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TWO DOLLARS PER YEAR IN ADVANCE

MACHINERY AT LOCAL POWER PLANT BREAKS

City Without Current For Two Nights and Days As Result

MANY BUSINESSES AT A STANDSTILL

Mayor Loeb Says Repairs Now Being Made Will Give Only Partial Relief—Irregular Service for Three Weeks

The repairs now being made at city power plant will give only partial and temporary relief at best and as a consequence the people of Opelousas can expect irregular service for at least three weeks. During that time we will be able to serve only certain circuits of the town at a time, furnishing power to each one in turn. We ask the people to kindly bear with us in the emergency.—Mayor E. L. Loeb.

Mayor Loeb has objected to me having any further connection with the plant. If instructed to return, I can have the plant in operation by six o'clock this afternoon.—Supt. Burgess, in a statement to the City Council at 9:30 Saturday morning.

The business houses of Opelousas have been without power for three days and the homes of the city have been without lights for three nights following breaks in the machinery at the local power house. The trouble began Thursday when the last of the oil engines in use their collapsed and the employment of extra help had failed to relieve the situation up to late Saturday.

The chief source of trouble is cracked cylinders and cylinder heads in addition to the generally worn condition of the machinery. Repair parts for the engine have arrived and Mayor Loeb stated they would be installed with all possible speed. He is not very hopeful of better services for the near future, however as indicated by his statement printed above.

Special Meeting

The breakdown at the power plant came very soon after a disagreement between Mayor Loeb and Supt. Burgess and some people are of the belief that an amicable adjustment of the differences would result in better service for the present at last. Burgess says Mayor Loeb refused to permit him to have anything further to do with the plant and instructed him not to touch the engines. Mayor Loeb's answer is that he instructed Burgess not to touch the engines until all parts needed for repairs had arrived. At a special meeting of the city council Saturday morning at 9:30 Supt. Burgess stated that if instructed to return to work he would have the plant in operation at 10 o'clock Saturday evening. He was instructed by the council to return.

Plant in Bad Shape

Engineers who have worked at the power plant say that the machinery is better fitted for the junk heap than for any other usage. They state further that the people of this city can expect no better service as long as the present equipment is in use. Others contend that with repairs it can be utilized until the new plant is built.

People Aroused

In the mean time, the people who pay the costs are suffering. The discomfort, inconvenience and stagnation of business during the past three days has aroused them to point of asking for the truth—to the point of demanding to know who, if anyone, is responsible for the trouble. They want to know. They have a right to know. Is Burgess incompetent or has Mayor Loeb been too hasty? Who is going to furnish the information.

Many Businesses Handicapped

Many businesses which use the city current as a source of power have been seriously handicapped during the breakdown. The Princess Theatre, local picture show, has not been able to exhibit for three nights both papers have been delayed two days, and garages, machine shops and battery plants have not been able to operate. The supply of lamps and candles has been greatly depleted and coal oil, long since relegated to commercial usages has again been brought into light the city's homes.

Current Saturday Night

A little later than he had promised, Supt. Burgess had the engines in shape and was furnishing current Saturday night, but a blow out of a gasquet shortly afterward caused him to shut down. At 11 o'clock Sunday morning the plant was in operation and judging from the regularity of the service for several hours thereafter it will continue.

TO GIVE MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER FOR SANITARIUM

The ladies of Opelousas are planning a miscellaneous shower for the sanitarium in this city.

All who are interested in this move are requested to meet at the Elks Home at 2 o'clock Monday, August 2, when plans for the shower will be outlined and a date convenient to all will be fixed.

This worthy movement has been inaugurated and is being backed by some of the ladies of the city who appreciate the sanitarium and what it means to Opelousas and vicinity. Dr. Daly has gone to considerable expense in establishing and equipping the sanitarium and it goes without saying that he and those in charge will greatly appreciate this thoughtfulness on the part of the ladies of the city. Moreover, the handiwork which will come from the shower will unquestionably add rays of sunshine to many brought there suffering from the ills of human kind.

