

# THE ST. LANDRY CLARION

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

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TWO DOLLARS PER YEAR IN ADVANCE

## ELECTION OF BROUSSARD TO SENATE PRACTICALLY SURE

Edwin S. Broussard has won the senatorial nomination over Congressman Jared Y. Sanders according to the latest returns available from Tuesday's primary. With a lead, at this time, of over 8,000 Mr. Broussard, champion of amending the Volstead prohibition amendment act to permit the sale of beer and light wines is receiving the congratulations of his friends.

Mr. Broussard carried New Orleans by over 15,000 and all chances of his lead being overcome by results from outlying districts have been discounted by the fact that an exceedingly light vote was cast.

The weather was fine and farmers were busy with their crops. Instead of Louisiana, outside of New Orleans, casting a vote of approximately 70,000, indications were that not more than 40,000 or 45,000 votes were polled so that the returns thus far compiled would indicate Mr. Sanders could not win.

From Broussard headquarters, L. E.

French issued the following statement:

"As more complete returns become available, it appears very evident that Edwin Broussard has been elected by even a larger vote than claimed in the statement given out by us last night."

"He has defeated Sanders in New Orleans by over 15,000 and carried the outlying parishes in the First and Second Districts by 1000. The Third has given him a 5000 lead over Sanders; and he has also defeated him by several hundred in the seventh."

"We have tabulated reports received not only by these headquarters but by the New Orleans press as well, and, giving Sanders every unrecorded vote polled in the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Eighth Districts, Broussard has won the nomination by eight or nine thousand. It is probable that this majority will be increased."

"Mr. Broussard has been the recipient today of scores of congratulatory telegrams, while hundreds have called at headquarters to felicitate the new junior senator from Louisiana."

## ARMY CONVENTION SHOWS LOUISIANA NEED FOR SERVICE

GATHERING AT SHREVEPORT REVIEWS SITUATION AND PROMISES ASSISTANCE

Few conventions in the history of Louisiana have held the gripping constructive interest sustained throughout the convention of Salvation Army Parish Advisory Boards at Shreveport Friday, September 10. The attendance included representative community leaders from the thirty parishes which have thus far organized Advisory Boards. The interest was centered in a firmly expressed desire upon the part of the delegates to perform in a constructive, humane way those duties of citizenship which relate to the care of the less fortunate the crippled and the helpless.

The convention was not of the emotional variety but was devoted to an understanding of community needs and the enterprises of the Salvation Army which may fill these requirements without conflicting with the activities of other national or local organizations or agencies.

From the digest of confidential studies presented, the delegates learned of the statewide need. From the record of service performed it was discovered how the Salvation Army through its Advisory Boards is meeting these conditions.

The auditor's report of receipts and expenditures for Salvation Army work in and for Louisiana during the last year was considered and a state budget for 1920-1921 prepared with the advice and approval of the state advisory board was presented to the delegates for their consideration.

Reviewing the need, the service, and the year's requirements, the response of the delegates was immediate. They unanimously adopted the state budget for the year and the proportionate share for each parish was announced. Delegates, in accepting their respective parish shares, announced their intention of presenting these matters for the consideration of their parish advisory boards immediately. A strong expression was made that campaign operations be commenced immediately in each parish. It is anticipated that in each parish at least fifty per cent of the money will be raised during the next ten days. The popular drive will close on October 12.

Delegates expressed a strong desire that Louisiana should have a Salvation Army Rescue and Maternity Home which should take care of Louisiana needs in Louisiana. There was also considerable sentiment for a home for aged couples, rendered helpless and a community care, for whom there is no competent provision. It was realized however, that it would be impossible to provide for all of even the immediate needs in the way of homes and institutions, and the policy of the Advisory Boards is that all of these matters shall hereafter receive a most careful study and a program covering requirements over a period of years may be expected as the outgrowth.

Speakers at the state convention included Lieutenant Colonel Fletcher Agnew of Chicago, who has charge of the special efforts work of the Salvation Army in the South and West. Mrs. Adjutant Bennett, of Dallas, Texas, and Ensign Ivy Oldenburg, of El Paso, Texas. H. M. Weil, vice-president of the state advisory board, and Mayor John McFord, Mayor of Shreveport, La.

