHING REMOVES ARMY NORTHWARD AS MEXICANS DELIVER AMERICAN PRISONERS TAKEN AT CARRIZAL

An immediate clash with Mexico has been averted, although the war cloud is still hovering over the United States-Mexican border. General Pershing, commanding American forces in Mexico, has removed his men northward, evacuating four Mexican towns.

General Funston, commander-in-chief of the Mexican expedition, has been notified that the twenty-three Americans taken prisoners during the battle on the San Domingo ranch, near Carrizal, between forces of the defacto government and the tenth United States cavalry, have been released to the United States.

President Wilson in his note to the first chief of Mexico had warned Mexico that unless these prisoners were immediately released war would be declared. It was feared that Carranza would not comply with the American wishes, and on that account preparation for an immediate clash was made. Although a state of war does not

exist between the two countries, General Funston has not ceased making all the necessary provisions for an invasion of the southern republic.

The Mexicans were highly indignant at the release of the American prisoners, but Carranza, realizing what the President had said, decided it was for the best of his country to comply with the wishes of the United States.

It is not known whether General Pershing will remove his entire army on this side of the Rio Grande, as it is not at all likely that Uncle Sam will allow his men to withdraw from the southern republic at this stage of the game.

In the meantime the National Guards of every state have been mobilized, several of the states being represented on the Mexican border, and if war is declared, by the time the decision is made the United States forces will be sufficiently trained for a successful and rapid invasion of Mexico.

WORK ON PARISH FAIR GROUNDS TO START SOON

New Sheds and Other Improvements to Be Made for Fair to Be Staged Here in October

Dr. R. M. Littell, president of the St. Landry Farmers' Fair Association, is busy planning for the erection of additional sheds at the fair grounds; he anticipates making other necessary improvements to take care of the large exhibits to be brought to the October fair.

Dr. Littell who proved beyond a doubt his ability to conduct a successful fair enjoys the co-operation of the farmers of St. Landry, who are responsible for the organization of a fair association on a financial basis; the popular head of the fair association is also being backed to a large extent by the business people of this city.

It is the plan of the promoters of the fair to make October's agricultural show the best thing of its kind ever staged by a single parish in Louisiana. Farmers, cattle and hog raisers throughout the parish have signified their intention to bring the best "on the farm" to Opelousas on October 5, 6, 7, and 8.

The live stock department will be so strongly represented that the matter of providing enough shelter is to be some problem with Dr. Littell, but an attempt will be made to have enough erected to take care of all who come.

Dr. Littell will arrange an auction day, which will no doubt prove very popular, in which event it is the hope of the promoters of the parish fair to have an annual auction day at each parish fair.

The fair catalogs have been printed and many have been distributed but Dr. Littell urges all those who have not received any to communicate with him and one will be forthcoming immediately.

JOHN BROWN ADMITTED TO UNITED STATES ARMY

Opelousas Youth Successfully Passes Physical Examination at New Orleans Tuesday

John Brown, one of the rural carriers of this city, and one of the most popular boys of this vicinity, will depart in the early part of July for New York to enter the West Point Academy. Mr. Brown stood the physical examination to enter the army school, and already being mentally qualified, all he has to do is to report at the Academy on July 10th.

Mr. Brown went to New Orleans on last Monday, where he successfully stood the crucial examination, which Uncle Sam demands of all his soldiers. He was appointed to West Point by Senator Joseph E. Ransdell.

The many friends of the Opelousas youth who has chosen the army as his career, while they deplore his departure from here, feel confident that he will bring honor and credit to his nation, state and family, and on that account gladly bid him the "best of luck."

Mr. Henry Landry of Eunice spent the day here on Monday, as the guest of friends.

A. D. STEWART ORGANIZING 2nd LOUISIANA REGIMENT

Former St. Landry Representative Is Honored by Adjutant General McCrory

Major Alfred D. Stewart, who has been authorized by Adjutant General McCrory to raise the Second Louisiana regiment of infantry, is a trained soldier of many years' experience. Though a native of Kentucky he has been so long identified with Louisiana, and particularly with New Orleans, as to rightfully consider this his home in almost every sense. He is 46 years of age, born in Kadiz, Trigg county, Ky., and a man of commanding presence and affable manners.

Since he was 16 years of age Major Stewart has been identified with military commands, and has served in all the positions of commissioned officers. When the war with Spain came in 1898 it found Major Stewart in the militia service of his native state, and he went into the volunteer service as first lieutenant of infantry volunteers, and served for two years in Cuba under the command of Colonel Thos. J. Smith, of Bowling Green, Ky., being mustered out with an endorsement "services honest and faithful" on his discharge papers.

