

FONTENOT IS SWORN ST. LANDRY'S SHERIFF

POPULAR OFFICIAL TAKES CHARGE OF POSITION LONG FILLED BY M. L. SWORDS

All hail St. Landry's new Sheriff! Behold Marius M. Fontenot, popular young Creole now sheriff of the once empire parish of Louisiana.

Darius M. Fontenot, after having filed his assessment rolls and having virtually completed his duties as assessor, was sworn in as sheriff of this parish, by Henry Lastrapes, Jr., clerk of court of the sixteenth judicial district court, on Monday morning. Mr. Fontenot immediately took charge of the office, which was filled by the late lamented Marion L. Swords for sixteen years.

Mr. Fontenot was chosen the democratic standard bearer on August 15th, last, defeating Charles Thibodeaux for the democratic nomination for sheriff by a safe vote. He goes into office under the most favorable auspices and his countless friends and supporters predict for him an enviable record.

We understand that the young sheriff announces that he proposes to bring both sides of his office up to a high standard, and does not intend to permit factionalism and partisanship to enter therein. This is a splendid determination. The offices belong to the whole people, and should be exercised solely in their interest.

We shall support the new sheriff in all of his efforts to bring about a better era in our parish, to the end that the laws shall be impartially enforced and our people made better and happier.

NEWSPAPER MEN INDICTED

D. D. Moore, editor of the Times-Picayune, and W. J. Leppert, a reporter, have been indicted for criminal libel, charges of which were preferred by Dr. Clarence Pierson. It will be remembered that several months ago the Times-Picayune published a series of articles purporting to prove that Dr. Pierson, superintendent of the Jackson Insane asylum, had committed many criminal acts.

The Times-Picayune is the same paper, it will be remembered, which so vehemently attacked Fred J. Grace's management of the Land office. This newspaper challenged Mr. Grace to answer all questions purporting to him; when Mr. Grace so conclusively proved that the Times-Picayune was in error, this paper never had another word to say about the matter.

Following is what the Iberville South has to say concerning the matter:

"We do not believe that the courts will sustain the efforts of these yellow journalists to berate, discredit and dishonor men who are in every way their superiors and who, with the consent of the people, occupy positions of responsibility, trust and honor."

MRS. WILLIAM LIGHTLY

Died at the residence of her brother-in-law, Mr. E. A. Bode-muller last Thursday night at 12:30 o'clock. The funeral which took place at the Catholic Church was largely attended. The Clarion extends its condolences to the bereaved family.

Mr. Ben Riseman one of the progressive merchants of this city returned Thursday from Memphis, Tenn., where he had been summoned to attend the funeral of his father. Mr. Riseman had been sick for some time, but the family never thought that the end was so near. The Clarion offers its condolence to Mr. Riseman and family.

The Candy Kitchen is receiving the new fixtures for their new home, and when their home is finished it will be the finest in this section. Their stock is the very best and service second to none.

J. E. Dailey, prominent member of the police jury from the second ward, was a visitor to Opelousas during the latter part of last week.

The many friends of Robert Chachere, president of the Planters National Bank, are glad to learn that he is recovering from an attack of appendicitis.

TO THE VOTERS

Vote for Act No. 101, Constitutional Amendment for Confederate Pension. This does not increase taxation but raises pension limit when permissible to any figure from the present \$8.00 limit to \$25.00 a month limit. R. E. LEE CAMP NO. 11.

THAT STATE BOARD OF AFFAIRS

THE CLARION INVITES DISCUSSION BY BOTH SIDES

The professional politician, and every would-be friend of the "dear people" seem to have lost sight entirely of all the other constitutional amendments to be voted on at the approaching general election in November, except the amendment providing for the organization of the State Board of Affairs.

The reason of this activity is largely attributable to the fact that the measure in question has to do with taxation and assessment, subjects, with respect to which the people are very sensitive and slow to act.

Some days ago Judge Gilbert L. Dupre called a mass meeting on his own initiative, and proceeded to lambast this proposed legislation in a vigorous and lengthy speech.

Subsequently on Wednesday night Representative E. K. Eastham called a meeting for the purpose of speaking in advocacy of the measure, Judge E. T. Lewis having also addressed the meeting.