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## WOULD HAVE ALL WOMEN REGISTER

MRS. A. A. ANDING CALLS ATTENTION TO CARDINAL GIBBONS' INTERVIEW

To the Women of St. Landry Parish, I have been asked both over the phone and by mail if September 15th was the only day for the women to register. The registration books will be opened for the women to register from September 15th to October 2. Now my friends both white women and white men, colored men and women in the North, East and Western states votes. It will take every white woman vote in the South to offset these colored votes, in other states. I read an article by Cardinal Gibbons in which he says it is the duty of every Catholic woman to register and in the November election so it make no difference whether you want to vote or not go and register so in case you do—you will be able to vote.

MRS. A. ANDING.

## JEWISH NEW YEAR CELEBRATION HERE BY CONGREGATION

LARGE ATTENDANCE AT MASONIC TEMPLE, WHERE SERVICE CONDUCTED BY MR. GORDON

In celebration of the Jewish New Year a great many stores here were closed Monday and a large congregation gathered at the Masonic Temple to hear Samuel H. Gordon, of Portland, Oregon, student at the Hebrew Union College, conduct the service. Over seventy-five persons were present at the celebration and plans are being considered for the formation of a permanent congregation here.

Mr. Gordon took for his text "The Eternal Verities." "The Grass withereth, the flower fadeth, but the word of our God will exist on forever." His explanation of the text was enjoyed by all and the services were impressive.

At this time it is interesting to know that the Jewish is the oldest form of religious belief, which has been preserved unimpaired for nearly 4,500 years. From the time of Abraham, its teachings that God is an all-wise and all-powerful spirit and not a creation of human hands nor human intellect have been preserved by the adherents of the Jewish religion.

The present Jewish calendar dates from about 359 A. D. and really provides for two New Year's celebrations, one a civil ceremony in the spring at the time of the Passover and the other at the beginning of Tishri, the first autumn month, but observance is confined to the latter. It ushers in nearly a month of holy days, among them Yom Kippur the Sabbath of Sabbaths, with its twenty-four hour fast.

Considering how this faith of Abraham and the fundamentals he voiced have been preserved unimpaired by scissions and persecutions amid all the wanderings and migrations of his people, throughout the history of the Hebrew nation, and during 1,700 years of trial following the destruction of the nation and the dispersal of its people, it is not to be wondered at that everyone feels a reverent regard for the faith that has suffered so much, endured so much persecution and made its people at each visitation, stronger to endure

## Catechism Classes Held on Three Days

Catechism classes for the first communicants of 1921 and 1922 have been started by Very Rev. A. B. Colliard. This year there will be two classes, instead of one as formerly. One class composed of pupils of the Immaculate Conception Academy will be taught at the convent after school every Wednesday and Friday; the other, consisting of country children and pupils of the Opelousas High school will be instructed in the church every Sunday. Pupils of the public schools who will attend the once a week, will be obliged to go two years, while pupils of the Convent will only have to go one year if they pass a successful examination, but will have to attend twice weekly during that time. The first class opened at the Convent Wednesday, September 8 and the first one at the church, Sunday, September 12. For several weeks past the pastor has been taken the names of the children who intended to attend the classes before and after the 9 o'clock mass every Sunday.

## FUNERAL OF TRAIN VICTIM HELD HERE MONDAY AFTERNOON

JAMES WILLIAM JACKSON MOURNED BY MANY FRIENDS WHO SYMPATHIZE WITH FAMILY

The funeral of James William Jackson was held Monday afternoon at four o'clock from the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Graham, with services at the Baptist Church. Interment was in the Protestant cemetery.

Many friends attended the ceremonies and expressed with beautiful floral offerings their sympathy for the parents and family of the young man. Mr. Jackson was killed Sunday by falling beneath the wheels of a moving freight train at Palmetto.

Mr. Jackson was in Palmetto to visit his aunt and had boarded the freight train which he expected to slow down, so that he could get off without danger. When the train didn't slow down, as he had expected, he evidently decided to try to make the ground anyway. As he released his hold on the handle of the car and started to swing clear, his shirt caught on a projecting bolt and he was thrown directly beneath the wheels.

