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AMERICAN COTTON ASSOCIATION HOLDS ENTHUSIASTIC MEET

Plans Mature for Membership Drive Week of February 2

LOUISIANA LEADS IN ORGANIZATION

Association Will Hold Big National Meeting in Montgomery, Ala. Week of February 17 to 20 Inclusive

The conference of parish chairmen, secretaries and parish speakers held at the Grunewald hotel in New Orleans on the evening of January 23rd, was a big success, and augured well for the complete success of the big drive during the week of February 2nd. Every man who attended, and that means all but four of the chairmen of organized parishes, went home filled with the determination to put the American Cotton Association over the top in Louisiana at any cost.

The visitors were entertained at dinner, in the gold room, Mr. W. B. Thompson, the state chairman presiding, and there were over one hundred in attendance. As soon as the appetites had been satisfied, President, J. S. Wannamaker, was presented and spoke to the assembly for an hour, telling of the many abuses to which the cotton farmer had been subjected in the past, and how the only hope for relief from the burdens of the past lay in the American Cotton Association, which symbolized "unity" and co-operative effort. He paid a fine tribute to the preliminary organization work in Louisiana, and said that it stood as an example to the other Southern States.

Col. Harvie Jordan, the National Campaign Director, spoke at length on organization work, and how necessary it was to effect unity of action to bring the Southern Cotton Farmer into his own. He said, "Louisiana today is the banner state in forwarding to success the great principles of the American Cotton Association. Real service to mankind is that which tends to build character, uplift humanity, and place prosperity and happiness at the fireside of every home, no matter how humble. In giving your valued services to the success of the American Cotton Association, you are rendering a permanent substantial aid to the entire citizenship of the South and the nation. This is the voice of the South, speaking to the cotton trade of the world and it has already echoed and re-echoed, in thunderous tones around the world."

United States Senator J. E. Ransdell, voiced his hearty sympathy with the movement, and said it would be of untold benefit to the whole people of the South. He urged the establishment of headquarters in Washington and said that when the organization had attained its full strength of membership, it would be the greatest single force for good in the nation.

Harry D. Wilson, Commissioner of Agriculture, Dr. W. H. Dalrymple, dean of the State Agricultural College, Dr. W. R. Perkins, chief of the Farm Extension Bureau, Clarence Elberbe, of Shreveport, Grundy Cooper of Alexandria, Rev. Eugene Derivas of Marksville, Judge P. B. Carter of Franklinton all made short talks along different lines.

T. J. Appleyard, Jr., Campaign Director for Louisiana, discussed the work that had been done, and outlined the work for the big drive. He said that it was now strictly up to the parish chairmen and their committees to put the state over. Headquarters had gone as far it could in the preliminary work, and the stage was all set. He felt confident of the result.

Then the parish chairmen were heard from, and quite a number of them began their remarks by handing in a list of additional charter members, with checks. Nearly two score were turned in this way. Among the parish chairmen who spoke enthusiastically were:

Edmond Weil, of Acadia; R. S. Vickers of Ascension; Emile Regard of Avoyelles; E. H. Fisher of Bienville; George E. Gilmer of Caddo; W. S. Puck of T. L. Enright of Catahoula; Secretary F. W. De Croix of De Soto; N. C. Williamson of East Carroll; J. W. Duncan of Grant; J. Lewis of Jackson; Secretary W. M. Crumpton of Lincoln; R. K. Boney of Madison; Secretary C. W. Davis of Morehouse; Secretary J. J. Mixon of Natchitoches; John P. Parker of Ouachita; James F. Seip of Rapides; Secretary J. G. Belisle of Sabine; J. E. Wilson of St. Helena; Secretary

MAJORITY FOR PARKER IS PLACED AT 12,183

Baton Rouge, La., Jan. 27.—The official returns of the election, as they will be promulgated by the secretary of state Friday, are as follows:

For Governor: Parker 77,868; Stubbs 65,685; Parker's majority 12,183.

For Lieutenant Governor: Bouanchaud 70,084; Gilbert 61,294; Bouanchaud's lead 8,890.

