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## CONVENTION SHOWS CLOVEN FOOT AS IT KILLS SUBMISSION

### Vote on Resolution Indicates Line-Up as "Big Stick" Orders

## POWER BEHIND SHOWN BY THE PERSONNEL

### Years 56, Nays 81, and People Told They Can't Vote On New Law

Friday the constitutional convention killed the resolution proposing the submitting of the new organic law to the people for approval or rejection. On a call for the yeas and nays the vote stood 56 for the people and 81 against their right to pass on the work of their servants.

Some spectacular debate was indulged in during the argument preceding the taking of the vote, and one delegate, Weber of Ascension, warned the opponents of submission to beware of the people.

Former Lieutenant Governor Tom Barrett and Former Governor Pleasant both supported submission and worked hard and spoke eloquently in its behalf.

It was a losing fight, and that fact became patent some time ago. The submissionists gained some accession to their ranks but not enough to make any appreciable difference in the final result.

The "big stick" of the powers that be were busy early in the game to prevent any such "calamity" as letting the people of Louisiana vote on this new constitution. The people elect the delegates but delegates in turn tell the people they are blankety-blank fools and haven't enough sense to judge the good from the bad.

It may be all right but it is establishing a bad precedent in the state and indicates a tendency to break down representative government. Governor Parker distinctly stated during the course of the campaign last summer and early fall that the matter of submission was optional with the convention, despite the fact that the legislative act providing for the convention did not specify that the completed work should be submitted.

It is charged by proponents of submission that there has been treachery somewhere, for if the people had known the constitution would not be submitted they would have overwhelmingly defeated the call. The facts in the case are certain to leak out in the course of time and when the next state campaign gets underway we may be sure that there will be some charges of the "star chamber" methods of some of the high and mighty to defeat the wishes of the people and cram down their throats a constitution that might not suit them at all.

As the vote stands, twenty-five persons dictated to nearly two million people what is good for them! They are evidently ashamed of their handiwork and fear to let an outraged public pass on the monstrosity that they have been one hundred days or more in formulating at an expense to the people of about three hundred thousand dollars, and a final expense of the Lord knows how much, for there are salary raisers galore and new jobs created, for the faithful, more taxes added to the burden of government and absolutely no regard whatever for the wishes of the people.

The St. Landry delegation lined up with Dupre and Sandoz voting to submit the constitution and Perrault against. Of the two delegates from the seventh congressional district, of which St. Landry is a part, Judge Pugh of Acadia voted for submission, while Mr. Powell of Beauregard was absent on account of illness. Former Governors Sander and Pleasant both voted with the people, as did Martin Behrman, former mayor of New Orleans, and Col. Frank P. Stubbs of Ouachita, late candidate for governor. The once despised "ringsters" generally voted with the people; the "reformers" voted otherwise.

Enlists in U. S. Navy  
Some Irving, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Irving of North Walnut street, this city, has joined the United States navy. Young Irving went to the recruiting station in Baton Rouge but found that he could not get in the service through that office and returned to Opelousas and immediately proceeded to the recruiting station at Lake Charles where he met with greater success. It is thought that he will be sent to the Great Lakes training school operated by the naval department near Chicago.

## OPELOUSAS MAN ENTERS ATTRACTIVE BUSINESS

Mr. H. L. Smith, residing on West Grolee street, in the Garland addition to the city, has been on the road as a traveling salesman for many years.

He "made" quite a number of states and often was away from home and family for months at the time. Traveling continuously, living at hotels and boarding houses and enduring all the hardships attendant on such an occupation finally "got on his nerves" and he concluded to enter a new field of commercial endeavor, feeling sure that success would be his. His happy disposition, spirit of optimism and general manners made him confident that there wasn't any chance for failure, so, without any fuss or feathers, he embarked as a manufacturer on a small scale, and from present reports will have to enlarge the capacity of his home plant in order to accommodate the growing business.

