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HALL WITHDRAWS AND GAY BECOMES THE PARTY NOMINEE

Iberville Man Will Represent the State in Senate for Broussard Succession for Two Years

UNPATRIOTIC TO FORCE A SECOND PRIMARY

Conference Was Held in New Orleans Monday Evening and This Course Decided On by the Partisans of Judge Hall

There will be no second primary for United States senator, Broussard succession, Governor Hall having withdrawn from the race and Mr. Gay becomes the party nominee for senator, such nomination being tantamount to an election.

A conference of the friends and supporters of Governor Hall at his campaign headquarters in the St. Charles Hotel last Monday afternoon and after considering the political prospects from all angles it was decided that in view of the fact that the Fourth Liberty Loan campaign was about to begin a second primary for senator would be inadvisable for it would again embroil the state in a heated political campaign and the issue involved might overshadow and endanger the success in this state of the Liberty Loan campaign and for that reason the former governor should withdraw from the race and let his competitor, Mr. Gay, receive the party nomination for senator on a plurality vote.

A resolution to this effect was drawn up and submitted to this Hall conference and it was adopted by a majority vote of those present. Governor Hall, who was present at the conference, arose after the resolution's adoption and stated that he accepted the views of the conference and would abide thereby. He extended his thanks to his friends present and throughout the state for their warm support of his candidacy during the recent campaign and said that a second primary would undoubtedly tend toward injuring the prospects for the Fourth Liberty Loan and for that reason such primary should not be held.

His action in the premises, therefore, makes Mr. Gay the senator. The new senator will be formally chosen at the general election to be held in November and he will undoubtedly qualify very soon thereafter. The ad interim vacancy is being held by Judge Walter Guion of Napoleonville who was appointed by the governor as senator until an election could be held. Mr. Gay's term will expire on March 4, 1921. Therefore the new senator will occupy a seat in the senate for barely over two years, unless re-elected for the full term of six years from that date. He will have the distinction of being one of the youngest men that have ever occupied a seat in the senate and certainly the youngest senator that ever represented the state of Louisiana. He is a descendant of a famous Louisiana family, his paternal grandfather having been a congressman from the old third district, defeating the republican candidate for the position during the era of republican domination of the state. Mr. Gay has held a seat in the lower house of the Louisiana legislature for the past sixteen years, counting the present term.

While The Clarion opposed Mr. Gay's candidacy, still as a democratic newspaper, it bows to the result of the primary and accepts Mr. Gay and if necessary will accord him its heartiest support at the November election, should opposition develop.

Last Wednesday's issue of the New Orleans Times-Picayune contained the following:

Grave conditions now confronting the people as a result of the war situation, conditions which forbid further political agitation and strife, are given by Judge Hall as his reasons for reaching a decision not to prolong the contest. Judge Hall's statement follows:

"In view of the grave conditions now confronting the people, conditions which forbid further political agitation and strife, I have decided, after conference with my friends, not to prolong the contest.

"I did not introduce the element of discord into the campaign. Nor will I permit any personal ambition of mine to be responsible for the continuance of it.

"No man in Louisiana has ever had more personal and political friends, or

FORMER ST. LANDRIAN IS CAPTAIN IN THE Q. M. C.

Leonard S. Isaacs, Native of Opelousas, Received Promotion in Army Quite Recently

The Times-Picayune of last Tuesday contained an item of news interesting to Opelousas people. Leonard S. Isaacs, eldest son of our fellow townsman, Thomas S. Isaacs, was commissioned a captain in the quartermaster's corps of the army, with headquarters in Jacksonville, Florida. He will have charge of the war department construction division production branch, and he has charge of lumber production for government needs in Georgia, Florida and southeast Alabama. Captain Isaacs moved from Opelousas to New Orleans some five years ago, since which time he has been engaged in the real estate business and latterly as sales manager of a large lumber firm in that city. He has been in the army since last summer and his recent promotion comes as good news to his relatives and numerous friends in this city.

LISTING OF BOYS OCTOBER 18 NEXT

REGISTRATION OF ST. LANDRY'S YOUTHS THAT DAY

Will Form Uniformed Organization to be Known as "The Boys' Working Reserve"

Registrations are popular things these days. We have had quite a number of them since the nation entered the war. It would take sometime to count them all, and the end is not in sight yet. The last registration to be announced is that of the boys. It has already taken place in other localities but for several seasons the registration of St. Landry youths was delayed until October 18.

Here are some of the reasons for this registration sent out by the local council of defense:

To enroll, train and supervise every physically fit boy of Reserve age in the United States who conforms to the regulations of the service.