Owing to the speed at which the train was going he had no chance to roll clear and the wheels passed over his right arm and leg. A doctor reached him in only a few minutes but the injuries were such that nothing could save his life and he died shortly after.

The death is especially sad as he was just entering young manhood and was popular and well liked by all who knew him. He was the eldest son of T. A. Jackson, formerly editor of the St. Landry Clarion. Mr. Jackson was twenty years of age.

His body was brought to Opelousas, immediately, and the funeral was held Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Graham, with services at the Baptist church. Interment was in the Protestant cemetery.

SMALL SUPPLY OF ICE AT HIGH PRICE IS AVAILABLE

Through the efforts of Mr. Aaron Jacobs a comparatively small amount of ice has been available for emergency use during the shut down of the local plant. Mr. Jacobs telephoned to Alexandria and explained the local situation here. He was able to have a few hundred pounds of ice forwarded by express for use of those who absolutely needed it.

The Candy Kitchen took charge of the distribution without profit to themselves but even under these circumstances it made the ice a pretty expensive luxury. The ice cost 85 cents per hundred at Alexandria but the express charges were \$1.15 per hundred and in addition to this loss by melting on the run down here was considerable.

It is understood that as soon as the local plant is able to secure ammonia they will be able to start up again but just when this will be, they are unable to state.

Miss Agathe Lassalle spent Monday with relatives in Beggs, La. and to suffer.

Yom Kippur or "Atonement Day" will be observed Wednesday, September 22 with services at the Masonic Temple. Yom Kippur is a day of fasting and is observed from sunset on Tuesday until sunset Wednesday. "Succoth" or the "Feast of Booths" is a harvest festival falling on September 27 and "Shmini Atzereth" or the "Feast of Conclusion" is on October 4th.

## LEADING INSURANCE JOURNAL GIVES HIGH PRAISE TO LOCAL CO.

AMERICAN INSURER OF DALLAS COMMENTS ON NEW ORGANIZATION OF MR. LACOMBE

The following editorial was printed in the "AMERICAN INSURER" of Dallas, New Orleans and Greensboro. As this publication is recognized as one of the leading insurance authorities in the South, the local men connected with the company feel pleased with the attitude taken.

The movement to organize the Louisiana Fire & Marine Insurance Company is announced from Opelousas. To those who never heard of Opelousas, the place is properly introduced to all well informed insurance men by simply saying Larry LaCombe lives there. The new company, according to a statement received from Mr. LaCombe himself, is to have a combined capital and surplus of a million dollars. It is presumed half the amount will be a working surplus, as Mr. LaCombe is an experienced fire insurance man and knows something of what it means to establish a company on a firm foundation. He seems to be the only insurance man connected with the enterprise, but it may be taken for granted he has associated himself with strong business and professional men who are not "day dreamers" on the question of "quick profits" to be made with a fire insurance company. The profits are there all right, but not until after the company is properly established.

Of Great Importance

The establishment of maintenance of insurance companies is of immense importance to any state or section of country. And there is room for a well managed company in almost any town or city. Today, with all her millions of insurance capital, New York is not able to carry all of her own insurance by any safe means or method of underwriting. The safety surrounding fire insurance rests absolutely upon the scientific interchange of liability, and this is the reason we need more insurance capital in this country than we now have. The idea of "keeping the premiums at home" is crude, and means ultimate trouble for the company which doesn't know more than that about insurance. We have confidence in Mr. LaCombe's enterprise because we know he is capable, well trained by experience and long observation, and that he is dependable. The organization of the Louisiana Fire & Marine is opportune, and we shall expect to see it develop rapidly as a safe and conservative management will permit of.

## EPISCOPAL GUILD IS TO MEET WITH MRS. MCKINNEY

The Guild and Women's Auxiliary of the Church of the Epiphany will meet with Mrs. McKinney, on Landry street, Wednesday evening at 4 o'clock. All the women of the church are cordially invited to be present.

