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THE CLARION'S CLAIM:
That it has a larger circulation than ALL of the newspapers published in the parish combined; and as large a circulation as any Weekly published in the State.

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PREPARING TO ENTERTAIN OUR VISITORS

Executive League Meets and Appoints Committee to Formulate Details for

THE THREE BIG OCCASIONS

Meeting of Farmers Union, Visit of Schell party, and inauguration of Through Traffic on Frisco Railroad.

A well-attended meeting of the Executive League was held at the clubhouse last Monday night, for the purpose of making arrangements for the entertainment of the Schell Pennsylvania party on the 23d, the 28th meeting of the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union on the 27, 28 and 29, and the inauguration of through traffic by the Frisco railroad on the 31.

Committees were appointed, and have been diligently at work ever since, and there is promise of a successful culmination of their efforts. With the co-operation of the people of the city, there can be no doubt that the visitors will be afforded ample and pleasing entertainment. There is no question of the ability of the people of Opelousas to entertain the only question is, are they willing, and will they put their shoulder to the wheel and push along?

We think they will. The committee to attend to making the programme for all three occasions is composed as follows, and has made the following programmes: Committee on programme: M. L. Lewis, chairman; D. L. Guilbeau, C. D. Dror, Dr. A. J. Bercier, J. G. L...

The programme for the reception of the party of Pennsylvanians, who are here for the purpose of visiting the city but primarily to view the progress being made on the Union Pacific Canal, is as follows: They will visit Opelousas on the 24th, when a trip to Church Point, Crowley and the O. Gee school, and in Eunice and Lawtell on the 25th, will be tendered. The special train will leave Opelousas at 7 o'clock p. m. At 8 o'clock a lunch will be served at the home of Mrs. L. M. L...

For the farmers' meeting on the 27, 28 and 29, there will be music, songs, drives, speeches, and other forms of entertainment. On the 28th, a day before the meeting, the managers of all of the Union warehouses in the city will meet in Opelousas. This is preliminary to the farmers' meeting. On the 27th, the meeting of the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union will be called to order by State President J. E. Bullock at 9 o'clock a. m.

The address of welcome will be given by Hon. M. Halphen, Mayor of Opelousas, and responded to by J. DeLoach, Secretary of the Union.

Mr. A. Guiry, of St. Landry, will welcome the visitors in behalf of the citizens of this parish.

Mr. S. Barrett, of Georgia, National President of the Union, will give the address of the day. Mr. Thos. H. Lewis, of Opelousas, will have an open discussion with a short talk on general discussion will follow.

At 12:30 o'clock p. m. it is understood that the visitors will attend the Minister, and for that reason there will be no session.

On the 28th, in the morning, the members of this city are expected to meet the visitors through the city, and have them a good time and a pleasant session.

An extensive session will take place at 11:30 a. m. An excursion will leave Opelousas, complimentary to the visitors. It will go to Church Point, Crowley over the O. Gee, and Lawtell over the Frisco to Eunice, Lawtell and back to Opelousas, reaching Opelousas at 7:30 o'clock.

At 8:00 o'clock there will be music and singing on the courthouse grounds. Among the notable addresses will be one by Dr. Fred J. Mayer, pastor of the Methodist church, on "Hygiene on the Farm."

At 9:30 a visit will be paid to the largest irrigation Co.'s plant near Opelousas in the South.

The Frisco railroad, upon the occasion of its inauguration of through traffic on the 31st, will be tendered a special train. The train will be composed of the corporate limits by Comptroller, which will escort it through the city. As the depot short address will be made by Hon. Mike...

PINE PRAIRIE A COURTHOUSE CANDIDATE

And Claimants Have the Most Central Location...But Correspondent Admits that

PARISH IS NOT YET DIVIDED

The Pine Woods City Has the Oil Fever, and Several Prospectors Are In that Country Seeking the Field.

