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ST. LANDRY GIVES COL. STUBBS GREAT OVATION

Judge Pavy, Peyton Sandoz, George Favrot, Jno. W. Lewis and Col. Frank Stubbs Puncture the Pretensions of Parker

For the second time this week, Colonel Frank P. Stubbs received a great ovation and was given an enthusiastic hearing when he spoke Wednesday night in the courthouse at Opelousas to a crowd that filled every available space, while large numbers were unable to get inside. It was one of the best demonstrations he has received in the country parishes.

Colonel Stubbs, accompanied by George K. Favrot, of Baton Rouge, and Major A. D. Stewart, of the New Orleans headquarters, arrived in Opelousas shortly after noon Wednesday and were met at the train by Judge B. H. Pavy, District Attorney R. Lee Garland, John W. Lewis and Henry E. Estorge, candidate for state treasurer, and others. From the time Colonel Stubbs arrived until he retired at night he was busy receiving friends and assurances of support from the voters of Opelousas and St. Landry parish.

"I read in the papers Monday," said Judge Pavy, who was temporary chairman of the meeting, "that the respective candidates would spend this week in the enemies' country." Turning to Colonel Stubbs he continued, "I want to say to you, Colonel Stubbs, you are not in the enemies' country, you are among friends here who will make a fight for your nomination. We have the Bull Moose on the run, but we will not stop until he is bagged. We are making this fight in the interest of the state of Louisiana, because we believe this talk about rings and we are fighting the ring of rings backed by the O'Malley-Sullivan-Parker-Pleasant-Thomas combination."

Judge Pavy in graceful terms called to the chair as permanent chairman his erstwhile opponent Hon. Peyton R. Sandoz who was warmly received by the audience.

Mr. Sandoz, in assuming the permanent chairmanship, said in part: "I am highly appreciative of the honor accorded me by my selection as the permanent chairman of this genuinely Democratic gathering. I am doubly pleased: first, because I am afforded the opportunity of presenting to you Democracy's gallant standard bearer, Colonel Frank P. Stubbs, whom it has been my proud privilege to know intimately for a number of years having first made his acquaintance some eighteen years ago while I was a private in the Louisiana National Guard and he was then major of my battalion. And I can here attest that if Colonel Stubbs has retained the affection of the soldiers associated with and serving under him in the recent world war in the same degree that he bears the good will of the old National Guard, his opponent will be startled and appalled by the unanimity of the soldier vote of Louisiana. The other reason why I am pleased to preside over this meeting is because I find allied with me for the first time in my political career my erstwhile political antagonists, Judge B. H. Pavy and Hon. R. Lee Garland, so gratified am I at the political truce—or more properly alliance—that I am frank to state that I wish for many 'happy returns of the day' and that the pleasures of the present 'armistice' might in a measure atone for the wounds and bruises of past conflicts. "It appears to me that the present onslaught upon Democracy is predicated upon the same old, threadbare, worn out slogan 'Down with the Ring.' The battle cry is so familiar that it seems to me that it was the first sound to break upon my infant ears as a child and each recurring quadrennial trade brings forth the same trite war cry until it has become almost monotonous. It is the ever-altering bait held out by the professional politician who is 'outside looking in' with which to catch suckers, and particularly the unsuspecting young man—since the young men comprise the majority of the voters—by trying to impress upon their inexperienced minds that the ambitions of youth can never be realized until 'the ring' is wiped out of existence. They would have you believe that the New Orleans organization—the so-called ring—is an octopus which employs its tentacles solely for destructive purposes; that it accomplishes no good and works much harm, and that its dominating influence will ultimately defile and debauch the electorate of the

entire state. I want to say to you that if the present administration of the City of New Orleans—which administration is the very heart and soul of this supposed menace—continues to stimulate the march of progress of our great southern port as it has sought to do since Mayor Behrman has held the chief executive ship of the city; if they will continue to build up and improve the commerce of what ought to become in time the leading port of America; if it will persist in its already highly successful efforts to raise New Orleans out of the mire of seclusion to a point of prominence among the truly great markets of this great country, then I say let us have the ring for eternity.

