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

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ONE DOLLAR PER YEAR IN ADVANCE

WILKINSON GIVES RECORD OF PARKER AND SUPPORTERS

Recalls Remarks Made by Pleasant and Tribe Before Last Election

PLEASANT'S MESSAGE TO MARTIN BEHRMAN

The Parker Family Did Nothing to Clean Up New Orleans When They Occupied High Office in That City

James Wilkinson, in a speech before a Twelfth ward Stubbs meeting held Thursday night, 4223 Magnolia New Orleans called the long roll of Democratic ex-Governors and paraphrased what they had said about John M. Parker less than four years ago. Mr. Wilkinson inspired his audience to wild enthusiasm with his "deadly parallel." Paul H. Maloney was the executive chairman.

Three and half years ago Mr. Wilkinson was in company with Pleasant and Foster and Sanders and Lee Emmett Thomas, "fighting the battles of Democracy."

He was with Col. Pleasant, "when he hammered hell out of Parker."

"I spoke from the same platform with Ex-Gov. Foster at Franklin, when he declared Parker was a danger and a menace. I was with Gov. Sanders when, in deep voice, he dramatically called upon the Democracy of the hills of North Louisiana to save the state against Parker."

"And then, there was Lee Thomas, with his 'Amen! them's my sentiments.'"

As a climax to this parallel of then and now Mr. Wilkinson read a telegram which Gov. Pleasant had wired Mayor Behrman from Shreveport "Congratulations on the Democratic loyalty of the city of New Orleans."

Recalls Last Campaign

"I want to be very careful in speaking about Mr. Parker tonight," said Mr. Wilkinson, "as this is his home ward—that is, when he is not at his other home in the state in which he was born. But if I am in any way unfair to his please attribute it to the wicked influences with which I have been surrounded in the last campaign."

"I listened then with party admiration to the masterly strokes of the present Governor hammering hell out of Mr. Parker's political record."

"I heard Ex-Gov. Foster, that Nestor of the Democratic party, say in a great meeting in St. Mary parish, at which I spoke with him, that the candidacy of Mr. Parker was a danger and a menace to the Democratic party that he would unite every discordant element opposed to it—soreheads, nugwumps, Independents, Republicans and the bastard offspring of the Republican party, the Progressives, better than any other man in Louisiana."

Sanders, Thomas and Co.

"I heard another Ex-Governor, Mr. Sanders, at a meeting later, in New Iberia (where I also spoke), with a voice hoarse with emotion and much speaking, calling on the Democracy of North Louisiana to rally to the Arkansas line to the Gulf to sweep Mr. Parker and his ungodly crew into the sea of political oblivion."

"I heard the Hon. Lee Thomas, another great Democratic leader, repeatedly saying: 'Amen! Them's my sentiments.'"

"I heard the sweet little 'tribe of Bon-chaud or Bon-froid chiming with Ponderous Ponder's' deep mouthed New Orleans and others chased the bay as he and the Grey Wolves of wounded Bull Moose to its untimely finish."

"You see, I did not know then that all these great and distinguished Democrats were joking; that they were only trying to humbug the public by flashing a political moving picture on a campaign screen which they expected would be forgotten as soon as it faded away."

"I must admit I have not forgotten all this, because the impression made then on me was very vivid. And that impression, as to the guilt of the accused is such a fixed opinion that no amount of evidence will now change it."

Pleasant's Gratitude in 1916

"In supporting the nominee of the Democratic party in that election I was also impressed with the devotion of the New Orleans organization to his cause, and how they aided Mr. Pleasant with encouragement, support and campaign funds."

"Therefore I was not surprised to read on the morning after the election

OVERDOSE OF STRYCHNINE KILLS PLAISANCE MAN

ALFRED RICHARD SUCCUMBS WEDNESDAY FROM EFFECTS OF DEADLY DRUG

Alfred Richard, well known farmer of the Plaisance section of this parish died Wednesday in the neighborhood of Lassalle's store on Landry street from the effects of an overdose of strychnine.

It is not known whether Mr. Richard's death followed a successful attempt at suicide or whether it was accidental, although both beliefs have been expressed by those who knew him and who were aware of the happenings just preceding his demise. It is said by some that his heart was weak and he often used strychnine to strengthen it. It is possible he used an excessive amount of the drug Wednesday and his death followed. Others are of the belief his death was suicidal, for it is known that he had been gambling and had lost the proceeds from a bale of cotton—his entire crop—and then had mortgaged his horse and saddle and lost the money derived from that source. Those who believe that Mr. Richard committed suicide say that his recent misfortune in the games of chance, coupled with the fact that his wife died some time ago leaving him alone to care for six children, the oldest of whom is eighteen, made him very despondent and caused him to take his own life.

