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MAYOR BERWICK'S MONTHLY REPORT

To the Council Town of Eunice.

Gentlemen:—According to your instructions at our last meeting I have had the town attorney send us as ordinance covering the "Stock Law."

Along these same lines I have had prepared two other ordinances which I hope will meet with your approval and which I hope one of you will introduce.

These ordinances take care of removing of grass and weeds growing on the sidewalks, and removing grass weeds and refuse of all kinds on vacant lots and any premises placing them in a sanitary condition. I have carefully read these ordinances and recommend them for your approval.

I am sorry to have to report to your body that there seems to be a disposition on the part of some of our otherwise law abiding citizens to ignore the hog law, and take advantage of the absence or sickness of our Marshal to deliberately turn their hogs out on the streets. It is not a pleasant duty at any time to chase hogs around town to impound them and during the present hot weather it is almost next to impossible. I would suggest as a means of solving the situation, that the ordinance prohibiting hogs running at large be amended so as to increase the fine to \$1.00, and the upkeep or feeding at 50cts per day. Should this fail I will ask this council to pass an ordinance prohibiting hogs within the city limits whether confined in pens or otherwise. Most towns the size of Eunice do not allow hogs in town at all as they are

decided detriment to the sanitation to any home, premises or town.

I don't want to do this, but I believe you gentlemen will see the wisdom of this and will agree with me that it will be a good move. I hope no one will force us to take this step.

We now have a very desirable town hall equipped with lights, fans, etc., and I will ask that officers when on duty will make it their headquarters, and be around in the neighborhood more than has been the practice in the past.

On account of my business I am in my office most of the time, and it is very easy for any one to get me and enter a complaint that-by right should go to the officers. I in turn refer them to the officers, and they state that they cannot find them.

I have been asked to endeavor to get the Frisco railroad to give us a crossing at the head of First Street. A crossing is badly needed there. I am sure that we will have no trouble in getting this done. The Superintendent of the T. P. called on me today and looked over the situation of the proposed crossing at the north end of town. We will get this at once as they promise to have it attended to at once for us. We have done our best to get the Southern Pacific R. R. to give us a crossing at the Southern end of town and have made no headway whatever. We do not expect to accomplish anything with them. A crossing is badly needed to enter the east side of the Perrott addition. A street that was formerly used as a mean of getting to that part of town belongs to the Southern Pacific R. R., and several rows of posts have been put across the street to stop the public from using same.

We have worked continuously on the streets filling up holes, draining off water, etc., but on account of the ex-

cessive rains, have not been able to accomplish much. The best that we have done is to prevent any bad holes. The streets while rough are not in any ways bad.

I have just returned from Baton Rouge after appearing before the Board of State Affairs with your clerk, with the new assessment of the town of Eunice. After an extended discussion with Mr. Milling member of Board of Affairs, and Mr. A. L. Andrus, Assessor of St. Landry it was agreed that we present the assessment roll to the police jury at its next meeting for them to review same and with their stamp of approval the Assessor and Board of Affairs would also accept it.

It has not been necessary to make but very few arrests the past month and the mayor's court has been very quiet.

The cattle ordinance will go into effect next week and I sincerely hope the citizens will assist us in enforcing this very important law.

DUDLEY BERWICK, Mayor.

GRADENIGO HEIRS INCREASE IN NUMBER

Likewise the Reputed Fortune Has
Grown from \$20,000,000 to
\$70,000,000

For the past several weeks it has been a dull day in the newspapers when another claimant to the fortune left by the Archbishop Gradenigo of Venice has not come forth and more or less modestly put forth his or her claim to that widely heralded legacy. As the claimants grow in number, the amount supposed to have been left in trust has likewise grown apace—from a mere bagatelle of \$20,000,000 to \$70,000,000 or more.

In St. Landry parish there are a number of colored people who are descendants from the male line of the early Gradenigos and they, no doubt, will soon organize to secure a portion of this much-talked-of legacy.