Pine Prairie, July 13.—Drs. W. H. Ray and J. J. Stagg and Col. Chas. Lafleur of Eunice, are in town and surrounding country, boosting Eunice for the county seat. They are losing time coming here. Pine Prairie is in the race herself. Eunice, Ville Platte and Mamou all three claim that they have a cinch on the courthouse. Pine Prairie makes no such claim, but guarantees that it is in the running. But, Mr. Editor, there is a lot to do yet before we get the new parish, much less the courthouse.

A Baptist protracted meeting began here last Saturday. It is being conducted by Rev. J. A. Richmond, of Oakdale, and the attendance is large.

Our town was visited to-day by Capt. Sam Haas, Erlich, Jr., of Chicot, and Mr. J. M. Cook from Oakdale, and Mr. L. Johns, of Pawnee.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Campbell, of Barbreck, are visiting relatives here. Mr. Levi Campbell, of Whiteville, is here on a visit.

Mr. J. W. Clark, of Petroussy, Texas, is here for a few days, looking over the oil situation in and around Pine Prairie. He is representing the Sun Oil Co., of Beaumont. He says indications are good, and that his company will probably drill here. Things look "oily" around here. The Miles Mineral Company is making satisfactory progress drilling; the Pine Prairie Oil Co. is taking leases and mineral rights, and preparing to go to drilling; Mr. S. A. Gournay is also taking leases with the intention of drilling soon; and there is probability of other companies coming in soon.

Hon. Wm. Clark spent a few days with friends at Belle Cheney Springs this week. Among those there are Mr. S. A. Gournay and family, Dr. and Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Crawford and Miss Bee Crawford, Miss M. Mornhinev, Mr. Arthur Comeau, and Mr. R. Perkins, from Opelousas. Mr. Clark says the Opelousas folks know how to entertain, as well as have a good time themselves.

I regret to chronicle the death of our estimable citizen, Mr. M. Gillotte. He passed away after a long illness, on Saturday, the 10th, at the age of 70 years.

Mr. Frederick Lutz, one of St. Landry's staunch old Democrats, who now resides at Leconte, left for home to-day, after spending quite a while with his daughter, Mrs. Charles West.

"HAVE A SUCK--FIFTEEN CENTS," PROHIBITION CONSOLATION.

The New Orleans Item publishes the following, which should prove consoling to those who are afraid that some day the whole State will be voted "dry."

"Have a suck--fifteen cents!" Internal Revenue Collector Seyburn says this is the manner in which "booze" is offered for sale in dry parishes in Louisiana.

"The preambulating saloonists walk around through the country," said collector Seyburn, Thursday. "Around the waist of the saloonist is a belt attached to which is a receptacle filled with liquor. To this receptacle are attached rubber tubes. When a prospective customer comes along, the preambulating saloonist takes out the tube. The customer applies his mouth and takes a good stiff drink. Then he hands over the fifteen cents and the saloon moves on."

"Should the customer draw too long on the rubber tube, the 'saloonist' cuts off the supply by squeezing the tube. The saloonist through practice has become an expert judge of the amount that may be sold with profit for fifteen cents and therefore can regulate the quantity taken by the customer."

"Most of these walking saloonists take out revenue licenses. But some do not. However as soon as an Internal Revenue Agent asks for license, one is immediately taken out."

"The license for this fiscal year appear to have fallen 500 below the number last year. The wholesale license to some extent offset this. I venture to say that more liquor has been sold this year despite prohibition."



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Father Time: "He Doesn't Seem to Notice Me at All!"

EXCURSION FOR BATON ROUGE CELEBRATION ON THE 31ST.

Baton Rouge, July 14.—All of the railroads entering Baton Rouge have notified Secretary F. B. McGuerty of the Baton Rouge Board of Trade that they will give a special rate of one and one-third of the regular fare on the occasion of the celebrating of the crossing of the first trans-Mississippi train at Baton Rouge, July 31.

