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OPELOUSAS LAWYERS VISIT BAYOU CHICOT

SANDOZ AND LEWIS, PAVY AND GARLAND, CANDIDATES FOR JUDGE AND DISTRICT ATTORNEY ADDRESS AUDIENCE AND ANNOUNCE THEIR CANDIDACIES

The district campaign opened on last Tuesday on a historic occasion and at a historic spot. The four men aspiring for the office of judge and district attorney respectively faced each other and promised the people an active, aggressive, but peaceable, campaign, free from mudslinging or slander.

Judge Pavy and District Attorney Garland declared they would stand upon their records as officials, while Mr. Sandoz and Mr. Lewis announced their purpose to attack those official records and to show the people from them that a change is necessary and advisable.

Over one thousand people gathered under the magnificent oaks at the Chicot school house and gave all the speakers close attention. The occasion was a celebration of our national day by the Woodmen of the World, and in splendid spirit was the occasion commemorated.

Hon. Henry Erlich presided and introduced the speakers in elegant

and well chosen words. Hon. T. Arthur Edwards of Lake Charles, candidate for congress from this district, laid his claims before the audience and was well received. Hon. O. E. Guillory, clerk of court of Evangeline parish, made a forceful plea for Congressman Lazaro who was detained at Washington on important business. The Woodmen were well represented by Mr. Hundley, who delivered a most beautiful oration.

The fight between Mr. Garland and Judge Pavy, the one entrenched in power for twenty years and the other occupying the seat on the bench for the past six years, and their opponents, two splendid and able young men, Mr. Sandoz and Mr. Lewis, one of whom has been a member of the legislature for one term and the other never having held office. If the candidates adhere to their promise to eschew personalities, the campaign will be an interesting and instructive one.

BIG COTTON FIRM TO BE REPRESENTED HERE

Yves Andrepont Will handle Affairs of M. Levy & Son, New Orleans Cotton Factors

Hon. Yves Andrepont, manager of the Clarion, and one of the best known cotton ginners of Southwest Louisiana, has made arrangement to handle the business of M. Levy & Son, of New Orleans, one of the largest cotton firms of the Union. Mr. Andrepont will be special representative for this big, popular firm, in several parishes of Southwest Louisiana.

Mr. Andrepont will maintain his general office in this city and will have several branch offices in the surrounding parishes. Some of the most popular cotton buyers will be employed by Mr. Andrepont and it is the anxious anticipation of the well known representative of M. Levy & Son to do a real "big business" during the coming cotton season.

Besides representing M. Levy & Son Mr. Andrepont will operate one of the most modern and up-to-date gins in Louisiana, which is being presently erected at Ville Platte, one of the best cotton centers in the state.

Opelousas and Bunkie will be the concentration points for all cottons bought within the parishes of Acadia, Lafayette, Evangeline and St. Landry and it is expected that several thousand bales will be brought to this city for storage and compressing during the approaching season.

THE SCHILL CANAL PROPERTY TO BE RESOLD

The Supreme Court of Louisiana has just decided the appeal taken by the bond holders and others to the judgment of the District Court confirming the sale of the property to Mrs. Lena Mann for \$5000, and has remanded the case. This means that the pumping plant and land of the Company will have to be offered for sale again. The point which won the case was to the effect that the auctioneer who cried the sale for the receivers should have procured and read a certificate of mortgage at the sale, and his failure to do so annuls the sale. Attorneys W. J. Sandoz and D. L. Guilbeau represented the appellants.

An enjoyable surprise party was given to Mr. and Mrs. Willie Ardoin at their beautiful home on West Landry St. on last Thursday night where all took part in music, singing and dancing; those participating were:

Mr. and Mrs. C. Keller, Mr. and Mrs. T. Manuel, Mr. and Mrs. E. Fuselier, Mr. and Mrs. A. Guillory, Mr. and Mrs. Weil, Mrs. L. Ardoin and Mrs. E. Keller, Mr. Fitzpatrick and L. Lacombe of Eunice; Mr. and Mrs. Simon, Victor and Louis Stelly, Mrs. J. Veillon, Mr. Artigue and E. Stelly.

A crowd of about 40 enjoyed a picnic on Sunday given in the school's pasture under a beautiful grove of pecan trees in honor of Mrs. Alex. and Mr. and Mrs. Simon Stelly's birthdays; all are satisfied that they never had a more enjoyable time.

LAWLER CANDIDATE FOR STATE AFFAIRS BOARD

Opelousan Throws Hat into Ring for Important Position and Has Considerable Backing

J. G. Lawler, prominent and well known local real estate dealer, will be an applicant for a position on the state board of affairs, if the Powell bill is approved by the voters of Louisiana.