The ladies are starting work for the year which promises to be both profitable and pleasurable. In contrast to the plan of work taken up by the church missionary society in former years the work for the entire United States is planned at the Church Missions House in New York City, and is arranged much along the lines of the work of the Red Cross. Garments, hospital clothes, supplies, etc., are apportioned through the missionary secretary of each diocese, acting under the Bishop, and thus duplication is avoided. Sometimes in past days, a church school or a mission station would have a large supply of aprons or dresses, with no undergarments or first-aid outfits.

Under the new plan, it is hoped that every school, mission station, and hospital in the United States and abroad will have a great plenty to supply the needs of all who require help. So it is plan to be seen that all Church women will have all the work they desire. The demand is great, and the Women's Auxiliary has never failed to meet it yet. All women communicants of the Epiphany parish are asked to come to the meetings, and help the good work, for "in as much as Ye have done it unto one of the least of these, My brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

The officers of the Auxiliary for the year are: President Mrs. S. L. Hebrard; Secretary Mrs. R. M. Little; Treasurer Mrs. Leon Dupre; Thank Offering Boxes, Mrs. John Deblieux; Secretary of Boxes Work, Mrs. Roberts; Junior Auxiliary Officer Miss Fannie Harris, Mrs. Ivan Deblieux.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Haas and family and Jim Sanders returned Friday from Battle Creek, Mich.

## Telephone Service Will Be Improved

Every effort is being made to give Opelousas people the best possible telephone service, says the manager of the local exchange. He states, however, that he has recently been more handicapped than usual by the lack of help on the switchboards.

Just when he thought that he had an efficient force well trained, school opened and three of his girls left to resume their studies. The supervisor for this district has been working on the switchboard for some time and will continue to do so until more help can be secured.

While it does not take very long to break in new operators it is absolutely necessary that they take a short course of training, in order that they may handle the calls properly. New girls are now being trained and the manager hopes to be able to show an improvement in the service almost at once.

## EXPERTS TO SPEAK AT FARMERS TRADE DAY NEXT SATURDAY

SWINE AND POULTRY RAISING AND CARE TO BE DISCUSSED BY STATE SPECIALISTS

Arrangements have been completed for securing two speakers for the Farmer's Trade Day next week. J. B. Francini, swine specialist and Harley L. Williams, poultry expert, both from the State Department of Agriculture, Baton Rouge have made arrangements to be present.

The Chamber of Commerce is especially fortunate in securing the services of these men as they are both recognized authorities in their respective fields and will, undoubtedly, have interesting messages for those who are interested in this work. The talks will be made from the band stand of the court house square at 2 o'clock Saturday and immediately after the speakers have finished the premiums will be given away by Secretary Deyo of the Chamber of Commerce.

This week the premiums have been varied so that the wife of the farmer will be as much interested as will her husband. While the first prize will consist of a pair of registered Poland China pigs, the other prizes will be more for the lady. The pigs have been secured from Dr. Lawrence Daly and Mr. E. C. Quirk and all who are familiar with the class of animals raised by these gentlemen will know that the pigs will be of first quality and worthy of being entered in their class at any fair or agricultural exhibit.

The complete list of premiums is as follows:

Pair of Registered Poland China pigs.  
Four-24 pound sacks of flour.  
Ham.  
Set of baking dishes.  
Brooms.  
Twenty-five pounds of sugar.  
Ten pounds of coffee.  
Subscription to Modern Farming.  
Two gallons fresh syrup.  
Subscription to the Star-Progress.  
While this list may be changed somewhat before Trade Day it will be about as shown above.

## SPECIAL SERVICE AT LOCAL M. E. CHURCH

The special services which have been previously announced by Rev. J. D. Harper, pastor of the local Methodist Episcopal Church South, commenced Monday morning at ten o'clock. Rev. E. C. Gunn of Rayne delivered the first of the service of sermons he intends to give during this week.

During the period of these special services, the members of the Methodist congregation will be given an opportunity to profit by the eloquence Rev. Gunn, who will be here all this week and probably part of the next. Services are held both in the morning and evening so almost everybody is given a chance to attend some part of the services.

## L. S. U. RECEPTION AND EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE

An L. S. U. committee will meet all trains at Baton Rouge September 20 to 24 to greet new students for the State University. A special committee will be on hand at the depots to handle baggage.

