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JNO. W. LEWIS
Candidate for District Attorney



PEYTON R. SANDOZ
Candidate for District Judge

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State vs. Manuel	19,905	133	571	Affirmed
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State vs. Guillory	18,573	127	955	Reversed
State vs. Auguste	18,576	127	1055	Reversed and Remanded
State vs. Bain	20,682	135	776	Reversed and Remanded
State vs. Doucet	20,601	136	480	Reversed and Remanded
State vs. Carrol	20,384	134	965	Reversed and Remanded
State vs. Lewis	20,681	135	781	Reversed
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Lewis Campaign Committee Issues Ringing Appeal to the Unbought and Unafraid Voters of St. Landry and Evangeline—Call for the Support of Men of All Factions.

TO THE PUBLIC:

Having announced his candidacy for the office of District Attorney for the Parishes of St. Landry and Evangeline, we think we owe it to him to frankly and fairly lay before the people Mr. Lewis' claims to the office.

He has been in politics for over twenty years, beginning with the white supremacy struggle, fighting hard and unselfishly for those things which he thought were right, but always in the open and always without political reward or favor. He ran for office twice, once against Dr. Lazaro for Congress, and once against Mr. Dubuison for member of the Constitutional Convention. In the first contest he was grossly deceived by the men who were instrumental in inducing him to make the race, and in the second contest, all will admit that he made a wonderful fight, although Mr. Dubuison was declared successful BY ONE VOTE.

Just a word with reference to these two contests, and which are presented without bitterness, or a desire to open old wounds. We simply want the people to understand. Mr. Lewis was in New Orleans attending the Supreme Court when Mr. Pujot announced his intention not to offer himself for Congress again. The day after his announcement he (Mr. Lewis) received the following telegram:

"We urge you to announce for Congress to succeed Hon. A. P. Pujot, Sig. R. Lee Garland, B. H. Pavy, and others."

He accepted this tender of support in good faith, and on the strength of it threw his all into the contest. How well he was supported by some of these gentlemen and how strongly they urged his candidacy is a matter of political history here. He was, of course, defeated for Congress, Sheriff Swords having also thrown the weight of his influence against him.

Then came the Constitutional fight. He had never belonged to either the Swords or Garland factions. He had voted in all elec-

tions since his majority according to the dictates of his judgment, and neither side could use him in any factional issue. The fight opened between Mr. Dubuison and Mr. Lewis with Judge Pavy and Garland actively and aggressively battling with Mr. Dubuison. Swords was for Mr. Sandoz, and Mr. Lewis entered the field without the support of a single office holder or politician. Mr. D. M. Fontenot also took an active part against him, notwithstanding that every Lewis and every connection of the family had stood by him in his race for Assessor. With all of these forceful influences against him, and shouldering the fight alone, Mr. Dubuison only defeated him by one vote. In the first sheriff's election he supported Mr. Swords, because he had been aggressively fought in both of his races by Mr. Fontenot, whom he had supported and helped in the past, and because he thought Mr. Garland and others were reaching out for more power, which they ought not to have. There had to be a check on them from some quarter. Besides, the Judge and the District Attorney had no business interfering in that contest—as all will agree.

THE REAL ISSUE

The real issue in this campaign is, not whether the Garland faction or the Swords shall prevail or whether Mr. Lewis is to be punished for supporting Mr. Thibodeaux against Mr. Fontenot, but rather whether there should not be a change in the District Attorney's office, and the beginning of a new deal in the interest of the whole people.

HUNDREDS OF UNTRIED CASES

Eight years ago, in the Sandoz-Garland Campaign, a certificate from the Clerk of Court showed over 1,600 undisposed of Criminal Cases on Mr. Garland's Docket, and it would be interesting to know how many new ones have been added since that time, and how many of the old ones have been tried or otherwise disposed of. We will soon be able to enlighten the people on this subject, when Mr. Lewis is elected, but in the mean-

time Mr. Garland could give us some information, and since it relates to the conduct of his office, should have done so.

Why are these cases not tried or dismissed? This is the question which every taxpayer and thinking citizen will doubtless ask, and to them a truthful and frank answer should be made by the only one who knows—Mr. Garland himself. It has been repeatedly and openly charged that they were kept there for political purposes, and if this is so, certainly no citizen who understands the sacredness and responsibility of public office will sanction such action by a District Attorney. We have no desire to injure Mr. Garland, or to place him in a false light before the people, but a frank explanation is forthcoming, and from him.

