

# THE ST. LANDRY CLARION

"Here Shall the Press the People's Rights Maintain, Unawed by Influence and Unbribed by Gain."

VOLUME XXXI—NO. 5.

OPELOUSAS, LA., SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1920

TWO DOLLARS PER YEAR IN ADVANCE

## FARMERS MEET AT SUNSET AND TALK OVER SITUATION

### Enthusiastic Assemblage of Second Ward Soil Tillers

## LAZARO TALKS ON NEED OF ORGANIZING

### Resolution Drafted And Adopted Thanking The Governor

Sunset, Nov. 4.—A large and enthusiastic farmers' meeting was held here this week at the high school. Mr. W. J. Boudreau presided. Drs. L. A. Guldry and Ben Guilbeau were appointed to draft resolutions thanking Governor Parker and the committee for their earnest efforts and prompt action in the matter of closing gins for a period of thirty days or until cotton reaches at least the cost of production.

Congressman L. Lazaro addressed the farmers on the necessity of organizing in order to successfully distribute, warehouse and market cotton and other farm products profitably. He explained the federal bonded warehouse law. This provides for the proper storage, grading and marketing of cotton and all products of the farm. He said statistics showed that farmers lost from \$5.50 to \$25.00 per bale on cotton by improper grading alone.

Dr. Guldry read resolutions on the matter of closing gins. The meeting pledged itself by unanimous vote not to gin any cotton for a period of thirty days. Mr. Barnett stated his gins would close.

Dr. Gardiner took up the matter of electing a parish chairman of the American Cotton association. He suggested the name of Mr. R. Lee Mills. Mr. Mills was unanimously elected. He then addressed the meeting and explained what great results can be obtained by co-operation.

W. J. Boudreau made a rousing talk in the interest of a proper organization. He invited all present to join the American Cotton association.

H. Miller, David Meche, T. Meche, John Devalcourt, Jr., and Adolphe Savoie were appointed on a committee to request ginner of this district, the second police jury ward of St. Landry parish, to close in accordance with the governor's request.

The resolutions adopted were as follows: "Whereas, the governor of our state has shown by his prompt action that he is heartily in favor of any move that will tend to relieve the farmer of his heavy burdens, and by his co-operation with the committee appointed by this body, in their efforts to obtain a fair price for their products, and did everything possible towards the amelioration of their condition.

Be it resolved, that the cotton farmers of St. Landry, tender a vote of thanks to the governor and to its committee. Dr. C. A. Gardiner, W. J. Boudreau and Dr. Ben Guilbeau, for their earnest efforts in our behalf, especially with reference to the call issued to ginner of the cotton states to close for a period of thirty days.

Be it further resolved, that a committee of five be appointed by the chair to call on the ginner of the second police jury ward and request them to comply with the governor's proclamation and the unanimous opinion of this body.

Be it further resolved, that this body pledge itself, individually and collectively, not to gin any cotton within the above specified time.

Be it further resolved, that our brother farmers in this parish and other parishes of this state be urged to meet and do likewise, thereby lending impetus to a movement, that will ultimately lift the price of cotton above the cost of production.

Be it further resolved, that the secretary be authorized to send a copy of these resolutions to the local papers, and those of the city of New Orleans, and one mailed to Governor John M. Parker at Baton Rouge, La.

## ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS LEAGUE CHRISTMAS SEAL CAMPAIGN

We have received from the Louisiana Anti-Tuberculosis league a communication relative to the Christmas seal campaign, the purposes of which will be to raise funds to maintain educational work in the parishes and also to launch the initiative for a state tuberculosis hospital on the land now in possession of the commission and purchased some years back for this purpose. The state hospital is to be located near Alexandria and it is proposed to have a chain of sanitariums across the state easily accessible to patients. The campaign is to open on Thanksgiving day and continue through the month of December.

## FLOUR AND SUGAR TAKE BIG SLUMP

The New York market Tuesday put the hooks to sugar, raw sugar that day dropping to 6 1/4 cents per pound, which established a new low record for the season. Heavy slack in demand is blamed for the drop, and indicates a net loss of 17 cents from the high price of a few months ago.