Major Stewart came to New Orleans immediately after the war and has been at home in New Orleans ever since. For the past two years he has been manager of the Cosmopolitan Hotel, and has the credit of having made a paying venture of that hostelry. His business as a boniface has thrown Major Stewart in contact with the leading men of Louisiana, and this wide acquaintance led to his election as a member of the General Assembly under the late administration from St. Landry parish.

Upon his popularity in the country parishes is largely built the conviction that the Second Louisiana will be speedily at full strength, and his wide circle of friends in the city and the popularity of the line officers in New Orleans engaged in forming new companies warrant their friends in asserting the city companies will give the country units a close race for mustering honors—New Orleans Times-Picayune.

J. P. GUIDRY SAFE AFTER ATTACK OF APPENDICITIS

Well Known Market Street Resident Lingers for Several Days But Is Now Recovering

J. P. Guidry, well known Market street resident, who has been seriously ill for the past two weeks, is now on the rapid road to recovery.

Mr. Guidry had a severe attack of appendicitis and his removal to the sanitarium was made necessary; he rapidly improved and now his many friends feel assured that he will soon be out again.

H. U. Callahan, popular and efficient city clerk is back on the job after a pleasant ten days' stay at Browns Well, Miss.

PROGRESSIVE PARTY DIES NATURAL DEATH

Theodore Roosevelt Announces His Intention of Supporting Hughes

PARKER REFUSES TO GO TO THE REPUBLICAN CAMP

Louisiana Man Nominated for Vice President on Bull Moose Ticket Will Not Support Justice

The progressive party, which was born in Chicago, on August 7, 1912, when Theodore Roosevelt and followers, bolted the republican convention, because it would not nominate him for president, is virtually dead. The creator and founder of the most powerful baby party has gone back to the republican fold, leaving the men who fought bitterly for him at the 1912 and 1916 progressive conventions, to fight their own battles, but urging them to support Justice Hughes for president.

John Parker, of Louisiana, who was nominated for vice president by the progressive convention at Chicago the early part of June, has refused to follow his chief into the republican camp, stating that the republican leaders are selfish and have no consideration for the desires of the other members of their party. He, however, says that he will strive to keep up the progressive party, despite the fact that he will be forced to support the democratic ticket.

In refusing to follow Roosevelt into the republican party, John M. Parker is being consistent with his political views during the recent gubernatorial campaign. His local friends feel that he has done exactly what could be expected of him, and like him, those who were going to vote for Roosevelt, and Parker, will support Woodrow Wilson.

CLARION FOREMAN WEDS MISS MALINE HEBERT

Quiet Wedding Is Performed by Father Engberink at Catholic Church Tuesday Evening

You have it now, dear readers; you at last know why the make-up of the Clarion for the past couple of weeks seemed so strange and why some advertisements appeared out of place. Richard H. Price, foreman of the composing room, has joined the Benedicts' League and is now the proud possessor of "a wife."

Mr. Price was married on Tuesday evening at 8:30 o'clock to Miss Maline Hebert, pretty young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hebert, prominent citizens of near Opelousas.

The wedding came as a distinct surprise to the many friends of the foreman of the composing room, although any reader of the Clarion could have guessed that "something serious" was to happen. Now however the Clarion will be "better looking" than ever, as Mr. Price has about realized that life is a real serious proposition.

Mr. and Mrs. Price will make their home on South Main street; their little home is stocked full of pretty furniture and the many friends of the newly weds wish them a happy, prosperous and long married life.

HOP. HOLLIER BACK ON OPELOUSAS POLICE FORCE

Health Officer Will Attend to Duties of Day Man from To-Day On

Hop. Hollier, who was a member of the efficient city police force until two years ago, is once more seen doing duty as an officer of the law. Mr. Hollier assumed the duties of the day police officer this (Saturday) morning.

At the June meeting of the city council it was decided to combine the day police officer with the health inspector. Mr. Hollier had been serving in the capacity of health inspector for sometime and was re-appointed last month by the city board of health; being acceptable to the city council Mr. Hollier was elected without a dissenting voice.

Mr. Hollier made an efficient officer during previous terms of office and his friends expect him to continue his good work, both as a policeman and as a health inspector.

Miss Artemise Babington returned to her home at Melville on Sunday afternoon, after having spent a couple of weeks here as the guest of Miss Stella Andrepoint.

ELKS TO STAGE AUTO PARADE JULY FOURTH

OPELOUSAS WILL CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY WITH BIG FEATURE PARADE OF AUTOS, BAND, SCOUTS, CAMP FIRE GIRLS AND ELKS

July Fourth will be fittingly observed on next Tuesday by Opelousas Elks, when a mammoth parade, headed by the Opelousas patriotic band, will be pulled off promptly at three o'clock. The parade will start at the Elks Home, decorated automobiles following the band, with Elks, Camp Fire Girls, Boy Scouts and the Opelousas and Garden City Baseball clubs following in the rear.