TWENTY YEARS IN OFFICE—OVER \$65,000 IN SALARY

If Mr. Garland owns the District Attorney's office in perpetuity, the people should give him a deed to it, and let it be recorded, so as to serve notice on all young men who aspire to political promotion, that they need not apply for that office. For twenty years the people of this District have honored him, and he cries for more. Over \$65,000 of their money he has received, and the question is, WHEN WILL HE BE SATISFIED? No District Attorney in the State has ever been in office that long. The custom is to step up, to go higher, but there he stays, neither going forward, nor permitting others to pass on, and sure it is, if he is again elected, we'll have the same old factions and the same old office holders unto eternity.

WANTS TO CONTROL EVERYTHING

It is also a matter of common knowledge that Mr. Garland is not satisfied with the continued honors and money which the people have showered upon him, but that he dips into every other contest for office, always fighting for control and influence, and trying to defeat or elect some one to office other than his own.

PROMISES TO KEEP OUT OF OTHER POLITICAL CONTESTS

If you elect Mr. Lewis as your District Attorney he makes you the solemn promise that he will never interfere in any election not his

own—that is, for Sheriff, for Clerk or Assessor, nor shall he permit a single untried case on his docket any longer than the time it takes to legally dispose of it. He will hold no one for political or other purposes, and justice and right to all men shall be his directing rule.

POVERTY PLEA

We are surprised to encounter this plea on behalf of Mr. Garland. Some of his friends are saying: "Save poor Lee,—he needs the office. John Lewis makes \$6,000 per annum and don't need the office." Of course, no man who looks to the public good will be impressed with this silly plea. But it is not the truth. Mr. Garland knows better, and he will doubtless himself admit that from this standpoint honors are even. He enjoys a large Civil practice in both St. Landry and Evangeline, and is amply capable of protecting himself in the legal profession. POOR LEE HAS ALREADY RECEIVED OVER \$65,000 OF YOUR MONEY, and we don't remember of any act passed by the last Legislature, making charitable institutions of St. Landry and Evangeline Parishes.

TRYING TO CATCH THE PARKER VOTE

Mr. Lewis' open stand for Governor Pleasant, and his opposition to Mr. Parker is sought to be used against him. But they must not forget that the men here who voted for Mr. Parker are not the kind of men to be used as political puppets. They are independent citizens, who honestly differed from him, but who admire the same frankness and manhood they themselves practice. He stood out in the open on every question, and if they differed with him, there is no reason why he has lost their respect and confidence, or why they should support his opponent. He voted for Governor Pleasant, but no man was able to tell where his opponent's sympathy and support went. Is he then to be punished for exercising his honest selection and in this wise pursuing the same course the Parker following pursued? At least, we knew where Mr. Lewis was, and we are glad to be able to say that hundreds of these men have tendered him their support, which he most gratefully appreciates.

TRYING TO SHIFT THE ISSUE

Mr. Garland declared at Chicot

that he was going before the people on his record. Our information and observation is that he is now trying to shift the issue from his record to matters and things that have no relation to this campaign. WE PREDICTED THAT HE WOULD RECONSIDER, BECAUSE HE CANNOT SUCCESSFULLY MAKE THIS FIGHT ON HIS RECORD.

LET THE PEOPLE RULE—HE SHALL BE CONTENT

Mr. Lewis has never been given an equal chance in his political contests. The professional politicians and office holders have always been against him, and with the weight of their official powers have twice defeated him. All we ask is a chance before the people, with Mr. Garland and himself standing squarely on their merits and claims, with neither whining poverty, or asking sympathy, with no false or foreign issues injected, and above all, with complete freedom from slander and venom. Their personal and professional relations are exceedingly pleasant, and we promise Mr. Garland and the people that Mr. Lewis shall go no further than he has been invited to go,—and that is, into a discussion of Mr. Garland's political and official record.

A PLEDGE TO THE WHOLE PEOPLE

The people don't know what Mr. Lewis would do in office. He has never occupied any. But we think that you will believe him when he promises that he will serve you all honestly, fearlessly and energetically. No man shall be freed through influence or prosecuted through prejudice. All cases will immediately be taken off the Criminal Docket by trial or dismissal, and if he does not present a clear and clean docket at the end of four years, he will ask you no further confidence or favor.

Men of St. Landry and Evangeline, his case is in your hands! Hear patiently both sides, weigh the claims of the respective candidates, then form your judgment, and execute it fearlessly and independently at the polls on September the 12th, next.

We shall abide.
Respectfully,
LEWIS CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE,
Opelousas, La.

Very respectfully,
PEYTON R. SANDOZ.