

ARMY REGISTRATION DAY THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

TO BE EXEMPT ONE MUST HAVE ATTAINED FORTY-SIX YEARS

THE ST. LANDRY CLARION

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

VOLUME XXVIII—NO. 52

OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA, SATURDAY, SEPT. 7, 1918

ONE DOLLAR PER YEAR

CRIMINAL LIBEL IS CHARGE AGAINST DORE OF VILLE PLATE

Evangeline Representative Charged With Publishing Slander Against Gov. Hall

SAID SENATE CANDIDATE WAS DRUNK WHILE IN OPELOUSAS

Local Supporters of Hall Take Up Matter, Issue Dodgers Entitled "A Lie Nailed" and Swear Out Affidavit Against Mr. Dore

Opeλουςas supporters of Governor Hall for the senate were thrown into a furor of excitement Monday when copies of the Ville Platte Gazette of last Saturday were received here, which contained on the title page a two-column communication from Hon. J. H. Dore, representative in the legislature from the parish of Evangeline. Mr. Dore "went after" both Governor Hall and Mr. Gay, but devoted most of his communication to reviling the former governor and stating that when Judge Hall was in Opelousas recently he "Hall) was drunk.

This statement stirred up the Hall supporters here and they got into action on the double-quick. A short but spicy dodger was quickly printed, entitled "A Lie Nailed" and addressed to the voters of Evangeline parish. It reads as follows:

"The communication appearing in the Gazette of yesterday, over the signature of Mr. Dore, that Judge Hall was drunk upon his recent visit to Opelousas, is a lie, and a mean, dirty one at that. He was sober all the time. Any statement to the contrary is a vile slander and a dirty lie."

The dodger was signed by Gilbert L. Dupre, Charles Thibodeau, R. Lee Garland, J. R. Pavy and A. L. Andrus.

Mr. Dore, it is said, was in Opelousas when the poster was printed and a copy handed him. He stated that he could "prove" his statement made in the communication in the Gazette, but no attention was paid to what he said and Charles Thibodeau immediately swore out an affidavit charging criminal libel and the said affidavit was taken forthwith to Ville Platte for service on the defendant.

Suffice to say, there is not the least element of truth in Mr. Dore's charge that Governor Hall was drunk while in this city. That can be established by many reputable people here, and so far as having any effect on the supporters of the former governor it has only served to cement them together and made them more determined to put him over the top on the 10th, and not only that, it has served to drive many Overton supporters to Governor Hall. It is stated that this uncalled for and untimely statement of Mr. Dore will result as a boomerang in Evangeline, long claimed as an Overton stronghold, and now, if reports be true, there is going to be a wondrous change in the new parish when the votes are counted on the 10th.

What steps will be taken in the criminal proceedings against Mr. Dore has not yet been given out, but from a general view of his article it would appear that besides Governor Hall, his campaign manager, Mr. Claiborne, too, also has grounds for a charge of criminal libel against Mr. Dore. The latter said Mr. Claiborne was the "boozey" manager of Hall's campaign, etc. Numerous other libelous and near-libelous utterances were made by Mr. Dore, but it is generally presumed that nothing will be done except to push the prosecution on the affidavit already made.

ST. LANDRY GIRLS APPLY FOR ARMY SCHOOL OF NURSING

The following young ladies of this parish have applied for entrance in the army school of nursing: Misses Edna Gertrude Stagg and Mary Octavia Littlell of Opelousas; Annette Gibson and Maud Ballio of Washington.

The student nurses' reserve campaign is now on. One year of high school is qualification and applicants may receive all desired information at the federal building in this city. The woman's committee of the council of defense has this matter in charge.

