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TWO DOLLARS PER YEAR IN ADVANCE

DRILLING ON WELL NO. 1 NEAR OPELOUSAS BEGUN ON WEDNESDAY

It was the occasion of much congratulation and rejoicing when Supt. A. P. Thornton of the American Petroleum Oil and Drilling company pulled the lever that touched the button that started the machinery which will develop, we hope, one of the greatest oil fields in the country. Some delay in the procurement of an engine pump had delayed the commencement of drilling for several days, but the announcement that Wednesday about 5 o'clock would mark the beginning of active operations attracted a large and enthusiastic crowd of prominent people to the scene. The drill penetrated a depth of 26 feet in 30 minutes, and at this writing had gone down several hundred feet more. Of course no prediction can be made at this time as to the ultimate outcome of the experiment, but geologists and practical oil men, including Mr. Thornton, have expressed the opinion that the field is an extremely promising one. The drilling contract calls for a depth of 3000 feet, and a sufficient amount of piping is already on the ground to explore more than one-half of that depth. The officials of the company are going to suffer no delays and will complete the drilling with the utmost expedition. All of the machinery and equipment is modern and standard and a full and experienced crew is in charge of the operations which will continue night and day. An electric lighting plant has been installed for night work, and Supt. Thornton expects to bring in well No. 1 in record time. The place of drilling is about two miles from Opelousas on the plantation formerly owned by Capt. J. J. Thompson, now the property of his daughter, Mrs. Creswell. Some 8000 acres has been taken under lease in this vicinity.

PROMINENT CITIZENS SUFFERS SERIOUS AUTO ACCIDENT

AUTOMOBILE TURNS TURTLE ON WASHINGTON DRIVEWAY ON LAST MONDAY EVENING

A party of prominent Opelousas business men on their way to Washington, and consisting of Gustave Tujague, A. M. Haas and Julius Stander, occupying a high powered Nash runabout owned by Mr. Haas, narrowly escaped death when the automobile turned turtle on the Washington road. The accident resulted from the car skidding in a ditch and the driver losing control, when he made an effort to right the machine. Mr. Tujague was severely injured about the head and also suffered a broken leg. He was taken to the Opelousas sanitarium where his injuries were pronounced serious but not fatal. Late reports indicate that he is on the road to recovery. Mr. Stander suffered a contusion of the forehead and Mr. Haas a slight bruise about the face. The car was damaged to a considerable extent.

BENEFIT FOR THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

On Saturday, September 4 the Daughter of Isabella will give a children's party at the K. C. hall between 4 and 6 o'clock. Numerous games and dancing will be indulged in. Refreshments will be on sale. MRS. KELLEY ANDRUS, Grand Regent.

M'NEESE NAMED LOUISIANA HEAD OF LEGIONAIRES

OPELOUSAS POST NO. 45 WAS REPRESENTED BY DR. PERRAULT AND MR. DURIO

The state convention of the American Legion was held in New Iberia, La., on August 20-21-22. Opelousas Post No. 45 was represented by two delegates Dr. A. J. Perrault, Post commander and Mr. D. E. Durio, Mr. Durio was a member of Americanization committee, while Dr. Perrault was a member of the military and naval committee. Entertainment Friday, a dance at Elks Club, and auto drive to Charenton for those not dancing. Saturday—Fish fry and dance club house at Spanish Lake. Sunday—Elections of officers. Oswell McNeese of New Orleans was elected state commander over Roy Macgregor of Amite, La., and Roland Howell of New Orleans, La. Mr. McNeese won on second ballot over Howell by 3 votes. Dr. Perrault was elected member of state executive committee from 7th District. The convention was well attended, about 250 delegates were present and all had a good time. Bogalusa was chosen the next convention city.

Miss Vita Guilbeau is spending the week-end with relatives in Breaux Bridge. Mrs. W. W. Smith and son of La Cour, were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. G. Richard during the past week. Miss Dot Barstow of Cheneyville is spending a while in Opelousas visiting her grandmother and other relatives.

First Rice to Arrive in Opelousas

The first rice to reach Opelousas this season is being placed in the new warehouse of Irving and Atterberry near the Frisco tracks. Messrs. Atterby and Daigle have started threshing and have delivered 1,000 sacks of first class rice this week. The rice is in good condition and shows a fair yield to the acre. Good weather from now on will tend to bring in the crop rapidly and present indications are for a better than fair yield.