Plainly, Mr. Smith is "manufacturing" salted peanuts and placing them on sale in such attractive form that they are sold readily and rapidly. He furnishes the grocer man and the restaurant and hotel and soft drink stands with a neat cardboard on which some two dozen oil-paper sacks of salted peanuts are tacked. The cardboard is placed on display, generally at the cash register, and always attracts a customer who buys one or more sacks at five cents each.

Who doesn't like peanuts? The raw kind are pretty good; the roasted kind a step better, but when it comes down to real article Smith's salted kind has all the others beat forty ways for Sunday, and then some! He knows the game and he knows how to prepare the nuts in the best way and the one who buys hasn't a kick coming for he gets his money's worth. The reporter took cognizance Sunday of the way they were sold and to say they were going like the proverbial hot cakes is just expressing it a bit mildly, and that's no joke. Try Smith's salted peanuts and you'll sure want more. And we wish to state that this is no advertisement.

## GAS BLOWOUT AT PINE PRAIRIE TEST

### DAMAGE REPAIRED AND DRILLERS PROCEED WITH WORK OF SINKING PIPE IN WELL

The latter part of last week there was a blow-out at the test well being drilled near the old proven field at Pine Prairie, resulting in some damage and delay, according to reports reaching Opelousas Saturday.

The well is down some nine hundred feet, though the drillers have been at work only a brief time. There is considerable rock and other hard substances in that field, but the men operating the rig have made splendid progress. The blow-out was occasioned by gas pressure encountered in a pocket and the force was sufficient to shake things up considerably. No report has reached here of the indications for success, but as the old producers, not far away, are of comparatively shallow depth, it is believed that oil will be found around fifteen hundred or seventeen hundred feet.

The operators working in the Pine Prairie field is said to be one of the largest oil syndicates on earth and is financial with English capital. The entry of such a large concern in the Pine Prairie region indicates that financial backers entertain great hopes of uncovering oil in large quantities, and their operations has caused several Opelousans who own acreage in the neighborhood of the oil field to "perk-up" considerably, their hopes for striking it rich rising with every favorable report from the well now under way.

## LOCAL CIVIL ENGINEER GETS PLACE HIGHER UP

Civil Engineer Albert Tate, veteran of the world war, has been appointed to a position with the state highway department under Duncan Bule, chief of the bureau.

Mr. Tate is a native of the Eunice section and entered the ranks of the American army and went through the big conflict across the sea. He was physically incapacitated but continued with the service, determined to do his best for the nation in the titanic contest in Europe. Following his discharge he returned to his native state and settled in Opelousas to follow his profession.

His application for a place on the state highway board was strongly backed and urged by the three St. Landry delegates to the convention, Messrs. Dupre, Sandoz and Perrault.

Dr. L. A. Guidry of Coulee Croche was a business visitor to Opelousas on Monday.

## MURPHY J. FOSTER, GOVERNOR, SENATOR CROSSES THE DIVIDE

### One of Louisiana's Greatest Sons Passed in Death at Franklin

## MORE THAN 30 YEARS SERVICE TO PEOPLE

### Well Past Three Score and Ten He Peacefully Enters The Dark Shadow

Murphy James Foster, the "Man From St. Mary," is no more!

The great Louisianian who has been in the public eye for nigh on to forty years, silently slipped from life into eternity at his farm home, Dixie plantation, near Franklin, where he was born, last Sunday morning at 9:30. The funeral was held Monday afternoon at 4 with simple but impressive ceremonies. He had reached the age of 72 years, and every year of that time, since he reached the age of majority, has been one fraught with interest, for he was never idle and his life's book is indeed full of interesting pages, and his career as a public servant and a statesman of note will go down in Louisiana history as one of the greatest of any of her many noted sons.

Educated at Franklin he entered Washington and Lee university, in Virginia, when the south's great idol, Robert E. Lee, was head of that noted institution. Later he took a course in law at Cumberland university in Tennessee, graduating from the latter institution in 1870. Having decided to follow law as a profession, he entered the law department of Tulane university and graduated therefrom in due time, being admitted to the bar immediately.