LOCAL KNIGHTS PREPARE TO CELEBRATE COLUMBUS DAY

The local council of the Knights of Columbus is preparing for a big blow-out on Columbus Day, October 12. The committee appointed for making arrangements met at the hall last Sunday evening to discuss plans for the celebration and unfurling of the service flag with sixteen stars. The Daughters of Isabella were invited to the meeting. Dr. C. A. Gardiner is chairman of the entertainment committee and he and his committee will arrange the program. Speakers from other sections, as well as local speakers, will be included. The school children throughout the parish will be invited to take part in the celebration. The Daughters of Isabella will present a flag to the knights and have charge of the unfurling. They are also to have charge of the refreshments which are to be sold on court square, beginning at noon. The exercises will be held in the afternoon.

RECAPITULATION OF THE REGISTRATION

FACTS AND FIGURES BROUGHT OUT BY LISTING OF PEOPLE

Interesting Items Showing Population, Vote and Contributions to Aid the War

The Clarion published in a recent issue the fact that there were in St. Landry parish over fifty-three thousand people, as brought out by the registration held between July and August 5 under the auspices of the council of defense. We are privileged today to publish a recapitulation of the facts and figures brought out by that registration, as follows:

Opelousas—Whites, 8678; negroes, 5388; total, 14,066; cards sent, 2032; vote, 650; Liberty loans, \$211,520; Stamps, \$91,815.39; war charities, \$9943.30.

Bellevue—Whites, 405; negroes, 679; total, 1084; cards sent, 226; vote, 66; Liberty loans, \$4970; Stamps, \$3746; war charities, \$518.25.

Plaisance—Whites, 733; negroes, 1134; total, 1867; cards sent, 331; vote, 135; Liberty loans, \$5750; Stamps, \$3188.55; war charities, \$170.

Grand Coteau—Whites, 1611; negroes, 1228; total, 2839; cards sent, 574; vote, 230; Liberty loans, \$46,500; Stamps, \$24,435; war charities, \$697.70.

Coulee Croche—Whites, 1526; negroes, 1012; total, 2538; cards sent, 482; vote, 235; Liberty loans, \$19,600; Stamps, \$18,649.10; war charities, \$425.35.

Leoville-Notleyville—Whites, 1637; negroes, 1369; total, 2996; cards sent, 579; vote, 280; Liberty loans, \$13,215; Stamps, \$17,718.17; war charities, \$561.

Arnaudville—Whites, 1269; negroes, 271; total, 1540; cards sent, 312; vote, 175; Liberty loans, \$8900; Stamps, \$9528.25; war charities, \$564.60.

Port Barre—Whites, 1577; negroes, 1154; total, 2731; cards sent, 579; vote, 74; Liberty loans, \$11,845; Stamps, \$8580.75; war charities, \$410.

Waxia—Whites, 206; negroes, 469; total, 664; cards sent, 162; vote, 33; Liberty loans, \$5500; Stamps, \$1487; war charities, \$46.80.

Palmetto—Whites, 782; negroes, 960; total, 1742; cards sent, 246; vote, 52; Liberty loans, \$2250; Stamps, \$961; war charities, \$67.65.

Melville—Whites, 1037; negroes, 763; total, 1800; cards sent, 454; vote, 88; Liberty loans, \$16,705; Stamps, \$8001.75; war charities, \$1097.70.

Bayou Current—Whites, 333; negroes, 517; total, 850; cards sent, 229; vote, 35; Liberty loans, \$1800; Stamps, \$224; war charities, \$103.

Big Cane—Whites, 334; negroes, 697; total, 1031; cards sent, 213; vote, 40; Liberty loans, \$355; Stamps, \$1068.91; war charities, \$299.29.

Morrow—Whites, 334; negroes, 715; total, 1049; cards sent, 221; vote, 46; Liberty loans, \$4455; Stamps, \$900; war charities, \$141.25.

Krotz Springs—Whites, 195; negroes, 37; total, 232; cards sent, 75; vote, 20; Liberty loans, \$500; Stamps, \$1424; war charities, \$273.15.

Washington—Whites, 1028; negroes, 2331; total, 3359; cards sent, 749; vote, 190; Liberty loans, \$59,150; Stamps, \$13,303.17; war charities, \$1258.53.

Grand Prairie—Whites, 929; negroes, 1028; total, 1957; cards sent, 482; vote, 235; Liberty loans, \$19,600; Stamps, \$18,649.10; war charities, \$425.35.