Mr. Richard's relatives took charge of his body late Wednesday afternoon and brought it to his former home where it was interred.

The following telegram published in the papers here:

Shreveport, La., April 15, 1916. Hon. Martin Behrman, Mayor of New Orleans:

Congratulations on Democratic loyalty of city of New Orleans.

R. G. PLEASANT.

Nor was I surprised to read the letter's grateful and eulogistic thanks to Hon. Robert Ewing later in an autograph letter; nor as to a letter from Hon. Lee Thomas, to Mr. Robert Ewing to the same effect.

"I also took seriously the Joint Resolution of the General Assembly (Act 96 of 1918) signed by Governor Pleasant, July 3, 1918, paying a splendid tribute to the great and noble administration of the officers of this city, as a just, grateful and well merited compliment from State officers to city officers whom the former were fond of and delighted to honor."

The Joy Ride to Winnipeg

"But in some unfortunate moment the Mayor and Governor were prevailed upon to take a joy ride to Canada and both went pegging off together to Winnipeg."

"On this faithful trip they fell out. 'Some say one of the bad spots in the road bounced the Mayor into the Governor's lap with crushing force and hurt the latter's feelings. Some say the Canadian cock-tails disagreed with the dispositions of the joy riders, while others better informed, insist that when at the request of the Governor the Mayor tried to read some of the Governor's blank verse he fell asleep and snored and then woke up and congratulated the Governor on the ground that his verses were damned blank.'"

"I recall the Limerick There was a young lady from Wiger Who went out for a ride on a tiger They returned from the ride With the lady in rictus And a smile on the face of the tiger."

Goes Over to Enemy

"Possibly because the Mayor refused to be swallowed or was too big to be swallowed, as one of the reasons why the governor refused to smile when he came back from Winnipeg. 'Truth is, however, stranger than fiction. The governor has now gone over into the camp of his former enemy. Men who voted for him and spent their time and money for him, are now told that unless they reverse themselves and support the man he lately denounced to them, they need expect no mercy or favor at his hands, and that former opponent jumps with glee at the way these men are punished for their party regularity and consistency.'"

"History repeated itself: 'Aaron in Moses' absence, erected a golden calf for the people of Israel to fall down and worship and Governor Pleasant has selected a former Bull Moose for the adulation of those under his authority.'"

"As a Biblical scholar and Miltonian student he should remember that when a later king threw Daniel to the lions because he refused to worship the image the king had commanded (Continued on page 4)



A Public Meeting Will be Held on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1919 At 7:30 P. M., at the COURTHOUSE IN OPELOUSAS In the interest of the candidacy of COL. FRANK P. STUBBS For Governor. Col. Stubbs will personally present his claims to the people of St. Landry. HON. GEO. K. FAVROT of Baton Rouge and other speakers will address the meeting.

BIG CIRCUS WILL VISIT OPELOUSAS

SELLS-FLOTO SHOWS WILL SHOW HERE SUNDAY, NOV. 9, BOTH AFTERNOON AND NIGHT

If there is anything new under the sun in the way of outdoor amusement that can be placed under the big tops, one can count on the Sells-Floato circus having it and now comes the announcement that this big circus is coming to Opelousas, Sunday, November 9, and that one of the big features is Jack Dempsey, world's heavyweight champion, who is to appear at each performance in a reproduction of his famous fight with Jesse Willard at Toledo, July 4th, in which he won his new honors.

The circus this season has met with phenomenal success throughout the east and the middle west and now it comes to this section of the country to give the people the newest in the circus world. The program abounds in aerial, riding, ground, contortion, animal and clown acts and the press agent is authority for the statement that the three rings, the hippodrome track, the stages and the aid are filled with something all the time; that the performance is full of pep and snap, and there is something for everyone from ages ranging from 1 to 100 years.

The circus roster this season has some names—well-known in the circus world. Some of them are the Loyde, the Hobsons, the Hodgkins, the Elders, the Stokes, Livingstons, Wells, Rushes, Hewton and Sweeney, Silverlakes, Kinside, Evans, and scores of others which include the Princess Victoria and Mlle. Herberts Booson, wire dancers and swingers that have never yet been equalled on the silver thread. So with this great program of circus acts; also Jack Dempsey, and with the "Birth of the Rainbow," as the great feature opening, the thousands who attend either the afternoon or evening performances of the Sells-Floato circus, will be given plenty in the new and novel in the circus world. There's a parade on the morning of circus day, so don't forget it.