Our Farm Boys Tour Of the Middle West

The boys who went on the Louisiana Farm Boys Tour of the Middle West, from St. Landry parish, were sent by the police jury, school board, six of the banks, business men and private individuals, however, the bulk of the funds were subscribed by the Opelousas people. The boys were selected by lot from a list of names given by the contributors, the Superintendent of education and county agent, most of these boys were engaged in club work and therefore directly interested in agriculture. From the fourteen representatives from St. Landry nine of the boys expenses were defrayed by public funds while the other four took care of their own expenses. The boys arrived in Baton Rouge on the morning of the 2nd, full of pep about the trip and the things they hoped to see. They marched up to the barracks about breakfast time where they enjoyed the meal a la cafeteria style. From breakfast the boys assembled at 8 o'clock, they were instructed on the system of the Illinois Central railroad, the Universities of Illinois, Wisconsin and Iowa, a talk on agriculture by Prof. W. R. Dodson, an address by Gov. John M. Parker then came Prof. Stopher with his yells and songs to keep the boys in good spirit and we all agree now that Prof. Stopher is a good one for in a short time, I might say a few minutes, all the boys knew every yell and song given out by Mr. Stopher.

We were fortunate in having at the head of this tour one of the greatest, if not the greatest, man of the state Mr. Harris, state superintendent of education, who saw proper to divide the party into companies, of about ten in number, this plan worked to great advantage in that it divided the responsibility among ten men, more attention being given to individuals, and as a result more taught to the boys.

At eleven o'clock Tuesday the party accompanied by the short course boys and girls who went down to the train to see us off, marched to the Union station and boarded the Illinois Central special or the Louisiana Farm Boys special as it was called for the long-looked-for trip (for some of the boys had been anxiously waiting for this trip for six months). The crowd sped merrily on its way that afternoon and night and arrived in Champaign the next morning where we were met by the instructors of the great University of Illinois in automobiles and driven to the University grounds where we learned that the university comprises thirteen general colleges: 1. The college of liberal arts and sciences. 2. The college of commerce and business administration. 3. The college of engineering. 4. The college of agriculture. 5. The graduate school. 6. The library school. 7. The school of music. 8. The college of education. 9. The school of railway engineering and administration. 10. The college of law. 11. The college of medicine. 12. The college of dentistry. 13. The school of pharmacy.

The university has 235 acres in the campus 187 memorial trees, experiment stations, fine stock, ten thousand students, and (take a deep breath) ten million dollars a year for maintenance. The armory here is second only to the one at Cornell university. It is 200 feet wide and 400 feet long and 98 feet high. It was built of steel and concrete eleven years ago at a cost of \$235,000. During the winter it is used for an athletic field, being large enough for a baseball field or a football gridiron. It is used also in bad weather for drill grounds and accommodate two regiments of students in regular sessions; 5000 students were housed and drilled during the war in this building.

The different breeds of dairy and beef cattle, hogs and sheep were shown the boys, the special qualities of each were pointed out and they were shown by demonstration how to select live stock. The professors in charge of each live stock department explained in detail the problems of breeding, feeding and general management of raising live stock and the profits to be derived from same by the farmers. Each member of the agricultural family.

Gordon Brunson of Crowley was a visitor to our city Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Jno. W. Lewis and family returned this week from Belle Cheney Springs after spending two months at their summer home. Miss Lucille Vives left for her home this week at Welcome, La., after a delightful stay at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Mores. Miss Jonnie White of Eunice spent Sunday in town guest of Mrs. Terry Roy and the Thibodeaux family.

Miss Eugenia Chachere, the pretty daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Chachere of New Orleans is visiting her cousin Miss Rose Chachere of this city. Dr. J. Raphael and Collins Cormier of Port Barre attended to business in our city Wednesday. Judge Vannoy of Big Cane made a flying trip to Opelousas this week. Lionel Bienvenue spent the week-end with his parents this week. Mrs. Tip Dearmon and children of Hamilton, Texas arrived here Friday and will make Opelousas their home while her husband will be handling the drilling operation on the oil well near Opelousas.

OLD EYE SORES TO BE REMOVED FROM LANDRY ST.

State Fire Marshall Orders Their Removal from Grounds

BEING MENACE TO COMMERCIAL CENTER

The Old Stable Owned by J. J. Healey and Two Buildings by Riseman Are Condemned by Marshal as Detrimental to City

Mayor Loeb is in receipt of a letter from Conrad J. Lecocq, Deputy State Fire Marshal, enclosing copies of notices sent Ben Riseman and J. J. Healey ordering them to demolish and remove debris within ninety days the following buildings, as being a menace and dangerous fire risk to the commercial district.

Mr. Healey is ordered to demolish and remove debris within 90 days the Livery Stable building on Landry street, recently purchased from J. J. Perrodin.

Mr. Riseman is also ordered to remove buildings number 226 to 248 inclusive, on Landry street, within the said 90 days and remove all debris. The mayor is requested to keep the fire office informed as to whether these orders are being complied with. We print the following extract from the fire marshal's law.

"Any owner or occupant of building or premises failing to comply with the orders of the fire marshal or his authorized representative, as above specified, shall be deemed guilty of misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$5.00 nor more than \$25.00 or by imprisonment for not less than one day nor more than 25 days for each day's neglect.

