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THIBODEAUX OPPOSES DARIUS M. FONTENOT

WELL KNOWN POLITICIAN MENTIONED AS PROBABLE OPPONENT OF DARIUS FONTENOT FOR UNEXPIRED SHERIFF TERM

It is pretty well settled fact that Charley Thibodeaux, for many years prominent in parish politics, will oppose Darius M. Fontenot, assessor of St. Landry, for sheriff. Mr. Fontenot announced during the early part of the week, and since he ventured into the field for the unexpired term caused by the death of Sheriff Swords, his political enemies have been busy organizing opposition to the little "Cajan."

Charley Thibodeaux made a formal announcement of his candidacy on Thursday morning, and his friends have been flocking to him, so that formidable opposition to the Fontenot-Andrus-Chachere-Las strap combination could be put in the field.

Several candidates for sheriff of the old Swords faction have been mentioned, notably J. J. Stagg, Judge Vannoy, Plais Horn and Dr. R. M. Littell. It appeared as though the sentiment of the old Swords guard was leaning towards Dr. Stagg, but when he emphatically declined to enter the race, the political wisecracks had to look to one of their other men upon whom they could center. As Charley Thibodeaux was identified with the Swords faction during the last campaign it is pretty evident that he will have the almost solid support of the leaders of that side of the political house of St. Landry.

The friends of both Fontenot and Thibodeaux claim that the race will be interesting, and both sides are sure that victory will rest with them.

The campaign, which is expected to open in earnest the

early part of next week, will unquestionably prove one of the most interesting ever pulled off in St. Landry parish. As most of the old factional bitterness will be wiped away by the time election day rolls around there is no doubt in the minds of those who seem to appreciate the political situation that the race will be exceedingly exciting.

Mr. Fontenot and Mr. Thibodeaux have both bucked up against the old sheriff, the first being defeated in 1916 by Sheriff Swords by 96 votes out of a total of approximately 3500 votes, while in 1912 Thibodeaux was nosed out in an exciting contest by the dead sheriff by 92 votes out of a total of 2500. The friends of both Fontenot and Thibodeaux claim that they are about on an equal level, one being about as strong as the other.

As both candidates will have a formidable organization back of them the fight is pretty apt to be a line up one on each side, in which event the individual popularity of either of the candidates will not count for much.

The election will probably be called on the same day as the judicial election, if reports from Baton Rouge are correct as it is claimed that Governor Pleasant has ruled that the sixty-day clause in the elections for filling vacancies is illegal; should Governor Pleasant act accordingly it is logically concluded that he will so arrange his proclamation of election so that the election of sheriff, district attorney and district judge, as well as congressman will come off on the same day.

EDGAR DUPRE TO BE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

Well Known Farmer Urged for Vacancy on Board

In all probabilities Edgar T. Dupre, a well known and progressive farmer, who resides about three or four miles from Opelousas, in the Plaisance section, will replace J. Austin Perkins, as member of the school board from this ward. Mr. Perkins' term expires this fall and being busy with his bank has decided to give up his place to some one else. Those who know Mr. Dupre readily agree that he would make the best possible member, being a very conscientious worker, a believer of good schools, a progressive farmer and having all qualifications that go to make up an ideal member of the education board.

Mr. Dupre has not consented to submit his name to the people of this ward, but it is understood his friends will compel him to do so. He has the solid endorsement of the people of Plaisance, and every man in Opelousas and Bellevue who knows E. T. Dupre feels that there could be no better choice for the position.

Should Mr. Dupre consent to make the race it is understood that he will not have any opposition; not being a factional man, but always an independent voter, he is agreeable to all political factions in this ward, and would consequently make a splendid and creditable member of the parish school board.

Opelousas as it is now has three of the four members from this ward and in justice to the Plaisance people Mr. Dupre is being urged as the choice of that section of the ward. With Mr. Dupre on the board every section of the ward would be efficiently represented.

The country people feel that Opelousas should yield to their demand in this respect as this place will still have two members on the board in the person of H. D. Larcade, Jr., and Edgar Andrepoint, both of whom reside and vote in Opelousas.

SOYA BEANS NEW CROP FOR FARMERS

Cotton Seed Crushers' Official Points Out Advantages

The soya bean, the cultivation of which is being encouraged in Louisiana by Commissioner of Agriculture Wilson, will keep the Louisiana cotton oil mills running eight months out of the year, according to Bryan Bell, secretary of the Louisiana Cotton Seed Crushers' Association.