These rates have been extended by the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley, the Baton Rouge, Hammond and Eastern, the Louisiana Railway and Navigation Company, and the Texas and Pacific. A large number of visitors are expected from the Y. and M. V. as far up as Gloster, Miss. and from off the Baton Rouge, Hammond and Eastern it is possible that a special train will be run to bring the crowds from Covington and Hammond.

Excursions over the Colorado Southern will bring in crowds from Crowley, Eunice and Opelousas. A special boat excursion will bring in possibly fifty from Morgan City.

The complete program for the July 31 celebration of the opening of Traffic over the Colorado Southern has not been completed, but it will include features as ball games, fire run, and addresses at the State House by Governor J. Y. Sanders, T. J. Kerman of Baton Rouge, and Hon. Lee Garland of Opelousas.

MUST MAKE FIGHT BEFORE BOARD OF PARDONS.

Baton Rouge, La., July 9.—In hearing protests against pardons to-day, Governor Sanders made it very plain that they should be made before the State Board of Pardons, when the case is considered, and not before him after the case has come up to him with a unanimous recommendation from the Board that executive clemency be granted.

The Governor has made it practically a general rule to issue pardons to convicts where the State Board has taken a unanimous action.

C. R. Jetton, former manager of the Western Union Telegraph Office, in Baton Rouge, who was sent to the State Penitentiary for two years for embezzlement of \$1,000 of the company's funds, was given a pardon, over the protest of T. P. Cummings, manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company in New Orleans, who urged against a pardon being issued. Jetton had only one month more of his term to serve.

Governor Sanders also pardoned Vincent Loraeano, who was sent up from New Orleans for robbery, and Alfred Doty of Jefferson Parish, who was sentenced to the penitentiary for stealing a skiff.

—Mr. Beauchamp Anderson, of New Orleans, who is studying for the priesthood, was a pleasant caller at the Clarion office this week. Mr. Anderson is an Opelousas boy, bright and studious, and his many friends have not the least doubt that he will "make good."

HEALEY BUILDING IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

Brick Structure On Landry Street, Which is Rented Before Actual Work Begins.

WILL BE USED AS POOLROOM.

Thurston McKinney Has Contract, and Theo. Gelvin is in Charge of the Brick Work. Work to be Rushed.

Notwithstanding the cry of dull times, a large brick building is undergoing construction in Opelousas.

And it is already rented, because it is centrally located, and a well fitted business building.

Work began on the building let to Mr. Thurston McKinney for \$38,000 a few weeks ago, last Monday. Alderman J. J. Healey is the proprietor, and the building is located on Landry street, between Main and Court streets. It is a single-story building, 75x28 feet, brick, with concrete block and glass front.

The building will be occupied by Sam Garbo as a pool room, he having obtained a three years' lease on it.

SEVERAL CANDIDATES WILL OPPOSE MARION L. SWORDS

States Says that Marston Will Not Have the Field to Himself in the Race for Important Office.

The announcement of the candidacy of Sheriff Marion L. Swords, of St. Landry, for the office of Secretary of State, has elicited much favorable comment from the press of the State, and has brought out the fact that he will be opposed by several prominent Democrats of Louisiana.

The New Orleans Daily States has the following account of the candidacy of Mr. Swords, and the opposition he will have:

"Though the primary will not be held for two years and a half, Sheriff Marion Swords of St. Landry has already entered the field as a candidate for Secretary of State. He is the first to be formally announced and his home paper, the St. Landry Clarion, in a leading editorial strongly endorses him.

"Last year the fact was made public through The States that John T. Michel, incumbent of the office which Mr. Swords wants, would not seek re-election at the close of his third term, and since then it has been an open secret that Mr. Swords desires to fill his shoes. The St. Landry sheriff is, however, not to have a walkover, for indications are that there will be several opponents in the field. Among them will probably be Fred Grace, register of the State land office. Mr. Grace ran a magnificent race a year and a half ago against Col. Crandall and Harrison Stewart for the land office and won in the second primary. Ex-Representative John W. Summerlin of Rayville and Robert S. Landry, clerk of the House of Representatives, are also said to have aspirations for the office."

