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## MARION L. SWORDS

The assassination of Marion L. Swords, for twenty years the sheriff and political leader of St. Landry parish, caused his countless personal and political friends to go wild with excitement. His bitterest political enemies were among the first to swear vengeance for his death and there is no denying the fact that if Hilaire Carriere would have been caught on the day of the killing, there would have been a public hanging on the courthouse square.

Not only does St. Landry mourn the sudden and tragic departure of Marion Swords, but the entire state feels that a great political leader, known throughout Louisiana, has passed to the great beyond, while in the act of performing his duty. While the death of Mr. Swords is cause for grief, it is indeed a great satisfaction to his family and his friends that he was killed at the post of duty. The vision of the killing of this great politician will ever linger in the memory of countless people for generations to come; parents will relate to their off-springs the heroic death of the "Grizzly Sheriff of St. Landry."

Mr. Swords, like all great men, had faults; he was hated most bitterly in a political sense by hundreds of people, but on the other hand he was dearly loved by many more hundreds. As a citizen Mr. Swords set an example for charitable deeds. His charity towards the poor and needy, at all times, is attributed for his success in the field of politics, and it was the fact that he never refused to stretch out a helping hand to all who came near him for assistance that pulled him through several close political scrapes.

The thousands who followed the lifeless body of the once great leader of St. Landry to his untimely grave is sufficient evidence of the esteem in which he was held by the people of this and surrounding parishes. Poor and rich, white and black, high and low, assembled at the graveyard to pay their last tribute to Marion Swords.

The New Orleans Item, although often opposed to the views of the dead sheriff, pays the following tribute to Marion Swords:

The killing of the sheriff of St. Landry by a hidden criminal he was seeking will be deeply regretted in a personal way by an unusual number, for his acquaintance was very wide.

Marion Swords was a distinct personality in his own way, one of the few outstanding survivors of the passing school of politics in Louisiana. Some aspects of his strongly recalled to us the redoubtable fiction-figure of David Harum.

Though frequently and vigorously assailed by counter ambitions in the rather independent body-politic of St. Landry, Swords was almost always successful in getting the majority of the parish voters to see his candidacies the way he preferred to have them viewed. More than once, especially of late, he has been closely pressed, but he always rubbed out of the jam the day after elections with a few more than enough votes to keep him in office.

Swords was probably better known to most of his scattered acquaintances as a wit and a raconteur than as a politician and official. Behind his boundless and boisterous geniality, however, he had the qualities of a strong man.

Naturally he had many enemies as well as many friends. These seemed to us to fluctuate from one camp to the other. Having a profound sense of humor he knew when to quit quarreling as well as when to begin, when to keep the silence that is golden as well as when to make a loud noise. Therefore, many of his fellow citizens who were sometimes "agin" him were also sometimes "with" him, and, as a consequence, though sometimes theoretically obliterated, he always emerged from a parish fracas with a majority, and a new story to soften the blow for the opposition.

We were sometimes against him ourselves, but we appreciated his human side. None deplores more than ourselves the deed that has carried him off. He died in doing a dangerous duty really beyond his years. His death darkens a spot in Louisiana's political field that he kept genially alight.

This is what the New Orleans Times-Picayune has to say editorially of the killing of Sheriff Swords:

By the assassination of Marion L. Swords, veteran sheriff of St. Landry parish, Louisiana has lost a fearless peace officer, state politics is deprived of one of its most forceful and picturesque figures, and thousands of Louisianians are called upon to mourn the loss of a highly valued personal friend. Sheriff Swords contributed notably to one of the most colorful chapters of the state's political history. A stalwart partisan always, he won his way to political leadership early in life and wielded an influence not confined within the boundaries of his own parish.

So sturdy and aggressive a leader naturally antagonized, in the heat of political conflict, a good many strong men. But his loyalty, generosity and other engaging qualities won and held a numerous personal following. While most if not all of his political antagonists frankly acknowledged his merits and counted themselves political differences aside, his friends, the Times-Picayune seldom found itself in political agreement with the dead sheriff and his faction, but it esteemed the virtues and qualities which gained him the personal friendship of thousands throughout the state.

His magnificent physical courage, which long ago gained recognition, never showed to finer advantage than in the episode which resulted in his death. In search of a fugitive wanted upon charges of murder and notorious as a desperado, he moved unshrinking to the performance of his duty, accepting without hesitation the known risks involved. His assassination constitutes one of the blackest crimes in Louisiana's recent history, and all Louisianians join in the hope that the assassin may be speedily captured and adequately punished.

