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ALLEGED KIDNAPPER TO BE TRIED AGAIN

Louisiana Supreme Court Reverses Former Decision In the Famous Walters-Dunbar Kidnaping Case.

The Walters-Dunbar case will soon be before the eyes of the public for a second time. The Louisiana supreme court decided that Walters would have to be tried again for the alleged kidnaping of little Bobbie Dunbar of this city. The court handed a decision, when Walters was declared a free agent on the ground that the act under which he had been tried and convicted was unconstitutional.

District Attorney R. Lee Garland of this city and Assistant Attorney General Gondron are the ones who are responsible for the snatching of liberty so suddenly from the hands of the alleged kidnaper of Bobbie Dunbar. When they appeared before the supreme court in New Orleans last Saturday they held that the article in the constitution which the court had taken from its authority to throw out this law was constitutional and that the court had erred in deciding against the state several weeks ago.

The court granted Walters a new trial on grounds that Judge Pavy had erred in his instructions to the jury. The judge included among his instructions a statement to the effect that an accomplice who is absent from the scene of a crime is just as responsible as a committer of a crime who is on the scene. The court held that statement to be a flaw in the judge's charge to the jury. It also said that district court had violated the laws appertaining to jurors, when it allowed the jury to occupy six different rooms at Lacombe Hotel, when as a mat-

ter of fact only one room should be used by the jury.

The trying of Walters for a second time means that the parish will have to go to the expense of several thousand dollars in order to give the prisoner, as well as the state, all the chances possible to give both sides of the case as fairly a deal as possible. As the parish treasury is practically depleted it will go hard with St. Landry to hold a special term of criminal court as to dispose of this nation widely known kidnaping case.

It is not known when the prisoner will be given another chance at proving his innocence. However, it is thought that it will at least not be before the beginning of the new year.

OPELOUSAS MASONS ENJOY TRIP TO EUNICE

Initiatory Work Put on by Local Masons Proves Very Successful.

Headed by Hon. Leon S. Haas, the M. W. District Deputy Grand Master of this Masonic District, the following well known Masons journeyed to Eunice on Sunday afternoon last and assisted the Eunice Lodge No. 330 F. & A. M. in the conferring of the Master Mason degree upon four candidates: F. C. Allen, M. Winsberg, F. P. Butler, W. W. Smith, Max Klaus, Adolphe Jacobs, Dr. Geo. W. Stubbs, J. G. Lawler, P. B. Bert, Ben Riseman, B. Bennett, of Humble Cottage Lodge No. 19; Dr. J. N. Brown, J. W. Bailey, Kirt Lynch, S. M. Plonsky, L. A. W. Quirk, Prof. A. W. Bittle, S. W. Peurifoy, of Courtableau Lodge No. 320 of Washington.

Work was started during the afternoon at 4:30 in the commodious and well appointed Lodge room of the Eunice Lodge and in charge of Pastmaster of the Lodge, Dr. W. H. Ray, and progressed with perfection until ten at night. Never was work better put on, and all members present so expressed themselves. Past master of the Eunice Lodge, J. Leer Lacombe, C. C. Porter, S. A. Gournay and many Masons of Washington, Opelousas, Elton, and Crowley took a prominent part in the conferring of the degrees.

Special mention should be made of the hospitality displayed by the members of the Eunice Lodge, particularly that of Mr. Porter. After work was finished a magnificent banquet was served to some seventy-odd visitors and members. This banquet could have been equalled only in larger cities, and not excelled by any.

The worthy toastmaster C. C. Porter handled this delicate task with nicety and many magnificent speeches were made by members present.

Too much cannot be said of the kind treatment and hospitality accorded all visitors, and all left with the wish that Eunice Lodge No. 330 F. & A. M. will entertain at an early date.

Our Northern Neighbor.

In the current issue of farm and Fireside appears an editorial showing what we Americans ought to be thankful for in the present crisis. Following is an extract:

On our North lies Canada, a people like ourselves, peaceful,

friendly, no less our fellows than are our brethren of our sister states. We may well be thankful for the fact that along the great frontier from Maine to Puget Sound we are in need of not a single fort or a single soldier.

"On the south we have Mexico turbulent, torn by revolution, and often a vexatious and undesirable neighbor. But may well render thanks that by patient forbearance we have put aside the danger of embroilment in war with Mexico. We pity the Mexican people, and hope that they may set their feet now on the ladder which leads up to the level of peace and stability and prosperity which we have gained.

