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JUDGE ESTILETTE'S DEATH GREAT LOSS TO THIS COMMUNITY

Notable Figure's Passing Cause of Widespread Sorrow in Parish

WAS OLDEST LIVING ELK IN UNITED STATES

Friends From Every Section of State Shower Condolences on Family—Was Oldest Living Graduate of Yale

In the death last Friday of Judge E. D. Estilette the parish witnessed the passing of one of its most notable sons.

Born amid humble surroundings in the days when social conditions placed a barrier in the paths of men who were not favored by fortune with wealth and opulence, Judge Estilette rose by the sheer force and strength of his personality and will, and rising step by step throughout his long and honorable life, he seemed but to reach the pinnacle as he died.

He was born in Lake Arthur, now in Jeff Davis Parish, but at that time a part of old St. Landry, on December 19, 1833. His parents were not able to send him to school, but his early promise of fine mental qualifications aided him in seeking aid of the late William Wiekoff, his god-father, who was at that time one of the wealthiest men of this parish. By the aid of Mr. Wiekoff, Mr. Estilette was enabled to attend Yale, from which institution he was graduated in 1857. Upon his return home he taught school during the day and read law at night. He was admitted to the bar in 1860, and from that time on his life was filled with a series of political triumphs which carried him into the offices of district attorney, district judge, members of the legislature and speaker of the house of representatives of this state. He always evinced a lively interest in politics. He was a notable figure in the Nichols campaign in 1884, placing Governor in nomination, and played a prominent part in the Pleasant-Parker campaign in 1916 when he stumped the state for his close personal friend, John M. Parker as well as in all intervening political contests. He had attended the Parker meeting, held in New Orleans on September 18 of this year, and if his health had permitted, would again have gone to the aid of his friend.

Judge Estilette at the time of his death was the oldest living graduate of Yale and was accredited by the National Lodge as being the oldest living member of the Elks in the world.

In 1857 he was married to Miss Fannie Thompson Bacon. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Gilbert L. Dupre, two grand-daughters, Mrs. F. Octave Pavy, and Mrs. Isaac Lyton and five great grand-children.

Distinctive of the type of Southern gentlemen of the old school, highly polished and cultured, Judge Estilette held an enviable place at the bar and in the political and social affairs of this section. Until very recently his years had not impaired his health or his mentality. But following an attack of influenza last winter his decline has been slow but steady and his friends could see that the end was not far distant. His passing last Friday was the cause of universal sorrow.

With the courage of the Spartan, he faced the end without quailing and surrounded by those to whom he had devoted himself for years he died 86th year.

Local Masons and Elks sent delegations to his home Friday night and members of both organizations attended the funeral in a body Saturday. The honorary pall bearers were his old friends, Judge E. T. Lewis, Robert Chachere, James O. Chachere, Ozenie Moreau, Armand Richard and G. H. Croftin.

The unusually large crowd in attendance at the home the night following his death and in the funeral procession but bespoke the high esteem in which Judge Estilette was held during his long and busy career.

HUNTERS BAG SMALL DEER AT KROTZ SPRINGGS

A hunting party composed of Messrs. Sledge, A. W. Krotz, Jim Shute and Lee Bradley killed a deer in the woods near Krotz Springs last week. This was the second bagged by the party this season. The buck was a small one, weighing something over a hundred pounds.

AMERICAN RED CROSS' PEACE TIME PROGRAM

Mrs. R. M. Littell, executive secretary of the local Red Cross Chapter, discusses very interestingly the peace time program as now being outlined by the great organization.

"The peace time program," she writes, "is for the betterment of humanity, to help civilians and their families, as we have helped soldiers and sailors and their families, to create public health centers, public playgrounds well equipped with all modern apparatus, for better health in communities and in the homes of our people.

"Sanitation, recreation, schools, child welfare, better and healthier babies are only some of the things to which the Red Cross will not devote its time, money and efforts.

"The plan is to make a survey of the parish, find out the needs and causes of distress and try to remedy them. To institute health centers to fight tuberculosis, typhoid fever, bubonic plague, and all other communicable diseases which destroy so many of our people every year. Tuberculosis, the 'White Plague,' carried off many thousands more of our people last year than were killed in battle.