SPLENDID PICTURE AT THE PRINCESS THEATRE NEXT WEEK

"THE VIRGIN OF STAMBOUL" BOOKED FOR TWO DAY ENGAGEMENT SEPT 3-4

Frank Dietlein, popular manager of the Princess Theatre, has booked "The Virgin of Stamboul" one of the stupendous pictures of the year for the week of September 3-4, starring Priscilla Dean one of the season's most popular actresses. Manager Dietlein is to be congratulated for being ever on the alert to give Opelousas moving picture-goers the best that money can get.

When Tod Browning produced "The Virgin of Stamboul," he produced the picture with the greatest wealth of human drama and thrilling incident—the greatest wealth of gorgeous sets and scenes—the greatest wealth of amazingly accurate and interesting detail. More than that, he produced one of the most artistic pictures of any year. Still more—he provided Priscilla Dean with a vehicle in which her electrifying personality has full scope to achieve as complete a dramatic triumph as has been won by any actress on the screen today. In accomplishing these three things, Tod Browning, master director, has given you a great money-attracting production whose value to you is perfectly represented by its \$500,000 cost of production. Will be shown at the Princess on next Friday and Saturday.

MOURET RECEIVES CARLOAD OF HORSES

A. C. Mouret, well known horse and mule dealer of this city, received on Monday of this week a carload of fine horses. They are placed for sale at the big table he runs in this city on Landry Street next to F. L. Sandor's store. Mr. Mouret returned several weeks where he had went and purchased one of the finest lot of horses ever brought in this city. Mr. Mourt stated, that prospective buyers would do well to come and investigate his horses before buying, as they are thoroughly gentle animals—and assures those in the market for horses of that class would do well to come and see them.

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Chamber Endorses Colored Farmers Parish Fair

RESOLUTION ADOPTED AT MEETING OF DIRECTORS OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce held Wednesday the following resolution was introduced by Mr. H. F. Richard and unanimously adopted:

Whereas, the colored farmers of St. Landry parish will hold their annual fair in Opelousas, October 15 and 16 of this year, and

Whereas, the Chamber of Commerce is heartily in favor of this movement and believes that such a fair will have a tendency to improve the conditions of the colored farmer and make him more happy and contented, be it, therefore

Resolved, that this Chamber endorse the movement and lends its moral support to the colored farmers fair and urges its members and other residents of Opelousas and St. Landry parish to aid the promoters of the fair in every way possible.

CONTRACT AWARDED FOR WASHINGTON-GRAND PRAIRIE ROAD

FRANK DIMMICK CHAIRMAN 11TH ROAD DISTRICT ANNOUNCES CONTRACT BEEN AWARDED

E. Fisher and Son Road Contractors, have been awarded the contract for the building of the Washington-Grand Prairie highway. The successful bidders were awarded the contract on a bid of \$54,000 and have deposited a forfeiture bond of \$25,000.

Mr. Fisher is on the job and has present a tractor and complete road building outfit on the ground, ready to start construction early Monday morning. Mr. Fisher states that he wants the public to know that he has issued strict orders to all men in his employ to the effect, that where every they encounter any person, he be automobile, wagon or otherwise, in difficulties; he is to render to that person every assistance possible without other charge than the usual courtesies of the road.

DEPARTMENTAL SYSTEM ADOPTED BY OPELOUSAS HIGH

WILL BE PRACTICED IN GRADES FROM FOURTH THROUGH THE SEVENTH

The departmental system of education will be followed at the Opelousas high school in the grades from the fourth through the seventh during the coming session, 1920-21.

Instead of a teacher to every room teaching all subjects to the class under his care, there will be a special teacher for each branch of study, teaching that subject to the different grades. This method of teaching enables a teacher to put all his time and attention upon the one subject given him and thus attain in it a degree of perfection which he could hardly be expected to have in all subjects. It is to be hoped this method will prove successful here and add to the already efficient training of the Opelousas high school. It has succeeded quite well in the high school grades where it has been employed for some time back but this year will be the first time it has been tried in the lower grades.

SPECIAL PRAYERS AT CATHOLIC CHURCH

Special prayers for good weather are being said every morning at St. Landry's Catholic church after the 6:15 mass. These devotions have been ordered by Rt. Rev. Jules B. Jeanmard, Bishop of Lafayette to be followed in the entire diocese because of the bad weather prevailing in various sections. These prayers will continue until October to implore of the Almighty preservation from September storms.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Jules Stelly and Miss Bertha Zerenque. Walter Gibson and Miss Myrtle Reed. Ernest David and Miss Adeline Stout. Emile Prejean, Jr., and Miss Estelle Castille. Tansey Ardoin and Miss Teah Dupre.