For State Auditor: Capdevielle 74,991; Mecon 55,35; Capdevielle leading by 19,256.

For State Treasurer: Morgan 65,403; Estorge 55,735; Morgan winning by 9,668.

Reports from a number of county precincts are missing and could not be included in the secretary of state report, but it is not thought that they could have any result other than to increase the majorities obtained by the successful candidates.

Campaign expense accounts filed by the several candidates for state offices made public are: Parker \$400; Stubbs \$5710; Bouanchaud \$1900; Gilbert \$1036.6; Estorge \$1119.50; Morgan \$522.80; Mecon \$1131.50; Capdevielle \$88.64. With the exception of Bouanchaud, whose friends largely financed his campaign the amounts named were put up mostly by the candidates themselves.

COMPILE RESULTS OF THE PRIMARY

DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HOLDS QUIET MEETING SATURDAY

The Parish Executive Committee met last Saturday in the district court room and after tabulating the returns of the primary held January 20th, declared that the vote showed the following nominations for parish offices:

For Representative—Gilbert L. Dupre and Alex Lafleur. J. J. Lewis and J. Franklin Soffell to go into a second primary.

For Sheriff—Charles Thibodeaux.

For Clerk of Court—Henry Lastrapes.

For Assessor—R. C. Fontenot.

For Coroner—R. M. Littell.

For Police Jury—First Ward, Edgar M. Dupre, R. Lee Mills, F. H. Phillips and J. T. St. Cyr; Second Ward, E. A. Cummings and Clavie Guidroz; Fourth Ward, W. F. Brown, B. W. Crompton, M. J. Godeau; Fifth Ward, Thomas McCaffery, Arthur Deshotels and Alex Sylvestre; Sixth Ward, W. C. Dejean and O. E. Gullory. Dr. Octave Pavy and D. P. Moreau of the Third Ward has no opposition.

The other minor officials were declared nominated by the majorities that appeared in last week's Clarion. Ariel Fontenot, defeated candidate for sheriff, filed a protest against the nomination of his opponent, alleging some irregularities in some precincts. It was ruled that the courts only had jurisdiction in matters of this nature and the protest was tabled by a vote of nine to four.

NEW BRICK BUILDING FOR THRIVING EUNICE

Eunice.—T. Reed and Son, the popular Park Avenue Merchants have given out the contract for a large brick building to replace their present wooden structure on the avenue. Thurston McKinney receiving the contract and he will begin work upon the completion of the Pison building, which will be within the next few days. Material is being hauled.

Church Notice

There will be divine services at the Episcopal church Monday, February 2, at 7:30 p. m. The services will be conducted by the Rev. Mr. Bulloch.

A. A. Mendoza of St. Landry; Q. A. Hester of West Carroll; Secretary W. M. Wiggins of Winn.

Many of the chairmen and secretaries remain here until Saturday to complete the details of the work ahead of them, and to fix upon speakers from the campaign in progress this week. This campaign has been a source of disappointment, because many of the speakers whom the headquarters depended on for different itineraries, wired at the last moment they could not come. However, meetings were arranged in several parishes, and Chairman W. B. Thompson T. P. Turner, president of the Georgia State Bankers' Association, Harry Dr. W. R. Perkins, and Rev. Eugene DeRivas, kept their engagements, and have been doing their part in different parishes.

Attention is called to the national convention called for February 17 to 20 in Montgomery, and every organized parish is expected to send delegates. This convention will fix the association's policy for the current year, and it should be a representative one.

SCHELL AND LEWIS IN SECOND PRIMARY

THE TWO MEN WILL CONTEST FOR THIRD SET IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE

J. J. Lewis of Eunice and J. Franklin Schell of Washington will go into a second primary for representative from St. Landry parish in the lower house of the state legislature February 24.

Mr. Schell at first was disposed to leave the field to his opponent rather than go to the expense and trouble of a second primary but after being urged by his friends to remain in the race decided to throw his hat back into the ring.

In another column of this paper Mr. J. J. Lewis presents his platform to the voters and asks their support in the coming primary.

