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FRISCO EXHIBIT CAR

WILL VISIT US FRIDAY AND SATURDAY.

Meetings Held on Both Days at Courthouse. Farmers and Citizens Invited.

The Exhibit Car of the Frisco-Rock Island railroads will be here for two days next week, this city being on its tour through Louisiana. The car will arrive here on Friday, the 21st, at noon, and Commissioner Fulton S. White, accompanied by several other gentlemen, will hold meetings at the court house on the 21st and again on the 22nd, at 2 o'clock and 7:30 o'clock in the afternoon of each day.

While the commissioner and his staff will take an especial pride in seeing a large number of farmers present at these meetings, a general invitation is extended to all citizens to attend and participate in the meetings, the object of the tour being to promote the general welfare of the city and parish and particularly to encourage the cultivation of certain crops. The work in which these extensive railroads are engaged is a meritorious one and cannot fail to benefit the country through which they go on this tour, as well as be of advantage to their business.

AS OTHERS SEE US.

The following is taken from the Gulf States Banker, a monthly journal devoted to the banking and financial interests of the South:

"Individual deposits of \$384,069.42, with total resources of \$501,478.06, are shown by the very gratifying statement of the St. Landry State Bank of Opelousas, compiled at the close of business December 31. The bank's loans and discounts are \$496,780.72. One particularly interesting feature of the statement is the fact that the bank has no overdrafts. The bank declared a fifteen per cent. dividend on its \$50,000 capital, which was paid January 2. Its surplus and undivided profits amount to \$159,778.64."

OFFICERS FOR THE C. K. OF A.

The following have been elected as the officers of St. Landry Branch No. 885, C. K. of A., for the ensuing term: Rev. J. Engerbrink, Chaplain; president, W. J. Sandoz; Vice-President, H. D. Larcade; Treasurer, L. T. Castille; Financial and Recording Secretary, J. Morgan Sandoz; Sergeant-at-Arms, Preston Hollier; Sentinel, Joseph Lassalle; Trustee, G. Lassalle.

AN ENJOYABLE ENTERTAINMENT.

The entertainment given by the Litchfield Trio at the opera house last Monday night was a real treat, every person attending being outspoken in their praise. Litchfield is an artist of exceptional ability and he is excellently assisted by his wife and daughter.

MISS TITARD THE PRIZE WINNER.

During the holidays H. W. Perry & Co. gave coupons to all persons making a purchase of ten cents or more, which entitled the holder to a chance in a raffle for a diamond ring. Miss Virginia Titard held the lucky number.

ness by reason of the increased traffic which is sure to come to the roads by reason of the cultivation of such crops as they can handle.

It is proposed to entertain the welcome visitors at a dollar dinner at the Lacombe hotel on Saturday evening, the 22nd inst. and as Manager Cretin is in charge of this portion of the programme a delightful time will doubtless be had by all who attend, and every citizen is invited to participate in this event. The Progressive League has taken up the whole question and is endeavoring to get out a big crowd at all the meetings.

We hope that our people will turn out at the meetings at the court house and show by their presence that they appreciate the efforts of the railroads to help us build up and make prosperous our community. With the return of confidence and our ability to raise other crops besides cotton, there is no reason why we cannot prosper. Let us join hands and make 1910 memorable!

BANQUET AT THE LACOMBE.

On last Friday evening the lawyers and officers of Opelousas held a banquet in honor of Judge Charles A. O'Neill, commencing at 8 o'clock and closing at 12.

Those participating in the affair were: D. L. Guilbeau, toast master, Thomas H. Lewis, Judge Estilette, Robert Harry, Jno. W. Lewis, Jno. N. Ogden, Henry Pavy, Leon S. Haas, Martin Thompson, Gus L. Garland, L. A. Fontenot, Yves Andrepont, Keller Andrus, W. J. Sandoz, P. R. Sandoz, L. R. Garland, Raymond Breaux, Gilbert Dupre, E. P. Veazie and E. B. Dubuisson.

The real pleasure of the affair began when Toastmaster D. L. Guilbeau, who had been selected because of the absence of Judge Perrault, who sent his regrets, rose to introduce the first speaker. The following was the order of the toasts:

Our deceased Judge, Thos. H. Lewis; The Lawyer in Politics, E. B. Dubuisson; The Law and the Lady, John N. Ogden; The Deceased Members of Our Bar, G. L. Dupre; The Lawyer and the Judge, E. D. Estilette; The Bar the Relations which Should Exist Between its Members, E. P. Veazie; Our Host, Robert Harry; Our Acting Judge, R. Lee Garland. Response, Chas. A. O'Neill. Judge O'Neill expressed his great love for Opelousas and the people of this parish, not forgetting to mention the Lacombe in very endearing terms.

