

## CARLOAD OF FOOD IS SECURED FOR OPELOUSAS

Chamber of Commerce Successful in Getting Government Supply

## MEATS WILL BE SOLD FOR VERY LOW PRICE

Public to be Given Advantage of Purchasing Food at Living Figures

It was announced the latter part of last week but too late for publication in the last issue of the Star-Progress, that the Chamber of Commerce, through its president, Hon. E. E. Hartman, had been successful in securing a carload of government surplus meats to be sold to the people of Opelousas and vicinity. The campaign for these meats for this carload was started some time back and the success is cause for congratulation for the members of the Chamber of Commerce.

It was announced in this connection as an example of the low prices charged for this government surplus, the very best smoked bacon was sold at twenty-three cents per pound. This is considerably lower than the consumer pays or has paid in the past for the same quality of bacon. Many who have tried it in the past state that it is just what they ever tasted. Of course, the price might be exaggerated, for when a fellow buys something so cheap, he immediately becomes enthusiastic and is ready and anxious to swear that it is the best

other cities and towns, especially the larger size, have secured shipments of government foodstuffs reduced and these foodstuffs have been sold at low prices. Every one who has been tried this method of buying the high cost of living has been successful. It may not always be as long as the government is willing to aid in knocking down the price of the consumer, but the ultimate consumer will be benefited. Only the profiteer who is engaged in this selling of government food at prices lower than here, and who is willing to take the risk of being caught by the dealer. It goes without saying that the government is willing to buy in immense quantities and that the dealer will receive the benefit of the low prices to be had, still the dealer is not to be that great difference in the price the government pays and the price the dealer receives in the woodpile is that the dealer is busy at work profiteering and the expense of the consumer, and it is possible to give this profit to individuals a knock-out blow the quicker it is done the better for the people will be.

Some of the action on the part of the Chamber of Commerce is being drawn his conclusion from the wrong premises. The argument will not hold good. Many of us who are local merchants are in a position to blame for high prices and circumstances force them to do so. There are some instances of profiteering, but if so the blame has not brought them until that takes place any of our local merchants will be unkind and unjust.

It is understood there has been some talk relative to the securing of this carload of food, and it is the idea claiming to be a pretty big stock of food for the families but it is not a bucket when it comes to hundreds of families, so the talk about hurting local business is humbug, pure and simple.

Mr. Lowrey, well known business man of Morrow, was here Monday.

Mr. James A. Going of Washington, among the many prominent men during the session of the grand jury the first of the week.

## TWO STREETS TO BE PAVED

South Court and South Market Streets will Get Gravel Coat Soon

Several blocks of two streets, South Court and South Market, are soon to be "pulled out of the mud" by receiving a coat of gravel. J. E. Allen is the contractor to receive the contract from the city, and it is expected that he will begin operations very shortly.

The two thoroughfares named are sadly in need of the gravel, especially South Court, which, though located at about the highest point in the city, is in a real bad shape. That street for several blocks south from the corner of Vine is cut to pieces by the heavy traffic and it seems almost impossible to keep it in shape under present methods. A year or so ago Mr. H. F. Richard, who resides on that street, got busy with a petition asking the council to order the paving done. He was successful and the council complied with the request. Somehow the work was held up, either because gravel was difficult to get or there was some hitch. Things have been cleared away, however, and actual work is now about to begin. This news will be hailed with delight by people accustomed to traveling Court street as the sticking of automobiles in the mud on that thoroughfare has been quite frequent during the recent wet weather.

## EXPRESS BOYS TRY TO SERVE

Force at Local Office Working Hard to Give Efficient Service to Patrons

Much complaint has been made about the inefficient service received by the public at the hands of the local express company. But few people know the true condition of affairs.