But politics, that wide, interesting and divergent field for the exercise of human imagination and human activity, proved a strong lure for the young St. Maryan and he was not long before he was in the limelight. The state was in the grasp of the carpetbag regime and there was a dual government in the state. Young Foster had been elected to the lower branch of the legislature on the white ticket but never took his seat, the black government being recognized by the federal authorities.

With the overturn of carpetbag rule Mr. Foster was sent to the state senate where he served brilliantly for twelve years—three successive terms. It was during that service that he attracted great notice as one of the great men of the state and certainly as one of the brilliant leaders of the senate of Louisiana. His ability was recognized by his colleagues and he served as president of the senate for four years.

During his tenure of office as a state senator the burning issue of state history, the re-chartering of the Louisiana state lottery, came up, and his strong opposition to the measure proved he was a real leader among men and he was seized on by the opponents of the lottery as their leader in the coming battle of giants in the political field of Louisiana.

It is said that Governor Nichols, the "Grand Old Man," tendered a seat on the supreme court bench to Foster but it was declined, the latter preferring a political life of activity to retirement to the calm cloister of the bench.

Selected as the nominee for governor of the anti-lottery democrats, he led them to victory in the memorable campaign of 1892, and with his election the death knell of the lottery was sounded, not only in the state, but in every section of the union.

With calm judgment, with unequalled shrewdness, he brought on a new era of politics in Louisiana. The old lottery faction, backed by powerful factors and interests and led politically by ex-Governor Samuel Douglas McEnery, was skillfully and adroitly led into the Foster camp in such a way that no rank, bitter political animosities were left behind. The culmination of the shrewd coup came with the selection of Governor McEnery for United States senators by Foster's influence to succeed Newton C. Blanchard, who had been appointed to succeed the late Chief Justice White of the United States supreme court when the latter resigned the senatorship to accept, at the hands of President Cleveland, a seat on the greatest judicial tribunal in the world.

Governor Foster was a master hand at the game of politics and he showed his wonderful sagacity when, during the exciting times following the election of 1896 and the threatened armed

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## WILL ATTEMPT TO QUASH JURY LIST

### ATTORNEYS FOR SEVERAL DEFENDANTS SET UP CLAIM PANEL WAS DRAWN ON SUNDAY

It was stated yesterday (Tuesday) that when federal court assembles this morning in special session to take up the trial of parties indicted for alleged violation of the national prohibition law, attorneys representing several of these defendants will enter a motion that the entire panel of forty-five jurors be quashed because officials of the court met in Opelousas on Sunday, a legal holiday, and drew the aforesaid jury.

Sustaining of this motion by Judge Jack would bring on an adjournment of court and a delay in the trial of the number of defendants until the winter term next January.

## CONVENTION SAYS ALL WOMEN MUST GIVE THEIR AGE

### Female Applicants For Registration Can Not Hide The Fact

## MR. SANDOZ MAKES A GALLANT FIGHT

### Negative Vote Roars Out Hearty Disapproval of Measure

Mr. Sandoz of St. Landry made a gallant but losing fight to force his resolution through the convention giving women voters the privilege of not stating to the registrar of voters their exact age, only being required to say they were twenty-one years old.

The Sandoz proposition came up last week and when debate started there was some interesting things going on the floor of the convention. The sponsor, Mr. Sandoz, tried to stem the tide of opposition but unable to face the waves. The ayes and nays simply roared out their disapproval. The defeat was overwhelming.

Former Governor Sanders voted with the opposition and spoke sensibly against its passage. The words of the former executive had great weight with some of the wavering delegates who did not know how to vote. He said to write any such innovation in the constitution might spell disaster to the white electorate of the state, in that a law would be discovered in the suffrage clause of the organic law and make it the target for the shafts of the element that would like to break down the rule of the dominant race in Louisiana.