Mr. Lawler was encouraged to go into the fight by friends throughout Louisiana, but especially those residing in Southwestern Louisiana parishes. He is backed by some of the most influential men of the state, and his friends predict that he is bound to be successful, provided that the people of St. Landry show their willingness to back Mr. Lawler's candidacy, as it is believed they will.

St. Landry is one of the largest parishes of the state, and it is figured that something should be awarded to this parish; as Mr. Lawler is an expert real estate dealer, knows the condition of affairs in this state, his friends feel that he is thoroughly able and competent to render the state valuable assistance as a member of the proposed state board of affairs, which will take the place of the state board of appraisors and the state board of equalizers.

BABIN IS GIVEN RAISE BY ST. LANDRY POLICE JURY

Popular Young Farm Demonstrator Shows that He's A Hustler and Gets More Pay from Parish

W. M. Babin, popular young farm demonstrator, who has showed all these fellows from Missouri that he is able to teach them something new every day in the week, about the art of tilling the soil, has made good in the eyes of the police jury.

Mr. Babin was given a material increase of salary, since his expenses were running so high, as he is accommodating every farmer in the parish, who needs assistance. The many compliments paid Mr. Babin must be a source of great gratification to him, as practically every member of the police jury expressed his satisfaction and approval of the work accomplished by the little "Cajon book farmer" from Ascension parish.

The St. Landry farm demonstrator has been here only a short while, less than six months, and in that short time he has accomplished many things, which has repaid the parish manifold for the salary given him. There was some opposition at first to the appointment of a farm demonstrator, but now that Mr. Babin has taken all those local Missourians and showed them that a "book farmer" could teach the man who has farmed all his life something about the farm which he had never thought of before, it is likely that the young Louisiana State graduate will remain here as long as he wants.

Mrs. J. B. McClelland, wife of one of the most progressive farmers of St. Landry, departed during the week for San Antonio, Texas, where she is visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. McClelland.



"I am the candidate of no set of politicians, or faction. I am going direct to the people for my commission as District Attorney. I have never held office and all I ask is a chance. If I don't make good you need not wait 20 years to turn me out, I'll quit in four years."
JNO. W. LEWIS, at Bayou Chicot.



"Judge Pavy says he'll stand on his record. Alright, I shall accept the challenge and at the proper time, discuss that record in detail."
P. R. SANDOZ, at Bayou Chicot.

TWO DAILY TRAINS ON SOUTHERN PACIFIC SOON

Supreme Court Upholds Railroad Commission and Railroad Will Furnish Another Train

The Supreme Court recently upheld the decision of the Louisiana Railroad Commission in the matter of the patrons versus the Southern Pacific.

For the past several years a desire has been expressed by the public, along the Alexandria branch, for an additional train between Lafayette and Alexandria, but the railroad never would comply with the wishes of the people on this matter, claiming that business did not justify the operation of two daily passenger trains between these two points.

Through the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce and other public bodies the matter was brought before the railroad commission and the Southern Pacific was ordered to do so and the matter was brought into court with thereul that the decision of the commission was upheld.

The additional passenger train, from a public viewpoint, will be greatly accommodating, thus affording better traveling facilities for the thousands of people living along the Alexandria branch. It is hoped that the railroad will soon comply with the orders of the commission.

CLARION CHOSEN JOURNAL FOR PARISH AND SCHOOLS

City Council Also Honors Oldest Paper in St. Landry by Awarding Contracts

The St. Landry Clarion has once more been honored by the police jury, the school board and the city council, being designated as the official journal of these bodies. In each case the Clarion was designated unanimously.

Ever since it has been old enough to qualify the Clarion has enjoyed the patronage of the police jury, the school board and city council. Year after year the Clarion has been re-appointed the official journal of these various public bodies, showing the members of these boards, elected by the people, believed in "duty well performed."

The police jury, without a dissenting vote proceeded to elect the public printer, Alexandre Sylvestre moved that L. A. Andrepont, editor of the Clarion, be appointed. At the time that Mr. Andrepont was being elected parish printer, Mr. H. Bodemuller, representative of the Clarion, was unanimously elected school board printer. On Wednesday night the city council conferred the same honor on the Clarion by choosing it the official journal of Opelousas.

OFFICIAL POLICE JURY PROCEEDINGS

Opelousas, La., July 3, 1916. The Police Jury met in regular session this third day of July, 1916, with the following members present:

Dr. F. O. Pavy, President, presiding; Messrs. St. Cyr, Larcade, Mills, Evans, Dailey, Beaug, Lancelos, Bahington, Doreet, Martin, Sylvestre, Dejean, McCoy, Catlett, W. P. Brown.

