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The Lake Charles Press of Tuesday says: Last Thursday evening at 6 o'clock, at Moss Bluff occurred the death of perhaps the oldest person in Calcasieu parish, white or black. It was that of Kate Hawkins, colored, the grandmother of Joe Berry, the veteran hack driver in the city. Kate

Hawkins was one hundred and twenty years, one month and four days old. The cause of her death was extreme old age.

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## CALCASIEU'S POLITICAL MIX-UP.

### Hot Contest on Between the Opposing Candidates for Sheriff.

Monday's New Orleans States thus sizes up the situation in Calcasieu politics: The second primary to settle who shall fill the parochial offices of Calcasieu has been fixed for Thursday, February 11. While contestants for parish clerk of the district court will be run in that primary their race and that of all others who must contest again are lost sight of almost completely because of the over-shadowing interest and intense excitement centered in the second race for sheriff of the parish. As may be remembered there were four competitors for sheriff in the first primary. A remarkable feature of the campaign was the absolute confidence of every one of the four that he would win in the first primary over his three competitors. Even Aladin Vincent, whom the result of the primary showed to have been scarcely in it, was so confident that, during the boll weevil session of the legislature he was proclaiming to his colleagues and friends in Baton Rouge, "May God forgive me, I'm elected." But those who were keeping tab recognized that former Sheriff D. J. Reid, popularly known as "Kinney" Reid, was leading his competitors easily, with strong chances of pulling out a majority of the total vote that would be cast for sheriff in first primary. That that forecast was very nearly correct was shown by the returns: D. J. Reid, 1,370; J. A. Perkins, 764; S. M. Lyons, 712, and Aladin Vincent 235. It can be seen that of the total vote cast, 3,081, Reid lacked 172 votes of a majority. He had scored a plurality over Perkins, the present sheriff of the parish of 606 votes. As the present incumbent had secured the next largest vote, Reid and Perkins must go into the second primary.

Since the result was made known, open boasts have been made that the vote of the three competitors who ran short will be combined to defeat Reid, and some tall hustling has been done to accomplish that end, but Reid has some very strong friends and their activity was shown in the handsome vote polled for him. They are confident now that the contest has narrowed down to two, that they will be able to secure enough to land their men over Perkins.

"Kinney" Reid was sheriff of the parish from 1884 to 1892. His reputation for bravery almost to recklessness in handling the toughest kind of lawless characters who came into Calcasieu from Texas and other western states was known throughout the South and West. In 1892 he was defeated through the bitter fight over the lottery question, the issue of that campaign, by A. L. Lyons, the present assessor. Charges of a criminal nature were then preferred against Reid, it being claimed that discrepancies in his accounts had been discovered. After a long time, he was cleared, but the expenditure in attorney's fees, costs of court, almost made a financial wreck of him. He became very bitter and though he did not figure prominently in politics, he threw whatever support he could control to the Republicans. However, when Hon. A. P. Pajo, of Calcasieu, became a candidate for congressman, "Kinney" Reid supported him and voted for him, thus establishing his right to vote and participate in the recent Democratic primary.

### Allen's Minstrels Coming.

The biggest crowd for the space occupied ever assembled in Paris turned out last night to attend A. G. Allen's New Orleans Minstrels, who gave their entertainment in a tent stretched on Grand avenue opposite the Avenue hotel. There were fully three thousand persons present, and the only reason that there were not more was that they could not be packed and jammed any tighter inside the tent.

Most persons who patronize minstrel shows prefer burnt cork artists because they portray the old-time plantation darky to better advantage than the black man himself. In the entertainment last night, however, the negro character was portrayed faithfully by the negroes themselves.

There is a vast difference in the price of admission charged by this company than what is usually charged by minstrel companies, nevertheless, the show was fully up to date. Paris Morning News, Paris, Texas, September 19, 1903. Welsh February 9th. 25 and 35 cents.

G. W. Cosner & Charles Ryder have some seed rice, first year from imported off of new land, for sale. For prices enquire of the warehouse men, the mill or Charles Ryder at the farm. G. W. COSNER.

Following are the commissioners and clerks of election for ward two, appointed by the sub-committee of the Calcasieu Parish Democratic Executive committee, to serve at the second primary election on Thursday, February 11th, 1904: Precinct 1, Welsh, H. A. Fontenot, R. R. Arceneaux, W. H. McMannis, commissioners. R. L. Craig, clerk. Precinct 2, Arsene LeBlues, Jake Cline, Ambrose Pire, John McFatter, commissioners. I. J. Mills, clerk. Precinct 3, Joplin, A. G. Murray, W. M. Buchanan, William Grosh, commissioners. Ed Morris, clerk. Precinct 4, Roanoke, G. E. Gillett, J. M. Boozie, R. T. Walton, commissioners. R. E. Martin, clerk.

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### Horse Thief Captured.

William Jackson, alias Jack Young, has been caught redhanded stealing a valuable mule and is now lodged in jail. He was detected by City Marshal Sparks and Josh Trotti, to whom he tried to sell the animal.

Jackson put up a plausible story, informing Mr. Trotti that his mother had died and he desired to raise some money to defray funeral expenses. He requested a loan of \$35 offering the

mule as collateral. He received the \$35 and later on returned and asked for more. This aroused some suspicion and a little investigation proved that the negro's mother was not dead. Mr. Sparks in the meantime received a complaint from A. J. Findlay, of Iowa station, that one of his mules had been stolen and the arrest followed. — L. C. American.

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