The Natchitoches Enterprise reports the following claimants from that section last week:

"The announcement in the papers that has created such a sensation everywhere about the sixty-five million dollar Gradenigo estate that has fallen to American heirs has been long awaited in Natchitoches, where some of the directly interested ones have been expected to be able to get their inheritance for many a long year from the Italian government. Miss Armide Fontenot will come in for one of the biggest slices from one of the seven branches, being a grand daughter of the Gradenigo and closely related to the De Baillon, and with her niece, Clarisse now Mrs. Jack Rambin of DeSoto, trace their descent straight back to some of the most noted Doges of Venice. Other branches of the family are the sons and daughters of the Dalmon Tessiers who are descended from Rose and Genevieve De Baillon and are now living in Shreveport and Texas.

It is stated that the final documents are being signed up by the American consulate at Rome for presentation to the Italian authorities and the friends of Miss Fontenot and Mrs. Rambin hope that they will soon come into possession of a handsome fortune."

The Times-Picayune puts forth the following claimants with the additional honor of relationship to Pope Leo, which our local aspirants have not yet had the temerity to assume.

"Among New Orleans families claiming a share in the Grandinigo estate from \$68,000,000 to \$70,000,000 held in trust by the Italian government since 1882 when it was left by a bishop of the Roman Catholic Church and uncle of Pope Leo to the rightful heirs are the following:

"Mrs. Alex Humphreys, Mrs. Adolph St. Amand, Mrs. Leonce Le Breton; the children of the late Mrs. John Fazende, the children of the late Mrs. Paul Devron, the child of Nicholas Dupre, children of the late Oscar Dupre, of New Iberia, La.

"These Orleanians say they have traced their descent from the Doges of Venice through Marie Gradenigo, daughter of Juan Gradenigo, who married Richolas Rosseau. A letter Monday from Felix E. Voorhies, 2115 North Pearl Street, Dallas, Tex., who has been appointed administrator of the estate by the heirs, notified them that definite news of the fortune would be forthcoming from the Italian government within a week."

Parties from Opelousas who have been visiting in Lake Charles recently state that someone there has either bought or is advancing money on Joe McDonald's share in the Gradenigo state. They report that McDonald has built a fine bungalow, drives an automobile and appears well supplied with money and is living in grand style.

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ONLY 3 POLITICAL CANDIDATES MEET AT ZWOLLE RALLY

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"The fact that a gifted leader and faithful public servant who has spent a quarter of a century in an earnest effort to develop and advance Louisiana's agricultural interest along intelligent and progressive lines, has become discouraged and wishes to retire because there has been lacking that strong support and cordial co-operation of those directing our public affairs and controlling the public finance so vital and necessary for the success of his department, furnishes much food for thought.

"The people of Louisiana now thoroughly understand and appreciate the situation, and, instead of permitting him to retire, will elect officials who will see to it that the money and support and co-operation necessary to realize to the utmost Dr. Dodson's high ideals of agricultural education are rendered available."

"We need a new constitution and need it badly, and an unlimited constitutional convention should be called as soon as possible after the advent of the next administration. Then our judicial system should be improved and the salaries of our judicial officers increased in harmony with the present high cost of living. But we should set about these tasks with due deliberation and only after intelligent investigation and serious thought, with the one purpose to serve and promote the public interest. Individual and sectional interest and personal and political prejudice cannot legitimately and must not be permitted to influence our conclusions regarding any measure or policy and the only considerations which are entitled to weight in the decision of public questions are those of justice and right and the interest and advantage of the whole people of Louisiana."

Stubbs For State Suffrage
The speaker showed how essential drainage is to the agricultural development of which he was speaking.

"Reclaim our vast stretches of alluvial and so-called swamp lands," he appealed. "This can be done in most instances at nominal cost."

Colonel Stubbs repeated his stand for more and a greater system of highways, for the upbuilding of the state educational system, to which should be added industrial education.