On the same day wheat flour on the Minneapolis market followed sugar and for the first time in about four years flour sold for less than ten dollars per barrel. Depression in the wheat market is responsible for the lower trend of the flour market. Corn, oats and other grains followed suit with King Wheat.

## FORMAL ELECTION ON DECEMBER 14

### GOVERNOR ISSUES PROCLAMATION CALLING IT FOR THAT DATE

Many voters of the state thought that when they voted for delegates to the constitutional convention on Tuesday, November 2, that was the end of the matter. As a matter of fact the voting on delegates was but a party primary affair and the general election for the formal ratification of that nomination will be held on Tuesday, December 14, according to a proclamation issued by the governor Wednesday.

Conventions in the eight congressional districts will be held next Tuesday, November 16, for the purpose of nominating the delegates apportioned to the several districts, and the persons named at these conventions will be on the official ballot at the December election. Under the legislative act providing for the convention, the governor has the appointment of twelve delegates and he has already named eight of these, among the number being two women.

## LOCAL FARMERS RETAILING RICE

### MILLED AT SMALL PLANTS AND SOLD TO CONSUMERS AT LOW PRICES

Quite a number of rice farmers around Opelousas have milled a lot of their crop at small mills and are selling it in fifty and hundred pound lots at five cents per pound, delivered. The rice is first class, and while not as pretty to look at as the fancy polished head rice sold by the big mills, is really better quality, according to people who know. Five cents per pound makes rice cheap for the consumer, compared with the high prices paid a few months ago, at which time one had to be a "man or parts" in order to buy enough rice for his family's daily consumption. While the slump in the rice market has been hard on the producer, it has been a boon to the consumer.

## SOME PEP DEMONSTRATED BY TEACHERS AT LAWTELL

A big box supper and dance was held at the Lawtell school house last Tuesday night. There was a very large crowd in attendance from the surrounding country, many coming from Opelousas. Very much interest was manifested, especially when it came to bidding for many beautiful boxes containing delightful lunches, boosted by the privilege that the lucky bidder had of sharing his box with the fair lady whose name was found therein. A large box of candy, donated by Mrs. Theo. C. Dejean, to be given to the best dancing couple was won by Miss Bertha Boone and Mr. Jake Olivier. A large guess cake was won by Lesley Harris who guessed that a thimble was in the cake. A nice little sum was realized which will be used for better equipping the school. The teachers wish to extend their thanks to all who assisted and attended.

## WILL RESIDE IN OPELOUSAS AFTER YEARS IN HOUSTON

Mr. and Mrs. John P. Desmarais, after residing in Houston for many years, returned to Opelousas this week to again make their home here. They are both native Opelousas and their relatives and friends are pleased that they decided to return here. Mr. Desmarais, who has been connected with a large insurance firm in the Texas city, will be connected with the A. L. Lacombe insurance agency here.

Claverie Guldroy of Route 2, Arnaudville, was in Opelousas Thursday and while here gave the Clarion an appreciated call. Attorney W. J. Sandoz made a business trip to New Orleans this week.

## 2,000 GALLONS IS DAILY OUTPUT OF ST. CYR'S MILL

### Police Juror Produces Cane Syrup in Large Quantities

## PURCHASES CANE FROM THE FARMERS

### Ships Manufactured Product Mostly to Texas For Sale

Police Juror Jos. T. St. Cyr, of Opelousas is operating his big syrup mill on the Little Teche, at Randall station on the Texas and Pacific railroad, as usual this year. Besides buying cane from the small farmers in his locality, he also receives a lot of it by rail, it being bought elsewhere and shipped to him. He also farms many acres of his own to cane and grinds the product at his mill.

The daily capacity of the mill is two thousand gallons, and as fast as the "long sweetening" comes from the rollers and cooking pans it is put in cans in modern style, sealed, labelled and boxed and then is ready for shipment to dealer and consumer. Mr. St. Cyr, states that his largest market is in Texas though he does sell some locally but does not depend on local demand for marketing his mill yield.