WAR HEROES HERE ON SERVICE TRIP FOR UNCLE SAM

U. S. RECRUITING PARTY IS COMPOSED OF MEN WHO SAW OVERSEAS SERVICE

First Lieutenant Macey S. Hill and six men are here for three days on a publicity and recruiting campaign. This party is made up entirely of men who fought in the world war. Among its members is Sergeant Bioknell, Corporal Blevett, 9th M. G. Bn., who wears the French Medal Militaire Croix de Guerre, with palm, the U. S. D. S. C. 6 bronze battle stars. All these men wear three gold service stripes and three of them have wound stripes. The detachment is composed of Sergeants Bioknell, Ruffing, Crawford and Obsatz, Corporal Blawett and Private Ice Cotter.

This party is here on the government's new publicity campaign which is for the purpose of giving the public first hand information on how the new Peace Time Army is being organized. Schools and colleges are being run now in every divisional camp which takes up both educational and vocational subjects. Recreation also consumes a large part of the soldier's time in the new army.

Will Explain Details

A young man enlists now not only learns profitable trades while in the army, but gets an education as well—not to mention the physical development of which everyone is aware. While this party desires to enlist members for its own organization, it accepts men for all branches of the service and for all parts of the globe.

The 9th M. G. Bn., played a large role in the late war—one of its exploits being in the streets of Chateau Thierry during the terrific onslaught of July, 1918. Everyone is invited to come in and learn about the new university plan that the army is inaugurating at all camps.

Moving Pictures Show

Moving pictures illustrative of the war will be shown at the Princess Theatre for the next two days the men are here along with the regular program. Today the reel will be "Dramatization of the Heroic Deed," 1 reel; Wednesday, "Parade of the First Division in Washington and New York," in two reels. All movies are official.

While in the city, the detachment will have headquarters in the court house. They will also have a Browning machine gun on exhibition on the court house square. This is the type of gun with which the 9th Machine Gun Battalion of the Third Division won the championship of the Army of Occupation in Germany.

BARILLEAUX WILL GIVE DANCE ON FEBRUARY 5

A dance has been announced for Thursday night, February 5th at Barilleaux's auditorium. Music will be furnished by the famous Jazz Band of New Iberia.

Private Gullbeau Honored

Arnaudville, La., Jan. 28.—Private Louis Gullbeau of this town has been decorated with the croix de guerre by the French government for bravery displayed at the battle of Cantigny in June, 1918. He was wounded in this battle and returned to the states in October of the same year. He is now attending the United States Training school at New Orleans, taking a course in bookkeeping and auditing.

ST. LANDRY HAS VERY FEW CASES OF INFLUENZA

State Board of Health Reports Only Six Cases in The Past Week

NO NEED TO BE ALARMED

Authorities Skeptical of Any Epidemic Like That of Last Year—Disease of Mild Type

There need be no anxiety among the people of St. Landry parish over the return of the influenza in the epidemic form and dangerous type of last winter. The health report for last week issued by the state board of health reports only six cases in St. Landry parish and a supplemental report issued Tuesday reports no new cases since the previous report was issued. There has been but few weekly reports issued by this board in the past year that did not contain two or more cases from this parish and the six cases reported last week should not occasion any uneasiness in this section of the state.

The health authorities report the cases as being of a very mild type and caution the people against any excitement or fear of the disease.

Dr. B. A. Littell, chairman of the city board of health, informs the Clarion that there is only one case of influenza in Opelousas. Dr. Littell also states that the health of the people of the city is good; that there is not a single case of typhoid fever or any other contagious diseases and that the general health situation is good. He also states that it is the fixed policy of his board to report fully any sickness of a contagious or infectious nature and that the citizens can rest assured that nothing will be concealed in regard to the local health conditions.

The following bulletin on the prevention of the "Flu" was issued by Dr. Dowling Tuesday:

"Keep your general health in the best of condition. This means to have the organs of elimination in excellent condition; to get plenty of rest and sleep and nourishing hot food; take ample exercise in the open air; avoid exposure to wet and cold, especially if fatigued; keep away from booze by all means; avoid patent medicines that are 'guaranteed' to keep away the influenza. Fear the disease enough to keep you on the alert for the fellow who will carelessly pass it along. "The best prevention known at this time is to spend your leisure time at home. Crowds and crowding will do more to spread the disease than any other known cause."