CLARION LATE DUE TO BREKKS AT POWER PLANT

NO CURRENT THURSDAY AND FRIDAY DELAYS PAPER FIRST TIME IN WEEKS

The Clarion is late this week for the first time in months and this delay has been brought about through no delay of the management or the employees.

Breaks in the machinery at the city power plant, which deprived us of current through Thursday and Friday are responsible and we ask the indulgence of our subscribers and patrons. Running on schedule time through the week to Thursday morning, everything indicated that the paper would be delivered to the small late Friday afternoon as usual. But the unexpected happened and we have been delayed two days.

It has been the policy of the Clarion management to have the paper ready for delivery at the appointed time and our promptness in this respect has been the source of many complimentary messages from our readers. We assure them the present delay has been the cause of great anxiety to us and we trust the machinery at the power plant will be so adjusted as to permit us to be on time in the future.

CROWLEY PROGRESS MAKES ITS FIRST APPEARANCE HERE

WELL EDITED, NICELY MADE UP PAPER OF 12 PAGES IS NEW PUBLICATION'S BEGINNING

The Clarion tips its hat to the Crowley Progress, the latest of Louisiana's weekly journals, which published its initial issue in the Rice City last week. In a well edited and neatly made up paper of twelve pages, its management took a running start in the journalism of the Acadia towns. The number of advertisements, many of full pages, indicates that it has met with the favor of the business people there.

The Crowley Progress is an offspring of the Opelousas Star-Progress and is published by Nolan and Andrepoint, owners of the local paper. L. A. Andrepoint, who needs no introduction in St. Landry, is managing editor of the new paper and he is ably assisted in the mechanical department by Bernard Reed, who was connected with the Star-Progress for many months. W. F. Nolan remains in Opelousas and is in charge of the Star-Progress and its job printing department.

The Crowley Progress is being published weekly for the present, but its management states that as soon as necessary machinery can be obtained a daily paper will be added. In connection with the paper the management operates a complete job printing department and we have been informed by prominent Crowley people that the new plant has already won recognition in that field.

The Clarion is doubly proud of the Crowley Progress. We are always glad to welcome new publications into the field, especially where the opportunity justifies them, but we have an added feeling of pride in the fact that an Opelousas boy has gone forward and successfully launched a newspaper in an adjoining town.

There is so much similarity and so little difference in the pronunciation and spelling of the words, "marital" and "marital" that some people are inclined to believe they are synonymous.

FIRST TRADE DAY IN OPELOUSAS IS A BIG SUCCESS

All Indications Point to Greater Activity in The Future

NEXT PREMIUM DAY IS AUGUST 28TH

First Prize, Pair Registered Pigs, is Won by Jerome Meche, of Sunset—Big Demand for Produce Brought In

It is not very often the case that a man buying wire for building fences for hog raising, at the same time gets a pair of pigs along with the wire. This did, however, happen to Jerome Meche of Sunset last Saturday.

Mr. Meche had just purchased a carload of wire and has planned to raise registered stock. At the Chamber of Commerce "Trade Day" last Saturday he was given the pair of registered Poland China pigs. As it is the purpose of the Chamber to encourage the raising of better stock in the parish, these pigs could not have been placed with a better man.

One of the pigs was from the herd of W. W. Johnson of Church Point and was sired by Bobbie No. 286305, weight 900 pounds. Dam Miss Lady Big Bone, No. 599978, weight 800 pounds.

The other pig was from the herd of E. C. Quirk of Opelousas, and was sired by Wonder Price No. 236963, weight 900 pounds. Dam, Lady Wonderly No. 566734, weight 600 pounds.

Both pigs will be registered by the Chamber of Commerce and Mr. Meche will be presented with the registration papers, as well as the pigs. Mr. Meche was also given the ten dollar trade certificate the subscription to Modern Farming and the subscription to the Star-Progress.

Mr. Emar Lafleur was given the five dollar trade certificate.