"And what greater menace, what turer menace, to the independence of our manhood—politically speaking—can exist than the present well-organized 'state ring' now headed by our chief executive the Hon. Ruffin G. Pleasant? I heard someone wondering the other day what the 'G' in Governor Pleasant's name stood for, and had no difficulty in supplying the information. Why the gentleman's middle name is 'Gratitude.' The same character of gratitude that prompted the lordly Brutus to deftly slip the dagger into the great Caesar's back; and the distinguished governor's loyalty to Democracy savors much of the variety displayed by Judas Iscariot when he betrayed Christ with a kiss. But despite the fact that Colonel Stubbs is 'burdened' with the 'opprobrium' of the New Orleans Ring's support, and is imperiled by the opposition of the state ring headed by Governor Pleasant, I still venture to predict that Colonel Stubbs will be elected by the greatest majority ever accorded any candidate for that office.

The first speaker introduced by him was Judge George Favrot of Baton Rouge, who delivered in measured, sonorous voice a masterly address, rich in eloquence and pointed with withering sarcasm. A very important point brought out by the judge was the necessity of the primary as a means for the elimination of the negro as a political factor. He then showed how four years ago Parker attempted to destroy the primary system, while now he was attempting to lead the Democratic party of the state through the medium of the very system he had labored so industriously to subvert.

He then took up Parker's consistent record of inconsistency and handled it without gloves. He then ventilated Parker's hypocritical pretense of opposition to machines and his unholy alliance with the state machine, which has gone the limit in prostituting the executive power in securing a base partisan advantage.

Mr. Favrot said Mr. Parker is glib about criticizing the 'animated payroll' in New Orleans, but he has nothing to say about his 'own animated payroll,' as represented in the state Board of Health, the conservation department and other appointments of the governor or controlled by him. Mr. Favrot said Mr. Parker was not so consecrated until he was anointed with machine oil by Governor Pleasant. Referring to the New Orleans organization, Mr. Favrot said there is a monument in Canal street there to the 'ringsters' who gave their lives for the state and white supremacy in 1874. This same organization, he said, saved the Democratic in 1916.

George K. Favrot, schoolmate of Colonel Stubbs, removed from the fire marshal's office "for political activity," said Mr. Parker's political record should bar him from presenting himself to the Democratic Party for any office, much less that of the highest in the gift of the party in the state. Taking up the statement issued from Parker headquarters Wednesday morning declaring he is a camouflaged Republican in that his name appeared on the same ticket with the "Black and Tans" and "Lily White factions," in East Baton Rouge parish in 1896, when he was a candidate for district attorney, Mr. Favrot said:

"The Parish Democratic Committee of East Baton Rouge parish in 1896 (Continued on page 4)

EUNICE GIVES STUBBS A ROUSING MEETING

Eunice, La., Nov. 6.—Judge Philip H. Gilbert, candidate for lieutenant governor, speaking here Thursday night with Colonel Frank P. Stubbs, declared the statement made by Parker supporters he was a delegate to a state convention that selected delegates to a Republican national convention, that nominated McKinley, and Hobart is "deliberately and maliciously false."

Judge Gilbert said the only convention he ever participated in was the last Democratic convention in St. Louis, which nominated President Woodrow Wilson for re-election. He said he attended that convention as a delegate from the Third Congressional District.

"I stand squarely behind my statement given the New Orleans papers Wednesday in reply to the statement by Hewitt Bouanchaud, my opponent, who made the charge that I voted for Beattie for Congress," said Judge Gilbert, whose address was in French. "My first vote was for 'Bob' Broussard for congress. He ran eleven times and I voted for him eleven times."

Colonel Stubbs and Judge Gilbert were the principal speakers here. Short addresses were delivered by George K. Favrot of Baton Rouge and District Attorney R. Lee Garland of Opelousas and Andre Arceneaux, local business man, called the meeting to order and presented Judge B. H. Pavy as the permanent chairman. Colonel Stubbs was accompanied here by Mr. Garland, Judge Pavy, and John W. Lewis, Henry E. Estorge, candidate for state treasurer, and a number of others from Opelousas.

The hall where the meeting was held was crowded to capacity at all times and those present gave the speakers close attention and expressed their appreciation by frequent applause.

Judge Pavy attacked Mr. Parker for not coming to the aid of former Governor L. E. Hall in the late senatorial contest "when we waited here in St. Landry."

He said St. Landry gave Judge Hall a majority of more than 700. "This combination of L. E. Thomas, who equals taxes upward, and Governor Roofin Gratitude Pleasant, who is striking Democrats down, with John M. Parker must be defeated. A vote for Parker is an endorsement of the Pleasant administration which must be repudiated by the people of Louisiana. His action tells you that you have not the right to select your governor; that he will do it for you."