Recently the Chamber of Commerce undertook to investigate the service and after going into details found that the fault of inefficient service lay with the company and not with the force of employees. The city boosters found that Manager Kenneth Sandoz and his force of helpers were putting in several hours of overtime every day, and as a matter of fact were fighting strenuously to render better service. When it is taken into consideration that business has increased considerably more than two hundred per cent and the force and facilities have not been increased at all, it can be readily appreciated the position in which the express boys find themselves.

The investigation conducted by the Chamber of Commerce proved conclusively that the fault of inefficient service can be traced to the company itself. Additional help and at least one more wagon are needed, and every effort will be made by the city boosters in securing this accommodation for the public and to relieve the greatly congested condition now existing. Manager Sandoz is doing all in his power to give the public the best possible service, but, laboring under circumstances which he is powerless to remedy, it can be readily seen that he should be given some relief by the company.

## BIG CONTEST NOVEMBER 15

St. Charles and Southwestern Teams Will Meet on the Gridiron

This is the season of the year when the college football teams meet each other in contest on the gridiron. Games between different schools are being pulled off regularly and the popularity of the sport goes a long way towards making it one of the great American institutions.

Next Saturday a big game will be pulled off between the team from St. Charles College, Grand Coteau, and the Industrial Institute team of Lafayette. The game will be held at Girard Park, Lafayette, at 3 p. m., and a large and enthusiastic crowd of rooters for both sides is expected to witness the contest between the young giants of both schools. A splendid game is promised and as the college boys never fool around, those who attend are sure to enjoy the contest between the two rival elevens.

"Uncle Jim" Baldrige, the "Sage of Barbreeck," was mingling with his friends here last Monday.

Judge Basil C. Taylor of near Palmetto was in this city on last Monday.

Ernest Soileau and son, Pete, were among the Palmetto citizens to transact business here on Monday.



QUEEN OF BELGIUM VIEWS CALIFORNIANS  
Photo shows Queen Elizabeth of Belgium with members of her party viewing the wonders of the American River from a point along the Blue Canyon, California. Insert: Albert I. King of the Belgians, in the locomotive cab of his special train which he alternately stoked and drove over a stretch of Ohio country, making the necessary stops with precision and without a jolt.

## ELKS WILL BUILD A NATATORIUM ON MAIN STREET

Rapidly Growing Fraternal Organization Has Committee at Work on Scheme

## BIG ADDITION TO THE BUILDING IS PLANNED

A Restaurant in Connection With the Club Room Will be One of the Features

The Opelousas Elks lodge has been growing by leaps and bounds under the able leadership of F. Cliff Allen, who has been the excited ruler for the past eighteen months. The lodge has grown to such an extent that members are clamoring for improvements to the club room feature of the lodge, so much so, in fact, that a committee has been appointed to investigate the cost of erecting a natatorium, as one of the principal improvements that are being planned and discussed.

It is suggested by many members that an addition to the presently beautiful building be made so as to afford the operation of an up-to-date restaurant; many believe that office rooms could be added so as to aid in defraying the added expense.

H. F. Richard, who has been the moving spirit in the big Elks membership drives, and who is optimistic over the prospect of making the local Elks home one of the finest in the state, told the reporter for the Star-Progress recently that according to present plans the Elks would spend upwards of fifty thousand dollars fixing the home.

An architect has been consulted and he will be able to submit figures as to the probable cost, it is understood, within the next few days. Local Billies are enthusiastic over prospects of making their home one of comfort as well as beauty, and if the present plans materialize, it is said that Opelousas will be able to boast of one of the most up-to-date Elks homes in the entire state.

## DESIRES TO DON A SENATE TOGA

"Major" A. H. Mouton, of Evangeline Wants to Serve People

In the political announcement columns of the Star-Progress this week appears the formal bow of "Major" A. H. Mouton of the Mamou section of Evangeline parish, as a candidate for state senator from this district. "Major" numbers his warm friends by the score throughout the three parishes composing this district and no doubt this host of friends will rally to his support at the primary and make him a formidable candidate in the coming race. Mr. Mouton is thoroughly qualified for the position he seeks and if chosen by the people as one of their two representatives in the upper house of the General Assembly of Louisiana, will no doubt ably serve the more than a hundred thousand people he will represent in part in that branch of the state's law-making body.