The soya bean is now largely grown in the Carolinas, where it brings to the farmer from \$1 to \$1.15 per bushel. The cultivation in Louisiana would be, according to Mr. Wilson, easier and more prolific. The cotton oil mills will be able to handle the bean without interference with their cotton seed crushing industry, the additional crushing process requiring only the slight addition of mechanical improvements to the present plants.

Commissioner Wilson visited both North and South Carolina. The mills in the Carolinas have been paying from \$1 to \$1.15 per bushel, so the dollar standard may be regarded as sure. The mills pay cash and store the beans until they finish with the cotton seed, as their is no danger of deterioration and the weevils do not bother. After gathering at least a \$40 an acre crop of beans, the farmers will still have the vines left for hay which has been analyzed as more nutritious than wheat, bran, or alfalfa for feed. That will make the beans pay more than cotton or corn, for the cotton stalks are worthless as feed.—Dailey States.

ATTENTION

Members of R. E. Lee Camp No. 14 U. C. V., are requested to meet at the Courthouse on Saturday, Aug. 5th, 1916, 10:30 a. m. A full attendance is expected.

MAJOR A. SIMON, Comr. C. P. RICHARD, Adj.

Alex Sylvestre, popular member of the police jury from the fifth ward, spent Tuesday in Opelousas.



CAPTAIN PAUL KOENIG AND GERMAN SUBMARINE DEUTCHLAND

Captain and submarine that crossed the Atlantic, bringing a cargo of dye stuffs, valued at \$750,000.

SMITH TAX COLLECTOR OF PARISH AD INTERIM

Popular Chief Deputy Is Appointed Head of Office By W. N. McFarland

Clement Smith, popular employee of Sheriff Marion L. Swords for the past several years and since the resignation of A. L. Andrus, a year ago, chief deputy, has been appointed tax collector ad interim of St. Landry parish, pending the selection and qualification of the successor of Sheriff Swords.

W. N. McFarland, supervisor of public accounts and acting tax collector of St. Landry parish, by virtue of the power vested in him by law, appointed Mr. Smith assistant supervisor of public accounts and assigned him to duty in the office of the tax collector in this parish.

Mr. Smith will henceforth take care of the collecting department of the sheriff's office, while Dr. R. M. Littell will handle the criminal side, until after the successor to Sheriff Swords will have been commissioned and qualified.

Mr. Smith has rendered efficient service as a deputy in the tax collector's office and there is no doubt in the minds of his numerous friends that he will conduct the affairs of his office on a very efficient basis. His selection to the tax-collectorship until the new sheriff qualifies is an ideal one and Mr. Smith has the congratulations of his many friends.

The official announcement appears in another column of this paper.

GUILLORY DENIES HE LOAN CARRIERS HORSE

Pot Cove Negro Says Report in New Orleans Paper is False

Jean Baptiste Guillory, a negro farmer of the Pot Cove section of this parish, near which place Hilaire Carriere murdered Sheriff Marion L. Swords on Monday morning, July 17th, in a letter to the editor of the Clarion denies most emphatically that he loan a horse to the murderer to make his escape. Guillory is at a loss how the report got out and was finally printed in New Orleans papers.

Following is the letter addressed to the Clarion from Guillory:

"I have read in the New Orleans papers that there is a rumor to the effect that Hilaire Carriere, who is wanted for the killing of Sheriff M. L. Swords had procured a horse from me to make his escape. There is absolutely no truth in this rumor, as I have never seen Carriere since the killing of Sheriff Swords.

"Kindly give this communication space in your valuable paper."

It was claimed that Carriere had procured a horse from some one in the neighborhood, right after the assassination of Sheriff Swords, and in that manner evaded the hounds, who were trailing the outlaw.

Miss Cecil Wiggins, charming young daughter of Sheriff R. Lee Wiggins of Evangeline parish, spent ten days in this city as the guest of Mrs. Martin Bordelon.

RURAL SCHOOLS WILL OPEN IN OCTOBER

School Board Acts Favorably on Farmers' Recommendation

NEW LAW CAUSES MANY TO HESITATE TO ENROLL

Country Children Will Be Able to Assist Parents in Harvesting Their Crops

The school board, at its meeting here last Wednesday morning, acted favorably on the recommendation of the farmers of this parish, through the St. Landry Farmers Union, and accordingly ordered the rural schools to open on the last Monday of October, instead of the middle of September, as was originally planned.

At the meeting of the parish Union held in Ronde last week the question was discussed and it was agreed by the farmers present that, under the new state educational law, compelling children enrolled to attend school so many days out of the year, the rural children would be afraid to enroll, as their presence was required on the farm.

