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## OFFICERS WATCH FOR GHOST AT OIL MILL

Opelousas Has Sure Enough Ghost Story All Its Own

## BRICK BATS FLY IN ALL DIRECTIONS EVERY NIGHT

City Authorities Investigate Oil Mill Story and Endeavor to Locate the Ghost

Opelousas has a ghost story all its own. All these stories New Orleans and Shreveport newspapers have been publishing about the real hair-breadth stories are naught compared to the sure enough story told about the nightly visitor at the St. Landry Cotton Oil Company.

For the past week brick bats have been flying all around the buildings of the oil company; there is not a window pane left to protect the inside walls from the weather.

Manager Laurent Stagg, of the St. Landry Cotton Oil Mill, realizing that the ghost was more realistic than anything, quickly appealed to the city authorities for help in tracing down the ghost. For the past several nights police officers and several civilians have been keeping nightly watch at the oil mill. Everytime one moves, with a lantern, brick bats and pebbles begin to pour from every direction.

Every possible attempt at tracing the origin of the flying stones has been made, with no avail. It matters not where the light is, whether in a room, outside or whether it is up on top of the buildings, brick bats and stones are hurled from every direction, at the lantern.

As luck would happen no one has been hurt by the flying stones, but it is said that one party, the other night was practically knocked down by one of these mysterious stones from the empty darkness.

## COTTON BRINGS FABULOUS PRICES

King Cotton has had the market going all his way; never since the old King was almost dethroned by his bitterest enemy, the Boll Weevil, has the price for cotton been so high in this territory.

All during the week cotton has been selling above fifteen cents; several bales brought as high as 15 1/2. Had it not been for the threatened nation-wide strike, cotton would undoubtedly have brought close to 16 cents a pound on the Opelousas streets.

The local gins have been crowded since the very first day they lit up and turned the first wheel. Both the Peoples Gin, managed by Simon Stelly, and the Compress Gin, managed by Sam Bertheaud, have been running daily, being compelled to stop way in the night. Very often several loads have to remain on the yards for the next day.

## A CORRECTION

In last week's issue in speaking of Judge Pavy's record we said in part:

"It will be noted in his recapitulation that he says that 49 cases were contested in the Supreme Court, of which 39 were affirmed and 11 reversed. As a matter of fact only 37 were affirmed—according to his own figures—not 39."

This was a typographical error. We should have said 38 instead of 39. We make this acknowledgment in justice to Judge Pavy.

The Judge, however, was in error in his circular. From his own figures he should have 37 affirmed cases instead of 38, as is stated in his recapitulation.

Leo Durio, of Arnaudville, who has been in Opelousas for the past several weeks, departed on Monday evening for Alexandria, where he will represent Stewart Brothers, cotton buyers.

## REV. BROCK CONSENTS TO SWORDS BOYS DEMAND

Minister Friend of the Late Sheriff Gives out Public Statement Relative to Letter

Rev. J. B. Brock, an intimate and close friend of the late lamented Sheriff Marion L. Swords, who was chosen by the countless friends of the murdered sheriff, to receive contributions from the public to a fund to lift the mortgage off the home of Mrs. Swords, yields to the demand of the Swords boys, as expressed in a letter, appearing in the Clarion, last Saturday.

Mr. Brock was actuated, like the other Swords friends, to help lift the mortgage off the beautiful home of the dead sheriff, because Sheriff Swords had pauperized himself, on account of his desire and fondness to assist all those in need of monetary assistance.

Following is the statement made by the well known Opelousas minister:

"Relative to the nice letter written by the Swords boys published in last week's issue of the Clarion declining to let the public pay off the mortgage now resting on the Swords home, I desire to say that I am very sorry that any misunderstanding has arisen for we who initiated the movement were assured that it would be satisfactory to the family, otherwise we never would have begun.