"There will be a sale of the Red Cross Christmas Seals in December. The proceeds from this sale will be devoted to the Tubercular Hospital Fund. Tubercular Hospitals are being established from time to time. During last month 400 beds reserved at the base hospital at Camp Beauregard for tubercular patients were vacant.

"In this fight against disease, a public health nurse will be in great demand.

"We ask for the co-operation of all in making the peace time program a success."

STUBBS STRENGTH GROWS BEYOND THE LIMITS OF STATE

LOUISIANA'S GIFTED YOUNG SON STRONG IN TEXAS SAYS CORRESPONDENT

Clarion Correspondence.

Orange, Texas, Nov. 5.—A Stubbs Club will be organized here during the coming week among the Louisiana men who are working here. There is an unusually large number of qualified Louisiana voters out here who are going to their respective polls on election day to cast their ballots for the accredited standard bearer of their native state's Democracy.

Mr. Stubbs is unquestionably the choice of the Louisianians here.

J. F. Schell Active For the Legislature

In the political announcement column of the Clarion will be found the name of J. Franklin Schell who has entered the race as a candidate for the state legislature.

Mr. Schell came to St. Landry Parish ten or twelve years ago as the organizer of the widely known Schell Canal and since the operation of that project was discontinued has been active in the real estate and land business here. He has aided materially in the formation of several drainage districts in territory contiguous to Opelousas and is recognized for his ability as an organizer.

His friends are very active in support of his candidacy for the legislature and assert that he will be one of the representatives from this parish.

John Clark is Candidate For Council in 4th Ward

Elsewhere in this paper appears the announcement of John W. Clark, well known jurist of this city, as a candidate for the city council in the fourth ward. Mr. Clark's friends are active in his support and are free in their prediction of his election.

J. E. Wilson, Merchant Leases Fux Store Building

J. E. Wilson, Opelousas merchant, has leased the Fux Store at the South end of Union street and will very shortly move there from his present place of business on South Court St.

PARKER FORCES TO RALLY ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT 3:30

Don Caffery and Walter A. Burke Will be Visiting Orators of the Day

MR. PARKER WILL NOT BE PRESENT

Hon. Dudley L. Guilbeau and Other Local Men Will Also Address The Meeting Here Sunday Afternoon

The political forces supporting the candidacy of John M. Parker for governor will rally in Opelousas at 3:30 on the afternoon of Sunday, November 16th. The meeting will be held in the court house.

Hon. Dudley L. Guilbeau, assisted by other local Parker supporters, will be in charge of the meeting. Hon. Donaldson M. Caffery, of New Orleans, and Hon. Walter Burke of New Iberia, will be the visiting orators of the day.

Parker Will Not be Here
John M. Parker, the candidate, will not be in Opelousas for the meeting, a previous speaking engagement elsewhere having made it impossible for him to attend.

MRS. KIRK, LOCAL LOCAL AGENT TO ATTEND COURSE

Mrs. L. G. Kirk, who has succeeded Mrs. M. B. Giesen as home demonstration agent in this parish, will leave for Baton Rouge on November 17th where she has been called to attend a short course for the demonstration agents from every parish of the state.

To Start Community Kitchen Work
Mrs. Kirk stated to a reporter of the Clarion that since coming here she has been so busily engaged in visiting the different schools of the parish in an effort to enroll members for the club work next year that she has not been able to start the demonstrations at the Community Kitchen. She stated, however, that after January 1 she hoped to hold weekly meetings and earnestly requests the assistance and co-operation of the ladies of Opelousas and vicinity.

Mrs. Kirk says she has met with much encouragement from the children and teachers of the schools she has visited and feels certain 1920 will prove a most successful year for the club workers of this parish.

ARTHUR AMY DIES AT SISTER'S HOME MONDAY MORNING

Arthur Amy, well known resident of this city, died Monday morning at 7:45 at the home of his sister, Mrs. Gus Cahain, in this city.

The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock with services at the Catholic church and interment in the Catholic cemetery.

The deceased was 69 years of age. Although he had been in failing health for some time, having been an invalid for the last few years of his life, the end came somewhat suddenly, causing a shock to his relatives and friends.