Sunset, July 12. Mr. Editor.—The trap was all right, but I guess the bait did not suit. The young lady must have nibbled for fun. Result: A dislocated arm and a disappointed trapper. Try again. BRISTOL.

NEW CROP SELLING AT STUPENDOUS PRICES

Unparalleled Condition in Cotton Market for this Season of the Year.

HIGHEST PRICES SINCE 1903

And this Notwithstanding the Uncertainty Regarding the Ultimate Yield...Up to 13 Cents a Pound...The Situation.

New York, July 13.—Cotton brokers and others interested in the market had the unique experience to-day of seeing the new-crop options selling above 12 3/4c. According to some of the oldest men in the trade this is an unparalleled condition at this season of the year, when there is so much uncertainty regarding the ultimate yield. In 1903 higher prices were reached near the end of the season, following a series of squeezes in June, August and September deliveries. The whole list made new high records amid an excited speculation, but it was the options representing the growing crop that naturally attracted the greatest interest.

The market rose 9 to 13 points, October selling at 12.84 and December at 12.87. However, it suddenly changed form, as the concentrated long interest began to dump over its holdings that had been accumulated for the purpose of being sold around the 13c level.

These were offered in 1000, 2000 and 5000 bale lots, and it is estimated that profits were taken on about 300,000 bales in the first hour and a half. The smaller bulls made no effort to stem the tide, and the earlier advance was canceled.

W. T. MILLER GIVES HIS VIEWS. Walter T. Miller, the veteran member of the New York Cotton Exchange, looks upon the present advance in the price of the staple as a movement which ought to be considered not simply from the speculative standpoint of the cotton trader, but also from the commercial aspect in which the mills are directly concerned.

In answer to the question as to whether the rapid upward movement in cotton values should not cause some concern, he said to-night: "I have sold cotton for over two dollars a pound, and it was a highly profitable transaction for all concerned. It varies prices from that down to the lowest prices of record, the market has frequently gone through sudden changes of values. But in no case, in which prices have been driven by the speculative trade above the level at which the manufacturer could utilize the fiber profitably has such an advance succeeded in maintaining itself."

"The manufacturer is still the main consideration in the commercial end of the cotton market. He must ultimately take it from the traders' hands. Although he has a pretty wide range within which he may profitably buy raw cotton to work up into goods, yet at different times the limits within which he can do this with profit to himself are greatly restricted. He can not easily pass from a 9 or a 10 cent level to a 12 or 13 cent level for raw cotton within a short period. Such changes take time, and the speculator too often forgets this. The mill may curtail its operations or shut down part of its establishment until the adjustment comes between the trader's ideas of raw cotton prices and the commercial estimate of the price at which manufactured cotton fabrics can be put upon the market."

Only one thing occurred to mar the dinner, and that was Bro. Turner could find no cornbread. The reason of that was at this season of the year the old corn is weevil eaten, and the new corn hardly dry enough. But we will have the corn bread next time, Bro. Turner, so come again.

Misses Mamie and Ward Ella Turner, gave us some nice music on our Farmer's Union organ, our local choir with other ladies from town joined in the singing. After dinner the young people entertained the crowd with recitations and dialogue, a solo by a little lady so small she had to stand on a bench to be seen. All were greeted with applause by the audience.

WELCH SAYS PORT BARRE ROAD WILL BE BUILT.

Gould's Agent Brings Intelligence that the Road Will Not Touch St. Martinsville Because that Town Voted Down Tax.

F. M. Welch, of the Gould railroad system, was an Opelousas visitor last Monday.

He is sanguine that the road from New Iberia to Port Barre will be built. In fact it is being built now, according to Mr. Welch, and there is nothing to stop it from going through.