Students desiring employment during their spare hours will see this committee which consists of A. K. Jones, H. W. Stopher and Dr. C. C. Stroud.

Mrs. W. T. Stewart accompanied Mrs. Lorenzo Mornhineg to the Lafayette sanitarium Friday. Friends of Mrs. Mornhineg will be glad to know that she is doing nicely.

M. Guy Lemoine spent the weekend in Cottonport with his brother.

## COMPLETE LIST OF PERSHING HIGHWAY LOCAL MEMBERSHIP

By hard and consistent work the Pershing Way local association has been put over the top as far as membership is concerned. The ladies' committee appointed by the Chamber of Commerce is worthy of the highest commendation for the way in which they handled the drive and the work which they did. Mrs. A. A. Anding, of this city, had the committee in charge and under her efficient leadership and with her consistent hard work the quota of members was received. Mrs. J. H. Lewis of Whiteville, is also worthy of much praise for the part she took in the work.

There are now one hundred and seventy-one members from the Pershing Way road district and the names of each one who has joined is given below. There are a few who have not yet paid their application fee of \$5.00 but most of these have promised to pay up at once.

Following is a complete list of members, as it appears on the books of Secretary Deyo, of the Chamber of Commerce. If any names have been omitted or if any others desire to register as supporting this movement, they are requested to communicate with Secretary Deyo at once.

**Opelousas**  
J. Stander; M. Winsberg; Arnold Winsberg; Bennett Stores, Inc.; J. A. Perkins; Planters Bank and Trust Co. (5); L. J. Larade; St. Landry Bank and Trust Co. (5); L. T. Castille; R. Mornhineg & Son; Martin Bordelon; Brgdelon's Garage; The Star-Progress; E. K. Eastham; A. Clary; E. T. Bercler; J. A. Dejean; George Abdalla; W. B. Prescott; A. J. Perrault; L. Levine; John Fakouri; I. Chapman; Arlie Fontent; J. F. Dezauche; J. A. Budd; Soniat & Deblieux, Inc.; L. E. Littell; Opelousas National Bank (5); A. Leon Dapre; Opelousas Motion Picture Co., Inc.; Opelousas Drug Stores, Inc.; F. J. Diellein; J. Landau; Alfred A. Mendoza; W. T. Stewart; St. Landry National Farm Loan Association; Chas. Thibodeaux; Leon Chachere; Osie Bordelon; H. Bodemuller; Sidney Amy; John W. Lewis; Albert B. Pavy; Jacobs News Depot Co.; L. L. Perrault; J. R. Pavy; J. A. Durio; John R. Evans; R. E. Budd; Roy D. Edwards; Daisy Edwards; Ben Rise-man; S. J. Sandoz; Estate of J. B. Sandoz; John Nicko; Tony Venezia; Mrs. Wm. Dejean; Mrs. Mary E. Walker; G. C. Warrilleaux; P. Del Buono; F. C. Shute, M. D.; M. A. Fields; E. Fisher, Sr.; C. H. Comeau; J. A. Haas; Jonas Roos; Roos Co., Inc.; Jos. M. Boagui; T. Coriel & Co.; Hebert F. Richard; Louis Stelly; Lee

**Whiteville**  
Harvey Lewis; C. W. Stagg; C. W. Reed; Ned Opy; W. H. Lewis; J. A. Reed; John P. Savant; L. D. Lewis; Donlouis Gullory; L. P. Savant; Cautin Savant; Levy Campbell; J. H. Lewis; Felix Savant.

**Washington**  
Quirk & Lastrapes; F. C. Q. McCaffery; J. P. Gullory; M. D.; Packham Bros.; L. Lazaro; H. C. Milligan; Lynch Bros.; S. M. Plosky; Mark Klaus; J. N. Brown; Leon Wolff.

**Sunset**  
C. A. Gardner, M. D.; Louis Boudreau; E. J. Boudreau; Bank of Sunset & Trust Co. (2); W. J. Boudreau; Jos. A. ibille; J. C. Gardner; John Mornhineg.

