

THE ST. LANDRY CLARION

"Here Shall The Press The People's Rights Maintain, Unawed by Influence and Unbribed by Gain."

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HILAIRE CARRIERE ABLE TO WALK

CHAS. THIBODEAUX SAYS THAT PAVY IS IGNORANT OR CROOKED

THIBODEAUX ROASTS JUDGE B. H. PAVY

Game Commissioner Punctures
Judge's Wonderful Record

GROSS VIOLATION OF LAW
IS CHARGED TO PAVY

Judicial Officials Hold Up Hunters
from Other Parish Is Charge of
Charles Thibodeaux

The general public is disposed to forget or overlook matters of importance after those matters have ceased to be "a nine days' wonder." Charles Thibodeaux, agent of the conservation commission, brings to the attention of the people, in the following open letter addressed to Judge Pavy and the public, a couple of cases tried in the district court of parties arrested by him for violation of the game laws. The communication makes interesting reading and shows to what extent justice has gone in this section of the state.

Mr. Thibodeaux states the case so succinctly and with such a directness and forcefulness that there is bound to be some element of truth in it. The matter of accepting a plea of guilt, sentencing parties under such plea, and then, after finding out that the entire trial has been a farce, setting aside the judgment and refixing the case for another day, is so farcical that even the merest tyro can see beyond the vain veneer of partisanship and the direct play to the galleries—in this case a direct bid for votes and political support.

But where indicted parties—indicted on the same charge—were from another parish, the full measure of the law was meted out, and even the district attorney, according to Mr. Thibodeaux, received a fee of \$2.50 from each of the guilty men of Lafayette, when, as a matter of fact, the district attorney was not entitled to any fee whatever, he having contracted with the police jury to receive a salary instead of fees on convictions before the district court. To what end is it all coming, and what will that end be?

Mr. Thibodeaux's article follows:

"To the Public and to Judge Pavy: The latter part of May, 1914, on an affidavit signed by the late Sheriff Swords, I arrested eleven parties (nine from Evangeline and two from this parish) on a charge of hunting without a license and killing deer out of season.

"These parties were indicted by the grand jury on only one charge—hunting without a license—and on arraignment in the district court all pleaded guilty. The court imposed a fine of \$5 on each, including Alibe Bertrand, who possessed a state-wide license for which he had paid \$10.

"After imposing sentence on all parties, the attention of Judge Pavy was called by me to the law covering this case, which says that for hunting without a license and killing deer out of season the minimum fine shall not be less than \$25 and not exceeding \$100, or thirty days in jail in default of payment of fine and costs.

"After the Judge's attention had been called to the law, he instructed the clerk of court not to enter the plea and fine on the minutes and the district attorney, Mr. Lee Garland, refiled the case for the following week, at which time all eleven indicted parties were brought into court and on arraignment pleaded not guilty.

"They were tried before the Judge and the same witnesses for the state who testified before the grand jury returning the indictment also testified before the court

the accused did not produce a single witness in their defense. THE COURT ACQUITTED TEN OF THEM AND CONVICTED ALIBE BERTRAND—THE ONLY ONE OF THE ELEVEN WHO POSSESSED A LICENSE! The minimum fine of \$25 was imposed by the court on Bertrand and the other ten 'chipped in' \$2.50 each and paid his fine.

"The case is a matter of public record, but the general public may have forgotten its details.

"Now, Mr. Judge, are you incompetent, or ignorant of the law, or are you crooked.

"In either case you are not fit or qualified to be judge.

"Now, Mr. Judge, what are you going to do—plead ignorance, or will you admit that you entered into a crooked deal with the accused parties in the case above set forth. In either event you are unfit to be judge of the district court, and the sooner the people find it out and retire you to the cooling shades of private life the better off they will be.

"Now, judge, there is another case which is of more than local interest. I refer to that in which a party of three, headed by Elie Breaux, from the parish of Lafayette, were arrested for violating the game law and hunting in this (St. Landry) parish out of season and without a license.

"In this particular case, as you no doubt well know, the district attorney, Mr. Lee Garland, filed a bill of information against them on the charge of hunting in this parish without a license. On arraignment in court, before Your Honor, all three pleaded guilty of hunting in this parish without a license. You imposed a fine of \$25 and costs on each and the 'costs' amounted to \$10—\$2.50 to the sheriff, \$2.50 to the clerk of court and \$5 to the district attorney.

