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## FARM LOAN BANK HANDS ARE TIED BY INJUNCTION

Applications for Loans Await Decision of Supreme Court

## BIG CORPORATIONS BEGAN PROCEEDINGS

Local Body Has Flood of Applications and Could Lend Millions

News was awaited Monday of a decision of the United States supreme court in the injunction proceedings restraining the farm loan bank from lending money on farm mortgages. The expected decision failed to materialize notwithstanding the fact that arguments of counsel on the injunction were had some time ago.

Big money lending companies started the proceedings against the farm loan bank on the grounds that the government was interfering with private affairs and going beyond the ordinary function of government in entering the money lending field. Acting on this line, these companies secured an injunction restraining the farm loan bank, a government institution, from doing further business until the constitutionality of the act of congress creating the bank had been passed upon by the supreme court of the United States.

In due course the case came up for hearing before the high court and attorneys representing the private corporations and the government were heard by the judicial tribunal at Washington. This injunction has been in effect for some months, and during that time the loan bank has been unable to continue its business. As a natural consequence, the local farm loan associations scattered throughout the nation have been retrained from making loans to farmers applying for them and they have had to wait with patience until the matter was finally decided.

## LOST IN SHUFFLE, AMENDMENT EMERGE

ST. LANDRY ELECTORS CAST FAVORABLE AND UNFAVORABLE VOTES ON SAME

Owing to the fact that all political interest was centered on the contest for president, the convention call and the fate of the five candidates for the convention, little was thought of the favorable or adverse vote cast by St. Landry electors on the eight proposed amendments to the constitutional convention.

However after the big shuffle had subsided and order had begun to come out of chaos some notice was taken of the fate of the amendments, and a tabulation of the returns of the parish brings the following to the surface:

	For	Against
No. 1	706	558
No. 2	459	617
No. 3	386	607
No. 4	375	579
No. 5	387	612
No. 6	689	515
No. 7	99	958
No. 8	462	607

The vote cast for and against the call for a convention is published elsewhere in this issue.

Miss Alice Parham of New Orleans spent a few hours in Opelousas Sunday between trains. She was accompanied by Mrs. F. M. Jackson and the latter's little grand-daughter, Marie Louise Jackson.

After spending several days here, Chas. F. Bailey returned to Baton Rouge Sunday afternoon.

## POLICE JURY WILL MEET NEXT MONDAY

The police jury will meet here next Monday in special session for the purpose of promulgating the returns of a special election held recently in the third road district of the fourth police jury ward.

## TREE SURGEON TO DOCTOR BIG OAKS

MODERN SCIENCE WILL TRY ITS HAND STOPPING RAVAGES OF DECAY

There are tricks in every trade, according to the terms of the old saw, and the new science of tree surgery will attempt to stop the ravages of decay so perceptible in the great oaks on the court house square in Opelousas.

These splendid specimens of the forest were planted many years ago by the late Sheriff C. C. Duson and have been the pride of all Opelousasians and the envy of admiring visitors from towns not so well favored. However, in the years that have elapsed since their first setting, the trees have begun to show signs of decay and it was long ago understood that unless some heroic measures were taken to save the oaks it would only be a question of a few years when through necessity they would have to fall under the ax.

Mr. Goodman, representing a tree surgery company, was here recently and he has entered into an agreement with the parish authorities to try his hand at doctoring the trees. This plan was devised many years ago and has been practiced with success in other places. No doubt exists among the informed that much good will result in using modern tree surgery on the fine oaks which now adorn the public square, and if the experiment succeeds the monetary cost will be a mere bagatelle.

## Special Day

The Baptist Church has set December 5th as a special day of rejoicing and good fellowship. It will have been one year since the "Victory Week" of the 75-Million campaign which was over subscribed seventeen million dollars. An all day meeting is provided for in the program. Dinner will be served under the spreading oaks that cover the church lots—an old-fashioned gumbo dinner with basket lunches on the side. This dinner will be largely prepared Saturday night and served free to everybody. Everybody regardless of church affiliation are most cordially and urgently invited. A full program will be furnished later.

## POPULAR BANK CASHIER DOWN WITH ILLNESS

A. Leon Dupre, cashier of the Opelousas National Bank, has been confined to his bed with illness for some days and during his absence his right-hand man, Messrs. Pulford and Combeau, have been in charge of the affairs of the bank. Mr. Dupre's many friends in Opelousas and throughout the parish hope he will soon be up and out again.