The first "Trade Day" may be pronounced an unqualified success as everyone who brought produce or other articles was able to dispose of everything brought in. In fact there was a demand for a great deal more produce than was shown.

Among the things asked for were water melons, fresh eggs and tomatoes. Quantities of these could have been disposed of had they been on the grounds.

The ladies of Opelousas were generous in their support of the "Trade Day," many of them refusing to buy from people peddling produce on the streets, in order to buy at the court house square. It is this spirit of cooperation which the Chamber is endeavoring to build up and there is no question but that there will be more produce for sale on the succeeding Saturdays and more people to buy.

While this was the first effort along this line in Opelousas, the court house square was well filled from nine o'clock, when the first produce began to come in, until after three o'clock, when the pigs and other articles were given away.

The "Trade Days" will be held every Saturday and the next award of gifts will be made on Saturday, August 28. Just what will be given away at that time has not as yet been decided but the Chamber of Commerce announces that it will be well worth while.

Tickets may be obtained from each merchant who is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and everyone buying a dollar's worth of merchandise is entitled to a ticket. Customers are requesting to ask for the tickets and be sure that the merchant gives them.

MANAGER OF THE PRINCESS PULLS BIG PICTURE DEAL

LOCAL MOVIE HOUSE IS NOW AFFILIATED WITH SAENGER AMUSEMENT COMPANY

The Princess Theatre of this city is now a link in the chain of the Saenger Amusement Co., largest moving picture corporation in the south. The deal, which connects the local picture house with the Saengers was pulled by Manager Dietlein during the week.

The Saenger company has contracts for exclusive rights with the biggest producers of the country and thereby controls the select picture of the movie world. Manager Dietlein stated he was highly pleased with his connection with the big movie corporation and said he was certain the deal would result to the satisfaction of the patrons of his show.

TWO HEADLINE ATTRACTIONS AT PRINCESS THIS WEEK

Two stellar productions that are worthy of special mention are to be shown at the Princess this week. The first being Cecil B. DeMille's latest production "Why Change Your Wife," with Tom Meighan, Gloria Swanson and Bebe Daniels. It will be shown Thursday and Friday. On Saturday, Mack Sennett's five reel comedy, "Down on the Farm" will be shown.

BIG ASSOCIATION STIRS INTEREST COTTON FARMERS

Bonded Warehouse Especially Meets With Favor Among Cotton Growers

MEETINGS ARE LARGELY ATTENDED

Organization Work Will Continue Until Every Farmer and Business Man is Given Opportunity to Join

Notwithstanding the bad weather which has prevailed for the past two weeks, the organization work of the American Cotton Association has been carried on successfully. Meetings held throughout the parish have been largely attended and the people generally are displaying keen interest in the work of the organization.

Membership is increasing rapidly. Mr. Anders, field organizer for this parish, stated and the people seem to have grasped the real meaning of the organization. As soon as the benefits to be derived from the association, especially the bonded warehouse feature of it, are explained the farmers readily consent to join.

The organization work in this parish will continue until every farmer and business man has been given the opportunity to fall in with the movement, Mr. Anders said.

DEMONSTRATION DUSTING COTTON

AGENT MENDOZA MAKES THIRTY EXPERIMENTS IN USE OF CALCIUM ARSENATE

A. A. Mendoza, parish agent, has made thirty demonstrations in dusting cotton with Calcium Arsenate within the last few days. The result of the experiments cannot be seen at this time, he stated, but a record is being kept wherever the cotton was dusted one of the requirements being that so many rows were dusted and an equal number were not, and at the end of the season the yields from both are to be weighed and the difference in production noted.

The calcium arsenate and blow guns were purchased with money subscribed for that purpose by the banks and cotton buyers of Opelousas.

Mr. Mendoza states that many farmers are eager to experiment in the weevil dusting, and those on whose places the experiments were held are carefully keeping a record of the results.

Agent Mendoza has also made several demonstrations in the use of fertilizers. These are showing up nicely, he said. In this case he is also keeping a record to ascertain the best fertilizers to use and under what conditions they are best suited.

