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ONE DOLLAR PER YEAR IN ADVANCE

ANOTHER LARGE JUDGMENT AGAINST T. & P. RAILWAY CO.

JUDGE PAVY AWARDS PLAINTIFF \$17,500 IN DAMAGES FOR KILLING OF HUSBAND

Among a number of other decisions rendered last Saturday, was one in the case of Annie Breeler vs. Texas & Pacific Railway Co. The plaintiff sued for \$25,000.00 for the killing of her husband at Reed's crossing near Morrow Station, and the court awarded her \$17,500 with interest from judicial demand.

The deceased was a passenger in a hired automobile going from Cottonport in Avoyelles parish to Morrow, on August 11, 1919. As the machine reached Reed's crossing, about a mile from Morrow, it collided with the fast passenger train of the Defendant Company, and all four of the occupants were killed outright.

The deceased was a colored brick mason earning large wages, and the court held that his widow was entitled to the damages stated. The interest-point developed by Judge Pavy's decision, is that, while the driver of the car might have been negligent in not stopping, looking and listening at the crossing, such negligence was not imputable to the passengers for hire, who had not exercised any control over the management and operation of the same. His honor also found that the defendant company was grossly negligent in not sounding a warning of the approach of the train, in not having erected whistling posts and in not maintaining a proper lookout as the train approached the crossing at a terrific rate of speed.

At the same sitting the court dismissed the suit of Mrs. Rachel, the wife of the driver, on the ground that he was in full control of the car, and was guilty of contributed negligence.

ANDREW M. MARTIN PASSES AWAY

PROMINENT LAFAYETTE CITIZEN DIES AT HIS HOME ON LAST FRIDAY, JUNE 25TH

Andre M. Martin, for many years prominent in the affairs of Southwest Louisiana and widely and favorably known in this home at Lafayette, on June 25th, he was 69 years of age and from his early youth was identified with the politics of his section and of the state. He served the parish of Lafayette as clerk of court for sixteen years and as assessor for twelve years. When the state board of equalization was created, he was selected to that body from the Third district. Since 1916, he has been a member of the house of representatives.

A typical creole gentleman of the old school, genial and affable, Mr. Martin was loved and respected by a large circle of friends in whose company and association he found the greatest pleasure and enjoyment of life and upon whom he lavished a kindly and open-handed hospitality, worthy of the best traditions of South Louisiana.

THOMAS COMPTON CHACHERE PASSES AWAY IN RUSK, TEXAS

Thomas Compton Chachere aged 47 years, 10 months and 7 days, died at Rusk, Texas, on Sunday, June 27th, at 8:45 a. m. The funeral took place from the residence of his brother T. Geo. Chachere, on East Landry street on Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Interment in the Protestant cemetery.

The deceased was well known in this city where he was born and reared. Though physically afflicted for many years, he kept up the unequal struggle for a livelihood, and succeeded by painful labor, in maintaining his wife and large family of children. Recently he moved his family to Rusk, Texas, where one of his sons had found remunerative employment and where the illness which terminated in his death overtook him.

His remains were brought to Opelousas on the Frisco train and interred in the Public cemetery on last Thursday afternoon.

The Clarion tenders its sympathy to his bereaved wife and children and to the other members of his family.

Miss Mildred Wick returned to her home at Baton Rouge on last Friday, after a delightful stay of two weeks as guest of Miss Julia Duson.

Miss Michel Dugas of Plaquemine is the guest of Miss Lorette Gonsoulin.

Big Baptist Revival Draws Big Crowds

Probably never in the history of Opelousas has a protracted religious meeting attracted as much attention as the one now in progress under the auspices of the Baptist church here. The meetings are open to all and are held under a large tent erected opposite the court house on the site recently purchased by the Baptist for a new church. The location is ideal and very convenient.

The preaching which is being done by Dr. L. J. Hastings, state evangelist, is on a high plane. He does not try to build his own theories and doctrines on the ruins of others wrecked by his own irony. Every discourse is clear, concise and convincing, and is enthusiastically received.

Mrs. Hastings has been adding much to the meeting by her chalk-talks to children at 9:30 a. m. each day. She has completely won the hearts of both the old and the young.

