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TWO DOLLARS PER YEAR IN ADVANCE

ACTION IN NAMING HALL FOR JUDGE AFFIRMED 16 TO 5

Another Primary Declared Unnecessary But Sharp Fight Looms Strong

COMPULSORY UNDER LAW, SAYS LOONEY

Attorney General Coco Will be Called Upon to Make Clear the Primary Law

The executive committee of the democratic state central committee, by a vote of 16 to 5 of which eight were proxies, decided not to hold another primary for the naming of a nominee to fill the vacancy on the supreme court caused by the retirement of Chief Justice Frank A. Monroe, and affirmed its action of September in nominating Luther E. Hall as the nominee.

Frank J. Looney of Shreveport, chairman of the democratic state central committee, fought the action of the executive committee and announced that he would possibly call a meeting of the committee to review the law to hold a primary.

The decision not to hold a primary eliminates Mr. Rosen, and speculation was rife in the Capital Tuesday night as to what course Mr. Rosen's friends would pursue, and the possibility that he be entered as an independent democrat in the special election against Mr. Hall was discussed.

Attorney General Coco will be called upon to render an opinion whether or not the primary law makes it compulsory to have a primary. In the event, he says it does, the central committee probably will be called in session by Chairman Looney and there another bitter fight will be staged.

There is much speculation as just what the outcome will be, but Mr. Hall seems to have the inside track.

Chachere-Opry

Ike Chachere, a prominent young man of this city, and Miss Lorlane Opry, the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ned Opry of near Opelousas are married on Wednesday afternoon at the Catholic church Reverend Father Collard officiating.

The bride was attired in a lovely charmuse dress with hat and other accessories to match. Her only attendant was her sister, Miss Lillian, and Mr. Charles Thibodeaux, Jr., acted as best man.

Mr. and Mrs. Ike Chachere left immediately after the ceremony for Lafayette where they will be entertained by Mr. and Mrs. John Tujague.

On their return they will make Opelousas their future home.

The Clarion joins in with the many friends here to wish them a long and happy married life.

CAHOLIC LADIES OF LAWTELL WILL GIVE BIG FAIR

On Saturday and Sunday Next at the Lawtell School House

On Saturday and Sunday, October 29 and 30 the Catholic ladies of Lawtell will stage a big fair at the Lawtell school for the benefit of the Catholic church.

These good ladies advertise a big time in store for each and every one—plenty of good things to eat on both days and a wide variety of amusements for young and old.

Good music on the grounds all the time, refreshments, good messes, and a good time in store for all who attend.

PRINCESS THEATRE TO HAVE FIVE PIECE ORCHESTRA

We were informed on Wednesday by manager Frankie Dietlein of the Princess theatre that he had made all arrangements to have a fine orchestra for the Princess theatre beginning with the Sunday night performance.

The securing of a first class orchestra will add materially to the value of the picture show business.

Misses Ethel and Alma Dejean returned home on Thursday after a very pleasant stay in North Carolina and Washington, D. C., visiting their sister, Mrs. Charlie Weider.

MR. G. H. CRETIN RETURNS FROM OLD HOME IN FRANCE

Mr. G. H. Cretin, who for many years, manager of the Lacombe hotel, and who for the past few months has been visiting friends and relatives in France, returned home during the week. Mr. Cretin reports while that of course, many changes had taken place, he was glad to meet old friends and to talk of the many stirring incidents of war.

Mr. Cretin is looking fine as a fiddle and enjoyed every minute of his vacation, the first in many years.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT CROSSING LANDRY AND LIBERTY STS.

Cars Driven by Frank Garbo and Albert Amy Collide at F. L. Sandoz's Corner

At about noon on Thursday Mr. Albert Amy, driving a five passenger Dort automobile collided with a Ford Coupe driven by Mr. Frank G. Garbo.

It is alleged that Mr. Garbo was driving down Landry street and that Mr. Amy coming along Liberty street struck the Garbo car a broadside blow, causing serious damage to the Garbo car, while Mr. Campbell received a fracture of the collar bone and was taken to the St. Landry sanitarium. We learn that Mr. Campbell is suffering a great deal and while a thorough examination had not been made when we went to press it is understood that he may have sustained other injuries. Mr. Garbo was not hurt badly and only received slight scratches on his arms.