It is the earnest hope of the local "Billies" to make the parade a distinct success, so a prize is offered for the best decorated car; every automobile owner in the parish is cordially invited to participate in the parade.

The Opelousas Patriotic Band, which will head the procession, is composed of local musicians, and as the band has already established a splendid reputation the hundreds of people who will witness the parade will be given a real treat.

The paraders will disband at Co-mau's Park, where an interesting game of baseball between Opelousas and Garden City will begin at four o'clock sharp.

It is expected that a large number of people throughout the parish and surrounding country will come to Opelousas for the occasion and it is believed by the promoters of the parade that the affair will be a howling success. It is argued that the Elks usually succeed in whatever they take up and that this event will far surpass all expectations.

All the banks will be closed in honor of the birth of the United States and it would not be at all improbable that a number of business houses close during the hour of the parade, at least.

July Fourth, especially at this time, recalls history of the heroes of the past, with visions of future heroes before the mind of the populace of the United States. Practically every city in the United States of any consequence is planning to fittingly observe Independence Day and it is not at all out of place for Opelousas to put its best foot forward for that day.

JUDICIAL OFFICERS TO BE ENERGETICALLY OPPOSED

Payton R. Sandoz Says that Both Judge Pavy and Attorney Garland Will Have Opposition

Payton R. Sandoz, who has been mentioned frequently as a possible candidate against Judge B. H. Pavy, in a statement to the editor of the Clarion states in most emphatic language that both Judge B. H. Pavy and District Attorney H. Lee Garland will be opposed.

In his statement Mr. Sandoz says: "I have been so persistently appealed to by the people all over the district for information as to whether or not there would be opposition to Judge Pavy and District Attorney Garland at the September primary that, possibly, some public statement from me may be expected. You may assure your readers, and quote me as your authority, that both Judge Pavy and District Attorney Garland will be actively and energetically opposed at the primary election in September."

For the past several weeks rumors of various candidates for judicial offices were afloat, but as yet no one has fully made up his mind to battle against the present incumbents, Judge Pavy and District Attorney Garland. A report from Evangeline had it that Sam Gardiner, a young lawyer of Ville Platte, had his eye on Lee Garland's scalp; it is understood that John W. Lewis will probably get in the mix-up, while Payton Sandoz has been looked upon for sometime as the likely candidate for judge. In fact, during the recent sheriff campaign, it was said, that James W. Lewis, at a Eunice meeting for Sheriff Swords, had introduced Mr. Sandoz as "the next judge of this judicial district."

JUP. PLUVIUS BREAKS UP PRETTY GAME OF BALL

Opelousas Emerged Victorious in Six Inning Contest With Kinder By 1 to 0 Score

Old Jupiter Pluvius broke up the prettiest game of baseball seen in this city for many years, when he interrupted a well played and close contest between Opelousas and the slugging nine, which represents Kinder on the baseball map.

At the last half of the sixth inning the rain came down in torrents for a few minutes, just long enough to frighten the slim crowd and to wet the grounds, when Opelousas had one run to the good, having prevented Kinder from crossing the pan.

The game was a veritable pitchers' battle, but Bienvu of the locals, who was touched for two scratch hits, was master of the situation, although Gillam, of Kinder, also pitched a beautiful game. The local boy, however, on two occasions, when bases were full, due to a few misplays, pulled out of the hole by striking out batters. Everytime that Kinder threatened to score and Bienvu would gracefully retire the visitors the crowd

would go wild with excitement.

Opelousas' only tally came in the first inning, when Foster Tate, fleet-footed Eunice boy, who plays third for the locals, sent a stinging grounder at Gillam, which was too hot to handle and reached first base; Brown, next up, laid down a pretty sacrifice hit, in front of the pitcher, Tate reached second base. Charles Dejean, next up, sent a hot one between third and short, which was good for two bases but he was satisfied to remain at first, while Tate rushed in home a mile ahead of the ball. The Kinder hurler settled down to business and never allowed Opelousas to threaten the plate again.

Barret, Tate, McKinney and Thompson played spectacular ball in the field, each one robbing at least one Kinder player of a hit. The Opelousas team, as a whole played magnificent ball, the local boys proving beyond a shadow of a doubt that they will be reckoned with before the amateur championship of the state is awarded to any other team.

It was distressing, indeed to the Opelousas boys, to witness such a slim attendance at the game last Sunday. Manager Dejean, who has been working like a Trojan to give the Opelousas fans a splendid team, and has virtually succeeded, is very anxious that his team will be patronized. He expects Opelousas to turn out in full force on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, when a three game series with Garden City will be staged.