A large platform has been erected at one end of the tent and is well filled with good singers every evening. The song services is led by W. J. Lites of New Orleans. He is a trained and experienced gospel singer and is a splendid soloist.

The meeting continues through next week with services from 9:30 to 11 a. m. again at 8 p. m.

A cordial invitation is given to attend all services and a hearty welcome awaits all who will accept.

Tankel-Sanders

Miss Marguerite Sanders of this city and Mr. Harry Tankel of New Orleans were quietly married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Sanders. Dr. Silver of New Orleans performed a beautiful ceremony.

The home was artistically arranged with cut flowers, the parlor was decorated in daisies and ferns, the hall in blue hydrangeas, and the dining room in small sunflowers. Only the family and few friends were present. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Lacombe, Mrs. J. P. Guillery, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Perkins, Miss Isaura Dejean, Mr. and Mrs. J. Stander, Mr. Bennett of New Orleans, La., Miss C. Schottfield of Gramercy, Miss, Evelyn Stagg, Mr. and Mrs. Tankel of Eunice and children, Mrs. W. L. Tomlinson of San Antonio, Texas, Hart Littell, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Sanders and Odell Sanders.

After the wedding ceremony, delicious refreshments were served consisting of turkey sandwiches, punch, wine and cakes.

The bride wore a lovely traveling suit of navy blue Parrot Twill and beautiful fall hat to match. The groom also wore a blue suit.

The happy couple left on same day for New Orleans, where they will make their future home, were Mr. Tankel is employed with Meyer Israel of that city.

The Clarion joins the many friends of this popular young couple in wishing them much happiness.

A Water Melon Party

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Stewart, entertained a water melon party on their beautiful lawn in honor of their guests Misses Johnson and Tyree also Mrs. Ivan Dibleux's guests, Misses Wells and Roberson. Those present were: Misses Evelyn Lewis, Julia Duson, Blanche Guilbeau, Nathalie Haas, Lena Loeb, Rosa Hebrard, Olga Cucullu of New Orleans, Edna Riseman, Mary O. Littell, Messrs. Lionel Bienvenue, Vincent Boagni, John Harmanson, Nathan Haas, Alex. Sword, Bill Jordan, John Lewis, Jr., Edward Estorge, John Brock, E. H. Phillips, Arnold Winsberg. A merry time was reported by the gay bunch.

Ballas Goes to Crowley
Louthas Ballas, for a number of years employed at the Kandy Kitchen announces his intention of going to Crowley in the near future to enter the restaurant business there on his own account. As Mr. Ballas has always been a hustler and efficient worker, we are sure that success will crown his efforts in his new undertaking.

Entertains for Miss Hebrard

Mrs. C. M. Parkerson entertained at a bridge party last evening in honor of Miss B. Hebrard of Opelousas. The Parkersons home was beautifully decorated with daisies and hydrangeas to match the environment of the rooms. During the evening a delicious four-course luncheon was served. Shrimp and lobster cocktail, cream chicken on toast, chicken salad, sparagus tips, sweet peas, ice cream, cake and coffee. Among the guests were: Mesdames B. J. Pellerin, J. C. Nickerson, C. Doran, W. P. Mills, Maxim Roy, O. B. Hopkins, Joe Mouton, and Miss B. Hebrard. During the evening Mrs. Parkerson was assisted in serving by Misses Lucille Nickerson, Burdette Gully, Grace Jordan, and Maude Kemper.—Lafayette Advertiser.

EUNICE DEFEATS OPELOUSAS SUNDAY

OPELOUSAS BOYS SENT BACK BY BIG EUNICE HURLER WITH NARY A SCORE

Hudeck, Eunice's star pitcher, was evidently in form last Sunday and his fast ball, must have been mighty fast, for the hard hitting home boys, could only get two hits off of his delivery, while they could not make one score. Even with his pitching, being par excellence the breaks of the game were with the big fellow and the entire Eunice team played in luck.

