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SUMMER TERM OF UNITED STATES COURT THIS WEEK

Tremendous Crowd Jams Courtroom Monday as Tribunal Meets

FEW PLEADED GUILTY OTHERS ARRAIGNED

Liquor Cases Postponed; Naturalization and Civil Matters Taken Up

The United States court for the western district of Louisiana, Opelousas division, convened in the federal building last Monday for the regular summer term. Some time before Judge Jack ascended the bench the courtroom was packed and jammed with people from every section of the division. Many of the throng were jurors summoned here for service; others were witnesses; some were defendants in white mule cases scheduled to come up for trial; and a great portion of the throng were bystanders, watching with eager curiosity the progress of proceedings, the steadily grasping every word of the officials as case after case was called in rapid-fire order.

Great expectations were had of the trial of violators of the prohibition law went to smash when it became apparent that the court's time and attention would be taken up entirely in arraignment, setting of cases, naturalization of the aliens, sentencing those who entered pleas of guilt, and the trial of one big civil suit. Tuesday it became very well known that following the disposal of the civil action against the government railroad agent in a large sum, the court would adjourn, interest began to lag and there was some spare room for the curious in the court room.

So great was the throng in the room Monday, and owing to the lack of electric fans to cool the atmosphere, people watching the proceedings were almost suffocated. The side were crowded to capacity and the standing room only sign could well have been displayed. Finally when the jam reached the limit many who were standing, being unable to find seats, had to be ordered out of the room. The hallway without, the marshal's office and the jury room were used as places to catch the overflow crowd, all of whom seemed altogether unwilling to leave the building, despite the oppressive heat and discomfort, because they wished to learn how the "mule" cases were disposed of.

The matter of arraignment of indicted defendants was quickly disposed of, four entering pleas of guilty and being immediately sentenced. These defendants and the crimes with which they were charged was as follows:

Gil Vidrine, Opelousas man, charged with having in possession and selling of intoxicating liquors, sentenced to sixty days in jail.

Mayfield Lilly, colored man of Lafayette, indicted for using a railroad pass illegally during the federal administration of the railroads, one year in a federal reform school.

Jim Kee, Chinaman from Eunice, charged with and having been indicted for having liquor in his possession fined \$150.00.

E. O. Fontenot, white man from Evangeline parish, indicted for making and having moonshine liquor in possession, stated he manufactured the "mule" for his own use as he thought he had the right to do so. Fined \$150 and sentenced to sixty days in jail.

All the others arraignment pleaded not guilty and asked for a trial by jury. It is understood that following the holding of a term of court at Alexandria the tribunal will return to Opelousas and hold a special term in order to clear the calendar of the liquor cases.

A large number (whose names and addresses have already been published) were up for naturalization, while several, we understand, have filed notice of their intention to apply for full citizenship.

The civil case that took up most of the time of the court was an action for damages in the sum of about twenty-five thousand dollars, instituted against the government by a man named Carter who was injured, in 1918, while traveling on a Southern Pacific main line train, near Lafayette. The train was a through train to California and Carter was a tourist from Atlanta, Georgia. The train was wrecked near the city of Lafayette and Carter was injured. This formed the basis of the suit against the government, as railroads then were under government control.

The plaintiff is represented by W. J.

POLICE JURY MEETING DRAWS LARGE CROWD

The monthly meeting of the police jury Monday was not altogether overshadowed by the session of the federal court. There was a large crowd of people from all over St. Landry who were interested spectators at the session of the parish dads. There was some talk of adopting a stock law and this fact brought many from the woods section of the parish who have been raising cattle on the free range.

EUNICE COMES TO BAT ON SUNDAY

TEAM STRENGTHENED THEY EXPECT TO GIVE OPELOUSAS RUN FOR THEIR MONEY

Euniceites will come to Opelousas next Sunday to try, for the third time, conclusions with Opelousas' invincible team on the local's home grounds. As matters now stand, each team has won a game—it is "horse and horse," and the third game, to be played Sunday, is to break the tie and show plainly which team is the stronger.