(Continued on Page Eight)

BLOW-OUT STAGED FOR REGISTRATION DAY NEXT THURSDAY

Music, Speeches, Refreshments Will be Part of the Program for the Great Celebration

COUNCIL OF DEFENSE SAYS THAT IT WILL BE A HOLIDAY

Military Band from Camp Beauregard Has been Arranged for and an Immense Throng from All Sections is Expected

The parish council of defense has declared next Thursday a holiday for that occasion the youths and mature men of the nation will register for military service and it is expected that some thirteen million or more will line-up in the nation and of that immense number over five thousand in St. Landry. It will be America's second answer to the German kaiser, and we can rest assured that his spies still uncaught will quickly get the word to their "imperial" master the exact number who enroll in the battle of democracy and that it will produce consternation in the ranks of the Hohenzollerns and the Junkers.

Opelousas is going to stage a big blow-out Thursday and those in active charge of the celebration promise that the affair will be one of the biggest ever pulled off here. The council of defense, through proclamation, requests all business houses to close on that day in order that the entire day may be devoted to the work of registration and the celebration of the most momentous event in the history of the nation since it entered the world war.

The Clarion is requested to state that arrangements have been made to get the twenty-eighth regiment band from Camp Beauregard and this famous military band will furnish the music for the occasion. In addition thereto, prominent speakers will address the assembled throng on patriotic themes and refreshments will be served on the court house square. The registration will be held in the parish court house, the same as was the registration of June 5, 1917, and not in the federal building, as some erroneously supposed.

All in all, the day is expected to be a gala one in fact as well as in name, and if there are any slackers in the parish who will refuse to register, they will be very scarce, indeed and their cases will receive due attention by Uncle Sam's secret service men. But there are not going to be any slackers in St. Landry. The news of the registration has already been thoroughly made known and every man who comes within the age limits named by the law will appear unless he is confined to his home through illness and then he can register by proxy. Opelousas extends a cordial invitation to the people of the surrounding country to come here that day and spend the time within our gates.

LARGE AUDIENCE GREETED MRS. C. H. MOBERLY

A large audience gathered at the federal building in this city last Monday evening to hear Mrs. C. H. Moberly, director of development for the Gulf division of the Red Cross, explain the new plan of chapter organization that will soon go into effect in all chapters.

Mrs. W. T. Stewart called the meeting to order and Dr. Fred Mayer presided. Mrs. Moberly received an ovation when she began her address. The new plan explained by her has in view the centralization and co-ordination of the work. In so far as the new order affects this parish, it will mean that the mother chapter will be the central point to distribute, receive and inspect; distributing raw materials to all units in its territory and receiving and inspecting same when finished. The chapter headquarters will be the place for executive meetings and the chapter will be the directing body of all Red Cross activities in the parish.

Under the new plan there will be about four branch chapters in the parish and auxiliaries to meet the needs. Regarded what will be demanded of chapters, a certain allotment will be given each chapter and the work will have to be done in order to meet the needs of the army and navy. While not making the

LIEUTENANT PERRAULT NOW JUDGE ADVOCATE IN ARMY

Opelousas Attorney Making Satisfactory Progress Since Joining Uncle Sam's Forces

News reached Opelousas this week that Lieutenant Lastrapes L. Perrault of this city had been appointed a judge advocate and the news was very pleasing to his relatives and friends here.

Mr. Perrault left Opelousas about a year ago and entered the officers' training camp located near San Antonio, and in due course finished successfully and was granted a commission as a first lieutenant. Later, after spending a furlough with home folks, he returned to San Antonio and was there for many months, then was transferred to another camp in New York. Lieut. Perrault is a graduate of the State University and had had considerable military experience before entering the army. During his several years as a school teacher and later as an attorney his interest in military matters never flagged. His numerous friends here were pleased to learn of his promotion.