Like the big mills and sugar refineries, he pays market price for all cane bought from the producers, and naturally has to keep well, informed as to the market conditions and daily figures offered and paid for raw sugar. On the price of sugar the price of cane is based, naturally, and as syrup, like sugar, is a product of cane when the price of cane for syrup must be the same as the price of cane bought exclusively for sugar production.

There is and has been for some time an ever increasing demand for Louisiana open kettle sugar cane syrup. With this increased demand the price has advanced in proportion but where as the consumer must pay in the neighborhood of one dollar per gallon now for it, as compared with thirty or forty cents a few years ago, the fact is syrup is still a cheap article of food, even at the higher price.

In addition to growing cane and producing fancy syrup, Mr. St. Cyr, long recognized as one of the best farmers in this parish, has been engaged in growing rice on a large scale on his big farm on the Teche. This year he made over twelve hundred sacks, all of which has been harvested, threshed and sacked and stored in a warehouse awaiting better marketing conditions before being sold. The soil on the Teche is admirably adapted to the growing of all farm products, and in the days before the advent of the boll weevil were considered excellent cotton lands, producing not only big yields but an excellent grade of the staple.

## WOMEN VOTERS PLAN TO ORGANIZE LEAGUE

### LOUISIANA SUFFRAGE PARTY WILL MEET IN NEW ORLEANS FOR THAT PURPOSE

The state league of women voters will be organized in New Orleans at the meeting called for that purpose on December 9 and 10. Following the formation of the league, the suffrage party will be formally dissolved, necessary for its existence having passed.

Prominent women from all sections of the state, included Opelousas, will be in attendance at the meeting, and it is expected by leaders in the movement that the attendance will be large. Plans for the session, already arranged, include three business sessions and the closing of the convention will be followed by a "victory banquet" to celebrate the granting of the ballot to women.

## POWER PLANT ENGINE GOES ON THE BUM

One of the engines at the electric light plant was placed once again on the "list of cripples" last Sunday when its crankshaft was broken, entailing a damage in a considerable sum and necessitating the shutting off of the current on the street light and cluster light circuits. As a consequence the streets have been in darkness every night since and the cluster lights on court house square have resumed their old-time state of not burning at all. There has been no interruption, however, in lights for houses and power for motors.

Clifford J. Edwards, former Opelousan, now an abstractor of land titles at Crowley, spent the day here Tuesday on business.

## A CARD

Opelousas, La., Nov. 10, 1920.

To My Friends and Supporters: I take this means of extending thanks to all those who gave me their vote and support in the Democratic Primary held on November 2d, which primary resulted in my having been nominated as one of the three delegates to the Constitutional Convention to be held next March. I esteem it as an honor and a privilege to have been elected by the Democrats of this parish and feel certain that those who gave me their support did so in the exercise of a high sense of duty to their party and the state. I again renew my pledge to serve the whole people to the best of my ability and solely for the welfare and the progress of the state.

Very truly,  
WILLIAM J. SANDOZ.

## JURY ACQUITS TWO MELVILLE ITALIANS

### CHARGED WITH RECEIVING STOLEN GOODS, FREED IN COURT

There was an exciting case tried in the district court this week. Two of the Italian colony at Melville, Julius Ferino and Nat Codoro, had been indicted for having stolen goods in their possession and their case was called for trial.

A large crowd from Melville, many as witnesses, came over Sunday and Monday to be in attendance. The state brought two white convicts, both young men, from the penitentiary farm at Angola, both to testify on behalf of the prosecution. The case was hard fought from the beginning, the defendants, with the aid of character witnesses, establishing splendid reputation in the town where they have lived for many years. After receiving the case the jury deliberated for a number of hours and being "hung-up" so long gave rise to the speculation that the case would result in a mistrial. However, Tuesday night a verdict of not guilty was reached and the men on trial were discharged.

The stolen goods in question were taken from a box car on the Texas and Pacific road, on a sidetrack in Pointe Coupee parish taken to Melville, and it is said, partly sold to the Italians. They stoutly denied having had guilty knowledge of buying stolen goods. Their side of the case was taken by the jury. District Attorney Garland represented the state, while the defense was represented by Attorneys John W. Lewis and Austin Fontenot.