Opelousas:

Names.	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.
Tate, 3b	3	1	1	1	0
Brown, 1b	1	0	0	0	2
C. Dejean, c	2	0	1	1	11
Barrett, s	2	0	0	0	2
Thompson, r. f.	2	0	0	1	1
Clary, 2b	2	0	0	0	0
McKinney, l. f.	2	0	0	1	0
L. Dejean, c. f.	2	0	0	1	1
Bienvu, p	1	0	0	0	0
	47	1	2	18	3

Kinder:

Names.	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.
Linecum, 2b	2	0	0	2	3
Atkins, s	3	0	0	0	0
Story, r. f.	3	0	0	0	0
Guess, 1b	3	0	0	7	0
Manning, l. f.	3	0	1	0	0
Handley, c	3	0	1	1	0
M. Manning, c. f.	2	0	0	0	0
Hammond, 3b	1	0	0	1	2
Gillam, p	2	0	0	2	2
	22	0	2	15	7

Summary:

Struck out, by Bienvu 11; by Gillam, 1; sacrifice hit, Brown. Base on balls, off Bienvu, 1; off Gillam, 1; stolen bases, Barrett, Atkins, Story, Handley 2.

Left on bases, Opelousas 4; Kinder, 6; errors, Gillam, Bienvu.

First base on errors, Opelousas, 1; Kinder 1.

Hit by pitcher, Hammond. Wild pitch, Gillam.

Time of Game, 1 hr. 30 min. Umpire, F. J. Dietlein.

Mrs. E. K. Wallior has returned to Opelousas and will make her home in this city. Mrs. Wallior asks her old patrons to give her a trial at their fancy dresses.

BLACK GIVEN LIFE FOR KILLING WHITE

Negro Who Murdered Eunice Man Quickly Found Guilty by Jury

WOMAN WAS ONLY WITNESS AGAINST GUSTAVE THOMAS

Only Case Tried by Special Term of Criminal Court Is Decided in Few Hours

Gustave Thomas, the negro, who in April, 1915, stabbed Ozema Roujeau to death, was found guilty as charged, without capital punishment, at the first day of the special session of the criminal court, last Tuesday.

Thomas and his wife were separated, and it is said the negro was always watching a chance to kill his spouse. When Roujeau went to the Thomas home in Eunice, after taking his wife and daughter to a ball, to get the family washing before returning home, Thomas thought it a good chance to do his work.

Roujeau, upon arriving at the negro's house rapped at the door and told the negro woman that he had come for the washing, according to the testimony of the woman, only witness for the state. The woman always fearing her husband, opened a crack in the door and told Mr. Roujeau that the clothes would be forthcoming; while the woman was in another room getting the clothes Thomas rushed up and attempted to get in the house. The white man admonished the negro against doing any rash act, whereupon the negro seized the white man and in the scuffle which ensued stabbed him in several different places, causing instant death.

The woman in the meantime, watching for a chance to escape, and not being aware of the fact that the white man had been killed, rushed out of the house in an endeavor to make her safe escape; while running she was stabbed at by Thomas, who inflicted two painful wounds; while the woman was running she suddenly stumbled on the lifeless body of the white man.

News quickly spread throughout Eunice that Roujeau had been killed by Thomas, who in the meantime had made his escape. The negro criminal was a fugitive from justice until the latter part of June, when he made his way to Opelousas, where he delivered himself up to the city court marshal, Plais Horn. Because the Thomas woman was seriously ill the officials could not try the negro during the winter term of court, the coroner claiming that it was a physical impossibility to bring the woman before court. During the several months that followed the woman was well taken care of by the coroner and when she was able to appear in court a special session of the criminal court was arranged so as to decide the case.

The trial did not last very long, the jury rendering a verdict of guilty the same day it was empaneled. Thomas was given a life sentence and is now serving his time at Baton Rouge.

SID. GONSOLIN WILL HURL FOR GARDEN CITY ON SUNDAY

One Time Opelousas Pitcher to Oppose Locals To-Morrow for First of Three Games

Sidney Gonsolin who pitched for Opelousas three years ago and who is cracked up to be one of the most invincible hurlers in Louisiana amateur baseball will most likely oppose Bienvu in to-morrow evening's game, the first of a three game series between Opelousas and Garden City.

The St. Mary club is reputed to be one of the most formidable in the state and 28 Opelousas is by no means a poor club a very interesting and doubtless hard fought contest will ensue.

Gonsolin is remembered by local fans not only as a good pitcher but as a terrific batter, having at one time won a game for Opelousas, when in the ninth inning, with two men out, one on base and one run behind he drove the ball into the stately oak that graces the left garden, thereby easily earning a home run and capturing the contest for his team.

Local fans believe that Bienvu is just as good as Gonsolin, who has been offered a berth with the New Orleans Southern League team, and consequently a pitchers' battle is watched for when Manager Dejean's boys hook up with the strong St. Mary team.