"In regard to the sentiments expressed in said letter, I desire to say that ordinarily they are correct, but Mr. Swords was a public man and spent a great portion of his official income each year in paying surety debts and giving to charity, and now if those whom he has helped, together with his many friends, desire to pay this mortgage, I cannot see how it could in the least reflect on the family.

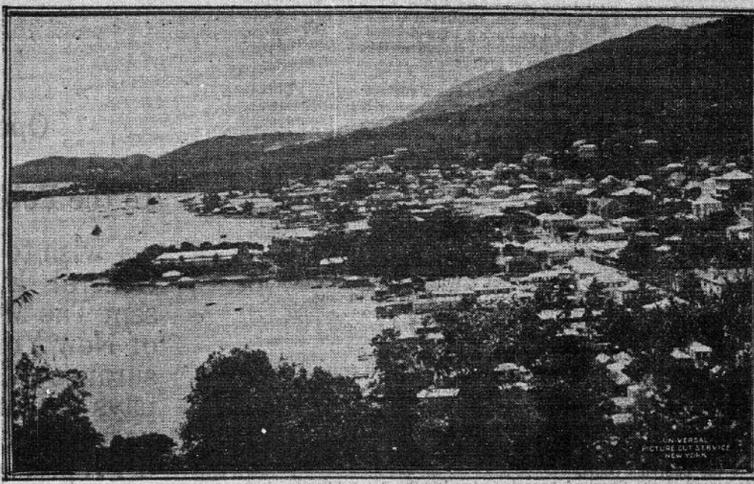
"But in view of the said letter, I will say that it is impossible now for the movement to succeed and I therefore decline to have anything more to do with it, and I now request the public to send no further contributions to me, and the many checks which I have already received will be returned by me."

## PARENTS, THAT SON OR DAUGHTER, WHAT ABOUT THEIR FUTURE SUCCESS?

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Yves Andrepost and Kelly Andrus were visitors to Ville Platte on Tuesday afternoon.



ST. THOMAS, DANISH WEST INDIES

Which may soon come into the possession of the United States. Negotiations for the purchase of the Danish West Indies from Denmark have been under way for several years, and it is said that a purchase price of \$25,000,000.

## SCHOOL BOARD PROCEEDINGS

Opelousas, La., Aug. 25th, 1916.

The St. Landry Parish School Board met in special session pursuant to call; Present, Dr. O. P. Daly, President; Mr. J. A. Perkins, Mr. H. D. Larcade, Jr., Mr. G. Horaist, Mr. R. Lee Hawkins, Mr. Arthur Fogleman, Mr. J. G. Carriere, Mr. Frank Fontenot, Mr. W. B. Baker, and a quorum.

On motion of Mr. Hawkins the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with and the minutes as published were adopted.

## Process Verbal of Canvass of Returns

Be it Known and Remembered, That on this the 25th day of August, 1916, at 10 o'clock A. M. in accordance with Ordinance No. 13 of the School Board of the Parish of St. Landry, enacted on the 3rd day of July, 1916, notice of which was issued and published according to law, the undersigned members of the School Board of the Parish of St. Landry, being a quorum thereof, met in public session at the office of said Board in the City of Opelousas, St. Landry Parish, La., and according to law opened the ballot box used therein, and which was received from the commissioners of the election held on Tuesday, the 22nd day of August, 1916, in accordance with said ordinance, and there proceeded to count the ballots both in number and amount, for and against to determine the proposition to levy a special tax of five mills (.005) on the dollar on all property in School District No. 3 of the 5th and 1st Police Jury wards of the parish of St. Landry, subject to state taxation, for a period of five years, beginning with the year 1916, the proceeds of said tax to be used in giving additional aid to the public schools of the said school district.

The result of said count was 81 ballots and \$53673.00 dollars in favor of said proposition, and 9 ballots and \$9640.00 dollars against said proposition; and five spoiled ballots, and, therefore, the majority in both number and amount cast by the property taxpayers of said School District No. 3 of the 5th and 1st Police Jury wards of the Parish of St. Landry in said election being in favor thereof; and at the same time and place we did examine and canvass the returns as evidenced by the duplicate tally sheets and duplicate compiled statement, the correctness of both being sworn to by the commissioners, according to law, and finding also that the returns indicate a majority both in number and amount of property, in favor of said proposition.