"We heard a good deal about Parker here early in the campaign, but it has 'petered out.' I appeal to you, as your friend; you know I always have been your friend and have stood for what is right and just, to support Colonel Stubbs, who is well capable of filling the office of governor, and repudiate the Pleasant administration."

"Farmer John," who is crusading among my friends in North Louisiana, is apparently not taking the time to the farmers there the farming and stock raising he has done in the past and is now doing it entirely by proxy," said Colonel Stubbs, in referring to recent reports from that section. "I do not want to do the gentleman an injustice, but my impression is that he is in no sense the real farmer his enthusiastic friends, and political followers, would have the public, generally, and the farmers particularly, believe that he is, a farmer who lives on his farm and tills the soil for a livelihood."

"According to the claims of the political farmers who are exploiting his candidacy, my opponent has been conducting for many years, and is still conducting, one or more individual agricultural experiment stations where stockraising and other branches of agricultural activity are featured for the sole benefit of the farmer," continued Colonel Stubbs.

"Mr. Parker will find in North Louisiana an intelligent and most progressive type of farmers who are farmers in the true sense of the word. They have learned practical and valuable lessons through experience with drought, low prices of cotton and boll weevils; they are farmers who live at home largely on the products they raise, and they are not easily deceived."

EDMOND DUCRE ESTILETTE DIED

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1919.
Aged 85 Years, 10 Months and 12 Days.

The foremost citizen of St. Landry parish, passed away in the death of his life and good man. Here he lived for the greater part of his life and whatever else may be said of him, it is quite certain that he merited and deserved the respect and esteem of all men—Judge Estelette was a gentleman of the old school and he had the respect and friendship of every man, woman and child in this city. He was loved for his kindly disposition, for his unbounded charity and humanitarianism. Truly we can say that Opelousas has lost one of her best citizens. St. Landry has been deprived of one of her best beloved sons, and the legal profession the highest luminary of the profession.

Later on we propose to give a history of the career of Judge Estelette, what he has accomplished and done.

The funeral will take place from the residence of Isaac Litton this morning (Saturday) at 11 o'clock. Services will be at the Episcopal Church and interment in the Protestant cemetery.

ST. CHARLES WILL PLAY INDUSTRIAL FOOT BALL TEAM

WILL TAKE ON LAFAYETTE ORGANIZATION SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15.

St. Charles College foot ball team will play the Southwestern Industrial Institute team on Gerard Field at Lafayette Saturday afternoon, November 15.

This will be the first game played by the St. Charles team since their unpleasant experience with the sportsmanlike playing of the Louisiana College team at Alexandria some weeks ago. After their Alexandria game the St. Charles boys were forced to cancel a game with the St. Martinville team on account of several of the college players being crippled in the Louisiana College game.

The Industrial Institute team is a clean-playing organization and their coming game with the St. Charles boys will no doubt be attended by many Opelousas people who are backing the St. Charles team.

MRS. TOMPKIES TO ADDRESS S. S. TEACHERS

An unusual opportunity is being offered to all those interested in church work and especially those who are leaders in S. S. work on Tuesday, November 11th.

Mrs. Tompkins formerly of Alabama but now associated with the International Sunday School Association will be in this city on that date and deliver two addresses in the interest of Sunday School work.

Mrs. Tompkins is a woman of magnetic personality and a forceful eloquent speaker. Possessed of all the charm and grace the southern gentlewoman. She wins all who meet and hear her address.

The time has passed when any sort of teacher and any kind of method was considered good enough for Sunday School teaching. Today leaders in the work are realizing and demanding that there be given to Sunday School teaching the same careful study and preparation that is given by public school teachers. They are urging also that modern methods be used in teaching to this end.

Mrs. Tompkins will conduct a demonstration class in S. S. work at the afternoon session. This method is frequently used in the public schools system in their teachers meeting and the International Sunday School Association is adopting the same policy and sending out trained workers and teachers to conduct model lessons in Sunday School work. This will be the first of its kind in Opelousas.

Mrs. Tompkins will also conduct a round table discussion of the problems

ATHLETIC ASS'N OF ST. CHARLES TO STAGE MINSTREL

WILL PUT ON BIG SHOW SUNDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 16, AT GRAND COTEAU

The Athletic Association of St. Charles College have announced that they will stage a big minstrel for the benefit of their association on Sunday night, November 16. The occasion will mark the first lighting of the K. of C. exhibition hall with the recently installed most modern electric lighting equipment.