The Opelousas team with some 200 fans, journeyed over to Eunice to witness the old home boys swamp our old rivals, in the third game of the series. When the conductor yelled Eunice our folks, found out that they had journeyed all the way only to be disappointed by old Jupiter Pluvius. However, the rain, soon stopped but not until the diamond was in a such a muddy condition that it hampered the boys during practice. However, this did not bother the Eunice team, they proved themselves to be regular mud hounds. The short stop was a sensation, picking several hot liners right at his shoe strings. The Eunice bunch garnered their first two scores in the initial inning. With two men on base and two out, Catcher Charlie Dejean, signaled the outfield to play inward. A supposed weak hitter at bat, but proved to be the surprise of the evening and hitting a terrific liner over the infielders head and brought the two runners in.

The home boys played a good game, that made the fans proud of them. Toby Veltin somewhat off form, was slightly wild, and generally had men on bases by his gifts. However he only allowed five hits and kept them scattered. The support given him was not up to the usual standard the whole team being hampered by the slow field. Johnnie Lewis and Albert Clary both got clean hits. They being the only hits secured by the home boys.

We play Eunice again on July 11th, watch out for a general cleaning up. The game will be played here.

Alphonse Clary was back in the game. Eunice, 3—Opelousas, 0. Ain't it hell.

FARMERS UNION ANNUAL PICNIC

Rev. R. C. Dickens the Baptist Minister officiated. After the ceremony the many friends and relatives of the newly weds enjoyed a lovely dinner which was prepared for them at the home of the groom's mother.

The happy couple left the same afternoon for their new home in Port Arthur.

Guilbeau and Roberts

Mr. Edwin Guilbeau of Port Arthur, Texas and Miss Lottie Roberts of Garland, La., were quietly married in the city of Lafayette on Monday morning the 21st, at 11:30 o'clock at the home of the groom's mother, Mrs. Guilbeau.

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Their many friends wish them every success and happiness in life.

REPRESENTATIVE DUPRE EXPLAINS HIS VOTE

Representative Gilbert L. Dupre gave the following explanation of his vote on House Bill No. 338. I am not opposed to the passage of this measure, but I am opposed to the appropriation which it carries. If the people of New Orleans desire to clean house let them pay for this. We country people sympathize with them but we cannot afford to vote away twenty-five thousand of the taxpayers' money by way of assisting them. Each community should trim its own vineyard. I am opposed to salary raising. I am opposed to waste of the peoples' money. I am not going to vote away one cent of this money without necessity therefore. If New Orleans desires this investigation, well and good, but she should pay for it.

A few years since I voted for an appropriation for twenty thousand dollars to create the Probe Commission. Nothing resulted therefrom other than the expenditure of the money. I am not going to make myself liable, a second time, for a similar offense. For these reasons I vote "No."

GILBERT L. DUPRE.

Little Betty Webster Dies

The sad news arrived here of the death of little Betty Joe Webster, infant daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. Webster which occurred at Monto Vista, Colo., Sunday, the home of Mrs. Webster's mother.

The Clarion offers condolence to the bereaved parents.

Mrs. Thelma Healey Daily, is visiting in New Orleans this week, the guest of her brother, Dr. W. J. Healey, and other friends.

Warren Lacombe and Aaron Wolff of Lafayette motored to Opelousas on last Sunday.

BASEBALL SUNDAY JULY FOURTH

Public speakings, parades, brass bands, fireworks and fluttering flags will be conspicuous by their absence on Sunday, July 4th to remind us that this date is the 145th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. But we will have a base ball game, the great American game, on this day to help celebrate the Glorious Fourth, in lieu of the other time honored customs. The Arnaudville nine, backed with the money and enthusiasm of some 200 fans will be here Sunday to cross bats with the local team at Giron's park at 3:30 o'clock. The Arnaudville team has quite a reputation as a very strong amateur team and they think that they can beat the Opelousas Club. With 'Ox' Veltin on the mound and 'Injun' Charlie Dejean behind the bat in their old time form the Arnaudville club will find themselves up against a tough proposition and unless they have an unusual break in luck may go back to Arnaudville a bit wiser but sadder. An interesting game is assured and with the Crowley Oke band to give a little "jazz" music between innings a big crowd will be there.