**Grand Coteau**  
E. A. Diebold, S. J.; Charles Meche; Theophile Chatrian; J. A. Pettin; Barry Bros.

**Buissison**  
J. E. Bacon.

**Garland**  
W. A. Beall.

**Pineville**  
W. C. Beall.

**Gold Dust**  
Mrs. W. A. O'Quin.

**Shuteston**  
Frank Dimmick.

Mr. Frank Dimmick, chairman of the local Pershing Way Association asks that any members of the association whose name does not appear above and who thinks that he has paid his first year's dues communicate with him or with Secretary Deyo of the Chamber of Commerce.

## CONDITION OF PLANT NECESSITATES THE CLOSING OF STORES

ALL MERCHANTS ARE REQUESTED BY MAYOR LOEB TO CLOSE PROMPTLY AT 6 O'CLOCK

Owing to the condition of the electric light plant Mayor Loeb has found it necessary to request the merchants to close their stores promptly at six o'clock and to burn only one light in the store after closing time. It is absolutely essential that this request be carefully complied with, according to the Mayor, if the plant is to continue to run at all.

It was thought at one time that it would be necessary to close the plant entirely until necessary repairs could be made but if the users of electricity will be very careful in their consumption of current it may be possible to give a fairly satisfactory service until the repairs can be made. Users of power must not run motors between six o'clock in the evening and eleven o'clock.

Other users of electricity are requested to use just as little current as possible until the emergency is passed. The following statement was given out by the Mayor this week but if the above restrictions are carefully complied with it will not be necessary to carry out the order.

An attempt has been made to run with one engine but it has kept the engine so over loaded that satisfactory service could not be given. One engine has been repaired but it is not powerful enough to do the work without assistance and in order to avoid the possibility of a further breakdown which would leave the city without adequate water for fire protection the decision was reached to close and make such repairs as will enable the plant to give adequate service when it is again started.

Therefore, the motion picture theatre, business places and people using motors will be cut off entirely. It is hoped that it will be possible to

Danel; St. Landry Lumber Co., Ltd.; Louis L. Danel; R. L. Schuler; Garbo's Garage; F. L. Sandoz; Mrs. Amanda Stewart; John Deblieux; John B. Brock, Jr.; C. B. Leach; Route 4; Mrs. William Thompson; J. P. Barnett; Nahon Fadaol; Adolphe Jacobs; F. Cliff Allen, M. Ringrose; W. A. Robertson; A. J. Bercler; A. A. Anding; The Candy Kitchen; Opelousas Chamber of Commerce; C. W. Roy; Aaron Jacobs; Dr. J. P. Sautan; Armand L. Dejean; Adelin DuStore; Y. Andrepoint; Victor Stelly; G. L. Lassalle; Shute's Drug Peoples Gin Co.; R. M. Daffilo; Oscar J. Mistic; S. B. Wolff, M. D.; C. P. Dunbar & Bro.; A. C. Skiles Lumber Co., Ltd.; W. J. Sandoz; E. B. Dubuisson; H. M. Roberts; Mrs. W. Ventre & Son; Charles Preston Hollier; Louis Gosselin; Avie Bordelon.

Des St. Cyr, Ben. Christman; N. M. Childs.

**Lawtell**  
Dr. Ben McClelland, J. B. McClelland.

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have lights for Saturday night but even this cannot be assured. While stating it meant a serious impairment of their business, several business men expressed themselves as being satisfied that this is the best thing to do rather than to undergo a continued uncertainty and not know at what minute the lights would be turned off. Circular letters have been sent out to all users of electricity, advising them of the situation and asking that they do the best they can, until the repairs are made.

## O. D. A. CANDIDATE WINS MAYORALTY IN NEW ORLEANS

M'SHANE DEFEATS BEHRMAN IN CLOSE RACE AFTER HARD BATTLE

One of the hardest political fights New Orleans has witnessed in some time ended Tuesday night when a sufficient number of ballots had been cast for Andrew McShane to nominate him for mayor. The results were as follows:

McShane ..... 22,986  
Behrman ..... 21,536  
Clark ..... 53

Although the official count has not yet been received, even yet, the McShane faction claims complete control of the city council and the city government.

Mrs. A. M. Haas returned from Crowley Saturday after spending some pleasant days with relatives.

Mr. Alex. Swords returned from the Crescent City on Saturday after spending several weeks with his mother.