This past Sunday, when Opelousas played a brilliant and winning game with Kinder, Eunice played equally as good a game with the strong team from Welsh, the score being 1 to 0 in Eunice's favor. Opelousas has beat Eunice; Eunice has beat Opelousas, and Opelousas has cleaned up Kinder. All are strong teams, if we are to believe every report emanating from the baseball fans. So the coming game will give the fans a fair idea of how the several teams stand in point of strength.

Kinder played some tight ball with the strong team of Lake Charles. If Opelousas beat Kinder, says the fans, Opelousas also stands a good chance to clean up the strong aggregation from the Lake City. To that end negotiations are under way to clinching a series of games with Lake Charles on its home grounds. When this series of games will be played is not definitely known now. In view of the fact that the Opelousas line-up is seemingly so invincible it is thought that no difficulty will be experienced in matching the games.

On the 16th the "Western Bloomer Girls" are due here to try to beat the locals. This team has visited Opelousas in previous seasons and is reputed to be some ball team. They know how to pitch, catch, strike and run bases, and the locals may experience a hard time in beating them.

FIREBOYS SELECT CONVENTION MEN

SHERIFF THIBODEAUX AND EX-CHIEF BROWN WILL REPRESENT COMPANY

The state firemen's association will convene at Crowley next week and one of the most successful sessions in the history of the association will be held in the Rice City. Delegates from almost every city and town in the state having either a paid or volunteer fire department will have duly accredited representatives at the meeting and the wind up of the big gathering will be signalled by a banquet of huge proportions. Business men of Crowley as well as civic organizations there and local fire company are doing everything possible to make the convention a real achievement. The banquet will be the real thing of its kind and a large number of people will be entertained at this social end of the meeting.

Hope Hook and Ladder company of Opelousas, one of the oldest organizations of the kind in the state, held its regular monthly meeting last Thursday night and besides transacting routine business the matter of electing two delegates to the state convention, came up for disposal. Sheriff Thibodeaux, former president of the company, and Secretary A. S. Brown, Sr., a former chief and always an enthusiastic fireman, were selected as the representatives at the state meeting and will journey to Crowley next week for that purpose.

Miss Pauline Mizzi, who has been teaching school at Scott this past season, is home to spend the summer months.

A. A. Kaplan of Crowley motored to Opelousas on Monday to attend to business.

Dr. and Mrs. L. A. Guidry of Coulee Croche motored to town on Saturday to attend the picture show.

Sandoz of the local bar and an attorney from Atlanta. The part of the government is looked after by E. B. Dubuisson of the Opelousas bar. The cause was tried before a jury.

KINDER BEATEN IN GREAT GAME HERE ON SUNDAY

Allen Parish Champs Go Down in Defeat Before The Invincibles

RAIN STOPS CONTEST IN THE EIGHTH INNING

Score Stood 2 to 1 When Rain Intervened and Marred the Finish

Kinder "got theirs" last Sunday when they went down in defeat before the locals in what is characterized as one of the prettiest games ever staged in Opelousas. The game was called in the last half of the eighth inning on account of a drizzling rain which had set in and which made it too dark for the players to watch the ball. There wasn't a row on the grounds and home folks and visitors were all eminently satisfied at the result of the game. Kinder had no kick coming because the Kinderites knew they had been fairly and honestly licked and they simply "took their medicine" with good grace.

Toby Veltin, pitching for Opelousas, twisted his ankle in the early stages of the game and had to leave the box. A medical examination showed that one of the "small bones" was broken and he is out of the game until nature mends the injury. His place was taken by Olivier, right fielder, who in turn was replaced by Larcade. It was stated Monday that Olivier, too, was slightly injured and may not be able to pitch in the contest with St. Charles college this week.