The New Orleans Daily States, one of the leading Louisiana dailies friendly to Sheriff Swords, says:

The entire state has been shocked by a terrible tragedy in St. Landry parish, in which the sheriff was instantly killed, one deputy mortally wounded and two others seriously injured in an encounter with a desperate criminal at Mallet Woods, when the sheriff and posse attempted to arrest him. It is another one of those occurrences which demonstrates the uncertainty of life and the necessity of a great state protecting the lives of her citizens so far as within her power against the operations of such desperadoes.

Gov. Pleasant has gone to Opelousas to attend the funeral of Sheriff Marion L. Swords, killed while in the service of his parish and state, and it is his intention of offering a reward on behalf of the state for the apprehension of the assassin, and any others that may have been a party to the crime.

The murderer in this case was a fugitive from justice at the time, he having shot and killed a man in Jennings, La. This phase of this deplorable affair, emphasizes the necessity of a more rigid handling and guarding of desperate characters with which the parishes and state must deal. It has become a popular thing for citizens generally to seek the release of criminals, murderers, and prisoners almost indiscriminately, either through the parole or by pardon, after they have served but a short portion of their sentences. The public, as a rule, is prone to forget quickly, and to forgive almost as readily. Hence the ease with which long petitions are secured asking for the release of desperate characters who have been apprehended and convicted and have been sent where they properly belong.

Therefore, while the people stand aghast at this terrible St. Landry tragedy, let them not forget the lesson which it carries—that there should be a tightening of the laws that govern criminals, rather than any loosening.

## LACK OF SPIRIT

The lack of the right sort of spirit in the Opelousas ball club has somewhat depressed the players, who have tried to give a splendid exhibition of the national pastime, whenever Opelousas would hook-up with other teams. Opelousas at one time was the best baseball town in this section of the state; hundreds of enthusiastic fans would crowd the park each Sunday, and as a consequence of their backing the local boys usually put a winning fight.

Opelousas has a good strong team composed mostly of home boys; the local club has certainly played up to the standard of former home teams and there is no reason why the fans should not patronize the club more liberally than heretofore this season.

The manager of the local club has done all in his means to build up a strong aggressive team and in our opinion has succeeded. Good games have been staged practically every Sunday, but at every game it is noticed, despite the fact that the local boys play better each time, the crowd becomes smaller and smaller.

The local fans either should patronize the Opelousas club or advise the manager that baseball is no longer wanted here, as it takes more than doughnuts to keep a strong club together.

We sincerely hope that those fans, who were so enthusiastic a few weeks back, will rally once more under the banner of

Manager Dejean's team and show the proper spirit, by rooting the home club to victory each Sunday.

## THE GOOD SOLDIER

The good soldier is the soldier who is ready to perform any duty assigned to him. To be a good soldier one need not be bloodthirsty, he need not be anxious to kill some one or be killed. It is not more necessary that the soldier should be anxious to fight than that the fireman should be eager for a fire. It is sufficient that soldier and fireman be ready to make any sacrifice required.

It is no reflection on the courage and loyalty of the fireman that the people who employ him try to prevent fires by encouraging the erection of fireproof buildings—no fireman feels offended if the people prefer a hotel of steel and concrete to a firetrap structure. Neither is it a reflection on the patriotism of the soldier to try to avoid war. Peace treaties are intended to prevent war as fireproof buildings are intended to prevent fire. One can appreciate the services rendered by both fireman and soldier without desiring either a fire or a fight.—W. J. Bryan.

## LOUISIANA PRESS OPINION

### GRADUATING STATESMEN

In old times a man had to stand for a variety of accomplishments to keep himself before the public and read praise and admiration, and incidentally get elected to a good paying job. But with our modern methods all this red tape is done away with. By qualifying as an "American" and advancing "Americanism," the trick is done and the citizen is graduated as a statesman. In the coinage of this new term, which spells everything, we have relegated to the junk pile the faithful and expressive phrases "conservative" and "progressive." These terms, like shirtwaists, won't keep in style from one season to another. But for the time being what good bait they make for suckers.—Madison Journal.

## "CUSS" MAYOR BEHRMAN

It is amusing to hear some of our country friends "cuss" Mayor Behrman, and in the next breath agree that Martin Behrman is the best Mayor New Orleans ever had. It has been slowly dawning upon many of the country people that Mayor Behrman, Colonel Ewing and the city organization in general are pretty good fellows, very progressive citizens, and above all, that they do not wear horns.—The Plaquemine Protector.