Therefore, we declare that the result of the said election is in favor of the said proposition to levy a special school tax of five mills on the dollar on all property subject to taxation in School District No. 3 of the 5th and 1st Police Jury Wards of the Parish of St. Landry, La., annually, for a period of five years, beginning with the year 1916, for the purpose of giving additional aid to the public schools of said school district.

And in accordance with law, a promulgation of the aforesaid results was prepared, and the Secretary of the Parish School Board was ordered to have a copy of the same signed by the President, published in one issue of the official journal.

And likewise we did order that one copy of this process verbal be sent to the Secretary of State to be recorded in the archives of the State of Louisiana; that one copy

be sent to the Recorder of Mortgages to be recorded in the mortgage records; and that one copy be kept in the records of the said School Board.

This done and signed in the presence of W. C. Perrault and F. J. Hardy, competent witnesses and electors, on this 25th day of August, 1916, at the office of the Parish School Board of the Parish of St. Landry, at Opelousas, La., by the undersigned members of the School Board of said parish, present and participating in the canvass of the election.

Witnesses:

W. C. Perrault,  
F. J. Hardy,  
J. G. CARRIERE,  
J. A. PERKINS,  
H. D. LARCADE, JR.,  
W. B. BAKER,  
FRANK FONTENOT,  
G. HORAIST,  
R. LEE HAWKINS,  
A. FOGLEMAN,  
O. P. DALY.

And the canvass of the returns of said election having been made, the results thereof was ascertained and declared to be as follows:

	Number	Amount
For said proposition	81	\$53673.00
Against said proposition	9	\$9640.00
Majority in favor of said proposition	72	\$44033.00

And the result of said election was declared to be in favor of said proposition.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Fontenot, seconded by Mr. Baker, the following ordinance was adopted:

## ORDINANCE NO. 16.

ORDINANCE OF PROMULGATION Whereas, on the 22nd day of August, 1916, an election was held in School District No. 3 of the 5th and 1st Police Jury Wards of the Parish of St. Landry, Louisiana, to determine the proposition to levy a special tax of five mills on the dollar on all property, subject to taxation, in School District No. 3 of the 5th and 1st Police Jury Wards of the Parish of St. Landry, La., annually, for a period of five years, beginning with the year 1916, for the purpose of giving additional aid to the schools of said school district.

Whereas, said election was held and the returns thereof were canvassed by the Parish School Board of the Parish of St. Landry, according to law, and notice on the 3rd day of July, 1916, and the result of said election was declared to be that a majority in number and amount of the taxpayers of said School District No. 3 of the 5th and 1st Police Jury Wards of the Parish of St. Landry, Louisiana, voted in favor of said proposition; now, therefore,

Section 1. Be it ordained by the Parish School Board of the Parish of St. Landry, in lawful session convened, that the proposition to levy a special tax of five mills on the dollar on all property, subject to taxation, in School District No. 3 of the 5th and 1st Police Jury Wards of the Parish of St. Landry, La., annually, for a period of five years, beginning with the year 1916, for the purpose of giving additional aid to the schools of said school district, be carried, and said proposition is authorized and required by the law to be proceeded with by an annual levy, assessment and collection of taxes on all property of said School District No. 3 of the 5th and 1st Police Jury Wards of the Parish of St. Landry, La.

Section 2. Be it further ordained by the Parish School Board of the

Parish of St. Landry, in lawful session convened, that the result of said election shall be promulgated by the President and Secretary of the School Board by publication in one issue of the official journal of St. Landry Parish, signed by the President and Secretary.

## PROMULGATION OF ELECTION STATE OF LOUISIANA.

Parish of St. Landry.