Here is the box score and the score by innings as well as a summary of results by innings:

Opelousas	AB	R	H	E
Lemons, 3rd b.	4	0	1	2
Comeaux, ss.	4	1	0	0
Piatte, c.	4	0	1	0
Jones, 1. f.	3	0	1	0
Olivier, r. f. and p.	3	0	1	0
Brown, 2nd b.	3	0	1	0
Clary, 1st b.	3	1	1	0
Richard, c. f.	3	0	1	0
Larcade, r. f.	2	0	1	0
Veltin, p.	2	0	0	0
	31	2	6	4

Kinder	AB	R	H	E
Tower, c. f.	4	0	0	0
Dumatrait, 1. f.	4	0	1	0
Atkins, 3rd b.	4	1	1	0
Guess, 1st b.	4	0	0	0
J. Woods, p.	4	0	0	0
Doney, r. f.	3	0	1	0
H. Woods, s. s.	3	0	1	0
Chachere, c.	3	0	1	0
Stagg, 2nd b.	1	0	0	0
Calbert, 2nd b.	2	0	0	3
	32	1	3	5

Summary

Runs—Comeau, Clary and Atkins. Two Base Hit—Jones. Base on Balls of Wood, 1. Innings pitched by Veltin, 3 with 1 hit and no runs. Innings pitched by Olivier, 5 with 2 hits and one run. Struck out by Veltin 3, by Olivier 6; by Woods 5.

Stolen bases—Comeau, Lemons. Left on bases—Opelousas 8. Kinder 9—passed balls—Piatte 1, Chachere 1. Time: 1 hour and twenty-five minutes. Umpire: Dejean.

DIED IN FAR-OFF MANILA. BURIED HERE ON TUESDAY

Private John Cullen Cotton, American soldier who died in the Philippine islands on last March 14, was interred in the public cemetery at Opelousas yesterday. Young Cotton's remains were due to arrive here Sunday morning but owing to the unaccountable train schedules from San Francisco to Opelousas the exact time of their arrival could not be exactly gauged. The funeral was held Tuesday morning with services by the Baptist pastor, Rev. D. R. Pevoto.

The young man was only 18 years, 11 months and 6 days of age when he died, but had served some time in the army. On the expiration of his first enlistment he had re-enlisted and was transferred to the far-off Philippine islands where he was a member of the Manila bay coast artillery. The sad feature of the young man's death is the fact that just following it his father in this city died at a hospital in New Orleans, interment taking place in Opelousas. The widowed mother with another son still reside here.

Todd Hinchliffe of Crowley was a business visitor to Opelousas on Saturday last.

Henry Fontenot of Crowley spent several days in town this week visiting friends and relatives.

SPECIAL MEETING K. OF C. TO COMPLETE ARRANGEMENTS

There will be a special meeting of the Knights of Columbus, at their hall on Main street, on Wednesday, June 15, at 8 o'clock p. m., the purpose of which will be to complete all details of the class initiation scheduled to take place on Sunday the nineteenth of this month. All members of the order in this city and adjoining are requested to be present at this meeting.

ELKS TO CELEBRATE FLAG DAY TUESDAY

OPELOUSAS LODGE HAS INTERESTING PROGRAM FOR THIS SPECIAL OCCASION

Announcement is made that Opelousas Lodge No. 1048, B. P. O. Elks, will hold its annual flag day exercises and entertainment next Tuesday, June 14. The function will be held on the lawn at Elks home, weather permitting; and if the weather be inclement, then it will take place in the spacious hall of the building. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The program arranged for the occasion is as follows:

1. Introductory Exercises—Exalted Ruler and Officers
2. Prayer—Bro. Dudley Lastrapes
3. Song—Miss Yvonne Dejean
4. History of the Flag—Bro. D. E. Durio
5. Song: Auld Lang Syne—Officers and Members
6. Altar Service—Esquires and Officers
7. Song—Miss Sue Hemphill
8. Patriotic Address—L. Austin Fontenot
9. Song: America—Audience to Join

Pianist: Miss Carmen Voorhies

WILL LET CONTRACT FOR SCHOOL AUG. 1

MR. PRESCOTT STATES SO FAR NO BIDS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED BUT HE EXPECTS MANY

Superintendent W. B. Prescott stated Monday morning that he had not yet received any bids for the construction of the new Opelousas school building, but as the date set for the opening of such proposals was August 1 he expected that on that date many such bids would be handed in for consideration. If the contract is awarded that day work of construction must start within sixty days, which means that the building will be under way not later than October 1 next.