Mr. Amy was not hurt, but his car was slightly damaged. The Ford Coupe was a brand new car and was only in use two days.

BIG CHURCH FAIR AT PORT BARRE ON NEXT SUNDAY

Amusements of All Kinds For Old and Young and Plenty to Eat

On next Sunday the congregation of the Catholic church at Port Barre will give a big fair and promises a good time to all. The fair will be given at the John Marsh place and if you have not already planned your dinner for Sunday, by all means go there for we are informed that all the good things to eat have been secured, including, turkey, chicken, dressing, fine cake, candy and best of all real creole coffee. Dinner will be served promptly at 12 o'clock and if you want to get your money's worth don't forget the place, the time and the pocket book.

Father LaChapelle is making big arrangements for amusements of all kinds and hopes to entertain old and young. At eight o'clock Sunday night he will have a moving picture entertainment.

The fair is for the benefit of the Catholic church of Port Barre and all that can attend should do so, for the cause is a most worthy one.

GOVERNOR AND DUPRE EXCHANGE COMPLIMENTS

Baton Rouge, La., Oct. 25.—Governor Parker and Judge Gilbert L. Dupre, St. Landry's watch dog of the treasury, have indulged in an exchange of compliments rather out of the ordinary.

A few days ago, while in the executive office, the Governor presented Mr. Dupre with a very fine apple. He took it home to his little grand daughter who has been ill for over 100 days. Returning to the capital, Monday night, Judge Dupre left two cans of home-made fig preserves put up by Mrs. Dupre and said to have few equals.

During the night session, Judge Dupre was the recipient of "a message from the governor."

"Come by I have something for you."

The Judge was presented with six of the finest apples he had ever laid eyes on. They were large and perfect.

"They, too, go to the little grand daughter," he said.

Miss Selma Loeb of Crowley is the charming guest of Miss Leann Loeb. Miss Nathalie Haas, after spending three weeks as the guest of relatives and friends in New Orleans, returned home on Thursday.

LOCAL ELKS WILL ENLARGE AND BEAUTIFY THEIR HOME

Important and Largely Attended Meeting of Local Lodge No. 1048

ROOF GARDEN AND SWIMMING POOL

Improvements to Cost About \$30,000—Dr. Haas Heads Finance Committee

At the regular meeting of Opelousas Lodge No. 1048, B. P. O. E. on Tuesday night it was decided to make many improvements on the present home. It is understood that the contemplated improvements will cost about \$30,000 and the various necessary committees were appointed and instructed to prepare at once an intensive campaign for the necessary funds for the erection of the new building.

On the lower floor will be a large swimming pool, first class gymnasium, and various other clean indoor sports will be taken care of, and from all accounts the local Bill's will have one of the very finest club houses in Southwest Louisiana.

Dr. J. A. Haas, Mr. John DeBlieux, and Past Exalted Ruler F. C. Allard constitute the finance committee and from a glance at the names on that committee it is plainly evident that swimming season next year the members of that noble order will be enjoying to the fullest extent all the new improvements.

The entire upper part of the new building will be devoted to a roof garden, and Exalted Ruler, H. D. Larcade, Jr., will see that it is second to none in this section of the state. The Elks membership is taken from our very best citizenship and is one of the foremost organizations in our little city. The improvements decided on are not only necessary for the membership to Opelousas Lodge No. 1048 B. P. O. E., but will be indeed a decided asset to our city. Every good citizen in this community should give them a most hearty co-operation in this most worthy cause, for a good, clean, wholesome place for the young men of this community is an absolute necessity, and no father will hesitate to give every assistance possible.

TRUCK LICENSES ARE AGREED UPON

Flat Rate of 68 Cents Per Horsepower Is Favored

Baton Rouge, La., Oct. 25.—A graduated license on tonnage and a flat rate of 68 cents per horsepower on trucks and automobile busses has been agreed upon by the house highway committee in the new revenue producing act for the development of a system of state highway under the "pay-as-you-go plan." The rate for pleasure cars has not yet been worked out.

The license tax on trucks is as follows:

Seven hundred and fifty to 4000-pound trucks, \$10 per thousand plus 68 cents per horsepower; 4001 to 5000 pound trucks, \$12.50 per thousand plus 68 cents per horsepower; 5001 to 6000-pound trucks, \$15 per thousand plus 68 cents per horsepower; 6001 to 8000-pound trucks, \$20 per thousand plus 68 cents per horsepower; 8001 to 10,000-pound trucks, \$25 per thousand plus 68 cents per horsepower.