Be at Giron's park at 3:30 Sunday and you will witness a very good game of America's favorite pastime.

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ELKS FLAG DAY EXERCISES JULY 4TH

WILL PAY TRIBUTE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG IN FITTING MANNER

An interesting program has been arranged by the local lodge of Elks for Flag Day, July 4th, the natal day of our Republic.

It is the annual custom of the Elks to commemorate our national birth day by appropriate exercises, and it is a rare privilege to be a guest of this popular brotherhood on such an occasion. The "Elks tribute to the flag"—always read or delivered by a member of the order, is one of the finest bits of rhetoric—and patriotic appeal ever written or spoken, and carries in its beautiful sentences the full perfume of past ages, when patriotism found its best expression in the simple utterance: "My Country, 'Tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty."

The Elks are opening wide the portals of their home on this occasion, and all are invited to be present.

The following program will be rendered:

1. Introductory Exercises—Exalted Ruler and Officers.
2. Prayer—A. J. Berger, Jr.
3. Song, Star Spangled Banner—Audience.
4. Flag Record—Brother Alfred A. Mendoza.
5. Altar Services—Esquire and Officers.
6. Elks Tribute to the Flag—Bro. L. B. Sandoz.
7. Song, Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean—Audience.
8. Patriotic Address—Bro. Alex. W. Sword.
9. Song, America—Audience.

Committee:—Alfred A. Mendoza, F. Cliff Allen, F. F. Hollier, L. H. Mornhinweg.

Committee on Music:—Mrs. W. T. Stewart.

July 4th at 7:30 p. m., Elks home. Public invited.

Well Known Character Dead

The queer character, known as "Miss Donato," a colored woman, living alone in her home on Main street, was found dead on last Monday afternoon, by workmen engaged in the construction of the L. J. Lacombe mansion, just a short distance away. The old lady had lived there unobtrusively for years, apparently subsisting on her chickens and small garden, and the alimony which she received from her brother "Jude Donato" a former justice of the peace of this ward.

She was generally believed to be mentally unbalanced, but bothered no one, and lived quietly her life out. Her body was examined by Coroner Littell who found that she had died from natural causes about three days before her body was discovered in her lonely home.

Mr. W. B. Roberts, Misses Adela and Mamie Lawler and Helen Clouton, motored to Lafayette on last Friday and spent the day.

Miss Clara Mayville of Blanks, spent a week in Opelousas, guest of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Barber.

Congressman L. Lazaro and wife, and charming daughters is spending a while in our city, guests of Mrs. Laurant Dupre and daughter, Miss Belle.

Jimmie LaHatte of Atlanta, Ga. passed through Opelousas on Tuesday enroute to his home in his car, the trip will take him about four days. He will spend a week with relatives, before returning to headquarters in Lafayette.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Stewart and guests, Misses Johnson and Tyree, Mr. and Mrs. Armand Dejean, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Dejean, Mr. and Mrs. Ariel Fontenot Fontenot, Mr. and Mrs. Numa Chachere, Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Haas, Messrs. Garland Dejean, Ed. Estorge, Dr. L. J. Bauman, Jack Perrault, Frank Dietlein, George Dejean, Mr. Charlie Wolff and Miss Ollie Richard; Bill Jordan, were among the many from Opelousas to attend the base ball game in Eunice Sunday.

O. Hawkins of New Orleans was in town Friday visiting friends.

Alfred Allemen visited relatives in Lafayette several days last week.

Anthony Abdalla left for Atlanta City, N. J., Sunday, where he will spend his summer vacation.

Miss Olga Cuculla of New Orleans, arrived here Sunday and will spend her vacation at the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Bienvenue of this city.

Perry Dore of New Orleans attended to business in town Wednesday.

COURT OF APPEALS DISMISSED ACTION AGAINST KROTZ AND FELLOW MEMBERS

The Court of Appeals, first circuit, handed down an important decision last week in the case of R. Lee Garland, district attorney, versus A. W. Krotz and others. The action was brought on the relation of the district attorney, at the instance of the police jury. The charges against the supervisors of the Krotz Springs Road District were, in the main, incompetency, and extravagance and the district court sustained the action and ousted the members thereof from office. An appeal was prosecuted to the court of appeals, and which court reversed the judgment of the district court and dismissed the suit on an exception of no case of action.