Motion by Mr. Catlett. Be it resolved, that the Sheriff and ex-Officio Tax Collector be and he is hereby instructed to immediately proceed to collect a whole year liquor license for year 1916, against Mr. Sidney Lastrapes, who has opened a saloon in the village of Arnaudville under a half license issued by said corporation, contrary to law. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. R. L. Mills. Be it resolved that the President and Clerk of this body be and they are hereby authorized to issue a warrant in the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars in favor of Dr. R. M. Littell, President of the Parish Fair Association, being one-half of an appropriation adopted Dec. 6th, 1915, to assist the St. Landry Farmers' Fair Association. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Catlett. Be it resolved, that the Clerk of this body be and he is hereby authorized to purchase a copy of Cushing's Manual on parliamentary laws, for use of this body. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Catlett, duly seconded and carried. That the petition from citizens of Big Cane and vicinity, be received and embodied in the minutes.

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Big Cane, La., July 3, 1916. To the President and Members of the Police Jury of the Parish of St. Landry.

Greeting: We, the undersigned citizens, do respectfully represent that travel in vehicles between Big Cane, Morrow, Rosa and vicinity, and the Atchafalaya River, east of here, has to be done by going south to Palmetto, then east by Paulkner's ferry. The distance to Palmetto is about as great as it is to the River due east. We therefore, most respectfully ask that you do make the road a public road that runs from Bayou Jack bridge on and along the south bank of Bayou Jack to Indian Lake, Bayou Jacome bridge being in east corner of Sec. 16, T. 3, S. R. 5 E., Indian Lake in Sec. 16, 3 E., and that a bridge be built across State Continued on page eight

TRUCK PROPOSITION LITERALLY MURDERED

City Council Finds Time Too Hard To Purchase Automobile Truck

MAYOR GETS INCREASE OF \$250 FOR SERVICES

Wednesday Meeting of City Fathers Is Source of Disappointment to the Volunteer Fire Company

The city council, at its meeting on last Wednesday, politely proceeded to "murder" the fire truck proposition, which had been in the balance for the last several weeks.

A delegation from the fire company, composed of volunteers, stormed the city council in behalf of the measure, but a motion for indefinite postponement proved to be exceedingly popular, being passed unanimously.

It had been the hope of the fire company, and some of the members of the city council that the city would purchase the truck, but after an investigation of the proposition it was ascertained that the city was in no financial position to make the purchase at this time.

Another important move by the council was the increasing of the mayor's salary from \$750 to \$1000 per year. This measure had been put before the city council recently and was finally given the unanimous approval of the five members.

It is indeed a source of disappointment to the many citizens and taxpayers who were anxious to see the city purchase an automobile truck, to find that the proposition, which had been entertained for such a long time should be turned down. It may be several years, now, before the volunteer fire company, which works so energetically and faithfully at all times, will have the pleasure of having an auto truck to fight the fires.

GARDEN CITY CAPTURES TWO GAMES FROM LOCALS

Tuesday's Game Is Only One Won By Opelousas; With Strong Visiting Team

Garden City captured two games of the three game series between Opelousas and Garden City during Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. The games were splendid exhibitions of bone-head plays, errors and such other features which go to make up a real baseball feast.

The only game to be won by Opelousas was that on Tuesday, when Bienvenu pitched his first game of the series; that game went to the locals by a score of 10 to 4 and it was the only one of the series in which the home boys showed some class, although a few bad plays were made.

The Sunday and Monday games were easy for Garden City, being won by big scores.

Bienvenn did not pitch as well as he has been doing, but he had the visitors at his mercy at all times, which probably accounts for his easy pitching.

To-morrow's game between Broussard and Opelousas promises to be a corking one, as the locals are in splendid trim, the entire team being in the pink of condition. Broussard is rated as one of the best clubs in this portion of the state, having beaten everything in sight during the last few weeks. Some of the best players in amateur ball are on the Broussard club, and as Opelousas has been bolstered up a real exciting game will be witnessed at Wallier race track, to-morrow afternoon.

GEORGE WRIGHT

The Clarion inadvertently omitted to chronicle the death of George Wright, which took place in New Orleans on Saturday of last week. Mr. Wright was buried in Opelousas on Sunday afternoon.

In Iota, which place Mr. Wright lived for many years, the deceased was known and regarded as one of the most charitable, enterprising and progressive citizens, and his death came as a distinct shock especially to the citizens of that portion of Acadia, who loved and admired Mr. Wright.