"Is it not a fact, Judge, that the district attorney, Mr. Garland, is paid a salary by the parish for convictions in all criminal cases and is therefore not entitled to any fees? How will you and the district attorney explain this plain violation of the law?

"You, Mr. Judge, have IGNORED THE LAW IN TRYING ACCUSED PARTIES WHO WERE RESIDENTS OF YOUR DISTRICT, and consequently could in an election VOTE FOR OR AGAINST YOU; but when parties FROM ANOTHER PARISH OUTSIDE OF YOUR DISTRICT were tried and convicted you imposed a fine according to law!

"Now, how can you, Mr. Judge, and you, Mr. District Attorney, explain this blowing hot and blowing cold—this playing Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde.

"And haven't you, Mr. District Attorney, collected fees for convictions which you were not entitled to under your contract with the police jury of this parish?"

"CHARLES THIBODEAUX."

ALLEN-HAHN

Mr. J. Arthur Allen, a native of St. Landry and now resident of Houston, Tex., and Miss Rose Lillian Hahn were married at the home of the bride's parents in Galveston Saturday evening, the 19th of August.

Mr. Ashton Barry, also a St. Landry boy, now living in Houston, was best man.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen will be at home after September 1st, at 2312 Whitney St., Houston, Texas.

Julius Stander, proprietor of the popular Specialty Store, spent several days in New Orleans transacting business. Mr. Stander is preparing off the fall trade.



SHARK HUNTING IN HYDROAEROPLANE

Berye Kendrick (aviator) with his hydroaeroplane at Atlantic City, N. J., coming in with a four foot shark. Kendrick goes skimming over the water in his machine and his passengers carry rifles. Every now and then pop goes the rifle and that is the finish of another shark.

CAMPAIGN FAST DRAWING TO (LOSE

Young Attorneys Continue To Meet
With Success In Both Parishes

VICTORY POINTS TO
SANDOZ AND LEWIS

First Fight In St. Landry Parish
Staged Along Sound Lines And In
Which No Bitterness Appears.

While the candidates for district judge and district attorney are all busy going through St. Landry and Evangeline the voters are daily becoming more interested in the fight which will be culminated on the 12th of September.

For the first time in the history of St. Landry parish one campaign for important offices is being waged without bitterness being engendered in the fight. It is true that both sides are fighting as stubbornly as possible, but this is one campaign in which the mudslinging appears to have been discarded.

For those reasons, simply because the fight is made along sound and argumentative lines, Sandoz and Lewis will ride in office on the 12th of September. Because the people of Evangeline and St. Landry have come to the conclusion that it is competency which counts and not the votes, in order to make a good official.

John Lewis, the young aspirant for district attorney, has been making a strong appeal to the young voters of this district. He argues that Lee Garland has been district attorney for twenty years; that it is high time for the young voters of the district to show their independence, which has repeatedly been shown in the not too distant past.

Peyton B. Sandoz, in his same old manner, has been going around the district, making a thorough canvass of the two parishes, in which he has always been very popular. The voters know that he is competent, they know that he would make an ideal judge, and for those reasons they will march to the polls and vote for the candidate of their choice on the 12th of September.

NOTICE Monday, Sept. 4th, 1916, LABOR DAY, being a legal holiday the banks here will be closed.

ST. LANDRY STATE BANK,
PEOPLES STATE BANK,
OPELOUSAS NATIONAL BANK,
PLANTERS NATIONAL BANK,
UNION BANK & TRUST CO.

Mrs. Charles Masicot and Miss Lizette Laba of New Orleans were guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Castille.

LEWIS PUTS UP CASE TO ENTIRE PEOPLE

Prominent Young Attorney Challenges His Opponent to Joint Debate in Opelousas, Home of Both

Just before leaving for Chicot yesterday (Friday) morning, Hon. John W. Lewis of this city, candidate for district attorney, gave out the following interview and address to the people of his district:

"My campaign is among the people—right in their homes, in their fields and places of business. The papsuckers and grafters and politicians who live off the people have always sought to crush me, have always fought me, but happily the day is past when a large criminal docket, a long record of inefficiency and a few supposed political janizaries can run this or Evangeline parishes.