Numa Solleau of Ville Platte was in Opelousas Sunday on his way to Galveston where he took a steamer for Tampico, Mexico. Mr. Solleau will enter the employ of the Standard Oil company at the Mexican port. Mr. and Mrs. John P. Desmarais of Houston, Texas, are visiting relatives in Opelousas.

L. O. Provost of Bayou Boeuf was a business visitor here the first of the week.

## MANAGER SAYS HE WILL START DRILL

WORK ON OIL WELL, SHUT DOWN SOME TIME, TO BE RESUMED

Manager F. J. Devine of the oil well started near Opelousas some time ago recently returned here after an absence of some time in other states. The work of drilling on the well was suspended some time ago for various reasons and nothing has been going on at the test hole being put down southwest of the city.

Interviewed the other day, Mr. Devine stated that within a month active work would be resumed and pushed to completion. He has high hopes that the "wild cat" will come in a real gusher and by so doing open up a new oil field on the map of Louisiana. During the long cessation of work, Mr. Devine states, the company of which he is the manager in the local field of operations, has been at heavy expense as rental for the drilling rig and salary for one man on the job as watcher had to be met.

## KROTZ SPRINGS IS TAKING ON BIG CITY AIRS

New Village on River Forging to the Front at Rapid Gait

## HOUSES AND PEOPLE INCREASING FAST

New Industries and Model Road Promise to Put it in Front Rank

A few years ago, where the village of Krotz Springs now stands there was a howling wilderness. When the main line of the New Orleans, Texas and Mexico railroad (Gulf Coast Lines) was driven through, naturally a station was placed at the road's crossing over the Atchafalaya river. Col. C. W. Krotz owned the land thereabouts, and the first name of the station, Latanier, was later changed to Krotz Springs, in his honor. The "springs" part of the name was adopted from the artesian well which the doughty colonel drilled in quest of oil—instead of oil he got water, and perhaps that was best after all.

The vast forest of timber which surrounded the embryo village was a fertile field for the lumberman, and naturally this was the unexplored and undeveloped wealth of the country. The timberman's axe began to hew out the forests and the busy saws of different mills began to cut the raw product into marketable lumber.

A dozen years, after all, is a brief time in the history of a town, and during that time Krotz Springs has emerged from its swaddling clothes and the place where a few settled in quest of a home and a livelihood has now begun to assume the proportions of a real up and coming town. Col. Krotz made his home there and in his usual vigorous way began to hammer after anything which would develop the town and the surrounding territory. Krotz Springs may have been considered a joke once, but the joking era has passed and now the once straggling village is beginning to loom up as a place of size and importance.

As soon as the place boasted the required number of people, the boosters there took steps to incorporate it as a village under the laws of Louisiana. This being complete, the next step was a school, and within a short time a splendid and modern school building was erected. Col. Krotz has been often joked about the size of the two-story school structure, and when quizzed as to where the children to occupy the big building were coming from, invariably replied, with a smile: "We are going to raise them."

Undoubtedly the colonel was wiser than he was given credit for. The school is being occupied, and perhaps the children have already been "raised." From a one-teacher school is now about to jump into the two-teacher class, for the colonel was here the first of the week to urge the school authorities to place another teacher in Krotz Springs' educational institution.

Following the clearing of many acres of land during the process of logging operations, naturally these denuded areas have been converted to farm lands. Everyone knows that the lands along the great river are the richest in America and have and will continue to produce tremendous yields of everything grown in this territory. The splendid shipping facilities, both by rail and water, afford an abundant outlet for the harvest which is bound to come from the thousands of acres that will be farmed in the years to come.

Col. Krotz, always smiling, is always thinking and planning. He generally gets what he goes after, and he always goes after much. Just about the time people in his section began to awake to a realization that what he lacked and what he most needed was good roads, the colonel laid the framework of a scheme to construct a modern road paralleling the Gulf Coast Lines from the Bayou Courtaubeau to his town. Almost everybody laughed at the proposition, but that didn't deter the colonel, and he went to work and despite all obstacles he put the scheme over. A road district—perhaps there were several—was organized and the required tax voted, the bonds issued and sold and the road is beginning to show up as a real going concern. This highway will connect Opelousas with Krotz Springs, and perhaps, later on, it will be pushed through the forest on the Pointe Coupee side of the river and connect with the Jefferson Highway at Livonia.