Of the three women delegates in the convention two voted with Mr. Sandoz though all three are in the class termed "old married women" with husbands and families.

The women who were enfranchised last year, under a ruling of Assistant Attorney General L. E. Hall, were not required to pay a poll tax. That point was not clear, as the terms of the old constitution only made provision for "male citizens" and this loophole, according to the attorney general's ruling, let the women out.

The matter is covered by a provision of the new constitution, which makes it necessary for all women to pay the 1920 poll tax this year, as well as poll tax each year thereafter, in order to be qualified electors of the state. The delinquent male voter, who failed to pay his poll tax for 1920 is also given the opportunity to get himself in good standing again by being granted the privilege of paying it this year, though the old law said that the voter who did not pay his poll tax for two successive years prior to December 31 of those years would be disfranchised.

Action by the convention on the matter of women furnishing their exact ages in years, months and days, and the further fact that they must pay the annual poll tax as a prerequisite to vote places them on an equal footing with the male voters of the state. According to the views of some of the best informed people in the state, this is as it should be, and the convention certainly acted wisely in adopting these provisions. Those women who object to giving their ages and who also object to paying the poll tax will not enjoy the privilege or right of voting. To have discriminated in their behalf, according to Governor Sanders, would have caused a weak spot in the armor of white citizenship and endangered the rule of the dominant race in Louisiana.

## KNIGHTS COLUMBUS WILL INITIATE BIG CLASS ON SUNDAY

### Some Candidates From Surrounding Councils to Be Received Here

## LOCAL OFFICERS PLAN FOR GLORIOUS TIME

### Entire Day to Be Replete With Entertainment for Large Crowd

Next Sunday, June 19 the Opelousas council of the Knights of Columbus will have an initiation of a class of about forty candidates, some of whom come from councils located in adjoining cities and towns.

Officers of the local body propose that the event shall be one of the greatest in the history of the organization in Opelousas, even though the class of candidates will not be as large as some other classes initiated during the distant past.

All preparations have been made for entertainment on a scale heretofore unheard of. The entire K. of C. building will be given up to the initiation during the daylight hours after the services at the Catholic church. When the scene of action is cleared in the late hours of the day the lower floor will be used for the big dance which will spell the finish of the day's program.

The magnificent automobile show-room of Osie Bordonel, almost adjoining the K. of C. hall, has been loaned by the owner for a banquet and reception room, and all the automobiles will be cleared out for that purpose. A splendid dinner will be served in that place, beginning at 11 o'clock in the morning, the price of which will be so small that no one will feel the cost of eating that day. The ladies will have that end in hand and those who have an intimate knowledge of the expertness of Opelousas ladies in preparing a spread fit for the gods will miss anything.

After the ceremonies and the eats, the famous moving picture film, depicting the Knights of Columbus pilgrimage to Metz, will be shown free to the general public at the Opelousas high school auditorium if arrangement for the use of that building can be made. This film is said to be exceptionally fine and no one should miss the opportunity of witnessing it.

The day's festivity will be closed with a big dance at the K. of C. home, to which all members of the order and their lady friends are invited. Splendid music for the occasion will be furnished, and Alfred Vidrine, head officer of the local organization, states that there is no chance of anyone leaving without having had the real good time of their lives.

This will be the last initiation this summer.

## POLICE JURIES TO FILL ALL VACANCIES

### PEOPLE WILL NOT HAVE CHANCE ELECT REPRESENTATIVES WHERE VACANCY EXISTS

Under the old order when a member of the lower house of the legislature died or resigned, a special election was called to choose his successor. It was a parish-wide election and was always held at great expense to the people, but was strictly in keeping with the ideals of democratic government.