—Morace Andrus of Upper Waxia was in Opelousas last Monday.

## SELLS TEN ACRES FOR A FABULOUS PRICE

Louisiana Acreage in North Section Makes One Wise Man Wealthy at Once

Shreveport, La., Nov. 1.—

All records for high prices for undeveloped acreage in the North Louisiana oil fields were surpassed tonight when N. N. Kronenberg of Shreveport sold ten acres in the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 32, 21, 7, for \$100,000 to F. B. Kistler of Denver, Col.

## LOCAL SHOW IS ONE OF BEST

Princess Ranks Among Best of Louisiana's Motion Picture Theatres

The Star-Progress has from time to time commented locally on the many splendid features of Opelousas' moving picture show, the Princess Theatre. We are not merely "throwing gush" at the show or its general manager, Mr. Dietlein, but we were merely stating facts. The Princess is unopposed in the local field of amusements and if its owners chose, could take advantage and hand out to their patrons bum pictures. But the men behind the Princess are not of that caliber and are constantly looking forward and planning for better things for their hundreds of patrons. The class of pictures which they have on their weekly programs will rank with the best anywhere, and there are few shows in the small cities of Louisiana where the pictures are as good. Mr. Dietlein always has his eye open for the best to be had and generally gets them ahead of shows in cities much larger than Opelousas. And then the admission prices charged is small when compared with what you have to pay at shows elsewhere. If one doubts this, just let him travel a bit and enter the first-class and second-class shows in other small cities and towns and see how deep he has to dig into his peans for the price of admission. Opelousas has no cause whatever to kick and complain about the local show, and that it is appreciated is well shown by the immense patronage it enjoys.

## JOLICE JURY KILLS HOG LAW

Ordinance Adopted Recently Rescinded by Lawmakers on Last Monday

The St. Landry police jury rescinded the recently adopted parish-wide hog ordinance. Fourth ward citizens came here in numbers to protest against the ordinance and after discussion on the matter, the proposition was repealed.

Alex Sylvestre, member from the fifth ward, stated that his constituents were against the measure and that he had come in for the express purpose of endeavoring to remedy existing conditions. Several other members joined in the scrap, including K. T. Catlett of the fourth ward, and there was no difficulty experienced in having the ordinance repealed.

## FONTENOT NOT FOR COLONEL STUBBS DENIES RUMOR

Candidate for Sheriff Charges Report Circulated to Harm His Candidacy

"AM NOT A HYPOCRITE" SAYS YOUNG ASPIRANT

Claims He Made Position Clear From Beginning of Campaign and is Parker

Ariel Fontenot most emphatically denies that he is a Stubbs supporter and says he never was for Stubbs and will not be for Stubbs on January 20th, 1920.

Mr. Fontenot, who is a candidate for sheriff against Charles Thibodeaux, in an interview to the editor of the Star-Progress, when asked about the report that his opponent had charged him with having come out for Stubbs, said:

"Whoever says that I am a Stubbs supporter is deliberately fabricating. I am open and above board in all my dealings and feeling at the beginning of the campaign that my friends would like to know exactly where I stood on the gubernatorial race I declared that my intentions were to vote for John M. Parker for governor. I have not changed, and I see no reason for changing. I was a Parker supporter when the conference of my supporters and friends was held at James O. Chachere's home in the early part of September. I am still a Parker supporter and expect to cast my vote for him on January 20th regardless of what my political enemies say. I have made my position clear—that is more than my opponent has done."

It is said by Mr. Fontenot that the basis of the report was the big Fontenot rally held in the Pecanaire section of the third ward, where Dr. G. W. Martin, of Arnaudville, who is an ardent supporter of Mr. Fontenot for sheriff and Mr. Stubbbs for governor averted to the candidacy of Colonel Stubbs, when invited by the audience to make an address.