The license on auto busses or for hire cars is:

One to seven-passenger, \$2.50 per passenger, plus 68 cents per horsepower; 8 to 20 passenger, \$3 per passenger plus 68 cents per horsepower.

The committee report also contains a provision on regulation that would require all trucks of more than 10,000 pounds to get a special permit from the state highway department to operate. This is in order to give the state department authority to designate on certain roads and bridges which the trucks of excessive weight can use.

ST. LANDRY SHERIFF MAKES HIS STAND CLEAR ON STRIKE

PEOPLE OF PARISH MUST NOT BE WEDGED IN—COMMERCIAL LIFE SHALL NOT SUFFER

"Trains in St. Landry parish will operate regardless of whether the strike comes or not," announced Hon. Charles Thibodeaux, St. Landry's fearless sheriff, when discussing the strike situation with one of the publishers of the Clarion.

"If it is possible to secure a crew to operate trains in this parish I will personally mount the engine cabin of every train traversing this parish and see that the people of this parish are not wedged in between the railroads and the union," continued the sheriff.

"This is not vain boast. It is simply a determined stand that I will take and as the chief law enforcing officer of this parish I feel in duty bound to do everything in my power to give the public the best of service.

"There will be no trouble," continued Sheriff Thibodeaux, "the trains if they can be manned by efficient crews will positively operate in this parish, if it takes the entire force of officers at my command to prevent the union laborers from injuring traffic. We'll stand by no foolishness and will stand by determined to prevent a lock up of a single train wheel."

The people of St. Landry will no doubt back up the sheriff and render him all assistance possible for him to carry out his intention.

The Clarion highly commends the splendid officer. We believe that if Louisiana had a few more fearless leaders like Charles Thibodeaux there would be never an occasion for an industrial revolt.

IRISH REPUBLIC IS ENDORSED BY HOUSE VOTE

Resolution Memorialized Congress to Recognize Ireland as Republic

BITTER FIGHT ENSUED VOTE WAS 58 TO 51

Committee on Federal Relations Reported Unfavorable on Bill

There was a bitter and fierce fight on the floor of the house when the Irish resolution was introduced, and after a hot and spectacular two-hour debate the house late Wednesday adopted the Reilly resolution advocating recognition of the Irish republic. A bitter argument ensued from the time the resolution was introduced and became a fighting issue until adoption by a vote of 58 to 51.

The resolution memorialized congress and President Harding to recognize Ireland as an independent country. Representative J. L. Reilly fathered the resolution, opened the argument for its adoption. He was supported by Representatives Conrad, Meyer, Jules Dreyfus, James Barrett and others.

Representative J. S. Wilkinson said the resolution was far-reaching and opposed it. M. J. Sylvest said he thought there would be a time when the Irish people reached an agreement among themselves.

The committee on federal relations, which handled the bill, reported unfavorably and the minority report, however, signed by Representatives Meyer and Dreyfus who disagreed was also made.

LAFAYETTE MAN PURCHASE INTEREST IN LOCAL CONCERN

Announcement is made that Mr. J. Meyers of Lafayette has purchased the interest of local people interested in the Evangeline Moss and Trading Co., of this city and has assumed full management of the affairs of the company. Mr. Meyers states that he will be prepared to handle moss, pines and hides in any quantity offered, thus affording a local market for these products. The country adjacent to Opelousas has an abundance of moss which offers good returns for those engaged in picking and curing same. This is also an excellent market for pecans and hides.

L. Austin Fontenot attended to business in Ville Platte on Wednesday.

Miss Ura Dejean of Church Point visited friends here Sunday and Monday.

STOCKHOLDERS OF HARDWARE FIRM ELECT OFFICERS

Prominent Business Men of Opelousas Compose Board of Directors

NEW FIRM VALUABLE ASSET TO OPELOUSAS

Mr. Riseman Made President-Manager and Other Officers Well Chosen

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Christman-Riseman Company Inc., held on October 24th, in the office of the company. A complete and new set of officers were elected. The selection of a new set of officers was not caused by any friction, but by the fact that Mr. Christman sold his interest in the early fall.

The following directors were elected by the stockholders: Mr. Ben Riseman, J. P. Barnett, E. L. Loeb, L. Austin Fontenot, Simon Stelly and Oscar J. Mistic.