He dwelt upon the needs of the returning soldiers. "We cannot do too much for them," he added. Industrial and agricultural education should especially be extended to them.

He declared for state woman's suffrage.

Better care of the insane was also stressed by the speaker.

Breazeale Attacks Mayor
Mr. Breazeale opened with his usual attack upon Mayor Behrman and his power as mayor of New Orleans, "with 25,000 votes within his grasp, which he boasts are cast on two hours notice as he may dictate.

Turning from the Mayor, he paid his respects to "his two defenders," who at the Jeanerette meeting vied with each other as to which one should receive from this autocrat these 25,000 votes which he holds in the hollow of his hand.

"The one (referring to Mouton,) offered the highest bid of which the human mind could conceive. My friend Lieutenant Governor Mouton's bid was in the shape of the highest eulogy ever paid a living man. My friend Col. Stubbs, that gallant gentleman from Monroe, one whom I respect and esteem, could not possibly exceed that bid. But he was equal to the occasion. He expressed no opinion as to the merits or demerits of the system; he did not say anything about the unholy power. He contented himself by saying that he would not spurn or refuse these 25,000 votes. But, he has no right to be neutral. I have no patience with a neutral.

Says Two Bids Submitted
"The unblushing bid of the one was met by the sealed bid of the other. Col. Stubbs knows, that whether his bid is sealed or not, if he is the turning over of his administration to this autocrat.

"I now ask of him whether or not he endorse and approves of such a system?"

"I tell him that the basis of this system, its foundation, is the waste of public funds, the rottenness and corruption of the public department of the city of New Orleans because police power unscrupulously used has always been the most valued weapon of the political dictator. The threat of law enforcement in case of insurgency and the promise of its non-enforcement as a reward for political subserviency has had a never failing hold over the lowest elements of the population."

Mr. Breazeale denied the allegation that he was arraying country against city.

"We of the country love the city of New Orleans as much and as devotedly as the man who lives there. I deny that the city of New Orleans belongs exclusive to the residents of New Orleans. There is not a man in the whole state outside of that city but who loves it and considers it his city.

"I want to see it develop and progress will do all I can to assist in its development, just as much as any man who lives within its corporate limits. I repeal the cry hurled back by this defender of the system that I or any man who shares my views against this infamous evil, this monstrous system, is arraying the country against the city."



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Major Duson Wins Stars of Service In Big Battles

Major Curley P. Duson, nephew of W. W. Duson and son of the late C. C. Duson, spent a few hours in Crowley on Monday last visiting friends and relatives. The beginning of the war found the young major a lieutenant; but his promotion was rapid during his year of service overseas, first from his lieutenantcy to a captaincy, and then to his majority. Young Duson is not yet twenty-five years of age, being one of the youngest majors in the army.

His outfit, the Ninth Machine Gun Brigade, first saw European service on April 21, 1918—just at the time when the victorious German hordes were sweeping everything before them in the rush to Paris and took part in the engagements around Chateau Thierry, Fismes, Crezancy, the Argonne, and in all the hard fighting that finally culminated in the German surrender. During these engagements his battalion lost every officer except himself, and the command of the whole battalion was given to him. After a few weeks he received his commission as Major which rank he held throughout his stay in Germany with the army of occupation.

Major Duson is now at El Campo Texas, visiting his brother, Dr. W. W. Duson, of that city. At the expiration of his leave he will return to the army, where he intends to remain indefinitely.—Crowley Signal.

To Aug. W. Frazee,

A Tribute to Jos. Freeman,
and All Linemen.
Out in the grave yard lying,
Buried deep and low,
Not in the "Field of Flanders,
Where the poppies blow,"
My boy!

But thy soul was just as brave,
As those that fill that tragic grave,
And thy way of dying,
As bravely faced, my boy.