Quite a number of the cast are students who appear last year in Opelousas in the show that the college put on in the High School Auditorium. It is under the direction of Mr. S. H. Ray and Mr. J. A. Greely. A farce will be given in connection with the minstrel show. The latest songs, new dances and long line of jokes will compose the minstrel show.

SUNDAY IS BIG CIRCUS DAY HERE

The Sells-Floto circus, which comes heralded as a big Western show of magnitude and smartness, will arrive in Opelousas at an early hour Sunday morning. But, no matter how early its advent may be, the busy small boys, and all his younger and older brothers, and a sprinkling of his sisters, will be on hand to greet it. To see the long trains, loaded to the guards with gaily-ornamented wagons and cages and band chariots; to watch the cars unloaded; to catch the first possible glimpse of the elephants and camels and the sacred oxen and the ponies, and perhaps the hippopotamus and the baby lions, is the inalienable right of every citizen of Bayville who can get his eyes open before the sun climbs over the horizon.

The Sells-Floto circus is a new show to many of the "fans." Its lure, however, will be just as potent as though it had been coming to town every second year since the town began. And when the "fans" go out to the "runs" where the trains are unloaded, or to the circus grounds where the shows will be erected, and later, watch the performance, with what promises to be a program with more real circus features than have been exhibited in this city for many a season, they will rub their eyes in wonder, and marvel why they had never seen such a show before.

Teodoro Roosevelt, who saw the show at Cheyenne several years ago, pronounced it a "daily circus throughout," and Bill Sunday, the Evangelist, spent an entire day with the show and then permitted the baby elephant to be named after him.

There will be only two performances of the big show in this city, at 2 and 8 p. m., and each will be complete in every way. The program, it is announced, will present some of the most noted performers in the arena world. There are famous riders, daring acrobats, death-defying aerialists, an aerial butterfly ballet, marvelous exhibitions on swaying wires, three herds of trained elephants and other trained animal displays, and forty merry clowns. The opening spectacle is called "The Birth of the Rainbow," and is described as a gorgeous and colorful pageant. The parade will leave the grounds at 10:30 o'clock.

One of the big special features this season is Champion Jack Dempsey, confronting the Sunday School and ways in which those problems are being solved at the same meeting.

For the night meeting an excellent musical program has been arranged in addition to Mrs. Tompkins address on the need of the church for young people and the reasons why all church members should take and active interest in the work.

The meetings are not held under the auspices of any church as the association which Mrs. Tompkins represents is composed of all the Protestant Churches in America. Hence all church members and those interested in church works are cordially invited and urged to be present.

The afternoon meeting will be held at three-thirty at the Methodist church and the night meeting at seven-thirty at First Methodist Church.

CALL FOR 80,000 CENSUS TAKERS

SUPERVISOR W. ALEX ROBERTSON WILL NEED 115 ENUMERATORS IN THIS DISTRICT

The Director of the Census, Hon. Sam. L. Rogers, announces that 80,000 enumerators will be needed to take the next census. The work begins on January 2 and will last about two weeks in cities, and a month or more in rural districts. Rates of pay will vary, depending upon the locality and character of the district to be canvassed. The average pay per enumerator at the census of 1910 was about \$70. At this coming census it will probably be not less than \$100.

"Active, intelligent, and reliable men and women, not less than 18 years of age, are needed for this task," said Director Rogers, "and, in a sense, this is a call for volunteers. The importance of a complete and reliable census, especially in these critical times when more than ever before perhaps we need complete data regarding population, conditions, tendencies, and resources, can hardly be over-emphasized. The reorganization of the social and economic structure and the readjustment of intentional relations necessitated by the war must be based on accurate knowledge if we are to act wisely and deal justly with all classes and all interests. It is hoped, therefore, that public-spirited energetic people throughout the country will volunteer to act as census enumerators even though they may not care for the position so far as the pay is concerned. I should be sorry to think, and I do not believe, that all our patriotism was used up by the war and none left over for public service in times of peace."

Wm. Alex. Robertson, Supervisor of the census for the Seventh District of Louisiana, which includes the parishes of Acadia, Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Evangeline, Jefferson Davis and St. Landry stated that he will need about 115 enumerators for this district. Applications or requests for application forms should be sent to him on or before November 15. His address is Box 484, Opelousas, La. As a test of their fitness for the work applicants will be required to fill out a sample schedule. Examinations will be held on November 18th, 1919, between the hours of 9:00 a. m. and 5 p. m., in the post office building at the various parish seats, namely: Crowley, Oberlin, De Ridder, Lake Charles, Cameron, Ville Platte, Jennings and Opelousas. The following number of enumerators will be required for the several parishes: Acadia 16; Beauregard, 8; Calcasieu, 20; Cameron, 6; Evangeline, 13; Jefferson Davis, 13; St. Landry, 31; Allen, 8.