"We should be glad that our government has so acted that we are free from war with Mexico at this time especially. Otherwise we should be in greater danger than now of being drawn into the awful vortex of the world war. Were we now at war Mexico might easily be encroached upon by some of the warring nations. Mexico might be able to make an alliance with one of them. Our possessions in the Pacific might be attacked. We should thank God for peace with Mexico."

Murff Girl Refused A Rehearing.

Dora Murff, the Crowley girl sentenced by an Acadia jury last November for the murder of Millar Delhaye, and her stepfather who claims he shot the boy in defense of the girl's honor, were refused a rehearing by the Louisiana Supreme court on last Monday.

The Murff-Duval-Delhaye case attracted much attention when it was being tried at Crowley last Fall and the conviction of the girl came as a surprise to many in this state, as practically every woman accused of killing a man and pleading the "unwritten law" was freed.

James Duval, the stepfather of Dora Murff, who is sentenced to life imprisonment, is confined in the Opelousas jail.

Pharris--Budd.

An important social event of the week was the marriage of Miss Anna Louise Budd, which took place on Wednesday evening at 2:30 o'clock, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Adam Budd, to Mr. James Charles Pharris of St. Louis, Mo. The bride's only attendant was her sister, Miss Marie Budd.

Mr. Pharris had as his best man, Mr. Lawrence Larcade of Opelousas, cashier of the Peoples Bank.

The home was exquisitely decorated in yellow chrysanthemums and ferns. During the signing of the register Miss Lawrence Mistic, and Mr. Henry Lardade, Jr., sang "Mine."

Reverend Father Livoreille officiated being the god-father of the bride. He was assisted by Rev. John Engberink, pastor of the St. Landry Church of Opelousas.

Mr. and Mrs. Pharris left immediately for St. Louis and other parts of Missouri. On their return they will reside at Lottie, where Mr. Pharris is employed as agent for the Frisco railway.

Cotton Exchange Reopens.

With the exchange decorated and women crowding the gallery the New Orleans cotton exchange was reopened on Monday after being closed for nearly three months and a half.

The first trades were made the same prices as the liquidation contracts last week.

Mr. Jules Ludeau of Ville Platte was a business visitor here Wednesday.

SWITZER TO REVIVE PROGRESSIVE LEAGUE

Organizer of Southwest La. Development Bureau Try- ing Boosting Here.

The Opelousas Progressive League, which has been dormant for the past several years, is about to be revived. Mr. Paul E. Switzer, organizer of the Lafayette Southwestern Development Bureau is in Opelousas and will begin at once to reorganize the local progressive league.

Mr. Switzer was in Opelousas on Monday afternoon to arrange to take over the management of the Progressive League and he immediately set to work to put his plans into execution. The new manager of the local league organized and put on a paving basis the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce and the Lake Charles Commercial Club. Both of these organizations have paid the merchants and business men interested more than double the amount they subscribed to make the projects going concerns.

The Opelousas Progressive League, although full of good intentions, and headed by one of the most progressive citizens of St. Landry, Mr. Lorenzo Mornhinveg, on account of the lack of interest on the part of business men, has not accomplished anything of material benefit to those interested in the welfare of Opelousas. It is now expected that it will prosper greatly after Mr. Switzer will place it on a permanent basis.

The business men of Opelousas will be called upon by the manager of the Progressive League within the next few days and every plan explained in details, which will show the merchants how they will be benefited by a well organized progressive league.

New Orleans Celebrates Orange Day.

The old city of New Orleans looked like "old times" on last Thursday, when the progressive citizens celebrated Louisiana Orange Day. Beautiful women galore were throwing oranges to the crowds, while automobiles, fittingly decorated for the occasion, paraded through the principal streets of the Southern met-

ropolis, headed by Mayor Behrman.

The New Orleans people had been planning for this great occasion for several weeks past and the manner in which this fete was successfully carried through points the way to liberty to the Louisiana orange farmers; it means that Louisiana oranges will be known throughout the United States as the most superior fruit on the market and this state will be the leading orange state in the United States.

To Give Cane Pennants To Ladies.