The constitutional convention, which has just completed its work departed from this ancient and popular, though very expensive system, in that it provided that where a member of the lower house of the assembly dies or resigns, thus creating a vacancy for a particular parish, the police jury of said parish is empowered to elect a successor. This innovation will serve materially in reducing expense of elections, but it may not meet with the hearty approval of the people, for it deprives voters of the right of selecting a man. As in the case of St. Landry, for example, there are sixteen members of the police jury. If for any reason a vacancy should occur in the membership of the legislature, a candidate for the vacancy only has to secure the vote of the majority of the members.

Elmer J. Major, former Opelousas boy but now employed in Port Arthur, Texas is here for a brief stay with relatives.

Mrs. A. A. Anding of this city spent a day in Lafayette last week, according to the Gazette of that city.

## UNCLE SAM'S COURT RECONVENES TODAY

### JUDGE AND OFFICERS OF TRIBUNAL DUE TO START SPECIAL TERM FOR CRIMINAL CASES

Judge G. W. Jack and retinue of officials of the federal district court—marshal, deputies, district attorney and assistants, clerk and assistants—who held court here the first of the last week are due here again today for the purpose of holding a special term of the tribunal.

Last week the court was in session only two days, the major portion of which time was taken up in the trial and disposal of civil suit against the railroad administration for damages. This case was wound up Tuesday evening and as the jury and grand jury term was due for Alexandria on Wednesday, the court had to adjourn in order to assemble in the Rapides capital. They had a busy time there, judging from the reports in the newspapers.

There are a large number of cases on the criminal docket here, most of which are for violation of the national prohibition law, and these cases will be taken and tried and disposed of. The jury that was drawn for service last week will hold over for this term and the court will not suffer any delay through the drawing of a new jury list to try the "white mule" cases.

## SEVERAL ASPIRE FOR REGISTRAR VOTERS

### FOUR OR FIVE RICHMONDS IN THE FIELD FOR THE NEW JOB CREATED BY CONVENTION

It is rumored that there are at least five candidates already out for the position of registrar of voters for St. Landry parish. This position in each of the parishes was created by the constitutional convention just the other day but the "faithful" lost no time in beginning to erect their fences and attempt to hedge in the job. The fortunate one will have to secure a majority of the sixteen members of the police jury for that body has the power to choose the new official, though the power of removal for "cause" rests solely with a state board composed of the governor, lieutenant governor and speaker of the lower house of the legislature.

For several years W. W. Gelvin has been performing the work of the office of Court Clerk Lastrapes, and it is generally admitted that Mr. Gelvin will be a candidate for the place subject to the approval of the police jury. Eunice is said to also have a candidate for the place.

## ST. CHARLES COMMENCEMENT IS BEING HELD THERE TODAY

We acknowledge receipt of an invitation to attend the commencement exercises of St. Charles college, Grand Coteau, which will be held this (Wednesday) morning at 9:30 o'clock, in the college auditorium. The graduating class of the famous college is small this year but it has enjoyed a successful year and the under classes promise much for the immediate future. The total number of students attending the school has been steadily increasing annually.

After a week's vacation spent with relatives in Opelousas, Charles F. Bailey returned to Baton Rouge Sunday afternoon.

Ab. Andrus of Sunset was in Opelousas Monday attending to business affairs.

## SLOW PROGRESS IN BAQUE CASE

### ATTORNEYS BATTLING OVER LITIGATION CAUSED BY ELECTROCUTION OF BOY

The damage case of Edmond Baque and wife versus the city of Opelousas is marking time in district court. Initial proceedings were begun last week when court adjourned until Tuesday and the case was again resumed. Plaintiffs, father and mother of the young boy who was killed by a live wire some months ago, claim damages in the sum of nineteen thousand dollars. The are represented by Attorneys Gullbeau and Fontenot & Swords while the city's interests are looked after by City Attorney Sandoz, assisted by special counsel E. B. Dubuisson. It is a hard-fought case and may drag along for several days before submitted to the court for judgment.