To seek to maintain high standards of living and working conditions for all employed members of the Reserve.

To provide a farm-craft census, which shall become a part of the school curriculum.

To establish in connection with every state agricultural college, and every other school where agriculture is regularly taught, an intensive farm training course for boys selected from the various parts of every state upon some basis of competitive study.

To locate farm training camps, training farms and supply camps in such places as indicate the necessity for their establishment.

It shall survey the field to discover where farm supply camps and training camps may be of greatest use.

We hope, says the local council, to get one of these camps located in St. Landry parish so every boy must register on the 18th of October and get out and pull for it.

The parish council also issued the following in connection with the proposed registration on the 18th of next month:

The government needs you in the Boys' Working Reserve. Every one registering is authorized to wear the uniform of this branch of the service.

No boy in the Boys' Working Reserve will be required to leave his home at any time unless he so wishes.

Registration day is set for Friday, October 18, 1918, and all school houses will be used as places of registration. More complete details will be published later. Ask your member of the council of defense or Geo. W. Stubbs, the secretary.

—Prof. Allen Sibley of the Denham Springs school, East Baton Rouge, arrived here Thursday to take his wife, formerly Miss Lizzie Cooke, and mother-in-law, Mrs. G. A. M. Cooke, to his home at Denham Springs.

truer and more loyal ones than this campaign has gathered around me. I can not say without emotion how much I thank every one of them for his unselfish loyalty to me and to the principles for which I stand in Louisiana. My thanks go out to all of them from the bottom of my heart and I wish each one of them to accept this statement as an expression to himself of my deepest appreciation and gratitude.

"If there be any among my friends who doubt the wisdom of the decision I am announcing, I feel that reflection will lead them to approve my course."

OLD ST. LANDRY WENT OVER TOP IN LATE REGISTRATION

Full Listing of Men for Military Draft Exceeded the Estimate Made Some Time Ago

OVER FIVE THOUSAND SUBJECT TO CALL FOR ARMY SERVICE

Total Number Almost Equally Divided Among Two Races, but Whites Lead—First Draft Now Quite Soon

The Clarion last week published the result of the September 12 registration in so far as Opelousas was concerned, as the figures for the entire parish were not available at the time we went to press. However, since then, we have secured the figures from the local exemption board and it shows a surprising result in that the total for the parish shows that the number exceeded the most optimistic estimate made before the 12th instant.

Opelousas went over the top and somewhat beyond. Conservative estimates placed this precinct's registration at around eight hundred and fifty. The returns showed nine hundred and sixty-three. Estimates for the parish placed the total at about five thousand and some odd. It went well beyond that figure, as the totals for the parish, including Opelousas, show five thousand one hundred and seventy-eight.

By precincts the figures are as follows:

- Opelousas, whites 434, negroes 528, 1 Chinaman.
- Belleve, 42 whites, 99 negroes; Plaisance, 93 whites, 119 negroes; Grand Coteau, 136 whites, 141 negroes; Coulee Croche, 197 whites, 76 negroes; Leonville, 179 whites, 132 negroes; Arnaudville, 105 whites, 27 negroes; Nottleyville, 22 whites, 20 negroes; Port Barre, 139 whites, 101 negroes; Waxia, 31 whites, 44 negroes; Melville, 86 whites, 59 negroes; Bayou Current, 32 whites, 44 negroes; Palmetto, 51 whites, 105 negroes; Morrow, 49 whites, 95 negroes; Big Cane, 55 whites, 70 negroes; Krotz Springs, 24 whites, 2 negroes; Barbreck, 20 whites, 36 negroes; Whiteville, 32 whites, 58 negroes; Grand Prairie, 121 whites, 74 negroes; Washington, 120 whites, 197 negroes; Garland, 18 whites, 27 negroes; Eunice, 367 whites, 167 negroes; Faquetique, 26 whites, 17 negroes; Mallet, 95 whites, 192 negroes; Plaquemine Point, 142 whites, 77 negroes.

The local board will be kept extremely busy from now on—just a little busier than any of their other busy times. First, besides attending to the furnishing of the quotas to be sent to training camps at regular intervals, questionnaires will have to be mailed to the over five thousand of this last registration, and this is a big job by itself. After that comes the classification according to the questionnaires as filled out and sent in to the board. The men from 18 to 20 and from 22 to 37 will be called first, and as Class One of all previous registrations is about exhausted the board will have to dig into the ranks of the recent registration to furnish all quotas as called for by the provost marshal general. Questionnaires to the men between the ages above mentioned will go out very shortly and the registrant who receives one of these beautiful little documents has some five days in which to fill it out and return it to the board. Those who are unable to fill out their questionnaires can get assistance from persons who are competent to do the work and any excuse offered by the registrant for failure to fill out and file his questionnaire will not be acceptable and the tardy registrant might find himself in a tight fix indeed.