As soon as the results of these various experiments have been ascertained, Mr. Mendoza will make them known.

MRS. GREEN IS STRUCK BY LIGHTNING MONDAY

Mrs. J. F. Green, wife of Frisco roadmaster, was struck by lightning during the electrical storm early Monday afternoon. Mrs. Green was hurled ten feet from the bath room in her home into an adjoining room and was still unconscious when found by neighbors a short while after.

Besides the severe nervous shock, Mrs. Green sustained painful injuries about the face and neck. It was feared at first that she would lose her sight in one eye, but this has been dispelled by her improvement during the week.

MISS DUCHARME NOW AT CLARK'S JEWELRY STORE

Miss Sophia Ducharme is now employed at Clark's Jewelry Store on Landry street where she will be pleased to assist her many friends. She began there Monday.

Mr. Clark stated he was more than pleased with the services of Miss Ducharme and was satisfied her employment would aid him materially in his business.

EUNICE DEFEATS OPELOUSAS SUNDAY BY SCORE OF 7-2

A Few Bunched Hits Follow ing Errors Tells the Tale Of Last Game

BIENVENU HURLS FINE BALL UNTIL THE 8TH

McKinney's Two Bagger in Last Inning Clears the Bases and Makes Game Appear One-Sided When It Was Not

The score was 7-2 in the game between Opelousas and Eunice last Sunday, but the contest was more of a ball game than those figures indicate, for the two teams battled nip and tuck for seven full frames before the decision was reached. At that time it came with two men down. In Eunice's half of the eighth, McKinney went to the bat with the bases filled. His offering was a double to deep right center which cleaned up and gave a very decisive cast to the game.

Opelousas went at Eunice with a start and it appeared that they might even up for some of the past defeats, but it could not be. Robertson, easily the star of the game, walked in the first inning and Charley Dejean hit one against the left field fence which missed clearing only two feet. Robertson went to third and Dejean to second. But they stayed there for two were down and the hit needed to score them was not forthcoming. Yet the man who failed then, Johnny Brown, hit a double against the left field fence his next time at bat.

Opelousas scored first in the third. Robertson, erstwhile Alexandria State Leaguer, doubled to left and Brown, playing his first game, hit a two bagger in the same place, Robertson scoring.

Eunice scored three in the fourth on a base on balls, an error and a couple of hits. Opelousas came back in the fifth, an scored another and the score remained at that until Eunice's last inning.

Robertson, Opelousas catcher, was easily the star of the game, his hitting base running and catching eliciting favorable comment from the big crowd. Hanney's base running also featured.

Bienvenu in First Game

Lionel Bienvenu pitched his first game for Opelousas and hurled well considering the short time he has had to practice. After being out of the game for three years he pitched a full game after working out but one week.

Eunice Fields Well

The Eunice players fielded almost faultlessly behind Hudeck and pulled the big pitcher out of several bad holes when Opelousas threatened to score.

The game was marked by considerable wrangling over the umpires decisions.

The score:

Opelousas	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Lewis, ss	4	1	2	1	1	0
Hanney, cf	4	0	1	0	0	0
Robertson, c	3	1	2	8	2	0
Dejean, lb	4	0	1	4	1	0
Brown, 2b	4	0	1	5	1	2
Clary, 1b	4	0	0	1	1	0
Clary, E. 3b	4	0	0	1	1	0
Larcade, lf	4	0	1	2	0	0
Bienvenu, p	4	0	0	1	3	0
	35	2	8	23	10	2

Robertson walked 1.
Hammers out, hit while making 3rd strike.