By direction of the School Board notice is hereby given that on the 22nd day of August, 1916, an election was held in School District No. 3 of the 5th and 1st Police Jury Wards of the Parish of St. Landry, Louisiana, to determine the proposition to levy a special tax of five mills on the dollar on all property, subject to taxation, in School District No. 3 of the 5th and 1st Police Jury Wards of the Parish of St. Landry, La., annually, for a period of five years, beginning with the year 1916, for the purpose of giving additional aid to the schools of said school district.

That the majority of the taxpayers voting at said election in favor of said proposition was 72 in number and \$44033.00 dollars in amount; and that therefore said proposition was carried.

This done and signed on this 25th day of August, 1916, at Opelousas, Louisiana, in the Parish of St. Landry.

O. P. DALY,  
President of the School Board.  
W. B. PRESCOTT,  
Secretary of the School Board.

On motion of Mr. Fogleman, seconded by Mr. Baker, the following resolution was offered and adopted, Whereas, the School Board of the Parish of St. Landry in its sale of the School Bonds of the 7th School District of the Fourth Police Jury Ward, to Powell, Gerard and Company finds that it is necessary to have said bonds and papers pertaining thereto examined by a bond attorney in order to be able to dispose of said bonds, therefore,

Be it resolved by the School Board of the Parish of St. Landry that the Superintendent-Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to issue a warrant to Powell, Gerard & Company for the sum of Eight Hundred Fifty Dollars in payment of attorney's fees for the examination of records of the Krotz Springs School District No. 7 of the Fourth Police Jury Ward bonds and for the furnishing and printing of same.

Mr. Fogleman, duly seconded, moved that a permanent committee of three members be selected to be known as an Executive Committee, to consist of the President and two members appointed by him. This committee to act for the Board in all matters arising out of board meetings. Actions of the committee subject to the approval or rejection of the Board. Committee to meet upon the call of the President but there can be no more

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Joe McClelland, prominent and well known Mallet farmer and merchant, transacted business in this city during the week.

Lee Fogleman, of Alexandria, arrived Thursday morning, to remain in this city several months in the employ of M. Levy & Sons, cotton buyers.

Hon. L. J. Dossman made a flying trip to this city on last Sunday, and while here was the guest of his daughter, Mrs. Charles Ventre.

## CITY WATER AND ICE PRONOUNCED HEALTHY

State Board of Health Analyzes Opelousas Water and Ice As Good for Human Consumption

Dr. Oscar Dowling, president of the Louisiana State Board of Health, notified Mayor Edward L. Loeb, that he had analyzed the Opelousas water and ice and had discovered that both were very good for human consumption.

This is one city in Louisiana whose water and ice has always been considered exceedingly healthy; the city administration has always striven to keep it as free from contamination as possible and much credit is due the officials of this city.

It will be remembered when an epidemic of typhoid fever broke out in this city last year some people thought it was because of the impurity of the city water. Dr. B. A. Littell immediately had the water analyzed and it was soon ascertained that Opelousas water was as healthful as any other water in the state. It is gratifying to note that the same standard is being kept and that there is absolutely no danger of disease in the city water, as advised by the highest health authority in the state.

## UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION STENOGRAPHIC DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Dates of Special Examinations, September 12 and 26, 1916, for men only. Places of examination: Louisiana: Alexandria, Baton Rouge, Lake Charles, Monroe, New Iberia, New Orleans and Shreveport. Texas: Abilene, Amarillo, Austin, Beaumont, Brenham, Brownsville, Corpus Christi, Corsicana, Dallas, Denison, Eagle Pass, El Paso, Fort Worth, Galveston, Greenville, Houston, Laredo, Lubbock, Marshall, San Angelo, San Antonio, Texarkana, Tyler, Waco, and Wichita Falls.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces an open competitive examination on the dates and at the places named above to provide a register of eligibles from which to make certification for filling vacancies as they may occur in positions requiring the qualifications of stenography, typewriting, or stenography and typewriting in the Federal classified civil service in the departmental service, at Washington, D. C.