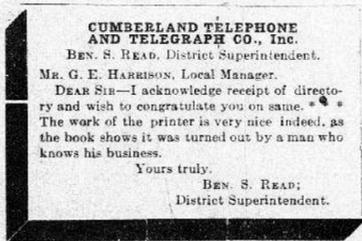
"His name," says the Washington Herald, "is pronounced Zoliah." And he is one, too, if he thinks he can do up Uncle Sam.

"Macriz is not acceptable to Gen. Estrada or the United States," according to a dispatch. Has the United States assumed suzerain power over Nicaragua?

We have not yet progressed to a stage where a small boy insists on a flying machine for Christmas instead of a sled or a bicycle.

Praise from Caesar is Praise Indeed.....

The following complimentary letter to Local Manager G. E. Harrison, was handed to THE COURIER, and is published to show the public that COURIER printing is appreciated by Metropolitan concerns who are judges:



"Man Who Knows his Business"

RICHARD H. PRICE, is managing the COURIER BOOK AND JOB DEPARTMENT and will endeavor to please you with "nice" work if given a trial order.

Lawyers' Briefs Our Specialty

A LEGAL DECISION OF IMPORTANCE.

Judge O'Neill decided the case of Fahey et al. vs. Mrs. E. M. Franklin on last Friday, the suit involving title to a large portion of what is known as the Mellwood plantation, in this parish, recently purchased at Sheriff's sale by the Washington State Bank.

The legal point on which the decision rests, concerns the validity of a private sale of minor's undivided interest in this property to their major co-owner, in order to effect a partition.

The supreme court recently decided a similar case, holding that the whole property must be sold, whether the purchaser be a co-owner or a third person, it being in effect to say that a co-owner must purchase his own interest.

Judge O'Neill refused to follow this ruling of the high court, basing his ruling on the provision of the Civil Code, that "He who is already owner of a thing cannot validly purchase it," and that a purchasing co-owner in such a case would, if the rule were adhered to, be a vendor as well as a vendee in the same sale.

The decision is in favor of the defendant—the bank being the real beneficiary, however—and the plaintiff, relying on the recent decision of the Supreme Court to the contrary, has appealed the case to that tribunal. The final decree will be awaited with interest by lawyers generally as well as by the litigants in this case.

UNITED STATES COURT.

Judge Boardman, who was to have been here this week to hold a regular session of the Circuit and District Courts of the United States, failed to come, by reason of being occupied at other places, and on Tuesday Deputy Clerk Littell discharged the parties who were summoned to appear before the court as well as the witnesses. It is now believed that the Judge will not be here before next Monday, though no official announcement has been made on the subject that we have learned of.

BURGLARY.

On last Friday night burglars entered the store of Mr. C. Merville and stole a supply of provisions. The robbers have not yet been captured.

The weather during the past week has been delightful, being for the greater portion of the time mild and fair.

ACADAMY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

This institution opens up after the holidays with many improvements.

The boarders' dormitory is up-to-date, bath rooms with hot and cold water are conveniently arranged; the building is comfortably heated; telephone and electric lights are at hand, and the school-rooms are made perfectly comfortable. Boarders are taken at very reasonable prices.

Music, singing, painting, drawing, Latin and English are taught. The very best attention is given by the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

DIRECTORS ELECTED.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of St. Landry State Bank, held on Jan. 11, 1910, the following were elected to constitute the Board of Directors for the ensuing year: Messrs. J. A. Haas, J. J. Thompson, J. M. Boagni, I. N. Lichtenstein, Dr. Chas. F. Boagni, and Samuel Haas.

The following officers were also elected: J. A. Haas, president; J. J. Thompson, vice-president; L. T. Castille, cashier; Leopold Simon, assistant cashier, A. A. Anding, assistant cashier, and H. D. Larcade, jr., assistant cashier.

MARRIED.

HORN-DEVILLIER.

Friday morning at the home of the bride's parents, Miss Philoman Devillier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Devillier, was married to Mr. Plais Horn, Rev. Father J. Engerbrink officiating. Both contracting parties are well known in the city of Opelousas. THE COURIER extends congratulations.

MATRIMONIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

Mrs. W. S. Ewell wishes to announce the marriage of her daughter, Miss Susan, to Mr. A. I. Castille, Jan. 19, 1910, at 10 a. m., after which they will start to Houston, Texas, on a bridal tour.

Political observers are beginning to think that if Judson Harmon can manage to be re-elected governor of Ohio next year, he will have a political future.

In as much as France has raised the tariff on cotton seed oil, we might just as well refine that article and label it "French Olive Oil" here at home.

If Mr. Morgan is made stakeholder for the Jeffries-Johnson fight he will have control of all the money in the world.