CENSUS TAKING ABOUT FINISHED

ENUMERATORS WORKING OPELOUSAS WANT TO GET CENSUS OF ALL RESIDENTS

The census enumerators for the Seventh Congressional district, in charge of Wm. Alex Robertson, have about finished their labors.

The taking of the census in Opelousas has been rather slow but it is hoped that the task will be completed within the next few days.

If you know of anyone who has been overlooked they should notify Mr. Robertson for it is hoped to show a good increase in Opelousas' population over that of ten years ago.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS AND RESIDENTS

You are notified to clean up your premises and place same in a sanitary condition.

Owing to the protracted and frequent rains of last year it was impossible to clean up as thoroughly as should have been done, consequently trash, garbage, etc., has accumulated in and on the premises in the city making necessary to clean up immediately.

A clean and sanitary city is a most potent factor in preventing various diseases and epidemic of diseases. So do your part in assisting in preventing diseases and epidemics in your city.

B. A. LITTELL, M. D. Chairman of the City Board of Health.

MAKE SHIPMENT OF MONUMENT

CONFEDERATE COLUMN WILL BE ERECTED IN NEXT FEW WEEKS

After many years the monument to the memory of the Confederate soldiers of St. Landry parish is about to become a reality.

The officers of the local camp received advices Wednesday from the company who has the contract that they had placed the column in transit to Opelousas and that as soon as it arrived a man would be sent here to superintend its erection.

The local camp of veterans and the Gordon Chapter, U. D. C., are preparing an elaborate unveiling ceremony of the shaft and as soon as a date has been fixed the program of the event will be published.

JURIES DRAWN FOR U. S. COURT

COMMISSIONERS SELECT GRAND AND PETIT JURIES FOR SESSION OF FEBRUARY 2

Hon. Geo. W. Jack, judge of the U. S. District Court for the Western District of Louisiana has ordered a grand and petit jury term, to commence at Opelousas on Monday, February 2nd.

The jury commissioner, Dr. Chas. F. Boagni, assisted by the Deputy Marshal, Mr. G. E. Geren, and the Deputy Clerk, Mr. W. A. Robertson, proceeded to draw the necessary names to compose these juries last Monday, and the following jurors have been summoned:

Grand Jury:—Geo. Resweber, Clerfe Gauthier, Sidney Planchard, Amedee, Dumergue, and Alphonse Geurin, all of St. Martinville; Wm. Perriou, Holden Le Blanc, Raoul Landry, Oscar Thibodeaux and Martin Hebert, all of Breaux Bridge; R. P. Nelson, of Abbeville; John Fakouri and James A. Dejean of Opelousas; Mayo H. Miller, of Chatagnier; Ferdinand Lafleur, P. L. Fontenot, Gaston P. Guillaumin, and Orase B. Fontenot, of Ville Platte; J. M. Crossley, of Lafayette; Rousseau Martin, of Carencro; Wm. Butcher, of Scott; Joseph D. Marceaux of Guey-dna; E. C. St. Julien of Broussard; and Arthur Derouge, of Erath.

Petit Jury:—Allen A. Anding and Ernest Fuselier, of Opelousas; Jeff Reddell, of Reddell; Theogene Manuel, of Chatagnier; Arthur Dardeau, J. Herbert Perrodin, Cless Fontenot, A. R. Fontenot, and Adraete Lafleur, of Ville Platte; Geo. B. Seaman, of Turkey Creek; Anatol Landry, Jr., of Basile, J. H. Hazleton, of St. Landry, F. E. Strother, of Lone Pine; P. R. Landry, R. H. Agate, J. P. Colomb and Valsin Benoit, of Lafayette; Charles Saint and Emile Miers, of Kaplan; R. E. Domengeau, and F. O. Broussard, of Abbeville; Lawrence Levret, Lucien Durand, P. Rodolphe Roy, and Martin Dautreuil, of St. Martinville; Teslesphore Nunez, of Erath; and Auguste Simon, of Ridge.