The proposed road received several black-eyes by reason of having special taxes asked in its favor voted down but it is evident that the Gould system is determined in covering the country between New Iberia and Port Barre, which means connection with the Texas & Pacific.

Mr. Welch informed the Clarion that the road would pass through Loreauville instead of St. Martinsville. The latter place recently voted down a tax for the road, and the Gould people will seek revenge by leaving that town outside of its route.

There is nothing definite about the continuance of the road through Washington, Ville Platte, and on to Oakdale.

WILL ST. LANDRY MAKE BIG COTTON CROP?

Reports from the Parish Seem to Indicate that Boll Weevil Will Be Worst this Year

SOME WILL MAKE FULL CROPS

Prairie Lands Especially Free from Weevil and Some Land Near Woods Also Free of the Pest.

If reports reaching us from many sections of St. Landry are true—and they undoubtedly are—many farmers in the parish will make a full cotton crop.

The prairie lands throughout the parish are particularly free of weevils, and some sections bordered with timber (where the weevil is supposed to hibernate) also report an immunity from the pest.

Dr. J. A. Haas will make a full crop on his Latretye plantation, in Mallet. He brought to the Clarion office last Friday a stalk of cotton containing 168 bolls, forms and flowers, and not a weevil on it. Dr. Haas bought some of Capt. Marston's poison at the beginning of the season, expecting weevil visitation, but has not had an opportunity to use a pound of it yet.

Much of the cotton is now practically made, and weevils can not hurt it. Of course there is yet much young cotton, subject to destruction, and it is possible that the pest will yet destroy it. Last year prospects were excellent until July 10th, when the continued rains set in, and the crop was completely obliterated in the space of two weeks.

Farmers are much encouraged at the prospects of a good cotton crop.

TOO QUICK ON THE TRIGGER.

A Timely Protest Against the "Man Killer" of the Police Force. An Example in Shreveport

Because a man is a vagrant, or has committed a misdemeanor, is no reason why he should die.

Human life should be held in higher estimation, than that it is amenable to be cut off for the slightest infraction of the law.

An officer is expected to protect his life when, in the discharge of his duty, it is threatened. He should not even give the offender an even chance with himself. But when an offender is unarmed, and makes no demonstration—except that he flees for his life—it is not only cowardly to shoot him down, or hurt him in any way, but it is a crime that should call for the severe punishment of the officer so offending.

The officer who is "quick on the trigger" is more dangerous to society than the poor fellow who will commit a misdemeanor.

A case in point comes from Shreveport. A man by the name of O'Neil was arrested for vagrancy. While the clerk was making the entry in the police station, he suddenly darted out of the open door and ran. There were several policemen present. Instead of trying to run him down, one of the officers shot him down—murdered him.

Can there be anything more cowardly?

Commenting on the case, the Shreveport Caucasian correctly says: "There are no loving relatives to claim him or to pay him the last tribute of respect. There are no tears for him and no flowers. The body is carted to the potter's field and there it may repose, unhonored and unused, until the trumpet call on Judgment Day."

"If life were not so valueless the officer of the law would be less reckless in handling their handy and their ready pistol; nor would they shoot and kill except in self defense, or when combating with some desperate who, being guilty of some outrageous crime, must be held at all hazard."

"There can be no excuse for any policeman or officer of the law who is 'too quick on the trigger.' Some of the essentials of a good policeman, or of any representative of the law, are discretion, prudence, a clear head and a steady nerve. A man with such characteristics is never 'too quick on the trigger,' nor will he call his handy and his ready pistol into action except in extreme cases and when his life is in peril."

Presbyterian Church.

Preaching at the Presbyterian church to-morrow at 11 o'clock a. m. and at 5 o'clock p. m., by Rev. Dr. R. T. Price. Protracted services will be held each evening during the week by Rev. Dr. T. M. Hunter of Baton Rouge, commencing Monday evening the 19th, at 8 o'clock p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend.