

## Evidence

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**Commercial Bank**  
Arcadia, La.

### OIL ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Work has been resumed at the McGuire well being drilled by J. E. and J. N. Lunnus, after a delay of some length on account of inability to obtain 6 inch casing. The casing arrived Monday and was immediately hauled to the location. As soon as the casing has been placed and has had time to set, drilling will be resumed, and the drillers confidently look forward to getting production.

A test was made in Manning No. 1 six miles southwest of Ringgold last week, but without results. The hole is being reamed out, and will be drilled deeper, when a more thorough test will be made. The former test was made before any reaming had been done, and the drillers feel confident that oil will be found in paying quantities. A good showing of oil was found before the test was made.

Drilling in the Msely No. 1 continues, but is slow because of hard formation. Quite a little interest is manifested in the outcome of this test.

We understand that drilling has begun on Calhoun No. 1, near Gibsland. Leasing continues, and there is much trading in leases and royalties in various sections of the parish.

### COTTON BRINGS GOOD PRICE IN ARCADIA

Although the cotton crop in this section is said to be about one-third of an average crop this year, upwards of 550 bales of new crop cotton has already been delivered here. We learn that from 32 to 32 1/2 cents has been paid on the streets, Wednesday this price prevailed, while the Shreveport market was 32c, New Orleans, 31.38c and New York 32c. This speaks well for Arcadia as a cotton market, and it is evident that Arcadia merchants intend paying the very top price throughout the season.

### BODY OF WOMAN FOUND IN LAKE BISTENEAU

On Friday, Sept. 19, about 10:00 o'clock the body of an unknown person was found by Nip Burkett, a blacksmith, in a drift at Rock bridge, near Ringgold, on Lake Bisteneau. The coroner was promptly notified and Justice B. F. Allums, acting as coroner held inquest over the body. The jury composed of M. F. Cook, Will Slack, E. Huckaby, G. O. Thomas and W. E. Mosely, upon examination could not identify the body nor tell how it came to its death, although it was supposed to have been drowned. The body was in very bad condition and evidence was that it had been in the water a month or longer. Both limbs were gone from the knees and both arms from the elbows; all skin and most of the flesh gone from the breast and abdomen. Shoulders and legs rather large and skull very small with low forehead. The lower jaw was missing. Three teeth were gone and others very sound and slightly protruding. The only clothing found on the body was an underwaist made very coarsely of domestic and a short undershirt made of white outing.

The conclusion of the jury was that the body was that of a negro woman, although it is possible that she was white, about 20 years old, weighing 150 pounds and about 5 feet, 6 inches

### THE GOVERNOR'S RACE IS WITH PARKER AND STUBBS

Today's papers carry the announcement of the withdrawal of Phanor Breazeale, of Natchitoches from the Governor's race leaving Col. Frank P. Stubbs and John M. Parker in the running. Mr. Breazeale's withdrawal at this time eliminated the possibility of a second primary, and it is now up to the people to say which of the remaining candidates shall be the governor of Louisiana.

We have examined the platforms of these two candidates for governor, and we find no great difference except in one respect. They both seem to be in favor of general improvement in the state, for agricultural improvement, for more money for the state institutions, better roads, and for a business administration generally. The principal point of difference seems to be that Mr. Parker is strongly against the party says New Orleans has taken in political affairs of the state and is stressing this as an important issue in the campaign, while Col. Stubbs is supported by the Democratic Organization in New Orleans and seems to be satisfied with their support just as it seems any other man would be who could get this support. There should be no antagonism between the city and country and we see no reason for such in this case.

It seems to us Mr. Parker's objection to ring politics is hardly consistent, as there is little difference in a ring and the kind of organization our chief executive has been building around himself in the way of "board government." The Baton Rouge King which brought out Mr. Parker as a candidate for governor, doesn't hesitate to assert its power to effect its end. This is shown by the call for resignations from various boards of members who were not Parker supporters.

We are not advised as to Mr. Parker's plans in regard to the present system of appointive state boards, but we have noted no inclination on his part toward favoring a change. The Guardian-Journal strikes the key note of the situation when it asks "If Mr. Parker is really at heart yearning to overthrow boss rule, and establish a government of the people, which shall not perish from the earth, why does he confine his effort to the city of New Orleans? Why not lay the keen blade of the reformer at the very trunk of the tree, and deprive the governor of the appointive power of all these boards? Why such ominous silence upon the part of Mr. Parker, concerning the dangerous autocratic powers of the governor and these boards?"

"Upon this pernicious system Col. Stubbs has spoken. He delivered a masterly address, and pronounced in no uncertain tones against these boards."

"While a ring system, has no place in a democratic form of government, yet it is hollow mockery and savor insincerely and demagogism, to advertise against ring rule in New Orleans, and to remain silent, virtually endorsing monstrous ring system, radiating from the capital at Baton Rouge and reaching its tentacles into every parish in the state."

Col. Stubbs is a North Louisiana man, has always been a regular Democrat and has always stood loyally by the party. Never once has he wavered. He is a man of business, has a good business record and is prepared to give the state a good business administration. He has served his country in times of crisis, and while we do not care to discuss the matter from a military standpoint, yet Col. Stubbs should have the credit that every faithful citizen is due and that is during the crisis he obeyed orders and went where he was ordered.

Col. Stubbs is a clean man and shows that he intends to conduct his campaign on high and dignified lines that will be in keeping with the dignity of the office. If the regular Democrats of New Orleans are going to vote for him we are glad of it for that gives him a fine chance of election. We believe that he will carry Bienville parish and all of North Louisiana by a big majority. In short all the arguments are in his favor and we find no valid reasons advanced by anyone why he is not properly fitted and qualified and entitled to hold the office.

Inasmuch as no one claimed the body it was buried near the lake. It is possible that the body could have drifted down the lake from northern part of Louisiana or from Arkansas. Any other information can be had by communicating with Coroner Ferguson of Arcadia, La., or B. F. Allums, Ringgold, La.

### NOTICE

Money to loan on improved farm lands, through the Federal Land Bank. Apply to the Central Bienville National Farm Loan Association, I. E. Suttou, Secretary-Treasurer, Bryceland, La. (10-9).

### BIENVILLE PARISH MAY HAVE COAL MINE

Information has been received at Arcadia that a thick strata of coal has been discovered 5 miles east of Jamestown in this parish, on lands owned by S. E. McMichael of Lawton and O. G. Thomas of Ringgold. These men have secured a number of specimens of the coal which they have submitted for analysis in different cities, and it is understood that an effort is being made to interest capital in the development of the strata.

The coal strata was discovered at a depth of 180 feet below the surface, and only two miles off the I. & A. railroad, which is most favorable to development, as it will be readily accessible to transportation.

Should the tests that are being made prove the coal strata as commercially valuable, Bienville parish will be able to boast of valuable mineral deposits, besides oil, which is being ardently sought in every section.

### NOTICE

The public is hereby notified that the partnership heretofore existing between C. P. Brooke and W. T. Grigsby and known as BROOKE & GRIGSBY has this day been mutually dissolved. Each party will continue the same line of business as heretofore done by the partnership, but in his own name.

This September the 23rd, 1919.  
C. P. BROOKE.  
W. T. GRIGSBY.

### TEACHERS' EXAMINATION

An examination for teachers' certificates will be held in Arcadia in accordance with the following notice.