GULLORY AND WIGGINS WIN

EVANGELINE ALSO RETAINS DR. ARDOIN AND P. L. FONTENOT

Returns from Evangeline parish indicate that the re-election of R. L. Wiggins, sheriff; O. E. Gullory, clerk of court; Dr. Y. Ardoin, coroner, and P. L. Fontenot, representative, by small majorities.

In the three-cornered race for assessor Joseph A. Hardy and Lucius, present incumbent, lead. The vote between the two is close and indications point to a lively scrap in the second primary.

The Ville Platte Gazette reports that many line-ups between the different candidates were attempted, but the voters in general went their own way and voted as they pleased.

Maxwell Brandt
Mr. T. H. Maxwell and Miss Margaret Brandt were married Wednesday morning at 10:30 at the home of Miss Brandt, Rev. Mr. Pevoto officiating.

Mr. Maxwell has been a resident of Opelousas for about 10 years and Miss Brandt, who is the adopted daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Brandt, was born and grew to womanhood in Opelousas.

The happy couple left for a short honeymoon in New Orleans after which they will be domiciled in the old Brandt residence.

FUNNY THINGS STILL HAPPEN IN KANSAS

A lot of funny things have come out of Emporia. Also a lot of funny things remain there to happen, as witness the following, contributed by Orson Angell of the College of Emporia:

Four high school girls of Columbus, Kan., went in caboots and bought a turkey for Christmas dinner. None of the girls had the nerve to chop off the bird's head so they chloroformed it, although the turkey nearly wrecked the premises before he quit flopping. Then the girls dry-picked the gobbler and put the carcass in the clothes closet to remain until ready to be dressed and roasted. A few hours later one of the girls went to the closet to get some article of apparel, and when she opened the door, the turkey (having recovered from the insufficient anesthetic) calmly walked out without a stitch on!

Colonel Stubbs Thanks La. Voters

During the campaign just closed, it has been my privilege to visit and meet the people of every parish of Louisiana, save one.

I am infinitely richer in the knowledge gained of the unlimited resources and industrial commercial possibilities of our state, and beyond and above that my acquaintance with and friendship of thousands of representative citizens—of the brave men and noble women, Louisiana's most precious asset.

Even though the splendid efforts of my friends to honor me have not succeeded, our fights has not been in vain, because I know that the principles and policies originally announced by me at Jeanerette on July 13th last, and which I have consistently and aggressively advocated since, are approved by the great mass of Louisiana's good citizens, regardless of recent political alignment and locality; and, I confidently look forward to the realization of our hopes in that regard during the administration of my distinguished and late opponent.

As a result of the contest, the standard, requirement and character of public service and of public officials hereafter in Louisiana will be undoubtedly higher and more exacting in the matter of faithfulness, efficiency and advancement of the public interest. And, in view of the fact that my candidacy was prompted only by the impulse and desire to render useful public service to my state and people, I shall be entirely satisfied if the thought and discussion aroused shall, even in a small and modest way, redound to the general public good.

In the conduct of my campaign I have fought hard, but on a high plane. I have made an open and clean fight and have no apologies to offer in that regard. My only regret is that the splendid efforts of my friends in my behalf have resulted in the disappointment which they naturally share in my defeat.

I take this method of expressing to the many thousands of my good friends throughout Louisiana, including the Democratic press, the ex-service men and all other, my sincere and grateful thanks for their efforts in my behalf. I wish that it were possible to take the hand of and thank in person every one whose aggressive support, unwavering loyalty and energetic devotion to my cause, have placed me under a deep and lasting debt of gratitude. I leave the campaign without bitterness and with open gratitude and affection for all my friends whose kind, generous and unselfish efforts have contributed to a result which, though not a victory, I shall always esteem as the greatest honor of my life.