President R. Lee Mills appeared before the school board and made known the wishes of the farmers of this parish; he argued that a majority of the farmers needed their children on the farm during September and October in order to harvest the cotton and corn crops; many farmers had threatened not to send their children to school at all, should the schools open early, on account of the new education law that compels children enrolled to attend school a required length of time.

The school board readily understood and appreciated the situation, and as the school term will only be six months in the majority of the rural schools there was no objection raised to open the country schools the last week of October.

FARMERS PREPARING TO HARVEST THEIR RICE

Early Crop is Almost Ready for Reaper and Binder

Within the next few days there will be seen hundreds of farmers in the nearby fields harvesting their early rice crop. Many reapers and binders will be seen buzzing in the golden field, bringing to St. Landry farmers money by the thousands.

The rice crop in this parish is the best seen in years, one hundred per cent better in some localities than last year, and every farmer who has a patch of rice is wearing a big smile these days.

If weather conditions are not severe the harvest of the early crop should prove a source of satisfaction to all those who are preparing to go into the fields within the next few days to harvest their crop.

Dallas Pitre, well known merchant of the Andrepoint section of this parish, was a business visitor to Opelousas on Wednesday.

ABBEVILLE IS COMING HERE NEXT SUNDAY

Opelousas to Tackle Strong Vermillion Club at Co-meau Park

The Abbeville-Opelousas game which was scheduled for last Sunday and which was called off on account of inclement weather will take place to-morrow afternoon. As the Abbeville team is considered very strong and since the local boys have been considerably strengthened a very exciting and interesting game is promised to the local fans.

Should the weather prove ideal a large crowd will turn out, if present indications are correct. Opelousas is one of the best baseball towns in Louisiana and now that the home team is going good once again it is reasonably expected that the fans will give their support to the local club.

Bienvenu will be seen in action to-morrow; since coming here Bienvenu has been pitching better ball each succeeding Sunday and it is thought that he will weed out a number of the strong Abbeville batters.

SUGAR REFINERY MADE READY FOR OPERATION

Opelousas Mill is Renovated and Good Season Expected

The Opelousas Sugar Refinery, which was organized by local capitalists several years ago, but which was operated for only a few hours, is now, in the best of conditions. The new owners of the local sugar mill have remodelled and renovated and the entire plant today it is one of the best in this section of the state.

Crockett-Well, owners of the refinery, are prepared to make syrup and sugar, and consequently the cane farmers of St. Landry and neighboring parishes are assured of a good price for their output of cane. It is expected that a good season will be enjoyed by the new owners, and it is pointed out that if the sugar refinery succeeds, as it is believed it will thousands of acres of land in this parish will produce sugar cane next year.

Many local people have gone over the sugar mill plant which is situated on the Bennett plantation, four miles from this city. The plant is found to be in splendid condition and there is no chance of failure this year. The operators expect to open the season with yards "chock full" of cane from the surrounding country.

Mrs. F. F. Carter, of Lafayette, formerly known as Miss Sadie Neblett, and little daughter, Anna, are the guests of Mrs. D. C. Rose. When a young lady Mrs. Carter attended school at Mrs. M. M. Hayes and enjoys a large circle of friends here.

George Pourciau of New Orleans was a business visitor to this city and incidentally paid his respects to the Clarion.

Hon. John W. Lewis, candidate for district attorney, was among the prominent visitors at the state capital during the week.

FRIENDS OF SWORDS MEET AT COURTHOUSE

POLITICAL LEADERS OF NEARLY EVERY PRECINCT IN ST. LANDRY GATHER TO DISCUSS THE POLITICAL SITUATION CAUSED BY SHERIFF'S DEATH

A representative crowd of voters, for years intimate and political friends of Sheriff Marion L. Swords, met at the courthouse on last Sunday afternoon for the purpose of discussing the political situation, as caused by the sudden and tragic death of the once chief-tain of the Swords faction.

Several of the most prominent men of this parish, who have in the past taken active part in politics, made stirring speeches advocating the bringing out of a candidate against Darius M. Fontenot, mentioned as the choice of the Garland-Pavy faction. When the question was put to a vote in the house, practically every man seated, arose to signify his willingness to battle for some friend of the dead sheriff.

A committee, composed of two from each ward, was appointed for the purpose of feeling the pulse of the voters throughout the parish as to a probable candidate. This committee was instructed to make known its finding at a meeting in this city.

The meeting was not a convention, as interpreted by

many, it was only the gathering of representative men who are anxious to secure the candidacy of the strongest and most available man in this parish, who is willing to go out and make the fight for political supremacy of this parish and keeping together of the old Swords lines.