The Krotz Springs highway is of great importance to that section of the parish, and it is to be hoped that the Board of Supervisors and the police jury will quickly compose their differences and proceed with the construction of this much needed thoroughfare. If the available funds are inadequate this fact should be ascertained at once, and an expert and intelligent estimate made of the work—so that the taxpayers of that district may be fully acquainted with the situation.

Cumberland Telephone Has New Manager

Mr. D. I. Ulmer, formerly manager of the Cumberland Tel. & Telegraph Co., at Slidell, La., was formally inducted into office here this week as manager of the local office of The Cumberland Tel. & Tel. Co., relieving Mr. Garvey who goes to New Orleans. Mr. Ulmer comes here well recommended and will continue the good work begun by Mr. Garvey of making the local telephone exchange more efficient.

Commercial Supervisor H. N. Garvey was sent here some time ago from the home office of the telephone company in answer to numerous complaints from the patrons of poor service, in an effort to re-adjust conditions and make the telephone a convenience and not a nuisance. We are sorry to see him leave just when his improvements were beginning to be felt but Mr. Ulmer advises that the good work will be kept up. The entire patronage of the local telephone system wishes him success. We have been getting promises of improvements for a long time, so Mr. Ulmer is asked to keep up the good work begun by Mr. Garvey.

Mrs. S. Dale supervisor of instructions out of the New Orleans office is here to help the "hello" girls give better service.

Entertained at a "500" Party

A very lovely event of the week was the delightful "500" party given by Mrs. Ivan Dibleux at her home, in honor of her guests, Misses Wells and Robertson. The reception room was beautifully decorated with cut flowers and ferns. After a number of games were played the pretty prizes was cut for the guests. Delicious refreshments were served to the following ladies, Misses Lucille Johnson, Elizabeth Tyree, Helen Wells and sister, Roberson Porter, Blanche Guilbeau, Edna Lewis, Julia Boagni, Irene Dupre, Nathalie Haas, Alma and Lucille Lassalle, Celia Boagni, Lena Loeb, Rosa Hebrard, Barbara Lacombe, Evelyn Lewis; Mesdames W. T. Stewart, Paul Boagni, and Ivan Dibleux.

Mrs. L. G. Kirk, Supt. W. B. Prescott, A. A. Mendoza and Miss Lena Marine attended a rally in Lafayette on last Saturday given by Miss Caroline Boudreau, the home demonstrating agent of that parish.

W. B. Lovett and family of Welsh, spent the week-end at the home of Mrs. R. J. Marine, near Opelousas. Mrs. Marine accompanied them home and will spend several days.

Dr. Raphael and Collins Cormier of Port Barre transacted business in town Wednesday.

Messrs. Tony Fux, Theophile Fontenot, Page Littell, Misses Miriam Bouquol, Helen and Gertie Fux motored to Grand Coteau on Sunday.

Attorney Morton Thompson attended the base ball game in Eunice Sunday.

Mrs. J. T. Compton and Miss Goldie Kerr spent a few days in Port Barre last week and while there attended the dance.

Virgie St. Cyr left Saturday for Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Culbertson, Mae Pulford, and Goldie Kerr motored over to Beggs Saturday night.

Mrs. L. Plachau of New Orleans, is the guest of her mother, Mrs. George Pulford.

Judge and Mrs. E. S. Kerr, and daughter, Goldie, visited in Melville and Palmetto Sunday.

Mr. Theophile Fontenot who is now connected with the American Express company at Alexandria spent Saturday and Sunday in Opelousas with his mother, Mrs. Ludovic Fontenot.

Miss Rosa Hebrard returned on Sunday from Lafayette after a week's stay with friends. Miss Hebrard's Opelousas friends seem to think she likes Lafayette very well, why?

Bill Jordan attended to business in Eunice Sunday, while there he also witnessed the base ball game between Opelousas and Eunice.

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