Eunice	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Hammers, cf	4	1	1	0	1	0
Derbes, f. 1b	3	1	0	13	0	0
Gullory, ss	4	2	2	0	5	1
Derbes, G. 1b	4	2	2	2	0	0
Kouch, c	4	0	2	8	0	0
McKinney, 3rb	4	1	2	2	2	0
Trappey, rf	3	0	0	1	1	1
Hudeck, p	3	0	1	1	5	0
	32	7	12	27	14	2

F. Derbes walked 1.
Score by innings:

Opelousas	R	H	E
001 010 00-2	8	2	2
Eunice	000 800 040-7	12	2

Earned runs—Opelousas 2, Eunice 7.
Two base hits—Dejean, Brown, Robertson and McKinney. First base on balls—of Bienvenu 2, off of Hudeck 1. Struck out by Bienvenu 8, by Hudeck 7. Left on bases—Opelousas 7, Eunice 3.
Umpires C. Thompson and T. Furelier. Scorer J. L. Hammers.

Joseph Weidon Bailey, the ablest Texan of them all, is about to stage his political come-back in his native state, having lead by a few thousand votes in a four cornered race for the governorship in the primary held last Saturday. Ex-Senator Bailey is an implacable enemy of national prohibition and federal suffrage for women, as he regards them as encroachments on the police powers of the several states. We wonder if his majority in Texas is a sign of the times.

OPELOUSAS MOVIE STAR RISING IN FILM WORLD

Opelousas people are watching with interest Rose Wallior Cade's rise in the movie world. Even now she is playing an important part in some of the leading pictures and her friends here expect that before long she will be heralded among the stars of the silent drama.

Just recently she sent Jacobs News Depot several of her late photos showing her in different pictures which Mr. Jacobs has displayed in his window.

Manager Dietlein of the Princess Theatre has lost no opportunity to book pictures in which the Opelousas girl has participated. Announcement that she will appear in a picture is always followed by a packed house.

JUDGE PAVY AND R. LEE GARLAND ARE NOT OPPOSED

BOTH ARE PRESENTED WITH ANOTHER TERM ON SILVER PLATTER BY VOTERS OF DISTRICT

District Judge Henry Pavy and District Attorney Lee Garland have been returned to their respective offices without opposition, the judicial committee having met Thursday at Ville Platte and declared them the nominees.

The beginning of Judge Pavy's next term will mark his third full term on the bench of this district. At its expiration, he will have served continuously for fourteen years, having succeeded the late Judge W. C. Perrault at the latter's death in 1910.

Lee Garland is now rounding out his sixth consecutive term as the prosecuting attorney of this district, having been elected first in 1896. During his tenure of office Mr. Garland has served under four district judges—Gilbert L. Dupre, E. T. Lewis, W. C. Perrault and B. H. Lavy. He will soon commence his seventh term.

REPRESENTATIVE LAZARO RETURNED WITHOUT OPPOSITION

7TH DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN REWARDED WITH ANOTHER TERM FOR FAITHFUL SERVICES

Representative Lazaro has been returned to congress for another term without opposition, the nominations having closed at mid-night July 26 without any contest for the seat.

When congress convenes in December, Representative Lazaro will commence his fifth consecutive term, having been elected first in October, 1912. During his tenure of office he has so ably and so consistently championed the rights of his people and their chief industries that he has made himself unbeatable in the district, and his re-election without opposition is no surprise. His friends are proud of his record. They are gratified, too, at the fine compliment that has just been paid him and are confident that he will continue to render the most satisfactory service to all the people of the district.

Congressman Lazaro is highly appreciative of the honor which has been conferred on him.

BIGGER TRADE DAYS ARE PLANS OF THE FUTURE

REGISTERED SHORT HORN HEIFER TO BE FIRST PRIZE ON NEXT PREMIUM DAY, AUG. 28

A meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Trade Day committee was held Monday to make plans for future Trade Days and talk over the first one. The committee expressed themselves as well pleased with the results last Saturday.

The next premiums will be given away on Saturday, August 28, and the committee promises something even better than last Saturday. The Little Drug Store has promised to give a pen of blooded chickens as a premium for either the town or country people. With this addition the people who attend the Trade Day will know that they will receive something well worth having.