J. M. SANDERS SELLS GOOD FARM PROPERTY

Last week J. M. Sanders, real estate and insurance man, sold the Beckman farm, three miles south of Bellevue, for Mrs. J. H. Creswell to Walter Smith of East Bellevue. The farm contained 108 acres and the consideration is reported at \$10,300.

Prof. Prescott were among the many to visit Eunice Sunday.

LOCAL STUDENTS MAKE RECORDS

ST. LANDRY IS REPRESENTED BY TWENTY-TWO STUDENTS AT STATE UNIVERSITY

Baton Rouge, La., Oct. 25, 1919.—The number of students from St. Landry in attendance at the State University this session reflects credit upon the people of the parish as well as the authorities connected with the school work. With 22 young men and women, St. Landry is near the top of the list, being outstripped by only a few of the more populous parishes, such as Caddo, Rapides and East Baton Rouge.

The parish is well represented in all departments of the university. Several will complete their work during the present session and one, Octave Castille, is doing graduate work in the Audubon Sugar School. Octave or rather "Soap" as he is familiarly called by the students has accepted an offer from a large concern in Jamaica and will take up his his work in January.

Lorena Hidalgo of the Teachers' College and J. R. Caldwell of the College of Agriculture will receive their sheep-skins at the end of this session. Guy White is a Junior in the College of Engineering.

The majority of the young men are in the military department and their standing and the records they are making speaks well for the early training they received in old St. Landry. Several of them hold positions of honor in their respective companies. Emile Ventre, who is a musician of no small note, is a Sergeant in the Tiger Band. Alfred Guilbeau, Tom Frinberg, John Boagni and Henry Castille are corporals in their companies. During the drill hour these efficient young squad majors can be heard giving their commands in stentorian tones to the sections assigned to them for instruction. An especial honor has been conferred upon them, inasmuch they are only in their second year at the university.

There are others from all sections of the parish, who are doing good work, but space prevents me from going further on St. Landry should feel proud of the scholarship and ability these young people are showing, and the people of the parish should do all they possibly can towards aiding the campaign for a greater State University.

Dr. A. J. Perrault was entertained by the Boy Scouts at a dance at the K. C. Hall on last Friday night, very body seemed to have enjoyed the evening.

ST. CHARLES COLLEGE PROTESTS GAME WITH LOUISIANA COLLEGE

Charges Illegal Playing, Incompetent Officials, Improper Treatment of Referee. Case Before the Louisiana Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association for Decision

Grand Coteau, La., Oct. 25.—On Saturday, October 25, the St. Charles College Football team met the Louisiana College team for a game in Pineville on the Louisiana College campus. The four quarters were played through but the St. Charles College men being unable to obtain any sort of a square deal during the game were forced to play the game out under protest. During the first two quarters of the game illegal methods of play were so frequently and so openly used by different men of the Louisiana College team that some spectators who were standing along the side-line began to remark the fact openly and to criticize the officials for not penalizing the offending team. Some even went so far as to express their opinions to Mr. Roy and Coach Fagan, of St. Charles College. It proved useless for Captain Smith to call the attention of an official to the illegal methods of attack and defense used by some of the Louisiana College men, and when Captain Smith was forced to leave the game with a badly sprained ankle, acting captain L. Broussard, could obtain no better results from his protests. Seeing this, Coach Fagan obtained permission to go on the field and put the case before the officials, but he in turn received the same treatment as had Smith and Broussard. Between the halves Mr. Roy protested to the officials and to Mr. Payne, of Louisiana College, against the illegal methods that had been used and against the failure of the officials to inflict any penalty for same; but he could obtain nothing by his complaint and was forced to allow the game to continue under protest.

The second half of the game was very nearly a repetition of the first half with the exception that the St. Charles team, having been so badly crippled in the first half, was unable to put up as strong a defence as it had in the first half. So many of its men had been crippled that all of the substitutes had been run into the game and towards the middle of the fourth quarter, when more of the St. Charles men got hurt, the Red-and-Green had to play with only ten men on the team.

Throughout the game the Grand Coteau men put up a surprisingly hard struggle and the fact that they were not getting a square deal seemed to make them work all the harder to defend the honor of their college and to keep the score as low as possible. But against such odds it was impossible to do much effective work and the score gradually mounted up to 95 points for the Pineville team. After the game several uncalled for incidents occurred that the St. Charles men will find as hard to forget as they will the manner in which they were treated during the game.