COTTON JUMPS, THEN SLUMPS

SENSATIONAL RISE AND FALL IS RECORD OF THE WEEK

Spots Soar to About 35 cents and Then Go Down the Toboggan at a Rapid Rate

A sensational rise and a sensational drop featured the spot cotton market this week. You can't always figure out these antics of the manipulators of the fleecy staple and every fellow feels like hugging himself and blessing the "bulls" responsible for the big leap. And when the stuff takes a horrible drop, he feels like drowning his sorrows in the "cup that cheers" and mentally and orally curses the "bears" responsible for the slide in values.

Cotton on the local market the first of the week reached around and perhaps a little more than 35 cents. Innumerable bales rolled to town and the fellow who sold on this bulging market had his pockets lined with the "long green." Then, all of a sudden, the bottom seemed to drop out of the market and 35-cent cotton quickly got to be 30-cent cotton and the unwise who wouldn't sell at the high figure and waited for more, thought he had played hobs sure enough. Others not so timid believe the reaction will soon set in and the stuff again record an upward trend.

Mrs. M. H. Foster and little sons, John Paul and Marlon Hope, who have been spending the summer with Dr. and Mrs. Paul Foster, Route 5 Opelousas, left Monday afternoon on the Southern Pacific train to rejoin their husband and father, Lieut. M. H. Foster, at Fort Sill, Okla. The lieutenant, who is a member of the medical reserve corps, was anxious to go over with the Base Hospital Unit No. 85, but owing to his physical condition at the present time was retained in charge of a surgical ward in the base hospital at Fort Sill until a later day when health will permit of his going over.

Lewis Swords, former Opelousas, who has been living in Orange, Texas, for some months past, was here this week, having motored here from the growing Texas town.

statement officially, Mrs. Moberly said that it was her opinion that it would not be long before the government would take over the Red Cross. In this event, it is probable that final deficits will be made good by the government. Before closing, Dr. Mayer asked co-operation of the Red Cross in the tuberculosis campaign, when this parish will be organized.

Miss C. Wogan, field secretary of this division, was present at this meeting.

Out-of-town members who attended: Mesdames J. W. Lyman, Dudley Berwick, Warren Berwick, and Misses Lois Lyman and Daisy Mays of Eunice; Mrs. Hugo Dore, Mrs. Parks and Mrs. Ardoin of Ville Platte; Mesdames J. N. Brown, K. Lynch, R. Harry, A. N. Boucher, Misses C. Gardiner and Hinda Klaus and Mayor Jas. Going of Washington; Mrs. W. M. Hathorn of Melville; Mrs. S. Levy of Grand Coteau; Mesdames W. J. Boudreau and Hugo Sibille of Sunset.

(Continued on Page Eight)

PRIMARY TUESDAY NOW LOOKS LIKE A HALL LANDSLIDE

Twin Candidates of City Ring Fall to Stop Growing Strength of Former Governor

IF HE DOESN'T WIN IN FIRST HIS LEAD WILL BE GREAT

Mr. Overton, Bitterly Denouncing City Ring, Drops That Form of Campaigning and Ignores Candidate of Organization

The nominating primary will be held next Tuesday, the 10th instant, and apparently, from all reports, Governor Hall is the leading contestant for the senatorial seat made vacant by the death of Senator Broussard. He has been the leading candidate from the first and his strength and popularity has gained right along and even those fair-minded men who intend voting for one of the other candidates acknowledge that the former governor is far in the lead and is almost certain to win, if not in the first primary, then in the run-over.

When Mr. Gay was brought out as a last-hour third candidate, Mr. Overton, who, up to that time, was Governor Hall's only opponent, bitterly denounced the city ring and cried his denunciation from the house tops. The city ring, through its newspaper organs, scored the Alexandria man heavily and paid more attention to him than it did to the ex-governor. This battle, some did not last long, however, for at the Jeanerette meeting Mr. Overton paid little or no attention to Candidate Gay, said nothing about the ward bosses he so bitterly scored before, and devoted his entire time to denunciation of Judge Hall.