THREE CANDIDATES FILE FOR MAYOR

ONLY TWO CONTESTS DEVELOP FOR SEATS IN CITY COUNCIL

The following parties have filled their papers with the City Democratic Executive Committee and are now qualified candidates before the voters of this city for municipal offices at the primary to be held January 20, 1920.

For Mayor: (One to be elected), Edward L. Loeb, Joseph G. Lawler, Michel Halphen.

For Alderman-at-Large: (One to be elected), Albert C. Mouret, H. Bode-muller.

For Alderman, First Ward: (One to be elected), J. A. Dejean.

For Alderman, Second Ward: (One to be elected), Simon Stelly.

For Alderman, Fourth Ward: (One to be elected), C. P. Dunbar and Jno. W. Clark.

For Chief of Police: (One to be elected), George Goodloe and W. L. Prud'homme.

For City Executive Committee At Large: (One to be elected), Eugene Ventre.

First Ward: (One to be elected), L. J. Larcade.

Second Ward: (One to be elected), Leopold Wyble.

Third Ward: (One to be elected), Allen T. Sandoz.

PARISH-WIDE ROAD DISTRICT DROPPED BY POLICE JURY

Districts That Had Sold Bonds Opposed Changes in Program

SALE OF FIRST WARD ROAD BONDS ORDERED

Hog Law So Far As Affecting Ward Four is Repealed on Petition From Citizens of That Section

The principal business transacted by the police jury at its regular monthly meeting held last Monday was the decision to go ahead on the road building program by local road districts instead of attempting to combine all the road districts under one head for the whole parish. The body also repealed the hog law insofar as this law affect the Fourth of Police Jury Ward.

Serious opposition had developed in two or three wards to the parish-wide road bond proposition and the members of the police jury were not in favor of putting the parish to the expense of holding an election when it is very doubtful whether or not the proposition would receive favorable consideration from the mass of the voters in the country precincts.

The clerk of the police jury was authorized to proceed with the sale of the \$500,000 bonds issue voted some time ago for the improvements of the roads in ward one and that part of ward 5 lying west and south of Bayous Courtableau and Boeuf.

W. F. Brown, member from the Fourth ward, asked the jury to repeal the hog law passed at the last meeting so far as it affects this ward. Mr. Brown called attention to the fact that this law, if enforced, would prevent the farmers taking advantage of the immense area of swamp land in the Fourth ward for pasture for their hogs. The exception was made as requested by Mr. Brown.

GRAND JURY MAKES REPORT

The grand jury held a two-day session this week, Monday and Tuesday, and reported the following true and no true bills, Tuesday afternoon.

TRUE BILLS.

Henry Havard, assault with intent to rape.

Ed. Carroll, violating Act 31, 1886.

B. Frisby, violating Act 31, 1886.

John Vincent, murder.

Jean B. Zachary, assault with intent to murder.

Eugene V. Richard, murder.

Athanas Linier, murder.

Annette Linton, wounding less than mayhem.

Charlie Parker, Jr., murder.

Mrs. Black Duplechin, violating Act 116, 1912.

Leo Lede, shooting with intent to murder.

Christoval Linien, shooting with intent to murder.

Henry Robertson and Willie Grey, wounding less than mayhem.

NOT TRUE BILLS.

Freeman Green, charged with rape.

Thomas Balfour, assault and battery.

Frank Lede, charged with carnal knowledge of unmarried female.

Richard Satterly, slander.

THE DUNBAR FIRM SELLS FINE PROPERTY

The real estate firm of C. P. Dunbar and Brother, sold this week the beautiful home of Mrs. Mathilde Weller of Washington to Mr. Bryan C. Woodruff of Plisance. The consideration paid by Mr. Woodruff for same was four thousand two hundred and fifty dollars. Mr. Weller expects to move to another state while his home will be occupied by Mr. Woodruff. This firm sold this week the property of Mrs. Mollie Stafford of El Monte, Cal., located on the Little Teche to Mr. Arthur Richard, same containing one hundred and seventy-three acres for a consideration of ten thousand dollars.