"I am offering my hopes and aspirations to the whole people, promising them a fearless and efficient administration of the district attorney's office. Right here in Opelousas, where I was born and reared, where the people are unbought and unbosomed, where men vote according to the dictates of judgment, I shall submit my case in due time. Let Mr. Garland do the same thing. Let him meet me here in joint debate before our people, where he, too, was born and reared, and I shall abide the result. I have no money to debauch the electorate, no docket, no super-servicable parochial official to hurry and scurry to and fro at my bidding, but I have an abiding faith in the people of this district, and whatever they decide in this contest I know will be in accordance with right and justice. This is all I can say at this time, but after my canvass of Evangeline, which I complete this week, I shall take up this parish. You might inquire whether twenty years in one office is not quite enough, and whether I am entitled to a chance—I have never had one in politics because the politicians would not stand for me."

Mrs. J. J. Healey and pretty little daughter Bessie, have returned from a three weeks' visit to New Orleans, as the guest of her son Dr. W. J. Healey.

DR. LAZARO MEETING WITH SUCCESS WEST

St Landry Man Will receive Handsome Vote In Calcasieu Parish.

COMES TO ST. LANDRY TO
VOTE SCHOOL TAX

Seventh District Congressman Being Supported Strongly In Opponents' Judicial District

Dr. Ladislas Lazaro, member of the House of Representatives from the seventh Louisiana district, is meeting with success all along the line, in his campaign for reelection according to reports received from the four Calcasieu parishes.

A prominent Lake Charles lawyer expresses the opinion that Dr. Lazaro will receive a very flattering vote right at Lake Charles, the home of the two aspirants for Lazaro's scalp. The St. Landry man's friends claim that he will carry St. Landry, Evangeline, Jefferson Davis, Arcadia by overwhelming majorities and he has a splendid chance of carrying other parishes.

In St. Landry the fight is not considered interesting from a standpoint of tightness, as the Grand Prairie man will run away with both of his opponents.

The reported opposition to Dr. Lazaro in the beginning of the campaign has faded away and it is now apparent that he will obtain the practical solid support of the voters of the parishes of St. Landry, Evangeline and Arcadia.

Dr. Lazaro returned on Monday night from Calcasieu and other western parishes, where he was assured the same old support. He went to Grand Prairie on Tuesday to cast his vote in favor of the school tax, which was held for the purpose of erecting a school house in the sixth ward, for the pupils of the Sylvestre neighborhood.

Congressman Lazaro will continue his tour of the other parishes, as his local friends have advised him not to lose any time in this section of the district.

Mrs. C. Clay and baby of New Orleans returned to their home last Monday after a pleasant visit to Mrs. Clay's mother, Mrs. F. C. Latiolais.

Mrs. F. C. Latiolais was a visitor to Lafayette during the week.

FOR SALE 93 acres on Bayou Cocodrie; 26 in cultivation, rest choice woodland. For particulars apply to L. A. Andrepont. aug 26 1f

THE SONS OF THE DEAD SHERIFF DECLINE OFFER

Rev. Brock Is Thanked for His Generous Offer to the Family of Former Sheriff of St. Landry

The many friends of the dead sheriff thought it would be a fitting tribute to his memory to pay off his indebtedness on the beautiful Swords home. But the Swords boys in the following communication decline the offer:

New Orleans, La., Aug. 22, 1916
Dear Editor:

In the issue of your paper of Aug. 19th, there appeared a letter signed by our sincere friend, the Rev. J. B. Brock, soliciting contributions from friends of our deceased father, for the purpose of liquidating a certain encumbrance on our mother's home.

This kind and thoughtful consideration is thoroughly keeping with the past evidence of the love and devotion that the people of Opelousas and St. Landry Parish have always shown for Marion Swords and his family, and we would be guilty of base ingratitude should we fail to appreciate this magnificent loyalty.

His sons must respectfully decline to accept, on behalf of our Mother, this kind and generous offer that the letter in question proposes, for a purely selfish reason, via:

It is, indeed, a proud privilege for us to attempt to assume the daily burdens of our Father; a pleasure no greater could we have to do for his wife, our Mother, and his dependent ones in the same cheerful and unselfish spirit as was his want to do, for there was never, nor is there now, a more devoted, loving and considerate parent.