The St. Charles College Athletic Association is determined to captivate the ladies of this city. When the St. Charles football team will make its first appearance in Opelousas on next Sunday afternoon the boys will have a large number of handsome cane pennants which will be given to the ladies attending the game. These pennants are a splendid addition to a collection of school souvenirs and all those securing pennants will not regret having gone to see a good game of football.

WILL INTRODUCE OIL BURNERS IN STATE

Opelousas Man to Be State Distributors for Marcotte Crude Oil Burners.

Arthur D. Marcotte, a prominent citizen of Eunice, has invented an automatic crude oil burner which will greatly reduce the price of fuel in heating and cooking purposes. O. H. McClelland, manager of the Opelousas Motor Car Company, has been appointed by Mr. Marcotte as state distributor.

Mr. McClelland will leave shortly to live permanently in New Orleans from which point he expects to introduce the burners which will save consumers of oil a great per centage of fuel cost. The burner can be used on small oil stoves, as well as in sugar refineries and wherever big boilers are in use, with no danger of odor, smoke and soot. The burner affects the complete combustion, thereby avoiding smoke and soot. The inventor of the new oil burner has secured seven patents and has discovered that there is already a great demand for the Marcotte oil burner.

Thanksgiving Proclamation by the Governor of Louisiana

In accordance with time-honored custom, the President of the United States, by official proclamation, has set apart a day for special thanksgiving and prayer, on which the people of the nation may unite, in devout acknowledgment of the blessings they enjoy under a free government, and of the abundant dispensations of the Giver of all good.

This custom of designating a day of thanksgiving has been observed since the colonial period of our history, and it is proper that, in the midst of our several activities, we should pause to confess our dependence upon the Supreme Power, and to render grateful thanks for the blessings vouchsafed to us.

Under divine guidance our agencies for combating disease and preserving the health of the people have been active and efficient; our educational facilities are inspiring and elevating the people; we remain free from the ravages of war, and pestilence, and famine; and despite unavoidable misfortunes, that should be faced with resolute determination and purpose to overcome them, the outlook for the people of the State is full of hope and encouragement.

Therefore, I, L. E. Hall, Governor of Louisiana, do hereby appoint and proclaim THURSDAY, THE TWENTY-SIXTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FOURTEEN, a day of

Public Thanksgiving

for the people of this State. On that day let us refrain from our usual vocations, and, in divine worship, render thanks for the blessings we enjoy, not forgetting to aid and comfort, by word and deed, the sick, the afflicted, and the unfortunate.

In testimony whereof I hereunto sign my name and cause the Great Seal of the State to be annexed, this, 2nd day of November, A. D., 1914.

By the Governor: L. E. HALL.
ALVIN E. HEBERT,
Secretary of State.

JUDGE DUPRE GIVES ADVICE TO FARMERS

Prominent St. Landry Lawyer Says That Too Many Are Willing to Tell Farmers What They Ought To Do.

During these hard times, with low prices being paid for any species of farm products, every "popinjay" is at work giving the tillers of the soil advice. Talk is cheap and those engaged in volunteering advice are consumers who produce nothing, like the lilies of the field they toil not, neither do they spin.

All this advice is not pure and simple. The Governor and Commissioners of Agriculture and bankers and office holders may prate from daylight until darkness, about not selling your cotton and to diversify your crops, but that is not going to pay taxes nor the physicians nor the merchants. Neither will it buy shoes for the children nor clothes for the wife, nor books for those children who must attend school.

It makes me tired to hear those people say to the farmer, "hold your cotton; do not plant any next year. Raise more hogs horses and cattle; raise more chickens, etc. etc." Many of the people to whom this advice is tendered, in this and other parishes of Southwestern Louisiana, do not read the paper. If they did, it would not avail.

They cannot make anything else. Cotton will yield money when nothing else will. Cane is a doubtful crop. Rice cannot be grown unless irrigated. But cotton and corn can and does grow and yields the (former) ready cash. To say to the farmers, hold your cotton, do not plant any next year is to prescribe an impossibility. The cotton on hand, he must dispose of; next year, he must make more for ready money.

Without money to pay his taxes his property is sold. Without money to pay his physician his wife and children will go without medical attention. Without shoes and books his children cannot obtain an education, and yet these wiseacres say, "Don't sell your cotton. Plant none next year. Diversify your crops live economically."