Mr. Amy is survived, by a large number of relatives who have the sympathy of the community.

Edward Boagni to Open Office Here Next Week

Edward Boagni, well known young Opelousan, will be the latest addition to the local bar, as preparations are now being made by him for the opening of his office in the Landau building in this city. He expects to be ready for the general practice of law by next week.

Mr. Boagni is a graduate of the Tulane law school, having finished there a short time prior to his enlistment in the navy. Upon his return from the service he was admitted to practice by the state supreme court. He is unquestionably well qualified for the profession he has entered and his friends predict a bright future for him.

HECKLERS AT ALEXANDRIA AID STUBBS CAMPAIGN

Rowdyism Reacts and Causes Swing to the Monroe Candidate

RAPIDES SAFE FOR STUBBS, SAY LEADERS

Gilbert Offers Bouanchaud That Both Withdraw and Let State Democratic Body Name Lieutenant Governor

Alexandria, La., Nov. 12.—Judge Philip H. Gilbert, of Napoleonville, candidate for lieutenant-governor, denounced the charges of Republicanism repeated by his opponent Hewitt Bouanchaud, as "false and contemptible" in his joint debate here Tuesday with Speaker Bouanchaud. He asserted that he never was a Republican; that he had never attended a Republican State Convention in New Orleans in 1896; that endorsed McKinley and Hobart, and on the contrary, "I voted for William Jennings Bryan for president in 1896."

He charged that this whole business had been trumped up against him by the Parker headquarters in an effort to condone the Progressive Republican record of their candidate for governor—John M. Parker.

Puts It Up to Bouanchaud
Turning to Mr. Bouanchaud on the platform, Judge Gilbert put this pointed question:

"If the New Orleans Organization had tendered you its support for governor, when you wanted to run for that office, not lieutenant-governor, would you have refused it? I ask you to answer to the people of your state."

"I charge that your inconsistency in joining a movement to destroy that organization, after having besought its support through your friends, is far greater than any political inconsistency which you can possibly charge against me."

"But, since you have raised the issue that they should pull me down because of alleged inconsistencies and I have charged you with even greater ones, I now make you, Mr. Bouanchaud this proposition:

"That both you and I withdraw from this race for lieutenant-governor and that we leave to the governing body of the Democratic party in Louisiana to select some one who is consistent and better qualified to fill the position."

Judge Gilbert paused for a reply. There were calls from the audience. "Bouanchaud, Bouanchaud, answer!" After a little Judge Gilbert continued:

"I did not expect him to accept, because he wants the office."

This clash between Gilbert and Bouanchaud—their first meeting on the stump—in a measure overshadowed the fourth joint debate between Stubbs and Parker. The crowd seemed almost as anxious to hear the second place men battle out their political differences, as it was to hear the rivals for governor. That it was a clever locking of horns everyone admitted.

It was mammoth crowd that packed itself on the west side of City Hall Square, where in the emergency following two days of rain, the Armistice Day ceremonies had been transferred from City Park Pavilion. A speakers' stand had been erected on the paved street and the thousands of people arranged themselves up the sides of the City Hall terrace, extending a full block in width. Prominent Alexandria estimates they had from 6,000 to 7,000 people on the square.

Audience Unruly
The audience was unruly and several times heckled Col. Stubbs. As has been characteristic of other joint meetings, there was a "consecrated group" of noisy Parker-Bouanchaud shouters in the audience that interrupted both Col. Stubbs and Judge Gilbert, attempting to embarrass the speakers. This became so pronounced and rowdy at one time that Mr. Parker himself urged the chairman "to quiet them down."

Just as Colonel Stubbs was closing with an appeal to capital and labor to reach some common ground and apply the golden rule—"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you"—there was another display of rowdyism and calls for Parker. Colonel Stubbs slapped back this denunciation:

"Citizens of Rapides, if you object to the golden rule applied for labor and capital or through life, then you and I have nothing in common."

It was a complete comeback and the

YOUNG PEOPLE IN DOUBLE WEDDING AT SANDERS HOME

Two youthful romances were terminated very suddenly Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock when Charles R. Sanders, Jr., and Miss Annie Foley, members of prominent Eunice families and John Dewey Foley and Miss Edith Bult, also of well known Eunice families, were married at the home of Representative and Mrs. J. M. Sanders in this city.