Following the meeting of the stockholders the following officers were elected for the coming year: Mr. Ben Riseman, president and manager; Mr. Simon Stelly, vice-president, and Mr. O. J. Mistic, secretary and treasurer.

This firm has been in existence just little over a year, and while it made its bow to the business public just a few months before the financial strain on the entire country made its appearance, the Christman-Riseman Company Inc., has made a splendid showing and is decidedly a business asset to the community and to the parish.

Mr. Riseman, who is also the senior member of the firm of Riseman-Tankel, is one of our best and most successful business men, and his selection as president is indeed a wise one.

Mr. Simon Stelly was selected as vice-president, and is prominently connected with the Peoples Gin Company, the St. Landry Lumber Company and other business enterprises in the community and is one of our able counselmen, from the third ward. Mr. Stelly is indeed a self-made man and his rise in the commercial circle of Opelousas has been through hard work, and foresight as to business opportunities.

Mr. Oscar J. Mistic, who is president of the Parish Bank & Trust Co., and a prominent lawyer of the local bar, is secretary-treasurer of the Christman-Riseman Co., Inc., and is prominently identified with many business enterprises.

Opelousas Insurance Takes on New Agency

Mr. H. D. Larcade, Jr., president and manager of the Opelousas Insurance agency received news that his agency had been selected to represent the Columbian Fire Insurance company, of Lansing, Michigan, as General State Agents.

It is quite a compliment to be selected by a reputable fire insurance company to represent them as general state agents, and young Larcade is one of the leading insurance men of this section of the state and a young man of splendid ability.

The Columbian National Fire Insurance company, is to be congratulated on making such a connection in this state and the Clarion company wishes them success.

Young Washingtonian Victim of Mansfield Tragedy is Laid to Rest

Dennis Winkler, the youngest son of Mrs. August Winkler of Washington, was shot and died almost instantly, on last Saturday evening. The body of young Winkler was brought from Mansfield and laid to rest in Cedar Hill Cemetery on Monday.

We do not know the particulars in the case, but the writer has known the Winkler family all his life, and Dennis was indeed a splendid young fellow, and sad indeed was it that his young life should have been snuffed out so soon. Dennis was a good quiet young fellow and his death was a shock to his many friends and relatives in St. Landry parish. He leaves to mourn his loss, a aged mother, one sister and five brothers.

The Clarion extends sympathy to the bereaved family, especially to the aged mother who has had so many sorrows.

LOUISIANA ONE OF ELEVEN STATES THAT WILL GET BEER

Louisiana is one of eleven states that beer may be sold under the new regulations issued by secretary of the treasury Mellon, permitting its use as a medicine. The other states are Maryland, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, California, Wisconsin and Illinois.

The secretary of the treasury today issued instructions to treasury officials to expedite distribution of the new regulations authorizing the manufacture and sale of beer for medical purposes. There will be no delay in fully legalizing beer sales through pharmacists.

WAR RUINED CITY IS RESTORED ON AMERICANS PLANS

Princeton University Men Outline Work to Be Done in Soissons

Soissons, France, Oct. 23.—The work of the Princeton University reconstruction unit has been completed and the city of Soissons, where the work was done, has decorated the young American architects with medals, cast particularly to commemorate the spirit which moved them to volunteer their services to help France in the arduous task of reconstruction.

During the course of the summer they have co-operated with the French architects in surveying sections of the city and the neighboring villages as far north as Hill 108 and Berry-au-Bac where several American divisions came into action. They have measured up the ruins of some of the demolished buildings and made plans for restoration, but the major part of the work has consisted of designing new schools and town halls.

The greatest problem which confronts France today, in her reconstruction and rehabilitation program, is the proper provision for the generation which must grow up in the midst of the ruins. Thus in the city of Soissons alone, four schools have been laid out providing for 500 to 600 pupils in each school. Through the influence of the American architects, each school has been provided with sufficient grounds to establish a playground with gymnastic apparatus and in some cases with a running track, football field, outdoor basketball court and tennis courts.