ST. CHARLES COLLEGE HAS BIG ENROLLMENT THIS YEAR

Rev. Father Grace, President, Says Institution is Taxed for Accommodations

Rev. Father M. A. Grace, S. J., the president of St. Charles College at Grand Coteau, was in Opelousas last Thursday afternoon, coming here for the purpose of securing beds, etc., in order to accommodate the large number of students enrolled at this famous institution of learning this session. One hundred and seventy-five are already on hand and about October 1 he expected about one hundred more who will be there for the students' army training course, as the college has been recognized as one of the nation's leading colleges and was recently selected to give this course to those applicants who desire to enter the army and secure an officer's commission. This course, Father Grace explained, is paid for by the government and the young man is also paid a salary by the government besides. This is a fine offer by Uncle Sam and no doubt it will be taken advantage of by many in this section of the state who will enter St. Charles on the first of next month for the course.

NEW ARRIVAL IN ROBIN FAMILY

Information was received here this week that a bouncing baby boy had been born to Mr. and Mrs. Regis Robin, former residents of this city but who recently moved to Edgerley, La. Both mother and baby are doing fine.

P. A. SANDOZ ESTABLISHMENT TAKEN OVER BY NEW FIRM

Messrs. T. Corell and J. M. Sanders Purchase Business and Will Greatly Enlarge It

Elsewhere in this issue of The Clarion appears the advertisement of Corell and Sanders, the new firm which recently purchased the old established business of the Estate of P. Alexis Sandoz, on North Main street. The new firm is composed of T. Corell, formerly of Ville Platte but who was in business here and in New Orleans at different times, and Hon. J. M. Sanders, member of the legislature from this parish. They will enlarge the business and engage in general merchandising. Both having had considerable experience and having a large circle of friends and acquaintances, the success of the business is assured. The Clarion extends its best wishes for a prosperous trade.

THE GIN REPORT SHOWS BIG GAINS

APPROXIMATELY 250 PER CENT INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR

Says 3245 Bales Ginned in St. Landry Up to September 1, Compared With 1904 in Year 1917

According to the government report, the number of bales of cotton ginned in St. Landry parish up to September 1 of this year was 3145, as compared with 1894 up to the same date of last year.

This is some jump, being an increase of almost two hundred and fifty per cent. The local census men expect the next report to show another big increase but thereafter a falling off is expected for the reason that the crop is undeniably short of last year's production and with a continuation of the god weather and the securing of an adequate supply of labor for picking, the crop ought to be out of the fields early in November. If not considerably sooner. It is stated that the entire crop of mature bolls is open—in fact, has been open for some time, and the only reason why the crop is not gathered is on account of the shortage of labor. The plant is small—much smaller than ever known in this country before, due in great measure to the long existing drought which stunted the growth at the very time the plant should have been taking on size. Small plants can not produce a big crop, hence the shortness of St. Landry's cotton crop this year.

The staple has been pouring in to the gins right along, the local ginners running their plants all day and part of the night in order to keep up with the rush. Farmers, however, are not disposed to sell at prevailing prices, many holding for an advance in the market which they expect. Government control of prices, which may come, has had a bad effect on the market and some awful slumps were recorded last week.

TRAIN KILLS HORSE AND WRECKS NEGRO'S VEHICLE

Owner Narrowly Escaped Death When Limited Strikes Animal on Trestle Over Bayou Tesson

A negro named Johnson, living near Grandgo Island, attempted to lead his horse and buggy over the trestle across Bayou Tesson, in this city, last Tuesday morning, just as the Gulf Coast Lines limited train, eastbound, was due. It was an unusual way to cross a watercourse, but the negro was evidently drinking and had lost his way. He saw the train bearing down on him just as he had succeeded in getting the horse clear of the trestle and "flagged" the onrushing monster with his handkerchief, but it was too late and the engine hit the animal and simply tore him all to pieces, also the vehicle. When the train stopped at the passenger station, three blocks east, the horse's hide was hanging to wheels and pilot of the engine. The balance of the animal's carcass was scattered along the right-of-way.