Rev. J. B. Brock, local Baptist minister, officiated at the dual ceremony.

Miss Foley, the bride, is prominent among the younger folks of Eunice. Mr. Sanders is the son of Charley R. Sanders, Sr., substantial citizen of Eunice. He has but recently returned from France where he served with the 1st Division and is now holding a position at the Gerstner Aviation Field at Lake Charles.

Miss Bult is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Bult of Eunice where she has many friends. Mr. Foley was formerly a resident of Eunice, but is now employed in a machine shop in Alexandria.

Miss Bult is a niece and Mr. Sanders a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Sanders of this city.

Aside from the Opelousas relatives of the contracting parties, Senator and Mrs. Leon S. Haas were in attendance at the weddings.

The young couples left with the best wishes of their relatives and a host of friends of this city.

LASTRAPES SELLS ELKS RESTAURANT TO HIDALGO BROS.

The Elks Restaurant, popular eating house on Bellevue street, was sold last week by C. V. "Darde" Lastrapes, who opened it several years ago and who has operated it since, to the Hidalgo brothers—John and Sebastian, well known young men of near this city.

In taking over the business the Hidalgo boys state they will improve the service wherever possible and will cater to every class of the trade. They will make a special bid for the patronage of ladies and assure their customers of courteous and satisfactory service.

BEN DEJEAN HAS OPENED MARKET ON MAIN STREET

Ben Dejean, for many years the head of J. M. Boagni's city market has entered business on his own account and has opened a market on Main Street, between the Corell and Garbo stores.

He will cater to the public needs and wants in choice beef, pork, mutton, ham, sausage and the like, and through his ad. in the Clarion invites the people of Opelousas to give him a trial, promising fair treatment and courteous and satisfactory service.

City Baptist Pastor Associate Secretary Of State Convention

Rev. D. R. Prevot, pastor of the Opelousas Baptist Church, was elected associate secretary of the Louisiana Baptist Convention which opened a three day season at Alexandria Wednesday.

T. H. McGregor of Shreveport was elected president and Rev. J. P. Durham of Shreveport, secretary of the convention. Prof. Edward Godbold and Clarence Managan were elected vice presidents.

Rev. Prevot's election followed an amendment to the constitution which provides for two secretaries in the future.

The devotional services were led by Dr. J. W. Bolin of Ruston, formerly as pastor here. Rev. D. F. Lawrence delivered the welcome address and Dr. C. C. McClond of Shreveport responded. Rev. C. P. Roney of Shreveport delivered the convention sermon, always a feature. For six years he has been recording secretary.

The convention now has affiliated with it more than 800 churches, with a membership of more than 80,000 and has set itself to the task of raising an average of \$55,000 annually for the next five years for missionary, educational and benevolent purposes.

LAZARO IN FAVOR NATIONAL BUDGET AND AUDIT SYSTEM

In Speech Seventh District Representative Inveighs Against Waste

DECRIES PRESENT LOOSE SYSTEM

Says Slipshod Manner Now in Use Costs Taxpayers Millions of Dollars Annually to Run Government

Representative Lazaro of this district delivered on the floor of the house on October 18 a telling argument in favor of the adoption of a national budget and audit system for our government.

His speech follows:

Mr. Lazaro. Mr. Chairman, I am indeed glad to know that Democrats and Republicans have at last come together in the consideration of a bill to establish a national budget system and an independent audit of Government account.

Conservative members of congress have been appealing to the people for a long time to produce more and economize in order to reduce the high cost of living. Not only that we should preach economy to the people, but we should also practice economy in government.

The slipshod manner in which congressional appropriations are now made constitutes in itself ample argument in favor of the adoption of the budget system in this country. We know that under the present system estimates are furnished congress by the various departments being transmitted through the treasury department, but not being inspected by any authoritative body. It is very plain to anyone who knows anything about legislation that in this way there is duplication of appropriations, waste, and an entire absence of proper business methods. We do not know until the end of the session how much money is voted to run the government or whether there will be sufficient revenues to meet the appropriations. A private business run upon a similar plan would soon wind up in the bankruptcy courts. Some one said a good many years ago, when the total appropriations of congress were not more than \$1,000,000,000, that a saving of \$300,000,000 a year could be effected if modern business methods were adopted in the financial affairs of the government. No one can attempt with any degree of accuracy, to name the exact amount of money spent needlessly during any fiscal year. However, one can safely say that the figures will run into millions of dollars.