Instead of a pair of pigs, the committee has decided to give away a registered Short Horn heifer next month. This makes the list for next month as follows:

First—Short Horn heifer, registered.
Second—Pen of registered chickens.
Third—Subscription to the Clarion.
Fourth—Subscription to Modern Farming.

As there is no cost to the merchant or his customer attached to these pre-

EIGHTEEN BOYS TO VISIT MIDDLE WESTERN STATES

Left Thursday for Baton Rouge Where They Attend Short Course

LOCAL CITIZENS TO DEFRAY ALL EXPENSES

Will Visit Highly Improved, Intensively Tilled Farms, Including Agricultural Schools in Iowa, Illinois and Wisconsin

The following boys left Thursday for Baton Rouge to attend the short course of one week.

Chapman Mills, Austin Savoie, Marlon Coies, Patrick Fontenot, Marshal Landreaneau, Alton O'Brien, Floyd Fuseller, Benny Andrepoint, Ben Lafleur, Charles Oudreaux, Elder Sylvester, Charles Savant, Robert Mills, Eugene Gordon, Clebert Joubert, John Dejean, Dudley Fontenot, Herbert Fontenot.

Later they will be St. Landry's representatives on the farm observation tour through the Middle West.

Those who have contributed to defray the expenses for the trip are as follows:

- Police Jury \$300.00
- School Board \$150.00
- St. Landry Bank & Trust Co. \$50.00
- The Opelousas National Bank \$50.00
- Planters Bank & Trust Co. \$50.00
- J. A. Haas \$50.00
- Eunice State Bank \$150.00
- American Bank & Trust Co., \$150.00
- Eunice, La.
- Washington State Bank \$25.00
- Leon S. Haas, \$25.00
- Dietlein-Jacobs Gro. Co., \$25.00
- St. Landry Lumber Co., \$25.00
- P. D. Pavy \$25.00
- W. B. Prescott \$25.00
- Martin Bordelon \$10.00
- M. Winsberg \$10.00
- Armand L. Dejean \$10.00
- Estate J. B. Sandoz \$10.00
- A. C. Skiles \$5.00
- H. U. Callahan \$5.00
- L. Landau \$5.00
- J. W. Clark \$5.00
- G. L. Lassalle \$5.00
- Allen T. Sandoz \$5.00
- A. J. Cormier \$5.00
- Ben Rismean \$5.00
- J. A. Dejean \$5.00
- J. Roos \$5.00
- R. Mornhinave & Son \$5.00
- Robert Schuler \$5.00
- Mrs. L. G. Kirk \$5.00
- A. Clary \$5.00
- Shutes Drug Store \$5.00.

COMMITTEE SEEKS SITE AS LOCATION COTTON WAREHOUSE

NEEDS LOT WITH FRONTAGE OF 300 FT. ON RAILROAD WITH DEPTH OF 100 FEET

The first matter which the Chamber of Commerce committee which has in charge the investigation of the cotton warehouse proposition, is taking up is the location of possible sites for the building. It is necessary that a site be secured which will have a frontage of at least 300 feet on a railroad siding and that there shall be room for a building one hundred feet deep, with platforms on both sides and a drive way on one side. The committee is working to secure options on such sites and when these are secured the assistance of the Bureau of Markets of the Department of Agriculture will be asked to determine exactly the type of building best suited to local needs.

At the present time it is most desirable from the standpoint of construction that the cotton warehouse be suitable for general agricultural storage. This means that the cotton warehouse should be a general storage building and, therefore, should be rat-proof, moisture-proof and fire proof and arranged conveniently for general storage of agricultural products. It has been practically decided that it will not be possible to erect this type of building in time to take care of this year's crop but plans will be made, a company organized and a site secured so that work may be begun early in the spring.

A meeting of this committee with the officers of the American Cotton Association will be held in the near future and a co-operative plan of procedure worked out.

Mr. and Mrs. Armand Dejean and family, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Stelly returned home on Sunday after a delightful trip of two weeks spent at Galveston and Houston, Texas.

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