E. H. FISHER, Supt.

Dear Superintendent: I beg to notify you that we have arranged to conduct a special examination throughout the State on October 2, 3, and 4. Only one set of questions will be prepared. Applicants who score between seventy-five and one hundred will be issued an emergency second grade certificate; applicants who score between sixty and seventy-five will be issued an emergency third grade certificate, both valid for one year. The purpose of this examination is to meet, if possible, the teacher shortage situation. Should you be in need of additional teachers and should you be of the opinion that there are high school graduates or others in your parish who would probably like to take advantage of this examination and earn certificates kindly send out the necessary notices and conduct the examination. Yours sincerely,

T. H. HARRIS,  
State Superintendent.

### RINGGOLD ITEMS

Miss Leslie Brewton of Goldonna, was a guest of Miss Dora Wimberly several days last week, before taking up her school work at Hope where she will teach this year.

Several of the teachers and their friends motored to Minden Thursday evening to attend a show returning the same evening.

A number of young people motored to Shreveport Wednesday evening to hear the Victor artists, returning the same evening.

This community was saddened by the death of Mrs. Floyd Boyett, who passed away Thursday the 18th after a lingering illness at the home of her mother, Mrs. Ben Corley, she leaves two small sons, and a host of relatives and friends who mourn her death.

Messrs. Frank Bassinger, Kotz Alums, C. C. Cook and H. C. Cook were business visitors to Shreveport Monday.

Miss Alice B. Lawson who is attending the young ladies' college at Mansfield is visiting her parents this week.

Miss Laurice Wimberly who is a student at the young ladies' college at Mansfield is visiting her parents this week.

Mrs. W. T. Cook is visiting her mother, Mrs. Bery Davis, near Bisteneau.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cook and family

### FOR WALE

A round oak, extension dining table. Phone or call at DEMOCRAT office.

### OIL LEASES

I will be in Alberta, La., Tuesday, Sept. 30th taking leases from one to ten dollars, according to location. J. R. REAGAN, Ringgold, La.

## New Goods At Low Prices

AT

**Jos. Dawidoff & Co.**  
Arcadia, La.

We are glad to announce that we have secured our entire stock of Fall and Winter Merchandise at low prices. We offer to our customers our stock of Dress Goods, Dry Goods, Ladies' and Gents' Furnishings, ready-to-wear Coat Suits and Dresses at prices that we cannot duplicate from the manufacturer. We advise our customers to make their Fall purchases early before prices advance. Come to our store. We will treat you square.

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Capital Stock . . .	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus . . . . .	32,500.00
Stockholders Liability	50,000.00
<b>TOTAL . . . . .</b>	<b>\$132,500.00</b>

Total Earnings Since Organization, Over \$246,000.00

**The First National Bank of Arcadia**

and Miss Minnie Cook were business visitors in Shreveport Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. Robert Jones left Monday for Baton Rouge, where he will attend the I. S. U.

Supt. E. H. Fisher of Arcadia, was here Tuesday.

Upon the invitation of Miss Elsie Buckner a number of her Out-door Club friends motored with her to Corley's pond where they enjoyed a couple of hours swimming and after which a lunch was served and enjoyed very much by all.

Mr. John Harper returned Monday from Monroe, where he has been visiting his brother, Mr. Jap Harper, who is very ill with typhoid in the sanitarium.

Miss Mary Lee Thomas left for Shreveport Saturday to attend the marriage of her uncle, Mr. Alvin Lawton, to Miss Della Weaver of that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Noll from Castor were business visitors her Thursday.

Mr. S. Z. Thomas of Heflin, was a guest in the home of his daughter, Mrs. H. E. Page Friday.

Mrs. W. N. Conger and daughter, Miss Fay, of Rayville, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Yearwood last week.

Mrs. Leslie Wilson of Coushatta, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Woodard, this week.

Mrs. J. R. Wimberly is still very ill and has been removed to the home of her mother-in-law, Mrs. H. R. Wimberly, her many friends hope that she will soon recover.

Mr. James Fair who has been in ill health for sometime is again able to be out.

Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Allums have the sympathy of their many friends in the loss of their infant daughter, Mary Elizabeth, who was born on the 19th of September, but whose stay on earth was limited to a few short hours, for God needed one more smiling face.

Amongst his shining band, And so He stooped with loving grace And clasped their darlings hand.