To aid our Mother is but a duty—and a pleasant one, and should his loyal friends attempt even in a small measure to lessen the responsibilities, which we cheerfully assume, it would deprive his sons of a heartfelt desire to show a manly devotion for a most indulgent father.

How can we better demonstrate the affection and esteem we possessed for him, than for doing for his that which he did for us!

We beg the indulgence of Rev. Brock, for whom we hold the highest esteem, as well as those who actuated him in this thoughtful consideration, but we ask that we be allowed to care for our father's widow and children, which is our honorable and cheerful privilege to do.

The burden of our father's financial condition falls where it rightly and justly belongs; and not upon his many friends who have served him so long—they have done well their part and it remains for us to do ours. For the honorable name he left his children, no greater tribute could they pay his memory than to be proud to possess it. Although poor in worldly goods, he was wealthy in honesty, charity, love, human tenderness and rugged manhood. We are proud of what he was, and jealous of those who might deprive us of the slightest opportunity to fight his battles.

Kindly accept, friends of Marion Swords, the spirit of this letter as it is intended.

Please, my dear Mr. Brock, feel no offense because of the contents of this communication, when sincerely none is meant to our father's friend, for it is but a wish, a desire of devoted sons to serve, to the best of their humble ability, the memory of a faithful parent.

Sincerely and respectfully,
C. W. SWORDS,
ALEX. SWORDS,
M. W. SWORDS.

SHERIFF'S SLAYER IS NOW OUT OF DANGER

Man Who Shot Marion L. Swords from Ambush Able to Walk

LAKE CHAS PEOPLE SYMPATHIZE WITH CARRIERE

Sentiment in Lake Charles Is Thought to Be Friendly to Hilaire Carriere

Hilaire Carriere, the slayer of Sheriff Marion L. Swords, who is confined in the Calcasieu parish jail at Lake Charles, has been improving rapidly, from his wounds. He was feeling so good on Monday and Tuesday that he was allowed to walk about a little.

A representative of the Clarion saw Carriere on Tuesday afternoon and had a long talk with him. The slayer of the late sheriff does not seem to be worried over his fate, and is as jolly as could be expected.

Contrary to all expectations Carriere does not look the criminal that his pictures published in newspapers during the past month would make of him. He appears to be an intelligent fellow and is rather good looking.

When interviewed on Tuesday evening Carriere was in a splendid mood and spoke very fondly of old St. Landry. He inquired about many people in this parish, some of his relatives others his friends. He would not discuss the killing of Sheriff Swords, though, he took occasion to comment on the recent sheriff election in this parish.

The St. Landry prisoner is well satisfied with the treatment accorded him by the Calcasieu officials in fact he is so well taken care of that one would judge he was in a private sanitarium.

Many Lake Charles people, laboring under false impression, feel that Carriere should be given a chance for his life in another parish than St. Landry. Some even go so far as to state that if he were tried in any parish in Louisiana outside of St. Landry that he would be not found guilty of capital offense.

Carriere has a large number of sympathizers among the most prominent people of Lake Charles, not that they wish to harbor him, but because they think from newspaper reports that he would be lynched if he were brought to St. Landry parish.

Rumor is current that Judge Barbe of the 15th Judicial District court will refuse to turn over Carriere until he is tried for the killing of the Dabis negro in Jefferson Davis parish. It is even hinted at that Calcasieu people will make a strong appeal in behalf of obtaining a change of venue for Carriere.

CLARION REDUCES SIZE ON ACCOUNT OF PAPER COST

The price of paper has been soaring into the skies for the past several months; newsprint has advanced to such an extent that practically every paper in the United States has been forced to reduce its size or increase its subscription or advertising rates.

The Clarion does not wish to increase its subscription rates at this time, so it has decided to reduce the size of the paper for the time being. It may be that in the next couple of months we will be able to get out a bigger paper, but as it is now we are bent upon giving our subscribers QUALITY and not QUANTITY.

It is our purpose to give our readers as much reading matter as heretofore and for that reason we will use a smaller body type than accustomed.