HELLO EMPLOYEES HOLD MEETING

Cumberland Telephone Managers and Operators Gather in Crowley for Session

The managers and operators of the Cumberland Telephone company for Southwest Louisiana held their regular monthly meeting in Crowley Tuesday night. Delegates were present from Jeanerette, Opelousas, New Iberia, Lafayette, Leesville, Lake Charles, Lake Arthur, Jennings, Rayne, DeRidder and Eunice. The sessions were held in the city hall and were presided over by B. Bowle, manager of the Crowley exchange.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year, D. R. Ulmen, Opelousas, chairman; Miss Rita Moller, secretary; Leesville was named as the next place of meeting. A. B. Bowle was selected as delegate to the division assembly which is to be held at Lake Charles.

During their stay in Crowley, the visitors were the recipients of a great deal of hospitality including an inspection of the many places of interest, among which was a visit to all parts of the First National Bank building, the Rice City's skyscraper.

WATCH DIETLEIN'S CLASSY RECORD AD IN THIS PAPER

Those who love real jazz and jazzy jazz records, you will do well to call at Dietlein's Jewelry Store and ask to hear "Royal Gardens Blues," "Crazy Blues," and "Don't care Blues," and they will drive the real blues far, far from home.

He also has a wonderful selection of real classy records, such as "Celeste Aida" by the famous Osarou.

Rene L. Derouen of Ville Platte was a visitor here on Wednesday.

Miss Geraldine Brown returned home on Monday from Baton Rouge as guest of her sister, Mrs. J. B. Franconi.

ALL TEETH ARE EXTRACTED FROM HOOD LIQUOR BILL

Wet Forces Carry Important Amendments in House and Turner Forces Beaten

SMITH-DREYFUS AMENDMENT IN BILL

Final Blow to Dry's When Amendment Carried by a Vote of 57 to 50

Prohibitionists received a horrible shock in the legislature on Tuesday, when the house sustained and wrote into the Hood prohibition bill the Smith-Dreyfus amendment, to allow transportation of liquors for personal use, by a vote of 57 to 50. They received three notable defeats.

The House by a sweeping viva voce vote adopted the J. F. Powell senate light wines and beer resolution declaring for the manufacture and sale of wines and beer. This places Louisiana on record and memorializes congress. It upholds the position of Edwin S. Broussard.

A final blow to the dries was when the amendment of Mr. Chappais of Crowley striking out "native grown" when hooping through the house by a vote of 63 to 64.

Dr. A. W. Turner, the old war horse for the dry forces was leaning to the house rails and with tearful eyes watched his forces go down to sure defeat.

It is hard to say what the final outcome will be, but the sentiment of the people seem to be changing, and it is by no means altogether in Louisiana, it is all over the country.

OPELOUSAS BOYS READY FOR RETURN WITH CROWLEY HI

Coach Mendoza Has Picked His Boys and All Are in Good Shape for Game

Coach Mendoza of the Opelousas high school eleven announced during the week that all his players were ready for the battle with the Crowley high school eleven, which will be played here at Giron's park on Saturday. The boys have been put through stiff practice during the past two weeks and the Crowley boys will most likely realize that some fast and good work has been done by the team as a whole.

The foot ball fans will recall the one-sided score when the home boys met the Crowley eleven on the Crowley campus, but owing to the splendid condition of the local boys and the very fact that they will have hundreds of foot ball enthusiasts to root for them, will make the Crowley eleven think the real St. Landry Tigers' have been turned loose on the coach.

Coach Mendoza has been working hard with the local boys and he expects them to bring honor on the "All green material."

New Era in Eunice To Stage Big Contest in Very Near Future

As the Clarion goes to press, we learn that the New Era located in Eunice will in the very near future stage a big contest. Editor Strother with Mr. Fitzgerald paid the Clarion a visit on Wednesday evening, and from all accounts it is their determination to start something in the Rice City of St. Landry.

We are told that the first prize to be offered will be a Dodge Six and the second will be a Ford Runabout. Mr. Strother and Mr. Fitzgerald are out now making a survey and getting acquainted with the lay of the land, and in a few weeks the contest will be in full blast.

No doubt the contest will create much excitement and that we shall have a few contestants from this place. There is always quite a bit of excitement created during these contests and now that there is a chance of one of two cars, surely there will be a scramble as to who will have the pleasure of steering the Dodge and the Ford.

Michael Halphen, and R. Maxwell attended a dance at Boscoville on last Saturday night.

Charlie Clay of Port Barre motored to Opelousas on Wednesday. A. Castille of Sunset, visited friends in this city on Saturday.