## OLD RESIDENT HAS CROSSED BEYOND

### FRANCOIS SAVOY, AGED NEARLY 82, DIES AT HIS HOME NEAR PRUDHOMME THURSDAY

Francois Savoy, aged 81 years, 11 months and 6 days, died at his home near Prudhomme City, just across the St. Landry parish line, last Thursday, November 11, at 12:40 a. m.

The deceased, who was one of the prominent citizens of his section and known over a large portion of St. Landry and Acadia parishes, leaves six daughters and one son, also forty-eight grandchildren and sixty-eight great grandchildren. The children are Mrs. S. V. Richard, Iota, La.; Mrs. Treville Guldry, Church Point, La.; Mrs. A. W. Dejean, near Church Point, La.; Mrs. H. D. Canno, Church Point, La.; Mrs. J. B. McClelland near Lawtell, La.; Mrs. Theodule Guldry, Church Point, La.; and Earnest Savoy, Eunice, La.

During his active life he followed farming and was successful in accumulating a competence. He was always looked upon as one of the substantial citizens of his neighborhood and to posterity he left a name un tarnished. Before the parish of Acadia was carved from St. Landry, in 1886, Mr. Savoy was a prominent figure in politics and in one contest was a candidate for sheriff against C. C. Luson. As well as we recall, he was the farmers' candidate, and, though defeated, made a good race.

The funeral was held at Church Point Thursday.

## POLICE JURY TO MEET IN SPECIAL SESSION

The police jury will convene in special session next Monday, November 15, for the purpose of canvassing the returns and promulgating the results of an election held in the third road district of the fourth police jury ward. The session will be short as no other work will come before the parish jurors.

Mrs. B. R. Holstine and little son, George Fletcher, have departed for their home in Port Arthur after spending several weeks here with relatives and friends.

## JURY SAYS NEGRO CATTLE THIEVES MUST GO TO PEN

### Two Men and One Woman Found Guilty in Case Tried on Thursday

## CLINTON THIBODEAUX PLEADED GUILTY

### Emma Thomas, Melville Colored Woman, Goes Free on Manslaughter Charge

The state scored in a number of cases in district court this week and in others lost out. It was a busy week and Judge Pavy and District Attorney Garland worked hard and long, and court remained in session often after nightfall.

One case which attracted considerable attention, though the crime that was charged against the defendants was a minor one, was that of the state vs. John Glaude et al., charged with cattle stealing. The crime was committed some months ago, during the administration of Sheriff D. M. Fontenot. The negroes resided just north of town, near the Kennison Springs neighborhood. They sallied forth one night—that is, John Glaude and "murdered" an innocent beef that was quietly sleeping in a near-by pasture. The beef was the property of Dallas Pitre.

After killing the animal the carcass was skinned and cut in parts and the thieves packed to the cabin of the state in salting it down. They did their work quietly but, like other culprits, they left behind evidence and before they had time to enjoy a small part of the spoils they were grabbed by the officers. John Glaude, principal in the case, skipped and has never been apprehended. His father, mother and sister, William Glaude, Mrs. William Glaude and Henrietta Glaude, were the ones who faced the court, the indictment against Marion and Freddie Glaude having been noprosecuted.

The evidence was so convincing that it didn't take the jury of five long to send the trio "over the road."

In the case of the State vs. Clinton Thibodeaux, colored, charged with forgery, defendant withdrew his first plea, of not guilty and entered a plea of guilty and was remanded to jail to await sentence.

Thibodeaux is a well known young negro about town and has received a pretty good education. He served in the army during the late war and was looked upon as something of a leader among the younger negroes. But temptation lured him from the path of uprightness and the "fat" bank account of a prosperous negro, Willie Moore, was looked upon as an easy thing, so Clinton got busy with his ready pen and his "book larnin" and issued a check or two against Moore's bank account, with Moore's signature attached to each. The way of the transgressor is hard, according to the old moral law, and Clinton will now rest awhile in penal servitude and meditate on the indisputable fact that "it pays to be good."