LOCAL JEWISH CITIZENS CELEBRATE GREAT HOLIDAY

Feast of Yom Kippur Brings on Religious Ceremonies—Visiting Rabbi Here for Occasion

Last Monday was the great Jewish holiday, Yom Kippur, and all the places of business conducted by members of this faith were closed. Rabbi Sessler of New Orleans was here for the occasion, in fact had been here for several days, as this is the Jewish holiday period of the year. Services were

GERMAN ALIEN ENEMY LANDED BEHIND BARS HERE LAST MONDAY

Malfred R. Levy Stands Splendid Chance of Interment for Duration of War

CLAIMED APPLIED FOR PAPERS; IT COULD NOT BE VERIFIED

Has Been All Over the Union and Worked for Some Time in Lake Charles—Registered in Recent Military Listing

Some few weeks ago Malfred R. Levy arrived in this city to enter the employ of M. Winsberg, local clothier, as clerk. He came well recommended, it is understood, and there was not the least flutter of excitement about his arrival in this city. However, when the news was noised about town last Saturday that he had been arrested under the charge of being an alien German enemy there was considerable talk. He claimed that he had applied for naturalization papers in some Ohio town but could produce no proof of such application, and pending news from that town he was paroled by United States Commissioner Alex Robertson.

Monday a wire came from the Ohio town that a record of no such man as Levy applying for citizenship papers could be found, and close on the heels of this information Postmaster Troclair, acting for the government, again placed Levy under arrest and he was immediately placed in the parish jail, awaiting the action of the government authorities on his case. It is presumed that unless he can show some good cause to the contrary, he will be taken to one of the big camps where alien enemies are interned. It is also possible that severer measures will be taken in view of the fact that he has never registered as an alien enemy in accordance with government regulations, which registration took place some months ago.

Levy came to grief when he applied to be registered in the military registration here on the 12th instant. He registered all right enough but that fact brought out the suspicion that he was not an American citizen but an enemy alien. Hence his arrest and incarceration in the local jail. He says that he has travelled extensively, having been in almost every section of the United States, and the day he landed here he remarked in a local barber shop that he had worked in a store in Lake Charles for several years and was well acquainted with relatives of several Opelousas people who reside in that city.

LATER—Levy was admitted to bail in the sum of \$500 and has returned to work in the Winsberg store.

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ANOTHER ST. LANDRIAN IS COMMISSIONED LIEUTENANT

Edgar Andrepont Writes That He Has Been Promoted and Transferred to New York

St. Landry parish can claim another lieutenant in Uncle Sam's army. This time it is Edgar J. Andrepont of near Opelousas who writes The Clarion as follows from Camp Joseph E. Johnston, Florida, under date of the 16th instant:

"Please discontinue sending your valuable paper to this address until further notice from me. Was commissioned lieutenant yesterday, with orders to report to the commanding general at New York for assignment with guard company. I therefore can not give you my correct address now. I shall advise you immediately upon locating permanently to let paper come, as I am always glad to read news from good old Opelousas and St. Landry. Wishing you continued success, I am, "Yours truly, "Lieut. EDGAR J. ANDREPONT."

VETS AND LADIES GOING TO TULSA

BIG REUNION WILL DRAW MANY FROM OPELOUSAS CAMP

Party to Depart from Here Next Monday Over the Southern Pacific for Oklahoma Town

The annual reunion of the Confederate Veterans will be held in the fast growing city of Tulsa, Oklahoma, beginning next week, and many from the Opelousas camp, R. E. Lee No. 14, will take in the big blow-out of the old boys. They are to leave here next Monday afternoon at 2:40 o'clock over the Southern Pacific northbound train and will take the Texas and Pacific train at Alexandria. A meeting of the camp was held here on the 14th to make arrangements for the trip, the proceedings of which follow: Headquarters R. E. Lee Camp, Opelousas, La., Sept. 14, 1918. The meeting was held at 3:30 o'clock p. m., with J. O. Chachere in the chair. The business proceeded with as follows:

It was decided to board the S. P. passenger train at 2:40 p. m., Monday, September 23, arriving at Tulsa, Okla., Tuesday, September 24 at 5 p. m. Certificates to thirteen veterans and members of their families were issued to go to the reunion.

This camp takes great pleasure in announcing the following ladies who will represent the R. E. Lee Camp, U. C. V., for the year 1918: Sponsor, Miss Clothilde Lassalle; maids of honor, Miss Alma Lassalle, Agathe Lassalle; matron of honor, Mrs. Lucille Cahain Castle, all of Opelousas; chaperone, Mrs. E. H. Roos of New Orleans, La.