Men from almost every precinct in the parish, voters who are influential and who know political conditions readily answered the appeal of the many local friends of the dead sheriff and journeyed to Opelousas, through boggy road and inclement weather, in order to register their approval of opposition against the candidacy of young Fontenot.

The meeting not only discussed political conditions but deplored, with much feeling, the terrible tragedy in Mallet woods, which deprived St. Landry of its sheriff and political leader. Eulogies of Sheriff Swords were numerous and touching; resolutions of regret and sympathy to the family, occasioned by the murder of Sheriff Swords, were unanimously adopted.

LOUISIANA FARMERS HOLD CONVENTION

Interesting and Successful Session Held Here by Union

STATE ORGANIZATION URGES ORLEANS BANK

Annual Convention of Farmers Union Proves a Source of Satisfaction to the Leaders

One of the most successful conventions of the Farmers Union was culminated on Wednesday night, after a two-days strenuous meeting. While the attendance was not very large, the spirit and enthusiasm was there in profusion and it is safe to say that the Union will grow in the next twelve months like it never has before.

The convention was opened Tuesday morning, when Hon. Dudley L. Guilbeau, in behalf of the city, delivered a splendid address of welcome; the views of the Farmers Union were so well expressed, that the big guns in the organization, throughout the convention, would refer to some of the apt remarks of Mr. Guilbeau, who is a fluent and silver tongued orator. National President Charles S. Barrett, the next speaker, delivered a "heart to heart" talk on the Union; he was followed by Dr. Ladislas Lazaro, representative of the Seventh Louisiana Congressional District who urged all the farmers to organize into one organization and to resolve never to attempt to do anything, except by co-operation. Dr. Lazaro was complimented by the Union officials for his record in Congress, as he always voted right on every question bearing on the agricultural interests of his section, according to remarks by President Barrett, who kept a close tab on the St. Landry man. W. P. Young, on Farmers Union, W. A. Bowen, on the Press, and E. P. Gueymard on railroads, delivered forceful and pleasing addresses, all of which were greatly enjoyed.

The Union went on record as being unanimously in favor of the New Orleans Farm and Live Stock Show, which was represented at the convention by I. B. Nennyson, manager of the show. Strong resolutions recommending the show and assuring the aid of the Union to Mr. Rennyson were adopted.

The Union also appointed a committee to co-operate with Martin Behrman in endeavoring to secure for New Orleans one of the national farm loan banks. This committee will go to Washington, D. C., if

necessary, so as to show that the Louisiana farmers want New Orleans to secure one of these banks. The committee is composed of President I. N. McCollister, of Many, Hon. R. Lee Mills, of this city, and W. P. Young, of Texas.

Resolutions were adopted urging the consolidation of rural schools where advisable; the limiting of grades allotted teachers, the voting of taxes for the purpose of maintaining the schools the required term; the teaching of cotton grading in agricultural schools. Farmers were urged to buy good dairying cows and prepare to market milk products scientifically. Resolutions urging the adoption of the Texas warehouse law were also passed.

The election of officers took place Wednesday evening, resulting in the old officers being re-elected unanimously, as follows: I. N. McCollister, of Many, president; J. M. Davis, Crowley, vice-president; Miss Minnie Carron, Eunice, secretary and treasurer; R. Lee Mills, of Opelousas, H. A. Morgan, of Burnside, and J. E. Andrepoint of Opelousas, were re-elected on the executive committee, with J. V. Denieu, of Welsh, and P. B. Greely, of Baton Rouge, as the new members. T. O. Grant, member of the House of Representatives from Grant parish, was elected state organizer, an office which was created at the Opelousas convention. Mr. Grant expects to set the woods afire and enroll several thousand members in the Farmers Union for the next convention, which will take place in New Orleans, under the auspices of the New Orleans Chamber of Commerce.

MRS. ERNEST A. ST. AMAND

On Saturday evening at 3:15 o'clock Mrs. Ernest A. St. Amand, a well known and aged lady of the Plaisance neighborhood, died at the family residence, Mrs. St. Amand before her marriage was Miss Mary Alex Lambert, a member of a prominent family of that section of St. Landry parish.

Mrs. St. Amand leaves seven children to mourn her departure. She was 69 years, 4 months and 17 days. The funeral took place from the family residence near Plaisance at 9 o'clock Sunday morning. Services were held at the Catholic church in this city and interment in the Catholic cemetery.

A large number of friends and relatives of the deceased attended the funeral.