Emma Thomas, the negro woman who, a few weeks ago slew a negro man at Melville, faced the court on a charge of manslaughter. The jury was empanelled, evidence taken and within a few moments after the case was given the jury a verdict of not guilty was rendered. It was shown that the woman killed in self defense and the jury very promptly acquitted her on the charge.

Milton Mayeux, colored, charged with burglary, was another of the fortunate ones and was acquitted by the trial jury.

## STORK VISITS TWO OPELOUSAS HOMES

Dr. and Mrs. E. T. Bercier have been receiving the congratulations of their numerous friends on the recent arrival of a baby girl who will be a playmate to their two fine boys.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Mendoza are the happy parents of a bouncing baby boy. The young man was left at their home by Father Stork on a recent visit.

## DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA TO HOLD AN INITIATION

The Court St. Landry of the Daughters of Isabella announce that a class of twenty will be initiated tomorrow (Sunday), beginning at 11 o'clock a. m. The court will meet at that hour and the ceremonies start immediately thereafter. The meeting is to be held, as usual, in the Knights of Columbus home, on Main street. All members of the organization are urged to be on hand.

Miss Gertrude Fux, valued employe of the Clarion office, went to Crowley Thursday afternoon for a brief visit.

## FOURTH RED CROSS ROLL CALL

Dr. J. A. Perrault, Chairman

"It ain't the guns Nor ornament— Nor funds that they can pay, But the close co-operation That makes them win the day, It ain't the individual, Nor the army as a whole, But the everlasting Teamwork of every Blooming Soul."

—Kipling.

(Donated by Dr. R. M. Littell.)

## REV. J. D. HARPER WILL DELIVER FAREWELL SERMON

Rev. J. D. Harper, who has been the pastor of the 1st Methodist church for several years, will preach his farewell sermon tomorrow (Sunday) morning. There will be no evening services. Mr. Harper has been appointed to the charge at McDonoughville and will leave for that place shortly. His daughter, Mrs. Clara Woolfolk of Baton Rouge, has been here with the family this week, and his son, Rev. R. H. Harper, one of the leading Methodist ministers of New Orleans, was also here this week. The congregation of the local church regret very much the departure of Mr. Harper and wish him much success in his new field.

## CATHOLIC FAIR AT GRAND COTEAU WAS A GRAND SUCCESS

### Fourteen Hundred Dollars Raised Sunday for Benefit of Catholic Church

## LARGE ATTENDANCE AT THE THEATRICAL

### People from Neighborhood Flock to the Big Festivities

Special Correspondence.

Grand Coteau, La., Nov. 10.—On Sunday last, while the sun was shining brightly through the eblue canopy of heaven, a large crowd from this and neighboring parishes assembled on the St. Charles college grounds where a grand fair was held for the benefit of the Catholic church. It reminded one of a great picnic under those beautiful oaks near the K-of-C auditorium.

The proceeds exceeded the expectations of all. Over \$1,400 was realized. At 7:30 in the evening, at the K. of C. auditorium, the ladies and gentlemen of Sunset and Grand Coteau presented an original temperance drama, under the title of "Ruined by Drink" before an audience of eight hundred. Excellent music was furnished by the young orchestra, composed of the pupils of Mrs. Bertha R. Mouton.

On last Thursday, the 4th instant, the St. Charles college boys celebrated the feast of the patron saint of the college, St. Charles Borromeo, by presenting an operetta in two parts, entitled "The Poachers Son." The play was enjoyed by a large crowd.

The program follows:  
PART I.  
Prelude.  
PART II.

The College Glee Club Presents "THE POACHER'S SON" Romantic Operetta

ACT I—A Complication  
ACT II—A Solution.