Mr. Prescott said that this is a very propitious time in which to start construction as materials are constantly declining in price and labor conditions have loosened up considerably and no trouble should be experienced along those lines in getting the building constructed rapidly.

Speaking generally, he said that his office was a very busy place these hot June days, notwithstanding the fact that schools of the parish are now closed for the summer vacation. He was "clearing the debris of the past session's educational battle and getting everything in ship-shape for the coming battle of the session 1921-1922." While the teachers and pupils are enjoying the well-earned rest, Mr. Prescott is looking after all the details of the coming work. His vacation is short and the days thereof few and far between.

PALMETTO TEAM BEATS MELVILLEITES 3 TO 1

A correspondent at Palmetto sends in the information that on last Sunday, June 5, the ball team from that village went to Melville, ten miles away, and crossed bats with the first team in that town on its home grounds, defeating it by the decisive score of 3 to 1. The Palmetto battery was A. M. Hawkins and John Hughes.

Death of Mrs. J. L. Chapman

Mrs. J. L. Chapman of Krotz Springs, this parish, died recently at a hospital in New Orleans where she went for medical attention and was buried at Melville her former home, Sunday, May 28. Mrs. Chapman's age 70, but the last time she was in Opelousas she appeared hale and hearty and good for a long span of life. She was an enthusiastic member of the Opelousas chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy.

Miss Carrie Guedry returned on Monday from Crowley after spending some time with friends.

Miss Maude Myers leaves this week for Winnfield to spend her vacation with friends.

FIGURES INDICATE STATE COTTON CROP SHOWS UP POORLY

Weather Conditions of Early Spring Put a Crimp in Production

ENTIRE SOUTH RIDING IN THE SAME BOAT

Small Cut in Louisiana Acreage But Lateness Spells Much

The Louisiana cotton crop, which has just passed through the first condition period, had a percentage condition on May 25, of 57 per cent of normal, according to Lionel L. Janes, agricultural statistician at New Orleans, of the bureau of crop estimates, U. S. department of agriculture. This compares with 72 per cent May 25, 1920; 85 per cent May 25, 1918; and with 79 per cent the ten-year average of condition on May 25. This condition figure is based on the average of returns from several hundred special correspondents.

Commenting on the crop prospect, Mr. Janes said: "The growers generally agree in reporting the stand as late and backward from two to four weeks. Cold weather in April caused much of the seed to rot and some early cotton was killed by frost in the northern section. Very much of the cotton area had to be replanted, some of it two and three times. Much of the late planted cotton is not yet through the ground. Some farmers are not yet through with their first planting. Only a little chopping is reported as having been done to date. The last few days have generally been too dry and many sections now need rain."

Revised estimates of the acreage planted and in cultivation at the end of June are as follows:

Area planted (in cultivation end of June) 1920, 1,555,000 acres. Area picked in 1920, 1,407,000 acres. Average yield per acre, 1920 (lint cotton) 126 pounds.

An estimate of the acreage picked in Louisiana this year will be included in the July cotton report.

The summary presented below the percentage condition in Louisiana by parishes on May 25, comparison being with a normal condition represented by 100 per cent.