IN GOOD CONDITION

NO FLIES ON CAPITAL OF ST. LANDRY;

New Order of Things Means Universal and Individual Prosperity

The statements published by our banks show that there is now more money on deposit here than ever before in our history, with the possible exception of 1906. This fact, added to the further fact that our people have begun to adjust their affairs to the changed conditions, and in doing so have learned to do business on a more satisfactory basis, give promise of a prosperous future. While it is true that many people have made less money than in years gone by, they have spent less and are actually in better financial condition at this time than usual. They pay their debts more promptly, they are not going into much new debt, and they are adapting themselves to a new order, which cannot fail to benefit every individual who applies a little business sense to his ordinary affairs.

There is one thing which looks ominous for us now; nearly everything we eat has advanced in price, and it is said by well informed people that the end is not yet. The question is considered

so important that congress is being called upon to appoint a committee to investigate the causes of this remarkable and almost sudden increase in the price of food, and we hope that the trouble may be at least checked by this investigation.

We, in the agricultural sections of the country, can better stand this serious obstruction to our prosperity than almost any other, for we have it in our power to raise more of the things we eat than we have heretofore, and thus reduce the cost of living.

Is there any reason why we should pay fancy prices for pork and lard when we can make corn in abundance as cheaply as any other place in the world and raise hogs as good as any? Why pay the western farmers a big price for corn when ours is as good as theirs? Why insist on buying so much wheat flour when rice and corn raised here can almost entirely substitute it? We can raise our own sugar, beef, potatoes, etc.; why not do this and save the profits that go to others?

MEDICAL SOCIETY INSTALLS OFFICERS.

The installation of the Orleans Parish Medical Society took place at the hall of the society in Elk Place and was addressed by Dr. Bruns and Dr. G. S. Walsh, dean of Fordham.

The handsome and talented president-elect, Dr. B. A. Ledbetter, is the member of the State Board of Health, who made an active fight against the wishes of the Governor to elect a food commissioner who was a chemist and expert in food stuffs, in which he was backed by the Medical Society. The presidency is doubtless the reward of his labors in that direction as well as an evidence of his personal popularity.

BASKET BALL.

Miss Cleve Dupre, teacher of the 9th grade at the high school, has organized a basket ball team among the school children. Miss Dupre expects to visit different places with the team to play, after getting them in good shape. When in Lake Charles, teaching at the high school, Miss Dupre had a nice basket ball club.

Mr. Roosevelt was much grieved at the escape of a "giant pig," and no wonder, with pork selling at \$11 per hundred, live weight.

The Atlanta Journal says that Atlanta has 206,427 inhabitants, including the suburbs. And also a pretty fair harbor, counting Savannah as a part of Atlanta.

"Is secret divorce a menace or a benefit to society?" asks the Baltimore Sun. At any rate it is a first-class expurgator of the press.

Dr. Cook is lost somewhere between vindication and ignominy.

Some midshipman at Annapolis, identity unknown, threw an alarm clock at an officer and it awakened the whole navy department.

ONE ON MISSISSIPPI.

This fierce one is turned loose by the Meridian (Miss.) Dispatch.

The average Mississippi farmer buys canned and dried fruits—likewise canned and dried other goods. He gets up at the alarm of a Connecticut clock, fastens his Chicago suspenders to his Detroit overalls, washes his face with Cincinnati soap in a Pennsylvania washpan, sits down to a Grand Rapids table and eats Indiana hominy fried in St. Joseph lard on a St. Louis stove. Then he puts a St. Louis bride on a Tennessee mule and plows a farm covered by an Ohio mortgage. When bedtime comes he reads a bible printed in Chicago, says a prayer written in Jerusalem and crawls under a blanket made in New Jersey, only to be kept awake by a Mississippi dog—which is about the only home-raised product on the place.

LINGERIE CLUB.

On Wednesday evening, Jan. 12, the club met at the home of Mrs. Mason McBride. The following members were present:

Mesdames:—Joe Firnberg, Fowler, W. J. Sandoz, Isaac Roos Mayer, Eddy Loeb, Mason McBride, Chas. Boagni, Eastham J. P. Saizar, A. L. Lacombe, Harris, F. J. Dietlein.

Misses:—Floy Clements, Sally Powers, Myrtle Potts.

The first prize, a hand embroidered shirtwaist, won by Mrs. Joe Firnberg.

Second prize, a hand scolloped center piece with six doilies to match, won by Mrs. A. L. Lacombe.

Third prize, a hand embroidered chemiset, won by Mrs. Isaac Roos.

Refreshments: Chicken salad and beer, which were served after playing several games.

While the president of Nicaragua says that he resigns, his letter does not breathe the spirit of resignation.