These charming ladies have consented to grace our camp and will receive the homage and courteous attention always extended to the fair women of our country by every true American. We are glad to see, after the lapse of over a half-century, these ladies, the lineal descendants of that noble band the mothers of the Confederacy, still honor the same principles we contended for, and we hope they will soon pay homage to the Sammies, the sons of the reunited nation, when they have licked the Huns and accomplished the end for which we fought in our young manhood, and return home with victory shining in their faces.

J. O. CHACHERE, Acting Com. C. P. RICHARD, Adjutant.

Certificates entitling the holder to the low-fare tickets to the reunion have been issued to the following persons:

- Charles Hollier, Henry Chachere, Ozeme Moreau, F. Moreau, Ambrose Valin, Jr., Louis Cook, Alcin Vidrine, J. O. Chachere, Theophile F. Richard, T. A. Jackson, Arthur Collins, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Richard, all of Opelousas; Mr. Guillory of Eunice; Pierre Woods of Church Point; J. P. Bridenbath of Bunkie; Dave Higginbotham of near Arnaudville; Mrs. C. Chatman of Krotz Springs, and B. P. Bird of Arnaudville.

—Miss Vita Guilbeau, one of Opelousas, fair young ladies, has returned from an extended visit to several towns in the state, where she went on a summer vacation.

—Miss Gertie Fux is spending a few days in New Orleans with her sister, Mrs. W. J. Healey.

conducted in the Masonic temple and Dr. Sessler delivered several splendid sermons. He returned to his home on Tuesday.

TEDDY WOULD REVEL IN GREAT GLORY IF IN ST. LANDRY PARISH

Ex-President, Believer in Large Families, Could Find Ideal Conditions Existing Here

THEOGENE PITRE HAS TWO SONS GONE, FIVE MORE READY

Just a Few Others Like Him Who are Fathers of Large and Growing Families Mark Parish as a Great Rooseveltian Place

America's great rough rider, the invincible ex-president, Teddy Roosevelt, is some stickler for large and growing families and has shouted that belief of his from almost every nook and corner of the republic, except here in old St. Landry.

"Tis a pity Teddy never made a friendly trip of investigation to these parts for he sure would have found ideal conditions existing here, for it there is any country that has produced larger families on an average it has not shown up in the records or been noted in history.

Neither has this parish's advantages in that line been thoroughly advertised. It has been so common here that the natives just accepted it as a matter of course and let it go at that. Some fellows said it was "the atmosphere," and never hunted for the real reason. What that reason is none of us know. Suffice to say, there are some huge families in this country and what is more, these huge ones are not on the decrease by a long sight.

Now, as an example, there is Theogene Pitre, prosperous farmer who lives in Prairie Ronde, not far west of Opelousas. He is only fifty-five years of age, still hale and hearty and active following his calling of farmer and says that he is going to keep a-going as long as health and strength permit. Well, he is the proud and happy father of just fifteen children. Of this number seven are sons and of these seven two have already gone to war and five more are getting ready to go for they are in the draft age. The oldest of these seven boys is thirty, the youngest will be nineteen his next birthday.

When all these husky youngsters get in the ranks of Uncle Sam's soldiers Mr. Pitre will have a record few American fathers can boast of, for it is extremely doubtful if many other fathers in this nation will have furnished that number of fighting men for the government.

There are other instances in this parish of large families, both among the whites and blacks, and it would take a huge volume to bring forth the long list, but if such work could be accomplished it would be well to send a copy of the volume to the Honorable Teddy.

We hardly think that Mr. Pitre's record of furnishing and being ready to furnish soldiers for the army can be surpassed in this parish, though we know of several families which have already sent a number of their boys to the hosts of fighting men. For instance, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Megninley of this city have three sons, Lawrence, Sidney and Warren, and all three are in the ranks and at least two of them are now in France. A complete record of other St. Landry families as regards their enlistments in the several branches of the fighting service has not been kept and it may be a long time before the public is given the full record and if the work is ever undertaken and completed it will undoubtedly bring forth some interesting facts.

ROBERT TRACY BARSTOW

Died, at his family residence, near Cheneyville, La., last Wednesday afternoon, Robert Tracy Barstow, aged five years. The remains were brought to Opelousas Thursday afternoon and interred in the Catholic cemetery, after services in the Catholic Church.

The deceased was a son of Mrs. Fannie Thompson Barstow, formerly of this city, but since her marriage a resident of Rapides parish. To the bereaved mother and other relatives of the deceased The Clarion tenders its deepest sympathies.

—Mr. and Mrs. Leo W. Mayer and children have returned to their home in New Orleans after spending several weeks here with relatives.