Before leaving the Louisiana College grounds, Mr. Roy again notified Mr. Payne, who is president of the Louisiana Inter-collegiate Athletic Association that he would protest the game before the Association, and informed him that the general heads under which the protest would be made were illegal playing, incompetent officials being retained throughout the game and employment of a referee by Mr. Payne in a manner that was unconstitutional in the Inter-collegiate Athletic Association of which both colleges are members. Mr. Roy has filed his protest in the name of St. Charles College Athletic Association with Mr. C. J. McNaspy, secretary of the Louisiana Inter-collegiate Athletic Association and has asked that a date be set for proper investigation into the matter.

JNO. M. PRESCOTT FOR DISTRICT CLERK

EUNICE MAN WILL CONTEST THE OFFICE WITH THE PRESENT INCUMBENT

Attention is called to the formal announcement of Mr. John M. Prescott for the office of district clerk subject to the action of the Democratic primary January 20. This is Mr. Prescott's first venture in the political field but his friends predict that he will make a fine race.

Mr. Prescott was born and raised in Washington, this parish, and has been for the past several years connected with a large mercantile firm of Eunice. His supporters call attention to his clean personal business record and are very optimistic in regard to his chances for election.

LAWTELL STATE OPENS AUSPICIOUSLY

PARISH'S LATEST BANKING INSTITUTION BEGINS ON THURSDAY WITH BIG BUSINESS

The Lawtell State Bank, in the point of time the parish's infant financial institution, opened Thursday under most auspicious circumstances, the first day's volume of business far outstripping the expectations of its directors and officers.

The bank is in charge of Clovis A. Dardean, well known young citizen of Sunset, as cashier, with A. E. Lafleur, substantial merchant and farmer of Mallet as president, and reports from them late Thursday announced unexpectedly large deposits from a great number of the residents of that section.

The Lawtell State is situated in the heart of one of the richest agricultural sections of the parish and will unquestionably grow rapidly in strength and usefulness. The support accorded it on the opening day is an indication of the manner in which the people of the several communities which are to patronize it have received the institution and is an assurance that it is a sound business project.

The Bank has installed one of the highest grades of bank safes manufactured and is considered the latest word in burglar-proof vaults.

RED CROSS ROLL CALL

COMMITTEES APPOINTED TO SOLICIT MEMBERSHIP NEXT WEEK

The St. Landry Chapter of the Red Cross has been arranging the details of the campaign which is to begin on November 3rd, and which will continue until November 11th. The purpose of this campaign is to secure a cash quota for the parish of St. Landry of \$1500.00 and to secure 3600 members of the Red Cross at \$1.00 per annual membership. The method will be where contributions of more than \$1.00 are secured, to credit \$1.00 to membership and the surplus to the cash quota. The Local Chapter, for its maintenance, will receive one-half of the membership fee.

The campaign is being conducted by Mr. L. L. Perrault, who is acting as Roll Call Chairman, with Miss Wardie Kelley as Secretary, and the following well known ladies and gentlemen of the parish, who have been consistent an defective workers for the Red Cross in former campaigns, have been selected to plan and direct the work of raising funds in their communities:

- Opelousas and vicinity: Dr. A. J. Perrault, Washington, Mr. Jim Goings, Eunice, Professor Aycock, Port Barre, Mrs. A. D. Hanks, Meville, Mr. Hathorn, Krotz Springs, Mrs. Isaac Jeffers, Rosa, Mr. Kemp T. Catlett, Palmetto, Mrs. Willie Hudspeth, Arnaudville, Miss Laura Darby, Whiteville and vicinity, Miss Odesa Savant, Lewisburg, Mrs. W. C. Dejean, Lawtell, Mrs. J. B. McClelland, Morrow, Mrs. Henry Lowmy, Shuteston, Mr. Frank Dimmick, Sunset, Mrs. W. J. Boudreau, Catara, Mrs. J. B. Gullory, Grand Coteau, Miss Virginia Mouton, Barbreck, Mr. Jas. H. Baldrige, Sr., Leonville, Mrs. F. O. Pavy, Big Cane, Judge B. F. Vannoy.

Although the war is over, there is much yet which has to be accomplished by the Red Cross, American soldiers are still in Russia, in Germany and in France. These men and their families continue to need Red Cross service. Siberia, Poland and the Balkans are asking the Red Cross to teach them how to fight contagious diseases. Thirty thousand American soldiers are still in military hospitals, many of them crippled for life. Several hundred thousand have been discharged disabled. The Local Red Cross Chapters need additional funds to carry on their peace time work which includes the fight against tuberculosis.