The deceased was also well known in Opelousas, being a brother-in-law of our distinguished townsman, Hon. William J. Sandoz. The Clarion deprecates the fact that it failed to chronicle the death of such a splendid son of Louisiana and we trust that the bereaved family will readily understand that it was not done intentionally. We extend our condolence to the grief stricken family.

SCHOOL BOARD PROCEEDINGS

Opelousas, La., July 3rd, 1916.

The School Board of the Parish of St. Landry, La., met in regular session pursuant to call; Present: Mr. J. G. Carriere, Vice-President, presiding; Mr. J. E. Andrepont, Mr. J. A. Perkins, Mr. H. D. Larcade, Jr., Dr. L. A. Guidry, Mr. G. Horaist, Mr. Regis Boudreau, Dr. A. C. Durio, Mr. R. L. Hawkins, Dr. Lester J. Williams, Mr. A. Fogleman, Mr. Frank Fontenot, Mr. W. B. Baker, Mr. J. W. Lyman, Mr. Theo. C. Dejean and a quorum.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted. The report of Mr. Trudeau, State Rural School Inspector, was then read and discussed.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana, June 13, 1916. To the St. Landry School Board and Parish Superintendent, Gentlemen:

At the solicitation of the parish superintendent of St. Landry parish, I spent two days in your parish studying school conditions. I had already spent two or three weeks in your parish making a survey of each school community, examining general school conditions, etc.

After having gone over the whole situation in your parish together with Supt. Prescott, I have the honor of submitting to you several recommendations, which, in my judgment, will assist in making more efficient the school system of your parish.

1. The McClelland school, only one and three-fourths miles from the Lawtell school, with good road conditions between them, should be discontinued and the pupils should attend school at Lawtell. The enrollment at McClelland is 21, the grades run from 1-5; the teacher's salary is \$45.

2. The Mallet school is only 2 1/2 miles from the Lawtell school; road conditions are good; two teachers are employed at Mallet and the enrollment is 46; the grades run from 1-6; teachers' salaries amount to \$100.00 per month. In this case, it is recommended that the services of one teacher be dispensed with and that the grades be limited to 5; the pupils doing work above the 5th grade should attend school at Lawtell where the present faculty can take care of the extra pupils coming in from Mallet and McClelland. Should the number of children require it, another teacher could be added to the faculty at Lawtell, and the course of study could be extended to take in grades from 1-8 or even 1-9.

3. The Landry school employs one teacher, has an enrollment of 26 pupils, grades from 1-6; teacher's salary \$55, two pupils above the 5th grade. This school is 2 3/4 miles from the Prairie Ronde school, good roads between them. Prairie Ronde is a graded school with three teachers, an enrollment of 71, grades run from 1-8; there are ten pupils above the 5th grade. In this case it is recommended that the Landry school be either entirely eliminated and all pupils be required to attend the Prairie Ronde school, or that it be limited to 5 grades and the pupils above the 5th grade be required to attend the Prairie Ronde school. Prairie Ronde should have grades from 1-9 if the number of 9th grade pupils justify organizing such a grade.

4. The Plaisance school has an enrollment of 48; grades run from 1-6; there are four pupils in the 6th grade; teacher's salary is \$45 per month. The Andrepont school has employed two teachers; enrolled 65 pupils; grades from 1-6; two pupils in the 6th grade. In this case it is recommended that the grades at the Plaisance school be limited to 5, that children above the 5th grade be required to attend the Andrepont school, and that the grades at Andrepont be extended from 1-7. The distance between schools is 4 miles.

5. West Bellevue school is 4 3/4 miles from the Opelousas high school; grades at West Bellevue now run from 1-7 though this is a one-teacher school; there are 8 pupils doing work above the 5th grade in the West Bellevue school; the enrollment is 43; teacher's salary is \$45. In this case it is recommended that West Bellevue be limited to 5 grades and that pupils above the 5th grade attend the Opelousas high school.

6. The Coteau school is 2 3/4 miles from the Opelousas high school; the enrollment is 29; grades run from 1-4; teacher's salary \$55; one pupil above the 5th grade. In this case it is recommended that the grades be limited to 5 and that pupils above the 5th be required to attend school at Opelousas.

7. The Teche school is 6 1/4 miles from Opelousas and 4 1/2 miles from Washington; the teacher of the Teche school now drives to and from Washington every day. There are two teachers at Teche; an enrollment of 45; grades run from 1-8; teachers' salaries \$85 per month; Continued on page four