Acadia 65, Avoyelles 55, Bienville 47, Bossier 59, Caldwell 53, Catahoula 54, Claiborne 56, Concordia 58, De Soto 50, East Baton Rouge 52, East Carroll 53, East Feliciana 49, Evangeline 70, Lincoln 53, Madison 60, Morehouse 63, Natchitoches 57, Ouachita 60, Pointe Coupee 66, Rapides 55, Red River 57, Richland 58, Sabine 51, St. Helena 56, St. Landry 53, St. Martin 95, Tangipahoa 61, Tensas 60, Union 64, Vermillion 58, Washington 63, Webster 63, West Carroll 65, West Feliciana 42, and Winn 60.

The condition of cotton on May 25, by states as follows:

Virginia	67
North Carolina	75
Georgia	63
South Carolina	58
Florida	60
Alabama	57
Mississippi	60
Louisiana	60
Texas	71
Arkansas	70
Tennessee	69
Missouri	74
Oklahoma	75
California	75
Arizona	84
All Other	95
UNITED STATES	66

NEGRO KILLS NEGRO IN COULEE CROCHE

JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDE IN DEATH OF ALEXANDRE SENEGAL AT HANDS OF JULES HENRY

There was a fatal shooting affair in Coulee Croche Monday morning in which Alexandre Senegal, negro, lost his life at the hands of Jules Henry, another negro. Sheriff Thibodeaux and Coroner Littell went down there immediately and made an investigation and held the inquest.

The facts brought out showed that Henry was justifiable and prosecution will hardly follow. Henry lived on the farm of Senegal and had been threatened by the latter several times with bodily harm. He came to Opelousas and asked the sheriff if he had the right to protect his life. Monday morning Senegal again made a threat and later attempted to put it into execution with the result that he was killed.

"ROUGH NECK" INJURED AT TEST OIL WELL, NEAR TOWN

There was a near tragedy last week at the test oil well being drilled on the Creswell farm, not far from the city. "Rough Neck" was hit by a piece of pipe that was being lifted and as a consequence of the accident he suffered a broken leg and has been laid up ever since. Prompt attention was given him and everything done to relieve him of suffering. It may be some time before he will recover the use of the broken limb, and until then he will have to sit idly by and watch the others handle the work. "Rough Neck" is not a human being but an animal—just a plain "dorg" that has been around the derrick for some time and has endeared himself to the crew of men working on the rig. He has a warm place in each man's heart and they gave him the seemingly uncouth name through a spirit of comradeship and affection for the creature. When his leg snapped under the impact of the heavy pipe, they dropped everything to give him the attention needed to tide him through the period of bone mending.

SEVERAL MORE DAYS SURE TO BE ADDED TO CONVENTION LIFE

Can't Wind up Work By Midnight of Next Saturday, June 11

PAY OF DISTRICT JUDGES IS \$4,000

Extra Job in Each Parish in Creation of Office of Registrar

Baton Rouge, La., June 5.—Taxation will be the storm center in constitutional convention when that body convenes Monday for the last week of the session.

The ordinance of the taxation committee is fixed as the special order for Monday night and will hold the right of way over all other measures until consideration is finished. From present indications, two and possibly three days will be consumed in contests over amendments that have been proposed or in process of incubation.

The greatest amount of interest centers in the controversy over the severance tax. Parishes with oil fields are making a hard fight to get a provision inserted in the new constitution giving them authority to impose a severance tax.

Governor Parker is billed to address the convention Monday night for the purpose of giving his views on the "gentlemen's agreement" whereby the severance tax was fixed at 2 per cent by the legislature. The governor addressed a letter to the convention Friday asking for the privilege of addressing the delegates in order to define his position on the issue. Monday night was named as the time for his address.

The income tax and taxation exemptions also threaten to provoke prolonged contests. Thirteen members of the taxation committee have given notice that they will oppose on the floor of the convention the provision in the committee ordinance prohibiting the legislature from taxing incomes. Other delegates have also given warning of their opposition to the committee clause.

Amendments printed in the journal disclose a wide divergence of views on exemptions. Some of the delegates want the list of exemptions extended, while others will fight to have them restricted. Fraternal organizations are opposing the provision in the ordinance taxing their properties.

Surfrage has been made a special order to immediately follow final consideration of the taxation schedule.