Among the first to volunteer
At the bugle's blow,
Thy young face set for Flanders
To meet the cannon's roar, My boy!
For home duty you were kept;
With those many that have slept
Beneath that ground all sear,
You are lying, now, my boy.

In labor's field of heroes,
Where hourly each day,
In field as grand as Flanders,
Willing down its way,
My boy,

Went with other modest heroes,
As each man so bravely goes,
Though no flag there grandly blows,
Above their heads my boy.

In buoyant life and full of love
For country, sweet heart, friend,
Tho' not in the Field of Flanders,
He climbed to meet his end,
My boy!

In fullest strength and loving heart;
Then with a fearful, fearful start
Struck suddenly above
By death my noble boy!

And the comrade there who held him
Up above the wires—
'Twas not in the Field of Flanders,
Of which no poet tires
My boy,—
But in a plain home town J. Freeman
Tried to save one of his clan.

At risk of death upheld him,
Faced death for comrade boy!

But the fair young life had flown
Even then, while held,
Tho' not in the Fields of Flanders,
By grim death thus felled,
My boy,—
Cut from life, tho' no flag waves
Above to mark such common graves
In man of labor blown!
Just drew your lot, my boy!

Your sweet face no more I'll see,
Thy voice like song of bird
Is hushed for aye, for aye, for me,
Will never more be heard,
My boy.

Thy heart that held the sunshine
Thy heart that held the sunshine
Is hid deep beneath the vine
In that place so lonely,—
And you loved life, my boy!

Out in the grave yard lying
In the shade of O—
Not in the Field of Flanders,
Where the poppies blow,
My boy!
But thou art amongst the heroes
Lineman, each, that ready goes
Forth daily facing dying,
Is hero, as was my boy.

My humble pen to such as he
Its song tho' low must sing,—
Too low to sing of Flanders—
Its humble tribute brings
My boy—
To heroes of Great Labor's War
That grindeth on the daily war,
Heroes like into thee—
Daily facing death—my boy,
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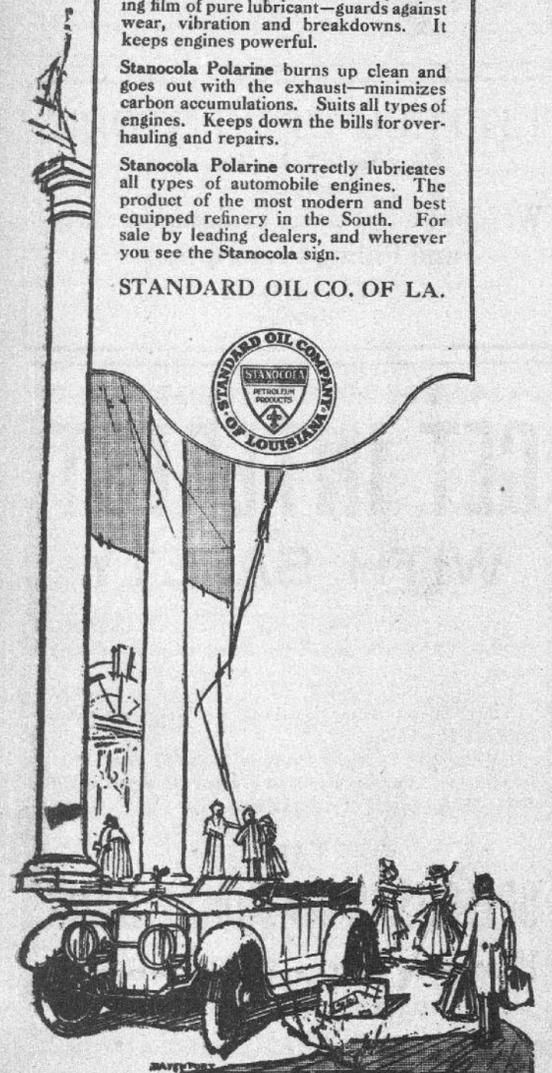
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