J. E. HADLEY SHOT IN BACK BY EX-CONDUCTOR SURRENCY

When the Frisco freight No. 43 pulled into Opelousas, at 6:15 p. m., Friday afternoon, Conductor Hadley as usual, dismounted from the caboose preparatory to receiving his running orders. But, ere his feet touched the ground a shot gun held in the hands of ex-conductor Surrency bleached forth its death dealing charge.

Conductor Hadley was shot from the rear with a single barrel shot gun loaded with buckshots. Nine of the shots entered his left shoulder inflicting a wound of the most serious nature. Conductor Hadley was immediately rushed to the local sanitarium in Mr. Levin's car, accompanied by the engineer of his train.

Other than the train crew Mr. W. B. Prescott and Willie Burr were the first to arrive on the scene of tragedy. Ex-conductor Surrency wished to commandeer the train acting in the capacity whom he had shot down but a few moments before. This Mr. Prescott refused to let him do. Mr. Prescott asked the wounded man if he could identify Mr. Surrency as the

INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTE WALTER AYMOND OPENS ON SEPT. 13

BEGINS ITS TWENTIETH SESSION WITH SPLENDID ADDITIONS TO ITS FACULTY

Lafayette, La., August 25.—Southwestern Institute at Lafayette, announces the opening of its twentieth session on Monday, September 13, 1920, under by far the most favorable auspices in its history. With the liberal appropriations provided by the governor and the general assembly for maintenance, equipment, and buildings, it is enabled not only to increase teachers' salaries but also to add several members to the faculty and to provide a few much needed new buildings.

Among new buildings in prospect within the next twelve months are a model practice cottage for the household arts or home economics department, a new girls' dormitory, several farm structures including a model barn, a residence for the farm director on the farm, a residence for the professor of agriculture on the campus, and probably also the beginning of a new building for science laboratories in all departments.

Among former highly valued teachers that will return to the faculty after an absence of several years are Mr. G. W. Goldsmith, professor of biology, Miss Ruth Ray, director of Agate, professor of T. H. HMMBBG Agate, professor of commerce. Other additions to the faculty are Miss Elizabeth Denbo, recently awarded the degree Ph. B., of Chicago, in household arts; Mr. Joel L. Fletcher, B. S., La. State University in agriculture; Miss Clara Hall, A. B., Newcomb College, in English; Miss Ruth Stodghill graduate Cincinnati Conservatory, in public school music; Mrs. Edna C. Maccom, A. B., La. State University, in history; Mr. James M. Smith, A. B., Ph. D., Valparaiso University, in education; A. F. Houston, B. S., Mississippi A. & M. College in agriculture; William B. Stokes, M. E., Alabama Polytechnic Institute, (assistant professor of mathematics in that institute for some years) in mechanical engineering and mathematics; Miss Minnie Fisher, A. M., Peabody College, (lately professor of chemistry in Stat Normal school, Florence, Ala.) in chemistry and social director in girls' dormitory; N. O. Tudor, B. S., University of Kansas, director of athletics for boys and professor of physical education; and the Misses Adele and Amelle Sabatier, of Crowley, La., in elementary grades for special students. And other members of the regular faculty returning for the present session are Miss Delle Bancroft, A. B., Newcomb, English; Harry L. Chatterton, B. S., Ala., Polytech., director of agriculture; Miss Eleanor L. Crigler, stenography; Miss Edith G. Dapre, A. B., A. M., Newcomb, Cornell, English; Irving P. Foote, A. M., Peabody College, director of education; Miss Margaret Poules, A. B., Newcomb, mathematics; Miss Jane I. Gibbs, Newcomb, drawing; Harry L. Griffin, A. B., University of West Va., history and social science; Fuller M. Hamilton, education; Miss Gabrielle Hebrard, French; Miss Esther Kendrick, A. B., Judson, Latin; Miss Jewell Levy, A. B., University of Ark., education; Miss Hugh D. McLaurin, Posses Gymnasium, physical education for girls; C. J. McNaspy, physics; Miss Effie Turner, primary methods; Ashby Woodson, mechanic arts; Mrs. Louise G. Clegg, librarian; Miss Olive M. Caillouet, registrar; Miss Nathalie

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Ex-conductor Surrency were discharged for unreliability according to the statement given out by Conductor Hadley. Some time previous conductor Surrency took his train into Houston, left it, and failed to report for two weeks.

Both men were members of the same union. Mr. Hadley was a member of the committee which had under their consideration the advisability of asking the railroad authorities to re-constitute ex-conductor Surrency. After considering the facts of the case the committee did not see fit to answer the re-instatement. Conductor Hadley is of the opinion that this coupled with recent family difficulties has prayed on the mind of ex-conductor Surrency to the extent of undermining his sanity. Mrs. Hadley who lives in Houston, was wired and will arrive on the afternoon Frisco.

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