NAMES OF PARISH OFFICESEEKERS ARE GIVEN BY COMMITTEE

All Parish Offices to Be Contested for With Many Minor Places

INTEREST IN CAMPAIGN EXPECTED TO GROW

All is Tranquil in the Third Ward Where no Contests Will Be Waged—Six Quality for Police Jurors in the First Ward

The January primary will witness a contest for all of the more important parish offices as well as a fight for ward offices in all wards except the third, where there is only one candidate for each office.

The list as given out by the Parish Democratic Executive Committee is as follows:

For sheriff: Charley Thibodeaux and Ariel Fontenot. Clerk of Court: Henry Lastrapes and John M. Prescott. Assessor: Rene C. Fontenot and A. L. Andrus. Coroner: R. M. Littell and W. R. Lastrapes. Legislature: Gilbert L. Dupre, E. K. Eastham, J. F. Schell, J. J. Lewis, Alex. Lafleur, and Paul N. Lafleur. City Judge: E. S. Kerr and George T. Edwards. Marshall: Joseph "Beb" Anslem and Plais Horn.

First Ward

Police Jury: R. Lee Mills, J. T. St. Cyr, H. D. Larcade, Sr., Jules P. Piere, Floyd H. Phillips and Edgar M. Dupre.

Second Ward

Police Jury: E. A. Cummings, Clovie Guidroz and Arthibus Landry.

Third Ward

Police Jury: F. Octave Pavy and D. P. Moreau.

Fourth Ward

Police Jury: K. T. Catlett, Austin A. Richard, B. W. Clopton, W. F. Brown and M. J. Godeau.

Fifth Ward

Police Jury: John E. Bacon, Thomas McCaffery, Alex. Sylvestre, Arthur Deshotels, H. B. Walters, J. E. Beall.

Sixth Ward

Police Jury: W. C. Dejean, Allen McCoy, E. O. Gullory, Peter Brown and C. N. Bertrand.

Constable, Justice

- Ogens Ortego, constable 11th J. W.; Morse Cormier, constable 5th J. W.; Eraste Dupre, constable 2nd J. W.; C. W. Reed, constable 12th J. W.; Gilbert Stagg, constable 12th J. W.; M. P. Stagg, Justice of Peace, 12th J. W.; Alcide Meche, constable 19th J. W.; Peter Savoie, J. P. 17th J. W.; C. E. Langley, constable 12th J. W.; Frank Quebedeaux, J. P. 6th J. W.; Rosemond Solieu, Jr., constable 5th J. W.; J. H. Baldrige, Sr., J. P. 12th J. W.; Ignace Chastin, constable 6th J. W.; Lucius Stout, J. P. 3rd J. W.; Olen Boardreau, constable 2nd J. W.; Eli Miller, constable 5th J. P.; Armas Sylvestre, constable 2nd J. P.; C. E. Duckworth, constable 8th J. P.; T. T. Boudreau, J. P. 11th J. P.; Phillip Zernott, constable 11th J. P.; August Muller, J. P. 11th J. P.; Emar Stelly, 6th J. P.; Laurent Domingean, J. P. 5th J. P.; Faustine Solieu, J. P. 13th J. P.; Ernest Solieu, constable 4th J. P.; J. E. Vidrine, J. P. 2nd J. P.; B. F. Vanyo, J. P. 10th J. P.; Eraste France, constable 18th J. P.; S. J. Gosselin, J. P. 18th J. P.; J. C. Latou, constable 13th J. P.; J. F. Anderson, J. P. 7th J. P.; O'Brien Elmer, constable 4th J. P.; S. E. Smith, constable 4th J. P.; P. C. Latolais, constable 6th; J. A. Smith, J. P. 4th J. P.; Joseph Beaug, J. P. 19th J. P.; Leon LeBlanc, J. P. 8th Justice of the Peace Ward.

ercolous. In the Gulf Division of the Red Cross, there are 25,000 tubercular soldiers to be cared for. These are some of the activities which the Red Cross is supporting, and which it has to care for. For these reasons the people of the parish should make a good response to this call, and at the conclusion of the campaign every one of its citizens ought to be wearing the 1920 membership button.

ST. LANDRY BANK OPENS AT PORT BARRE

The Port Barre branch of the St. Landry Bank and Trust Company was opened Thursday with C. C. Clay as manager.