The Pecanaire meeting was held in the interest of Mr. Fontenot principally, but other candidates were invited to attend this meeting; the two candidates for assessor and at least one for clerk of court were tendered an invitation by the Pecanaire citizens. The men who went to the meeting to speak in the interest of the Fontenot candidacy were James O. Chachere, Yves Andrepont and L. A. Andrepont. Mr. Chachere, who is one of the most ardent Fontenot supporters spoke in the interest of Mr. Parker, whereupon, when Mr. Martin, who was known to be a Fontenot supporter, was invited by friends from the audience to make an address, and the fact that Dr. Martin took occasion to reply to his friend, Mr. Chachere, on the gubernatorial question, gave rise to the rumor that a Fontenot-Stubbs meeting was held in Pecanaire.

"I do not pretend to be Parker when I speak to Parker voters and Stubbs when I am with Stubbs supporters. I have friends in both camps—I am proud of it because I feel that they respect my opinion and they know that I stand squarely on what I say." Thus Mr. Fontenot passed the buck to his opponent.

## BORDELON BUYS FINE BUILDING

Owner of Big Main Street Garage to Extend Business Entirely Through Block

Martin Bordelon, the hustling proprietor of the Bordelon Garage, the big Main street automobile concern, local agents for the Ford cars, recently purchased from P. T. Blaksher the fine brick building on the corner of North and Union streets, in the rear of and abutting the Bordelon garage building.

A force of carpenters are at work renovating the inside of the building and making the necessary adjustments and repairs so as to connect it with the main garage building. The two buildings will then give Mr. Bordelon the finest garage building in Southwest Louisiana.

The remarkable growth of the Bordelon Garage can be appreciated when it is taken into consideration that the young proprietor opened up with a very limited capital, in 1913, and today he has the most valuable piece of property on Main street and is gradually expanding. His garage is modern and up-to-date in every respect. The added space will give him ample room to accommodate all customers for the time being.

## J. G. LAWLER IS OUT FOR MAYOR

Gives Voters Full Details of His Platform of Principles and Solicits Votes

In presenting my candidacy, to the people of this city for the office of mayor, I desire to submit, briefly, the things for which I stand, and for which I shall strive in the event of my selection.

First—The administration of the affairs of the city on a business basis and without reference to politics.

Second—The enforcement of municipal laws, without fear or favor.

Third—The elimination, by lawful means, of gambling resorts, both white and colored; of idlers and vagrants and of the trade in intoxicants.

Fourth—The holding of the police department to strict accountability for the discharge of duties devolving upon it.

These points and others will be more fully discussed and presented as my campaign progresses.

Generally, I am known in the community, and I here promise my best efforts towards the betterment of the affairs of the city in every direction; and especially do I intend to strive for the betterment of social and moral conditions, which in view of, and out of consideration for the young manhood and womanhood, of the community, is so much desired.

Professional gambling, idling, vagrancy, bootlegging and lewdness in men and women, are undesirable institutions. The city can be made clean, its laws enforced and effective. I am willing to undertake the job, and with the co-operation of the people, and other officials, accomplish the end desired.

Respectfully,  
J. G. LAWLER.

## ONLY SAWMILL IN THE PRAIRIE

Soniat and Deblieux Plant Has This Unique Distinction and Making Record

When, a couple of years ago, Mr. John Deblieux of the firm of Soniat & Deblieux, announced his intention of moving his sawmill from the big timber region around Krotz Springs and locate it the prairie a mile or two west of Opelousas, on the main track of the Gulf Coast Lines, many people scoffed at the idea. A sawmill in the prairie! Why the idea was simply ridiculous, suicidal, the unbelievers scoffed.