CAST OF CHARACTERS  
Prince Percival, "Prince Regent of the Province".....C. Voorhies  
Count Ruprecht, Count Leopold, "Friends of the Prince".....J. Billeaud, H. Theriot  
Alexis Foster, "The Game-keeper's Son".....J. Mailloy  
Karl Krag, "A Poacher and Notorious Character".....R. Briant  
Bluster, "A Police Commissioner".....E. Jeannard  
Old Screech, "The Town Crier".....G. Azar

Franz Staub, "A Wanderer".....S. Mistrot  
Stitchem, "Tailor".....H. Gueydan  
Chopem, "Butcher".....L. Ardoin  
Waxem, "Shoemaker".....A. Mouton  
Kneadem, "Baker".....A. Coco  
Villagers, Huntsmen, Attendants

Will Move to Opelousas  
William Fitzmaurice of Palmetto has purchased a lot on Landry street and has contracted with the St. Landry Lumber company for the erection of a home. Mr. Fitzmaurice will continue to do business in Palmetto but will make his home here.

Attorney J. R. Pavy will attend the seventh district democratic convention to be held in Lake Charles on the 16th instant as a delegate from St. Landry. This convention will nominate two candidates for delegates to the constitutional convention.

Judge F. B. Cason of Melville spent several days in Opelousas the first of the week and was warmly greeted by old friends.

## CITY BOND ISSUE WHIPPED IN SHAPE NEW PLANT SOON

### Securities Almost Ready to be Negotiated by the City Aldermen

## MODERN MACHINERY READY FOR SHIPMENT

### Only Awaiting Legal Formalities Before Rushing Same to Opelousas

The taxpayers of Opelousas, last June, voted favorably on a bond issue aggregating \$250,000, the proceeds of the sale of the bonds to be used in installing a new electrical light and waterworks plant at the municipal power house and the paving and draining of this city's streets.

After a number of unavoidable delays, the bond issue has been finally whipped into shape and the securities will be ready for negotiating within a brief space. Bond experts and attorneys are notably exacting in their demands and their opinion is law with the purchasers of such securities. Such technical demands required the redrafting of the entire bond schedule, this work being tedious and requiring a full and minute detail of amounts in principal, interest and time of payment.

This work had been patiently accomplished by the city attorney, Hon. P. R. Sandoz, but one of the bond experts in another city said there was just one little word too much in the transcript. This opinion necessitated the redrafting of the complex document and a second publication of the same. This additional work has been accomplished, and the bond issue therefore becomes legal and binding.

Now that the bond issue is practically ready for negotiation, it is said that the new plant for the power house will soon be on cars and rolling toward Opelousas. The plant was ordered some time ago and the manufacturers have had it ready for immediate shipment as soon as the bond issue was ready for marketing. It will not be necessary to wait until the bonds are sold before shipment of the plant, but it is stated that the bonds will find a ready market and that end of the business is not worrying the city authorities at all.

The plant will reach Opelousas in good time, and be installed as quickly as possible. It will not reach here a moment too soon, either, for the present plant, as is well known, is and has been in bada shape for a long time and the break-down of one of the engines the first of the week crippled the plant materially and some fears are expressed as to whether it will be able to furnish service until the new one is finally installed.

The larger portion of the bond issue is to be used in paving for the power plant, the remainder in draining and paving streets. The city's part of the paving program will be sue is to be used in paying for the terections, the property owners abutting the streets to pay their respective prorata of the cost between intersections. When this work is completed Opelousas will have most of its leading thoroughfares in fine shape.

## 2 BARRELS FLOUR TO BE GIVEN AWAY AT NEXT TRADE DAY

### LOCAL MERCHANTS CONTRIBUTE IN ORDER TO MAKE BIG CELEBRATION GREAT SUCCESS

Two barrels of flour will be given away next Trade Day, which is to be held on Thanksgiving day, in connection with the Knights of Columbus celebration to be held then.

J. A. Dejean has offered a barrel of "Moonlight" flour, to be given in three lots. The first to be four sacks and the second and third two sacks each.

A. Clary has also donated a barrel of flour, to be given in the same manner, so that there will be six premiums awarded of flour.

In addition to this there will also be given away the pair of registered pigs, and probably a pen of chickens, besides the subscription to the St. Landry Company and the subscription to Modern Farming, donated by J. G. Lawler.

This combination makes a valuable award, and undoubtedly all who intend being in Opelousas on that day will make it a point to be present at 11 o'clock in the morning when the premiums will be given away.

Judge F. B. Cason of Melville spent several days in Opelousas the first of the week and was warmly greeted by old friends.