The Barret and Roberts submission ordinances have been fixed for special orders for June 10, the day before the date of final adjournment. The Labauve resolution providing that if another extension of time becomes necessary the delegates shall serve without pay is also fixed as a special order for June 10.

Further extension of time now seems almost a certainty. Some of the convention leaders are of the opinion that five or six days will be required in which to finish the work properly. There are enough funds available, it is understood, to defray the expenses of the convention until June 15. That being the situation, the delegates would have to serve but three more days without compensation if the time limit is extended another week.

Dr. Octave Pavy of Leonville attended to business here Monday.

HIGHWAY SCOUT CAR DUE HERE TODAY, IS REPORT

East and West Route Through Opelousas Means Much to City

GENERAL MANAGER DELIVER AN ADDRESS

Plans Being Perfected to Construct Road From Canada South to Texas

We have received official notification of the coming of General Manager Pierson of the Mississippi River Scenic Highway in the scout car of the association. He is due today and while in this city will deliver an instructive and educational address on the advantages of better highways and especially of the one which he officially represents on his tour through the several states.

The Mississippi River Scenic highway, says a circular letter, extends from Winnipeg and Port Arthur, Canada, south down the great river to Baton Rouge, La., thence west across the state of Louisiana to Port Arthur, Texas, and on to Galveston and Houston.

From St. Louis north the route has been thoroughly organized and all the towns and cities from Houston east and north are now being logged and chartered, says the same circular.

Mr. Pierson recently addressed the Rotary clubs and chambers of commerce at Port Arthur and Orange, Texas and has just left the former city on his eastward run, stopping at Lake Charles, Jennings, Lafayette and Opelousas for at least one day in each on the route to Baton Rouge.

The Mississippi River scenic highway has received the endorsement of the leading business men of all the cities along the route, and will be the means of bringing large numbers of automobile tourists to the south from the north and middle west. Louisiana, of all the states south, has most to attract the tourist and home-seeker and others from the distant points who are looking for fertile fields for investment as well as an equitable climate for their families on a long or short vacation.

This fact should alone be sufficient incentive for the good roads boosters of Opelousas and southwest Louisiana to get busy and make assurance of getting this new highway doubly sure by co-operating with the officials of the association having the matter in hand.

The scout car bearing Mr. Pierson and his wife on their tour over the route left Port Arthur, Texas, last Monday morning at 9 o'clock, arriving at Lake Charles Tuesday morning, where he addressed the Rotary club yesterday. He is due here today, as above noted, and will deliver the programmed address.

GRANDE RONDE GETS SEVERAL IN JAIL

YOUNG WHITE MEN FROM LAFAYETTE, "LICKERED" ON WHITE MULE, CREATE DISTURBANCE

A number of young white men from the neighboring parish of Lafayette, "lubricated" on "white mule" last Saturday night, decided to cross over into St. Landry and pull off a "grande ronde" stunt at a dance in Prairie des Femmes, not far from Grand Coteau.

The deputy sheriff in that neighborhood, Mr. Guilbeau, had been forewarned of what might occur and was on the scene to take a hand in the little tea party. When the young men tried their stunt he placed the bunch under arrest and brought them to Opelousas and jailed them. They spent the remainder of the night, also Sunday and Sunday night behind the bars as free boarders of Jaffer Doucet. Efforts to get them out on bail Sunday were unavailing for as it was a legal holiday there was nothing doing in an official capacity around the temple of justice; so the young fellows had ample time to cool their heels and nurse their heads in the big bastille until things got busy Monday morning.

Discussing the matter Sunday night Sheriff Thibodeaux stated emphatically that disturbing the peace at dances will not be tolerated and young fellows who "lubricate" on "mule" would do well to keep that fact in mind and, incidentally, keep away from the dance when under the influence of the juice of corn.

Sheriff R. Lee Wiggins of Evangeline came over from Ville Platte Monday to watch the proceedings in the United States court.