## OH, YOU EUNICEITES! SECOND TRIMMING IS DOWN AND OUT SURE!

### Sunday's Game Chalks Up Another Victory For Opelouseans

## PUT-UP HARD FIGHT; TIDE STRONG AGAINST

### Four to Two Official Score When Last Round Was Played on Local

The locals won another from Eunice Sunday afternoon, the visitors coming here for the contest. Flushed with their victory of 1 to 0 over Welsh on Sunday, the 5th, they felt confident that they would "get" Opelousas' goat" with their strengthened team and expert pitcher. However, in the vernacular, they had another think coming after the ninth inning showed the score to stand 4 to 2 in Opelousas' favor.

Old Jupiter Pluvius was really kind to players and fans Sunday. The daily rain failed to materialize and everybody breathed a sigh of relief that there was a break in the monotony of the proverbial "forty-day rains" due to visit us just because it had rained on the 8th and incidentally spoiled the game fixed for St. Charles college.

A large crowd of fans assembled at Giron park for the game with Eunice and as it was an exciting contest from start to finish there wasn't any grumbling such as characterized the so-called game with Rayne a Sunday or two ago. The locals had their hands full for Eunice has a good team, and the victory won signifies that Opelousas' outfit is really and truly entitled to the name of "Invincibles."

Sunday next the locals are going to take on Cottonport, and a series of games with the strong Lake Charles team has been arranged, to take place some time the latter part of the month at Lake Charles. Kinder gave Lake Charles a run for its money, and Kinder was beaten by Opelousas. Welsh also gave a good account of itself when playing with Lake Charles; Eunice shut Welsh out and then Opelousas put the skids under Eunice in two games out of three. Arguing along this line of fan thought, it is quite easy to surmise that when the Invincibles meet the Lake City gang they are going to give them a dose of the same medicine as they administered to both Eunice and Kinder.

The box score of the Sunday game with Eunice follows:

Opelousas	AB	H	PO	A
Lemon, 3rd b	4	0	2	2
Comeaux, ss	4	1	3	2
Smith, c f	4	0	0	0
Jones, 1 f	4	0	3	0
Platte, c	4	1	6	1
Brown, 2d b	4	1	2	3
Clary, 1st b	4	2	10	0
Richard, r f	3	0	1	0
Olivier, p	3	0	0	3
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	34	5	27	11
Eunice	AB	H	PO	A
C. Hammers, c f	5	1	10	
Dietlein, 3d b	4	0	2	2
A. Hammers, 1 f	4	0	3	0
Koch, c	4	1	6	0
Trappey, 2d b	4	0	1	3
Bergeron, 1st b	4	0	8	0
Derbes, r f	3	0	0	0
Bushnel, r f	1	0	0	0
Miller, s s	4	1	0	2
Taboney, p	4	2	3	2
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	37	5	24	9

Summary:—Runs, Lemmon, Smith, Jones, Olivier, Bergeron and Miller. Errors, Dietlein, (2); Trappey, Bergeron, Miller, (2); Taboney, Comeaux, Olivier. Two base hits—Comeaux; Three base hits—Miller; Stolen bases Brown, Clary and Smith. Base on balls Olivier, (2); Taboney, (4). Struck out by Taboney, (5); by Olivier, (7). Left on bases—Eunice: (11); Opelousas, (8).

Time 1 hour, 40 minutes. Umpires: Smith and Thompson.

Miss Thelma Lauman, efficient stenographer of City Attorney P. R. Sandoz, has returned home after undergoing an operation for appendicitis in the sanitarium at Lafayette.

C. Preston Hollier and Adelin Durlo are planning to leave Opelousas next Monday for Cooper's Wells, Mississippi, where they expect to spend ten days or two weeks.

Mrs. E. L. Loeb and daughter, Miss Lena, after spending several days in New Orleans, have returned home.

Judge B. F. Vannoy of Big Cane was in Opelousas last Wednesday to attend a Masonic meeting.

Bob Schuler, who has been at Haynesville, La., for some time, returned to Opelousas last week.