With a large war debt hanging over us and the many appropriations needed to run the government, it seems to me that it is high time to change our present system and save this money to the taxpayers of the United States. The select committee on the budget to which this bill was referred reported the bill now under consideration favorably. The committee in its report says that it was their policy to consider the subject in its broadest aspect in order to determine not what was theoretically desirable but rather to determine what was practically feasible, keeping in mind at all times that to it had been committed the problem of recommending a system that would be in complete harmony with our constitutional form of government. The report also states that there was a uniformity of opinion on the part of all the witnesses who appeared before the committee, and that without exception they all criticized the present system of handling our finances and took the position that we should adopt the budget system.

I think the definition given by one of the witnesses who appeared before the committee meets the situation that now confronts our government:

A national budget— He said: is the instrument through which the several financial operations of the government are correlated, compared one with the other, and brought under examination at one and the same time. It should be at once a report, an estimate, and a proposal. It is a document through which the chief executive, as the authority responsible for the actual conduct of governmental affairs, comes before the fund-raising and fund-granting authority and makes full report regarding the manner in which he and his subordinates have administered affairs during the last completed year; in which he exhibits conditions of the public treasurer, and

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CRIMINAL COURT TERM TO CONVENE ON MONDAY NEXT

Five Murder Cases on the Docket with Eight Others of Minor Nature

DOCKET UNUSUALLY LIGHT FOR THIS TERM

It is Expected That All Work Will Be Concluded in Allotted Time. Several Well Known Men to be Tried

The fall term of criminal court will open when Judge B. H. Pavy, convenes court Monday morning. The docket is unusually light for this term of court, especially with reference to the cases of minor importance, there being only eight of these and five murder cases awaiting disposition at the hands of the jury.

The grand jury concluded its work in two days time—which is said to be a record for a regular session of the inquisitorial body.

District Attorney Garland was unable to say which cases would be called for trial first.

ST. CHARLES BOYS PROMISE FEATURES IN BIG MINSTREL

LIVELY, SNAPPY JOKES, SONGS AND DANCES TO MAKE THE PROGRAM INTERESTING

Sunday night will be a big night at old St. Charles, for on that occasion the members of the College Athletic Association will stage a fine minstrel, featuring the latest in lively, snappy songs, dances and jokes. It is certain the careful training and rehearsal of the past few weeks have fitted the boys for a splendid exhibition in minstrelsy.

The proceeds from the minstrel will be used to promote athletic at St. Charles.

During the last session the Association's minstrel men appeared in the Opelousas High School Auditorium and their effort proved a howling success. Reports from St. Charles state the talent is better this year and the boys are outshining their performances of other years.

BARILLEAUX TO BE READY IN THIRTY DAYS

The great headway made in the renovations and improvements of the Barilleaux Confectionery has made it possible that the place be opened for business in a month—about the middle of December.

The fountain and other fixtures have been shipped, according to information received by Mr. Barilleaux, and in all likelihood will be here in ample time to permit of the opening as soon as the repairs on the building are completed.

When the repair work on the building has been completed and the fine, modern fixtures and appliances are installed Mr. Barilleaux will have one of the most up-to-date soft drink parlors and amusement places to be found in this section. In connection with his confectionery, which will be a model in sanitation and neatness, he will have a spacious dancing hall, much to the delight of the lovers of the dancing art, for today the city has no place in which the dancers can gratify their desire for that particular kind of amusement. The dancing hall will comprise the entire second floor of the Chachere building. A new and highly polished floor has been laid and the hall will be ready simultaneously with the other parts of the building.

Mr. Barilleaux has had a balcony built mid-way between the first and second floors wherein drinks will be served as at the counter below.

The work on the exterior and interior of the building is going right along and it is certain that by the Christmas holidays the place will be open and in full swing.