But this did not deter Mr. Deblieux. He moved his plant and located it in the prairie and he has been hauling his logs from Krotz Springs about twenty-one miles away, by rail. That would prove awfully expensive, people thought, but those people were not in on "the know," and Mr. Deblieux, fortunately, was. He found it cheaper to haul the raw product a long distance in order to have the finished product near a ready market. That was the problem and he solved it by the simple move.

That he and his company met with abundant success, goes almost without saying. That fact is proved by the steadily expanding business and plant and both Mr. Deblieux and his partner in the enterprise are well satisfied with the change.

—"Bill" Rogers, of Arnaudville, was a visitor here on Monday.

## TO START BALL FOR PARKER IN OLD ST. LANDRY

Sunday, November 16, Fixed As Opening Date of Contest in Parish

## CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE WILL BE ORGANIZED

Chairman D. L. Guilbeau Issues Stirring Preliminary Address

Colonel Frank P. Stubbs, candidate for governor, having had his inning, the local supporters of the other candidate, John M. Parker, under the wise and able leadership of Hon. Dudley L. Guilbeau, have gotten busy in the interest of Mr. Parker's candidacy and will make an active contest of this parish in his behalf.

Four years ago, when Mr. Parker, running for governor against Gov. R. G. Pleasant, carried St. Landry by approximately seven hundred votes, even though he was a candidate of the progressive party. His supporters here were enthusiastic all the time and a veritable wave gave him the old parish by a thundering majority. Many of his then supporters are still enthusiastically for him and they propose to put up another vigorous fight in his behalf.

Following the Stubbs meeting in Opelousas last Wednesday night, the Parker supporters all of whom have been active in a quiet way, are going to get together and organize for the coming fray. According to Mr. Guilbeau they propose to organize a parish campaign committee, with representatives from every ward in the parish, and with this working organization wage a terrific fight for Mr. Parker and his candidacy for the democratic nomination for chief executive of Louisiana.

This address here follows in full: "TO THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH OF ST. LANDRY" "As per public announcement made the campaign in behalf of the candidacies of John M. Parker for governor and of Hewitt Bouchaud for lieutenant governor, will be opened at Opelousas, on Sunday, November 16, 1919, at 3:30 p. m. On that occasion addresses will be delivered by two distinguished Louisianians, Mr. Walter Burke of New Iberia, and Mr. Donalson Caffery, of New Orleans.

"The formal organization of a parish committee will be effected, and headquarters established for the active prosecution of the work involved. Every community in this parish, will be represented on this committee.

"In this connection, for information is that sentiment in this parish is stronger for John M. Parker today than it was at any time during the last campaign. The 'New Orleans Ring' may be able to deliver that great city against Mr. Parker, but there is no power anywhere, not even 'The Political Clique' at Opelousas, able to deliver the parish of St. Landry. We are free American citizens, conscious of our rights, and not afraid to exercise them. The reputed leaders among us may surrender; they may bend their knee, and hearken to the 'Big Voice,' but they surrender alone. The people remain free, independent, and unafraid. As the French at 'Verdun' said to the 'Kaiser' and his subordinates, we say to the 'Big Boss' from New Orleans and his 'loyal subjects,' here: 'Il ne passeront pas!—They shall not pass!'"

"DUDLEY L. GUILBEAU"

## GEORGE PASSADE NOW CITIZEN OF JENNINGS

It is with extreme regret that the many friends of George Passade, connected for several years with the Kandy Kitchen, learned that he had left Opelousas and had entered the restaurant business in Jennings. But while regretting his departure, everyone wishes for him much success in his venture in his new home. George is a very likable fellow and by his many fine ways gathered a large host of friends. A native of Greece, he is a naturalized American, and when the war came on gladly joined the American army that was mobilized to battle for liberty. After serving many months in several training camps, in this state, in Arizona and in California, he was finally discharged and returned home, but never fails to state that whenever Uncle Sam needs him again he is ready to serve again. Patriotism is a characteristic trait of all Greeks and George is simply following out the predilections of his race.