Men only will be admitted to the examinations on the dates specified above; age limits, 18 years or over on the date of the examination.

On account of the fact that two hundred new positions have been created recently in the departments at Washington, opportunities for appointment of those who successfully pass the stenographer and good.

Salaries range from \$900 to \$1000 per annum.

The scope and character of the examination are shown in Form 1424, "Information for Applicants for the Stenographer and Typewriter Examination."

Each applicant will be required to submit to the examiner on the day of the examination a photograph of himself, taken within two years, securely pasted in the space provided on the admission card sent to the applicant after his application is filed. Tintypes will not be accepted.

This announcement and Form 1423 contain all information which is communicated to applicants regarding the scope of the examination, the vacancy or vacancies to be filled, and the qualifications required.

Persons who wish to enter the examination should apply at once for Form 1424 and application blank (Form 304) to the secretary of the local board of civil service examiners at the post office at any of the cities named at the head of this announcement, or to the district secretary at the address below. Applications should be properly executed and filled without delay with the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

Under an act of Congress applicants desiring to become eligible for permanent appointment in the apportioned departmental service at Washington, D. C., must be examined in the state or territory in which they reside and have been actually domiciled in such state or territory for at least one year

## BUSINESS IMPROVING WITH COTTON PRICES

Prospect for Prosperity Brighter Than for Many Years Past

## MERCHANTS ARE SATISFIED WITH PRESENT CONDITIONS

Opelousas Once More Appears to Be A City of Thrift and Happiness With Cotton as King

Never since the good old days, before the dreaded and hated boll weevils struck the parish of St. Landry, has Opelousas appeared to be enjoying more prosperity than at the present time.

Practically every merchant agreed that business has improved wonderfully, since cotton has begun to move; there is a tendency to buy more, as well as a tendency to pay old back bills, so the merchants are now wearing the smile of contentment.

Opelousas has always been recognized as one of the best business centers in this section of Louisiana. But for the past several years, with crop failures, low market prices and many other impediments, this city has not fared as well in the business world as it should have.

Indications are that the merchants in this city and surrounding country will enjoy real prosperity from now on. Rice is beginning to move also, and as that crop is demanding a good price, several hundred thousand dollars, additional, will pour into Opelousas. It will not be long before the sugar cane crop starts to the market, when Opelousas will again reap untold benefits.

All in all, despite the short crop the farmers of St. Landry and the business men of Opelousas can not complain, as the price of farm products is very high, and money is in circulation more freely than for many years past.

## BARRETT COMPLIMENTS DR. LAZARO ON RECORD

President of National Farmers Union Writes St. Landry Man of Congressman's Record

C. S. Barrett, president of the Farmers Educational & Co-Operative Union of America, who has made it his business to investigate the record of every member of Congress, writes R. Lee Mills, of this parish, that Dr. Lazaro's record is a splendid one.

Following is the very complimentary letter of Mr. Barrett's about Dr. Lazaro, to Hon. R. Lee Mills:

"Replying to your recent favor making inquiry concerning Representative Lazaro of your State and his record in congress, it gives me great pleasure to state that Congressman Lazaro is one of the most industrious and dependable members of the present congress. Dr. Lazaro has stood by the farmers."

"Hoping that all goes well with you, I am,

"C. S. BARRETT."

The Farmers Union throughout the United States has always complimented Dr. Lazaro, because he stood by the members of this great organization, whenever he was called upon. That is the reason why Mr. Barrett, who resides in Union City, Ga., and who has no interest in politics, except to see that farmers get a fair deal, has written this letter.

previous to the examination; they must have the county officer's certificate in the application form executed to which a 10-cent internal revenue stamp must be attached.

In Form 1424 may be found the dates on which the regularly scheduled stenographer and typewriter examinations will be held at the places listed above, both men and women for the Departmental Service, and men only for the Panama Canal Service.

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