The Clarion approves of this method of discussion of great public questions, and from now on invites the proponents and opponents of this particular amendment as well as any other proposed amendment, to use a reasonable amount of space for discussion of them, though it must be well understood that such discussions should be argumentative, and entirely free from personalities or factionalism.

We confess no patience with the hue and cry raised against the proposed State Board of Affairs on the ground that taxes and assessments will be increased and arbitrary powers bestowed and exercised.

Gov. Pleasant was elected to the chief executiveship of this State in both contests by the largest popular majority ever given a candidate. His votes and his political strength sprang from the common people, the hewers of wood and drawers of water, and it is inconceivable and unbelievable that he would permit any oppressive legislation to be placed upon the statute books during his term of office.

Besides Gov. Pleasant is one of the youngest and most successful politicians in the South. His whole future is before him and he knows as well as any other man that any attempt upon the part of his administration to raise taxes, increase the burdens on the people, or unduly centralize power, would be utterly destructive of any other political aspiration upon his part.

We hear some of the very men today who formerly proclaimed the Governor's honesty of purpose and unbending fidelity to the rights of the common people, now loudly preaching that this measure of the Governor is designed to oppress the people with heavier tax burdens and machine politics.

Let the discussion, therefore, proceed, but along lines of thought and argument directed at the merits and demerits of the said constitutional amendment.

ONLY FIRM TO ADVERTISE AT FAIR IS SATISFIED

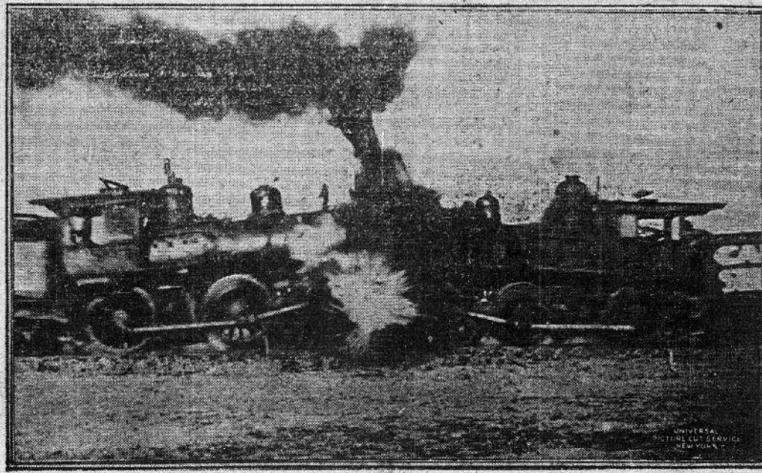
R. Mornhinveg & Son Get Splendid Results from Their Advertising Booth at Parish Fair

R. Mornhinveg & Son was the only Opelousas firm to lease a booth at the recent parish fair. This progressive firm has no excuse to offer, either, for having placed several of their articles on exhibition at the fair. On the contrary Mr. L. H. Mornhinveg, junior member of the firm, enthusiastically admits that he could not have exhibited the Columbia graphonola, for which R. Mornhinveg are agents, to such an advantage and to so many people in two years, right in his store.

The promoters of the St. Landry fair certainly hope that other progressive merchants will emulate the example of R. Mornhinveg & Son, and that at the next annual parish fair, every merchant in this city will have a creditable booth.

DON'T MISS THE STYLE SHOW

The public is invited to a style show at the "Exclusive Milliner Parlor" on Oct. 26th, 1916. Living models will be shown from 10 o'clock to 11:30 A. M. Don't invest in your winter hat before you see the style show. Watch for the "hundred dollar show window." MRS. C. MILSTED, Prop.



UNUSUAL PHOTO OF COLLISION this thrilling exhibition of a head on collision of two locomotives was staged for the benefit of the vast audience for scientific purposes.

EDWARD P. VEAZIE

Edward P. Veazie one of the best known lawyers in Louisiana, long recognized as a leading criminal attorney, expired, after a long illness, on Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Mr. Veazie had been a sufferer for some time and the end, although it came as a shock was not a surprise.

Mr. Veazie, soon after launching in the practice of his profession, attained fame as a criminal lawyer. Throughout Louisiana and in many states of the South, his ability was recognized. During the time that he practiced his profession Mr. Veazie was on every important case tried at the Opelousas bar, and was often called into distant parishes to save some one from and send others to the gallows.

The funeral took place from the family residence on Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Services and interment at the Catholic Church and cemetery.

Mrs. R. Lee Wiggins, wife of the sheriff of Evangeline, and a former resident of Opelousas, was among the prominent visitors to Opelousas during the parish fair.

(OFFICIAL) SCHOOL BOARD PROCEEDINGS.

Opelousas, La., October 2nd, 1916. The School Board of the Parish of St. Landry met in regular session. Present: Dr. O. P. Daly, President, J. E. Andrepoint, J. A. Perkins, G. H. Oraist, Dr. Lester J. Williams, R. Lee Hawkins, Arthur Fogleman, W. B. Baker, Frank Fontenot, H. D. Larcade, Jr., J. G. Carriere, J. W. Lyman, and a quorum.

On motion of Mr. Perkins the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with and the minutes as published were adopted.

On motion of Mr. Carriere, duly seconded by Mr. Hawkins, the following ordinance was offered and adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 18.

An Ordinance Ordering a special election to be held in School District No. 4 of the 5th Police Jury Ward of the Parish of St. Landry, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the said school district the question of the levy of an additional special tax of three (3) mills (.003), for the purpose of providing additional aid to the public schools of the said school district.

Section 1. Be it ordained by the School Board of the Parish of St. Landry, La., That a special election be held in School District No. 4 of the 5th Police Jury Ward of the Parish of St. Landry, La., on the 28th day of November, 1916, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the said school district the question of the levy of a special tax of three (3) mills (.003) on the dollar of all property in the said school district, subject to state taxation, for a period of five years, beginning with the year 1917, the proceeds of the said tax to be used in giving additional aid to the public schools of the said school district.

Section 2. Be it further ordained, etc. That the ballots to be used at the said election shall be prepared by the secretary of the school board of the Parish of St. Landry, and shall be in the following form:

Proposition to levy an additional three mills (.003) special tax on all property subject to taxation in school District No. 4 of the 5th Police Jury Ward of the Parish of St. Landry, La., annually for a period of five years, beginning with the year 1917, for the purpose of giving additional aid to the public schools of the said school district. YES

Taxable valuation \$ NOTICE TO VOTERS: To vote in favor of the proposition submitted upon this ballot, place a cross (X) mark in the square after the word "Yes"; to vote against it, place a similar mark after the word "No".

Signature of Voter.

Section 3. Be it further ordained by the School Board of the Parish of St. Landry, That the secretary of the School Board be, and he is hereby ordered to cause to be prepared for use at the said election the tally sheets, list of qualified

GRAND JURY MAKES PARTIAL REPORT

PARISH INQUISITORS FIND A TRUE BILL AGAINST HILAIRE CARRIERE FOR KILLING OF M. L. SWORDS—A NUMBER OF OTHER BILLS AND NOT TRUE BILLS REPORTED

District Court opened here Monday morning. Judge Pavy appointed Frank Dimmick as foreman and the following members were drawn to complete the jury.

A. A. Anding, B. C. Woodruff, J. V. Olivier, A. B. DeBoisblanc, L. A. W. Quirk, Louis L. Wartelle, George H. Parker, Leon Campbell, Wallace Dunbar, Eugene Vasseur and Frank Dimmick.

Thursday morning the jury having made an examination the most important cases made its partial report, as follows:

TRUE BILLS.

Hilaire Carriere, murder; Arthur Burke, rape; Rufus Kennedy and Peter, hog stealing; Sallie Fuselier, carrying concealed weapons; T. B. Chevis, Wilfred Chevis and Louis Arceneaux, cow stealing; Phedais Guillory, violating Act

BIG CIRCUS DAY DRAWS NEARER

Unusual Amount of Local Interest Centered on Coming of Barnum & Bailey

The day of all days in the calendar of the small boy has almost arrived and the youngsters of this vicinity are anxiously counting the hours until circus day. It looks as though a large percentage of the local population, both young and old, will be present at one of the performances when the Barnum & Bailey Greatest Show on Earth exhibits in Alexandria on Oct. 20.

Not in several years has so much local interest been evinced in a circus event as has been displayed this season in the coming exhibition of the Barnum & Bailey Circus. It is promised that the show will display more new and novel features than ever before, including 100 new acts from Europe.

The principal feature is the new Oriental, spectacular pageant, "Persia, or the Pageants of The Thousand and One Nights." This great display, which is portrayed by 1,250 persons, and hundreds of horses, elephants and camels, depicts in pageantry the famous tales of the Arabian Nights. In New York City, where this pageant was produced for the first time this Spring, it was announced the most gorgeous ever presented in America.

Among the foreign circus novelties to be seen for the first time this season are four troupes of wonderful Chinese performers directed from Peking, the Great Hane-dorf family of riders; Signor Bag-onchi, famous dwarf equestrian jumper of the world; Pallenberg's two troupes of trained bears, and a host of other novel acts too numerous to mention individually.

The Barnum & Bailey circus is traveling this season on five trains, made up of 89 cars. More than 1,400 persons are carried in the various departments of this great show, which also included an enormous menagerie of 108 cages and 41 elephants.

A brilliant new, three mile street parade will be given on the streets during the morning hours preceding the first performance. Mr. J. C. Foster, a prominent farmer and butcher of Morrow was a pleasant caller at the Clarion Thursday. He reports that everybody in that section of the country is jubilant over this year's crop. The cotton yielded nearly a full crop and the high price at which cotton was sold, has placed everyone on his feet and all are satisfied with their good lot.

SUGAR MILL TO OPEN ON THE 23rd

CROCKETT & WEIL OF ALEXANDRIA HAVE EVERYTHING IN READINESS FOR SEASON

The well-known syrup firm of Crockett and Weil of Alexandria, which purchased the Old Opelousas Sugar Refinery near town have overhauled the entire plant for the purpose of making syrup on a large scale. Purchasing came at top market prices as an assurance of the stability of the movement they have leased the Evans place adjoining for three years, and are ready to lease other lands adjacent if a fair price thereon can be obtained. In view of the disastrous effect of the boll weevil on the cotton crop it opens up an avenue to our farmers for an opportunity to plant a staple crop to which the lands in and around Opelousas are wonderfully adapted; being practically virgin to cane, the reason that sirup de batterie is of finer flavor than that which is made on the overworked and fertilized lands of the lower parishes. This crop has been neglected in the past in this section both for home consumption and export. When the high cost of living is considered the farmer stands in his own light when he fails to plant a few acres into sirup. This refinery in their midst should receive their hearty co-operation.

MELISA SPURLOCK FOSTER

Melisa Spurlock Foster, widow of the late Dr. D. W. Foster, died at the residence of her son, Dr. Paul Foster, near Lawtell, at 9:15, Sept. 29, aged 79 years, 7 months and 21 days. The funeral cortege left Plaquemine Ridge Saturday the 30th at 4 P. M. and arrived at the Methodist Church in this town at 3 o'clock where the funeral services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Harper, who spoke feelingly of the christian virtues of the deceased, when interment followed in the Protestant Cemetery, followed by many friends and relatives of the family.

Melisa Spurlock was born in Amite County, Mississippi, Feb. 8th, 1837. Married Dr. D. W. Foster in 1848; soon thereafter they moved to Avoyelles Parish, La., where they lived a few years before moving to St. Landry, where they spent the remainder of their lives rearing a family of six children. Dr. Paul Foster and Mrs. J. G. Lawler of Opelousas and Mrs. J. A. Groves, Ernest and Abraham Foster of Sebastian Fla., survive her, Mrs. H. S. Johns having died several years ago. She also has a sister and brother and other relatives living in Avoyelles and Rapides Parishes, La.

In the loss of this venerable lady the community loses one of the grandest christian characters in the Attakapas country, a true wife, a fond mother, a christian neighbor, whose devotion to her religion was not a mere lip service, but translated into daily service that lasted not for a day, week, month or year, but all her life. If her service to her children and kindred may be measured by her service to those who had no particular claim save the common sisterhood of man, then indeed it was immeasurable; no inconvenience, no danger nor fear of contagion could daunt this noble woman from carrying her ministrations to the sick and needy; unostentatious, kind, never a frown but always an encouraging smile, her gentle ministrations carried joy and comfort to the stricken bedside and many a home outside those of her immediate family will miss the ministrations. In a few more months she would have reached the allotted three score years and ten accorded to human existence; it therefore may have been in the divine order of things that a life so useful should be removed. The ways of providence are inscrutable and beyond human ken; there is doubtless a purpose and not a mere chance when a saintly character takes the last journey to another world; the loss is not the emigrant's, but those who remain to mourn; it is to them that the sympathy of the entire community goes. Time alone can mitigate the changed relation; the departure will accentuate the virtues of the departed. It is at least some little consolation to know that death was not premature and that it came gently as a ripened autumn leaf falling on the bosom of Mother Earth, its beautiful subdued tints reflecting the glory of the setting

COLUMBUS KNIGHTS HOLD CELEBRATED

24TH YEAR OF THE DISCOVERY OF AMERICA IS FITTINGLY OBSERVED IN THIS CITY

Columbus Council, No. 1473, Knights of Columbus, celebrated Columbus Day on Thursday night, Oct. 12th, a most appropriate and highly entertaining programme being presented. An invitation to the public to participate in the celebration was issued by the Knights and their snacious hall was overflowing with ladies and gentlemen. Every number was enthusiastically applauded and the patriotic spirit of the community was stirred to a point seldom reached in staid old Opelousas.

The opening chorus, "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean," was delightfully rendered by a dozen pretty girls; Miss Lucy Crouchet's piano selection was a musical treat; Mrs. W. T. Stewart, who has favored the Knights on several occasions, sang two beautiful songs; Master James Saizan delivered an original recitation in negro dialect; a magnificent rendition of "Italia" by a chorus composed of ladies and gentlemen was an inspiration to the fine audience. Miss Marie Megieley sang sweetly, answering an encore, "America," the final number, was sung by the chorus, the audience standing and joining with it. The Boy Scouts' Band occupied the stage during the evening and enlivened the occasion with patriotic airs. Much credit for the success of the occasion is due Miss Veola Richard and Mrs. J. W. Jordan who directed the chorus.

The following composed the Committee: W. J. Sandoz, chairman; H. D. Larcade, Sr., Roy D. Edwards, John M. Prescott, F. J. Dietlein. During the programme an address entitled "Columbus Day" was delivered by the Chairman.

TO THE FARMERS

I have been requested by your Parish Fair President, (Dr. Little), to make a parish exhibit at the state fair at Shreveport, beginning on the first of next month. I am very anxious to see this parish represented, and I am willing and ready to bend every effort towards making a representative exhibit, but I can not possibly do this alone, so I am calling on every progressive farmer to help make this exhibit a fair representation of the farm products of this parish, and how can you do this? By collecting good samples of your farm products and by seeing that these products are sent in here to me if you live near Opelousas. If you live near Grand Prairie send them in to Prof. E. M. Sledge; if you live near Eunice, send your collection to Miss Catron.

The products that you send in will be entered in free competition at the state fair, and any prizes won by these products will be sent to you direct from the state fair seat.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation. I am, Yours truly, W. M. BARRIN, Parish Agent.

Terry Roy, who now resides in Port Arthur, Texas, was in Opelousas on Sunday and Monday, visiting friends.

Henry Prudhomme, of Port Arthur, Texas, spent Sunday here with relatives.

sun, reminding us, that "All that tread The globe are but a handful to the tribes"

"That slumber in his bosom." Fortunate the family who in its mourning hours need fear no adverse criticism of its departed; who can point to the bier, not as a yawning chasm that leads to a death chamber of remorse for sins of flesh, but as a portal to everlasting life, where earthly virtues will receive a recognition and reward not always accorded here.

Hard as it may be to bid eternal farewell to our loved ones there is consolation in the thought that when:

"The Death Change comes, Death is another life. We bow our heads

At going out, we think and enter straight

Another golden chamber of the King's

Larger than this we leave, and lovelier.

And then in shadowy glimpses, disconnect.

The story flower-like, closes its leaves.

The Will of God is all in all. He Makes, Destroys, remakes, for His own pleasure, All."