After all is said and done, Krotz

## RELATIVES OF DECEASED SOLDIERS GET MEDALS

Notice has been issued by the army recruiting stations that the war department "wishes to bring to the attention of the nearest relative of deceased soldiers of the world war that they are entitled to a Victory Medal and appropriate clasp. All that is necessary to make application for the medal is to have the following information pertaining to the soldier's service, such as his rank, company, regiment, serial number (if possible), place, date and cause of his death. You can call or write to the Victory Medal officer, army recruiting station, New Orleans, La., with the above information and the clerk at the station will prepare the application for your signature. The application will be signed in duplicate and in a short time your medal will be mailed to your address by the war department."

## HIGH COURT SAYS THAT LIQUOR CAN BE MOVED

Supreme Tribunal Hands Down Far- Reaching Decision in Case on Appeal to Body

The supreme court of the United States Monday handed down a decision in a case on appeal which has a far-reaching effect on the movement of alcoholic liquors. Under the ruling of the court, one can now legally transport from warehouse to home any tax-paid liquor bought before national prohibition. The court's interpretation of the Volstead act is in effect that Congress never intended that the movement of such liquor should be prohibited in the case at bar if plain-tiff's contentions had been upheld. A man living in a rented home and having in his possession liquor could not transport same to another home if he had to move his domicile. The decision is said to materially affect several million gallons of whiskey now in bond and owned by private individuals, in that they will be able to transport the liquor from warehouse to their private homes.

## COMPLETE VOTE SHOWS PARISH WAS AGAINST

Convention Call Not Popular With St. Landry Electors

## SMALL CHANGE IN DELEGATE VOTE

Figures Published Last Week Somewhat Changed By Last Returns

Complete returns of the election in this parish on Tuesday, November 2, give us clearer insight as to actual results on the presidential race, the vote for and against the calling of a constitutional convention and the vote on candidates for delegates.

Cox, democratic candidate for president, carried the parish by the slim majority of seventy-five votes. He received 1,017 votes to Harding's 942.

The vote on the convention call was 748 for and 1,318 against, or a majority of 570 against the call.

For delegates to the convention there has been some slight change in the figures published last week, as follows:

E. V. Boagni	1,034
G. L. Dupre	1,521
L. L. Perrault	1,821
W. J. Sandoz	1,100
J. F. Scheil	782

As stated last week, Messrs. Perrault, Dupre and Sandoz were elected, the difference in the votes as first published being the only difference.

F. M. Ables and S. J. Deloach, prominent citizens of Melville, were Sunday visitors to Opelousas.

Dr. Fred J. Mayer was a recent visitor to Scott, Lafayette parish.

Julius Stander, one of Opelousas' leading merchants, went to New Orleans Sunday afternoon on a business trip.

Springs, the butt of the jokesmiths in the past, will soon take its rightful place in the category of Louisiana municipalities. It may be years before it becomes a real "big" town, in the common acceptance of the word; it may be a century before it becomes a great city. But sooner or later, and perhaps within the lives of many now living, the once insignificant village on the big river will be looked upon as a place of importance and a good place in which to live.

## STATE GIN REPORT SHOWS BIG JUMP OVER LAST YEAR

Figures Indicate Large Crop of Cotton Produced in 1920

## ST. LANDRY ALSO SHOWS INCREASE

Slump in Few Parishes Offset by Increase in Others

Director Sam L. Rogers, of the bureau of the census, department of commerce, announces the preliminary report on cotton ginned by parishes, in Louisiana, for the crops of 1920 and 1919. The report was made public for the state at 10 a. m., Monday, October 25, 1920.

Quantities are in running bales, counting round as half bales. Linters are not included.