## ASWELL'S OLD SETTLERS' BILL

A favorable report on the Aswell old settlers' bill was made to the senate this week by the committee on public lands. This bill provides for the relief of several hundred settlers who claim lands along the Texas and Pacific railroad. This bill was passed in the house, and its favorable report by the senate committee makes its final passage within a short while almost an absolute certainty. This bill has been pending three or four years, and Mr. Aswell has had a hard fight, meeting much opposition from strong corporation interests, which almost defeated the bill, but he seems now to be within the reach of success for a "deserving bill."—Colfax Chronicle.

## ALTOGETHER—NOW!

Cheer up! You may have fared more than ever, this year, for your beef and sugar. The price of your daily bread may have soared. But that's only an hallucination. Really, the cost of living has been lowered—lowered by one cent. That's the official report of the bureau of labor. Life is worth living, after all, isn't it? Cheer up.—Shreveport Times.

## VITAL STATISTICS

Madison Journal: In looking over the last report of the State Board of Health an item in the recapitulation of vital statistics was of special interest. It appears that in the river parishes that the negro population as compared to the white population outnumbered the white more than ten to one, but the report shows that there is comparatively no difference in the number of births. The figures also show that the total death rate and birth rate are very close together. Of course the meager birth rate of the negro race has been noted for many years, but it is not generally appreciated that the conditions are as marked as indicated in the last report.

## SHERIFF RACE APT TO PROVE INTERESTING

Several Prominent Men Are Being Mentioned As Likely Candidates

There is a long list of names mentioned in the approaching sheriff race. There are at least a half a dozen or more tentative candidates being spoken off, among whom are Dr. R. M. Littell, acting sheriff, Charles Thibodeaux, Darius Fontenot, Dr. Many Stagg, Yves Andrepoint, Allen McCoy, Page Walker and Plais Horn.

Politicians claim, however, that the fight will dwindle down to two men. It is probable that there might be a three-cornered race, but this is regarded as very unlikely. As the date of election can not be very far off, the law requiring that the general election be held within sixty days of the date of vacancy, is probable that the fight will wax warm by Monday, when prospective candidates will have made up their minds to either make the race or withdraw from the fight altogether.

Since the political situation is so unsettled at present it is difficult to discern who will make the race. Should a factional fight be made it is evident that the strongest possible candidate will be put into the field by the two opposing factions, in which event an exceedingly spirited and exciting contest is watched for.

## HICKMAN-STERLING

E. C. Hickman, of Alexandria, and Miss Josephine Sterling of Opelousas, gave their many friends quite a surprise by being quietly married on last Saturday evening at the Episcopal Church in Alexandria, Rev. Mr. Duncan, minister of the Alexandria church officiating.

So quietly was the affair planned that not even the mother of the groom, who resides in Alexandria, was aware of the event. The brother of the bride, Robert Sterling, Miss Fannie Hickman, sister of the groom, and two witnesses were present.

On Sunday morning the happy couple, with Miss Hickman, came to Opelousas to visit the bride's mother, returning on the same day for their home in Alexandria.

Mr. Hickman is a young man of promising future, being connected with the A. W. R. R., while the bride is a popular young lady of this city.

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FOR SALE Furniture and piano, all in good condition. Reason for selling, party moving out of town. Mrs. Cara Breau.

Miss Pauline Andrus, of Crowley, is spending sometime in this city the guest of Miss Rose Chachere. Misses Rose Chachere, Gertrude Fux, Steve Durand of this city, and Sidney Durand of Lafayette, motored to Chariton on Thursday and boasted of a fine trip.

## NOTICE FOR SEALED BIDS

Notice is hereby given that bids for the printing of the official proceedings, ordinances, notices, etc., of the town of Melville, La., will be received by the Board of Aldermen of said town, the right being reserved to reject any or all bids. Address all bids to "J. H. Montgomery, Clerk Board of Aldermen, Melville, La."

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC I am applying for a pardon. Arthur Domengeaux. July-22-6t

## DIVINE SERVICES

There will be divine services at the Church of the Epiphany (Episcopal), Sunday, July 23rd, 1916, at 8 P. M., Rev. Menard Doswell, Jr., officiating.

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Teachers who expect to take special first grade subjects must notify the Parish Superintendent of the subjects they expect to take before July 15th, so that questions may be prepared.

W. B. PRESCOTT, Supt. Schools of St. Landry Parish, July 1st, 4t

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A. L. STAGG, Secretary-Treasurer.  
July-1-4t

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