These people do not know what they are talking about and ought to quit. What the farmers want is less advice, more practical help. Economy in every branch of the government will lessen his taxes. These increase yearly. Right now the Government, State and National, desires additional revenue. The National Government has levied its tribute. The Stamp-act is revived. The State announces the Legislature about to convene MUST FIND ways and means to meet appropriations for the next year. The

Miss Estorge Wins Box Of Candy.

Miss Aline Estorge, young daughter of Hon. Henry Estorge of this city, proved to be the best hustler among the school children of St. Landry parish during the past week, carrying off the five pound box of chocolates offered by the Opelousas Kandy Kitchen for the boy or girl turning in the most subscriptions.

Miss Estorge had several friends from various sections of the parish working for her, showing that she is a very popular young pupil of the St. Landry High School. The box of candy which is on display at the Kandy Kitchen will be given on next Wednesday afternoon.

The Clarion Contest Department extends its congratulations to the winner of the five pound box of candy.

Mr. Y. Andrepoint made a flying trip to Crowley Tuesday.

Legislature must and will pass an appropriation bill, because of Governor Hall's veto of the one passed in 1914. But it should see to it that not one dollar not needed for running the State upon an economical basis is appropriated. Not an office should be created. Not a salary raised. Not an acre of land additionally levied upon. That is the way to help the farmer. That is the way I am going to try and help him, without giving him advice. I have spiked my gun and God-willing, I am going to see to it that no additional expenses are placed upon his shoulders. That is the way to assist him. Less advice, more practical assistance.

Yours Truly,
GILBERT L. DUPRE.

CONTEST VOTES NOT COUNTED THIS WEEK

Record Vote Expected to Be Cast Next Week— Double Counting.

The votes in the contest were not counted this week and the showing of the various schools will not be made until next week. On account of the absence of the editor, who did not return until Friday and on account of the rush of legal advertisement, it was impossible to count the votes. Next week the entire amount of votes cast by the schools will be recounted, so as to assure the patrons as well as those working for the various schools, exactly how the contestants stand in the race.

The schools are still working hard for the four hundred dollar piano which will be given away in December and reports from over the field are favorable. St. Charles states that as soon as the worries of the grid-iron battles are over with it will be in the race for keeps. Words from Grand Prairie are to the effect that it is fighting now with renewed activities and Mr. Toole's school is expected to make a splendid showing next week.

Dupre Is Agent for the New York Life.

A. Leon Dupre, well known and popular cashier of the Opelousas National Bank, has contracted to represent the New York Life Insurance company in this city. As Mr. Dupre is a hustler and the New York Life being one of the strongest insurance companies in the world it is expected that the National bank cashier will secure a large portion of the local insurance business.

Cotton Sold Well Here This Week.

It looked like old times for a few days this week, as loads of cotton poured into Opelousas from every direction. On Monday, the day upon which the New Orleans cotton exchange opened, a large lot of cotton was placed on the Opelousas market; this cotton brought a price of 7 and one half cents. Tuesday was the busiest day of the season for the cotton buyers as over one hundred bales were placed on the market at this place; the price, however, has fallen a quarter of a cent.

The Five Hundred Club was entertained by Mrs. Albert Dejean. The guest prize was captured by Miss Mim Estorge.

WILL SELL SCHELL CANAL IN JANUARY

Biggest Sheriff Sale In History of St. Landry to Come off in Jan.

The biggest sheriff sale in the history of St. Landry and probably in the history of Louisiana is to take place on Saturday, January 9th, 1915, when the properties and rights-of-ways of the Union Irrigation Company, including the famous Schell Canal, together with all the movable property, will go under the hammer at the front door of the Courthouse.

The advertisement of the sale, which is to appear in the next issue of the St. Landry Clarion covers four newspapers pages and will require several hours of the valuable time of Deputy Sheriff Chachere when it will be cried out to the public.

It is understood that the property is to be bought and that the canal will be placed in tip-top condition for the next crop, all of which, if accomplished, will mean a great thing to this country, as the need of an irrigation plant, which would be at the disposal of the farmers of the parish, has long been a recognized fact.

Young Lewis Goes to College.

Master John W. Lewis, Jr., left on last Wednesday for the Gulf Coast Military Institute, at Gulf Port, Miss., where he will begin his college career.

John is a bright and snappy chap, a general favorite here, and we predict for him a brilliant college career. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis accompanied their son to Gulf Port.