Parish	1920	1919
Acadia	2,957	4,005
Avozelles	12,018	7,800
Bienville	9,019	3,812
Bossier	9,255	2,839
Caddo	17,721	7,326
Caldwell	921	888
Catahoula	2,058	2,469
Claborne	7,083	5,381
Concordia	745	429
De Soto	13,128	3,163
East Baton Rouge	2,176	2,629
East Carroll	1,858	3,500
East Feliciana	3,561	3,608
Evangeline	5,442	4,488
Franklin	12,692	9,828
Jackson	2,208	1,786
Lafayette	7,564	10,215
LaSalle	112	83
Lincoln	5,071	3,818
Madison	1,367	770
Morehouse	1,943	3,191
Natchitoches	11,932	5,848
Natchitoches	2,730	3,471
Pointe Coupee	3,386	2,419
Red River	3,762	2,474
Richland	7,080	7,900
Sabine	4,582	465
St. Helena	1,262	1,362
St. Landry	14,143	9,984
St. Tammany	318	483
Tangipahoa	1,889	2,484
Tensas	1,281	1,768
Union	4,434	3,348
Vermilion	888	2,528
Washington	2,754	3,584
Webster	4,041	2,911
West Carroll	2,952	3,751
West Feliciana	672	621
Winn	1,655	779
All other	8,869	6,102
The state	205,179	144,810

## CANE FARMERS ALSO GETTING HARD HIT

MILLS AND REFINERIES "PAYING" ONLY \$3 PER TON; BALANCE LATER

There was a "get-together" meeting of the sugar and banking interests held in New Orleans recently and arrangements were made to finance and move the Louisiana sugar crop. An agreement was reached and as a result of that agreement the cane crop is beginning to move. Farmers who dispose of their cane to the refineries are receiving three dollars per ton cash and the balance payable when the sugar is marketed. Large syrup mills, buying their cane like the sugar refineries, are paying on the same basis. The plan is not at all satisfactory to the small farmer but as the crop is extremely perishable they have to take what is offered. Many are puzzled at what they term a strange agreement when they know that sugar is still commanding quite a respectable price at retail. When sugar was selling wholesale for around four cents cane was worth three to four dollars per ton. Now that sugar is twelve or more cents retail the cane buyers are only paying three dollars and, maybe more later on if the sugar sells at some price yet to be fixed, etc.

## LOCAL MEMBERS GIVE FREELY TO CHURCH

The sum of \$213.30 was collected for the benefit of the Catholic church by the personal collection passed by Father Collard in the church on Sunday, October 31, so the pastor announced last Sunday. This money is to be used as an addition to the funds for the completion of the church.

Rev. D. R. Peveto and daughter, Miss Faye, came down from Alexandria Saturday to spend the weekend with home folks here.

## LOCAL COURT D. OF I. TO HOLD INITIATION

The local court of the Daughters of Isabella will hold an initiation next Sunday, the class of candidates to consist of twenty members. The meeting will assemble at 11 o'clock a. m., and all members are requested to be in attendance at that hour. The meeting is to be held, as usual in the Knights of Columbus hall on Main street.

## MELVILLE CASE ATTRACTS CROWD

TWO ITALIANS FACE COURT FIRST OF PRESENT WEEK

Melville citizens were in Opelousas Monday and Tuesday in large number having been attracted here as witnesses or interested spectators in the case of the State vs. Julius Ferino and Nat Codoro, charged with having had stolen goods in their possession. On this charge they were indicted by the grand jury and the case fixed for Monday.

Some time ago a box car loaded with goods and standing on a siding of the Texas and Pacific railroad, in Pointe Coupee parish, not far from Melville, was broken into and a quantity of goods stolen. Two young white men were arrested, tried and convicted in Pointe Coupee on the charge of breaking into the car and sent to the penitentiary.

It is charged that these men transported the goods, or a part thereof, to Melville and sold some to the defendants in the present case Ferino and Codoro. The defendant, Ferino, in his testimony, stoutly denied having any guilty knowledge of buying stolen goods, even though the goods were found in his possession by officers.

The prosecution had the two white convicts brought here from the state farm at Angola to testify on behalf of the state. Defendants placed on the stand many of the most prominent men of Melville and vicinity to testify as to their truth, veracity and honesty. The case was tried by a "bob-tail" jury of five and evidence closed Monday night, the argument of counsel and charge of the court being had Tuesday morning.

## TWO ORGANIZATIONS PLAN GREAT THINGS

K. OF C. AND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO AID IN CHARITY DRIVE

Thanksgiving day this year promises to be something rather out of the ordinary for Opelousas. The local council of the Knights of Columbus and the Opelousas chamber of commerce have combined in an effort to raise funds for two great charitable organizations, the Salvation Army and the House of Good Shepherd.