That has been the burden of his swan song ever since the Jeanerette meeting and he has grown so strong in his campaign against the former governor and has said so little about Candidate Gay that the idea has taken firm root that Candidate Overton is toadying to the city ring so that in a probable run-over, if Mr. Gay is eliminated, he will receive the endorsement and support of the city organization. This method of campaigning pursued by Mr. Overton has alienated some of his following—those men who looked upon him as an anti-ring candidate and that their first choice, Overton, is flirting with an element with which they have nothing in common.

It is impossible to accurately predict the result of next Tuesday's balloting, but as it looks today Governor Hall will lead with ease if he does not actually win out in the first go-round. He may lead the next best man so far that that man will see nothing but defeat staring him in the face and refuse to run in the second contest, thus making Hall the party nominee without the necessity of a second primary. This is in the realm of possibility, for we have but to recall the gubernatorial election of 1912 when Judge Hall, in a three-cornered contest, led John T. Michol so far that the latter, though entitled to enter a second primary with Hall, refused to run, thus making Hall the nominee for governor.

There is not the least doubt but that Governor Hall is the strongest man in the race today. There is not the least doubt, moreover, that he will be the strongest man next Tuesday after the ballots are cast and counted. The only thing that remains in doubt right now is whether he can poll sufficient votes to win over both competitors or lead the second man so far that this individual, whether it be Gay or Overton, will get disgusted at his prospects and refuse to run. Mr. Overton will have to secure the bulk of his votes elsewhere but in New Orleans, and a few scattering parishes contiguous to the city where the ring has an influence. Neither will be able to get much beyond these respective localities. On the other hand, Hall is running like the proverbial scared wolf all over the state. The vote he is going to get in the city is going to prove a bitter pill for the Gay following and leaders. The vote he is going to get up the state is going to make the Overton gang look like the fellow looks in the cold gray dawn of the morning after the night before. The

(Continued on Page Eight)

LARGE CROWD FOLLOWED SOLDIERS TO THE TRAIN

St. Landry parish sent more than one hundred of its sons to Camp Beauregard yesterday (Friday) afternoon. It was an imposing spectacle indeed as the embryo soldiers, marching two abreast, headed by a brass band, marched from the front of the federal building to the Southern Pacific passenger station where they boarded the northbound train for the training camp. As the procession moved off, the boys who are soon to don the khaki uniform let loose a splendid imitation of the old Johnny Reb yell and started down to the train. They were accompanied by innumerable friends and relatives who both cried and laughed with glee at the young men's departure to aid Uncle Sam in cleaning up the kaiser.

DESIRES NAMES OF CATHOLIC SOLDIERS

FATHER WAGEMANS STARTS IMPORTANT WORK

Communicants of That Faith Now in Army from This Parish to be Enrolled

Rev. Father Fred Wagemans, acting pastor of the Catholic Church in this city, has requested The Clarion to aid him in the important work of securing the names of the soldier boys of the Catholic faith who are now in the army, navy or marine service, either as selectmen or volunteers, from his religious parish. It is a tedious work, the Father recognizes, but he is going to it with religious fervor and will make the preliminary announcement in church tomorrow.

In this connection, Father Wagemans asks The Clarion to publish the following circular letter which he received this week from Archbishop Shaw:

New Orleans, La., Sept. 4, 1918. Reverend Dear Father:

The committee on historical records, under the direction of the National Catholic War Council, is most anxious to make a complete list of Catholic men in the service of the United States. Apart from the fact that the glory of Holy Mother Church is here concerned, not merely in these strenuous days but more particularly in the future when historians of our country will consider the question of Catholic patriotism as reflected in the number and valor of Catholic soldiers and sailors enlisted in the present world war, there is the eminently practical consideration that the number of Catholic chaplains will be in proportion to the number of our men enlisted in the two branches of the service. This number must be officially communicated to the government by the National Catholic War Council.