BUGLAR ROBS LITTELL STORE

HAD KEY MADE TO FIT REAR DOOR—TOOK CASH AND WATCH FROM PUNCH BOARD

Wednesday night a burglar entered the Littell drug store and secured about \$17 in cash and a watch that was on a punch board in the store. Entrance had been made through a rear door by means of a key.

Thursday night the door had been secured by a latch and a watch kept for his return. About ten o'clock a noise was heard at the door and when Manager Candienne went to investigate a man was seen running from the door.

George Andrus, about 18 years old, was arrested later in the night and charged with the crime.

Words, Not Deeds
"Bliggins must be a wonderful fisherman. I could listen by the hour when he tells stories about his luck and skill."

TELEPHONE PEOPLE HOLD INTERESTING MEET ON TUESDAY

Bell Telephone Employees Association in Their Regular Monthly Meeting

LAKE CHARLES THE NEXT MEETING PLACE

Delegates Present From Every Town in The Jurisdiction of the Association—Large Number Present

The Bell Telephone Employees Association held their regular monthly meeting in Opelousas last Tuesday with delegates present from every exchange in the district controlled by this association.

Two business meetings were held, the first at 5 p. m. and the second at 8 o'clock, when matters of interest to the employees and the telephone company were discussed.

The delegates present were: Misses A. Miller, D. Breaux, C. Robichaux, L. Walker, T. Dugas, O. Robichaux, M. Chauvin, L. Murff, V. Quirk, A. Quirk, A. Mousset, C. Creighton, M. Morton, M. Mary, J. Dugas, R. Brown, C. Martin, V. Broussard, C. Lawrence, M. Ludwig, T. Morse, B. Crossby, S. Mouton, V. Ray; Messrs. J. J. Sheppard, E. R. Bergeron, S. W. Cookley, J. B. Clark, J. Vincoy, F. Baranco, H. Galoie, C. E. Bertrand, J. Delafosse and F. Wood.

Exchanges represented were Lake Charles, Winton, Sulphur, Welsh, Jennings, Crowley, Lake Arthur, Guey-dan, Abbeville, Rayne, Lafayette, St. Martinville, New Iberia, Jeanerette, Franklin, Patterson and Morgan City.

This organization is limited to employees of the Bell Telephone system and its object is to represent all telephone employes by grievance committees and otherwise handle matters arising between the members and the officers of the Cumberland Telephone Company.

The delegates were entertained at a banquet at the Lacombe hotel at 7 in the evening and after their business session the delegates enjoyed a dance at Barilleaux's auditorium.

The next meeting of the association will be held in Lake Charles February 23 next.

Those present say that the Opelousas meeting was the best attended and most enthusiastic held since organization of this association.

PIANO RECITAL WELL ATTENDED

ALVIN W. ROPER, PIANIST, DELIGHTS AUDIENCE OF OPELOUSAS MUSIC LOVERS

The piano recital given Monday evening at the high school auditorium by Prof. Alvin W. Roper of Winona Lake, Ind., was well attended and heartily enjoyed although the weather was cold and threatening. It was a rare treat sincerely appreciated by the music lovers of Opelousas as attested by the many soulfree comments from those who were present. Many of the old melodies were rendered in a style of Mr. Roper's own. He made every mood known to the human heart play over the audience at will. His visit will be a sweet memory for all time.

Mr. Roper's program was strongly supplemented with vocal solos by Mrs. W. T. Stewart and Miss Marie Meghlin accompanied by Miss Carmen Voorhies—some of Opelousas' choicest talent.

McBride-Devillers

The wedding of Miss Ethel Devillers and Raymond McBride was quietly celebrated at the Catholic church by Rev. Father Collard on Tuesday evening at two o'clock.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mentor Devillers of near Opelousas, who are among St. Landry's oldest and best known families. The groom is the young son of Mrs. Raoul LeBourgeois of Leoville.

For the past two months Mr. McBride has been the faithful employe of Barilleaux's confectionary.

The young couple left on the same afternoon to spend their honeymoon in New Orleans, on their return will make Opelousas their future home.

They have the very best wishes of a large circle of friends and acquaintances for a happy and prosperous voyage over life's rugged sea.