A splendid program has been arranged by both bodies and a good time is assured all who take part and invest their dollars for these worthy causes. The K. of C. announces it will keep open house and that a fine dinner and all kinds of good eats will be served patrons at a nominal price. H. D. Larcade (better known as "Dad"), who is a pastmaster in the gentle art of cooking, is going to be in charge of the K. of C. end, and that always seems to be the principal end of everything, after all. "Dad" tells us that he has something up his sleeve and will surprise the natives with the excellence of his cuisine.

The chamber of commerce has already announced that it will hold its monthly trade day on Thanksgiving, and something extra is promised in the matter of prizes. In the matter of entertainment, there will be enough of that, in the good old Opelousas way, to please and thoroughly satisfy all who attend. So, don't miss the festivities on this Thanksgiving, even though you never take part in another one.

## PRICE THIRTY-FIVE CENTS ON SATURDAY NIGHT

An error was made in the printed program of the Princess theatre for this week, showing the price of the Saturday admission as twenty-five cents when it should have been thirty-five cents.

Mrs. Ben Anderson of Palmetto was a visitor to Opelousas last Monday. Editor Lawrence Andrepoint of the Crowley Progress was an Opelousas visitor Sunday and Monday. Attorney M. H. Thompson visited Lafayette Sunday.

## OPELOUSAS SHOWS SPIRIT OF GROWTH BEFORE UNKNOWN

Despite High Cost of Labor And Material Many Houses Built

## MODERN BUNGALOWS, BRICK STRUCTURES

Still Scarcity of Homes and Many More Could be Used

Opelousas has shown an unprecedented building growth during the past year or eighteen months, and that, too, despite the fact that all building material and labor has been at top prices and only recently showed a marked disposition to take a slump.

During the period of time mentioned, innumerable modern homes and bungalows have been erected, and if they were all collected on one or two residence streets would present quite an imposing and favorable appearance for a city the size of this. These homes have cost in the aggregate a large sum of money, and taken singly have cost various sums, ranging in several instances as high as ten thousand dollars.

Out on East Grolee street a number of bungalows have gone up. On Main street several more have appeared, one of the most imposing being the magnificent one just completed for L. J. Larcade. On South Main street Dr. A. M. Haas' new home is well advanced and when finished will improve the appearance of that section of the city remarkably.

Quite a number of the older residences have been reconstructed at great cost, and as they were originally built of the best grade of lumber—once easily obtained—they are today classed as practically new buildings and bid fair to last for many years to come.

A number of citizens, long contemplating the erection of new homes but held back by the excessive cost, are thinking seriously of starting to work on these plans, now that material has decreased in cost. It is rumored that within a short time several magnificent homes will be erected for occupancy by their fortunate owners.

On the other hand, there is not a vacant residence in town and there still seems some demand for rental property. According to well posted parties, the great reason why more homes for rent have not been erected was the high cost of building and the low rental income. Therefore, one who invested his capital in homes for rent faced an actual loss.

In the matter of business structures, several structures have gone up, notably the big brick building of the Christian-Riseman company, on South Market street and the Stander store on West Landry. In normal times, when brick and labor was much cheaper these buildings could no doubt have been erected at one-third less than their actual cost. However, their owners could not and did not wait until the doubtful return of normal times and preferred to build at the present time and get in business while the running was good.

After the present demoralization in markets and prices subsides, it is generally believed, there will be an active resumption in the building activity so conspicuous in the past eighteen months. While prices were high and constantly rising everyone rushed in to build before things got higher. Now that there is a tendency to fall, people are waiting until the bottom of prices has been reached, and then watch Opelousas grow!

## ANOTHER ACCIDENT AT POWER PLANT

CRANK SHAFT ON ENGINE BREAKS AND STREET LIGHTS OUT

One of the engine "cripples" at the municipal power plant went on the bum again last Sunday. The crankshaft of this engine broke and as a result the street lights failed to be turned on Sunday and Monday nights. The damage to the engine is said to be several hundred dollars. The two engines that remain in working order are unable to carry the extra load of street lights.

Judge F. B. Cason, Morgan Godeau, J. F. Anderson and Dr. C. A. Goudchaux of Melville were in attendance on court here this week.