Appreciation of our government's impartiality and desire to supply chaplains for Catholic soldiers and sailors on the basis of their number being officially known, as well as a due regard for the spiritual welfare of our men, should impress upon all, clergy and laity alike, the urgent necessity of sending in complete returns, as soon as possible, of the men who have enlisted in their parishes. As the second draft is pending, we urge upon all concerned to make every effort to procure the exact figures of enlistment and to forward the same to the chancery as soon as possible. In this matter which so deeply concerns the eternal interest of her sons in the service of their country, the church has a right to demand that we all do our duty.

You will, therefore, Reverend Dear Father, attend to this matter without delay, and you will read this letter to your people on the Sunday following its receipt so as to enlist their immediate and hearty co-operation in this work which will redound to the honor of the church and the spiritual welfare of our valiant sons in the war.

—Miss Lily Dupre has been appointed principal of the Julius Trehan High School, St. Francisville. Miss Dupre will leave for her new post on the 12th.

—Misses Myrtle and Hazel Mornhinev, Aline Brown and Eda Roos left Sunday for the famous Baton Rouge Business College. Just recently an Opelousas girl, Miss Della Bourdier completed the stenographical course at this institution and has already secured a position, and has the tender of several others.

REGISTRATION OF MEN UNDER NEW ACT NEXT THURSDAY

All Between Ages of Eighteen and Forty-five, Inclusive, Must List for Army Duty

ABOUT FIVE THOUSAND EXPECTED TO LINE UP IN PARISH

One Must Have Reached Age of Forty-six Years in Order Not to be Liabilities and Slackers Will be Rounded Up

The new "man-power" act has been signed by the president and an executive proclamation issued calling on all males between the ages of eighteen and forty-five, both inclusive, to present themselves at places to be named by the exemption boards and register for military duty. The date of registration has been fixed for next Thursday, September 12, and the places for registration will be open for fourteen full hours which should give all men liable to registration ample time to present themselves and conform with the requirements of the law.

The confusion recently arising from the expressed terms of the law, "eighteen to forty-five," causing many to think that if a man had reached and passed his forty-fifth birthday he would not be required to register, is clearly outlined in Section 4 of the act, which reads as follows: "Sec. 4.—Persons required to register—Male persons who shall have attained their eighteenth birthday and shall not have attained their forty-sixth birthday on or before the day set for registration by the President must register."

Therefore, a man who has passed his forty-fifth birthday and has not attained his forty-sixth birthday is considered within the scope of this act, as being forty-five years of age, and must register for duty. This clarifies the situation so far as the forty-five-year-olds for they are considered forty-five even though they lack but one day of attaining their forty-sixth birthday on next Thursday. The same rule applies to the boys of eighteen, in that one who reaches that age on next Thursday must also register, but if he does not attain the age of eighteen before, say, next Friday (the day following the registration) he will be considered seventeen years of age on Thursday and is not called on to register.

In the June registration of 1917 considerably over three thousand men between twenty-one and thirty-one were registered in this parish for military service. Under the new law it is supposed some five thousand will register in St. Landry, and the government has sent out warnings to all men who are liable to register or suffer the consequence of their failure so to do. Ignorance will be considered no excuse and woe unto the fellow who deliberately refuses or fails to register for the government will not be disposed to treat him as leniently as it did those who through ignorance failed to register in June, 1917, for now the entire purpose of the draft law has been given thorough publicity and there is not a man in the nation who does not understand its requirements. The penalty for failure to register is usually severe and it is much easier to register than to stand the penalty for failure so to do.

All plans for the monster registration have about been completed and the machinery is expected to move smoothly and the entire work completed in the time specified by the new law. A vast number of volunteers for the clerical work have been enrolled and this force will be prepared to handle the men promptly. The work will begin in the early morning and continue until 9 o'clock that night.

—Mrs. Fred Mouton and son, Priv. Xavier Mouton, now with Uncle Sam's soldiers of the sea, were Opelousas victors during the week. Mrs. Mouton resides in Grand Coteau, while Mr. Mouton has, until recently, occupied the position of secretary to Senator Ransdall at Washington, D. C.

—John Tujague, one of Uncle Sam's soldier boys at Camp Logan, was on a furlough to relatives here the past week.