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TWO DOLLARS PER YEAR IN ADVANCE

'WHITE MULE' GETS NEW LEASE OF LIFE AS COURT RECESSES

Federal Tribunal in Session Two Days; To Convene Again Wednesday

TIME TAKEN UP IN CASE FOR DAMAGES

Large Throng Gathers to Watch Proceedings as Liquor Cases Called

"White mule" and red must exist in great quantities in St. Landry and adjoining parishes, if one judges quantity by the number of cases up before the federal court charging violation of the prohibition law. Perhaps, as some of the cheerful optimists as well as cheerful liars think the liquid kick only exists in small quantities and just a little bit of the chained lightning has been sufficient to get a big bunch in trouble before your Uncle Samuel's court.

Monday Judge Jack and officers and attaches of the United States district court for the western district of Louisiana, Opelousas division, came to this city and opened the regular June term of that tribunal. The weather was intensely hot; the throng of people—witnesses, jurors and the curious—came in a small army. The court room was absolutely devoid of electric fans and the jamming throng reminded one of sardines packed in a tin box.

The aisles were jammed almost to the point of suffocation. Every seat had an occupant and some, seemingly, had two where only one ought of right have been. No one kicked, for kicking don't go in court, and they sat it out while case after case charging "mule" was droned out by a deputy clerk and the unfortunate one faced the bar and pleaded to an indictment charging making "mule" contrary to law "in such cases made and provided."

The reporter stood the heat and jam and suffocation as long as humanly possible and had to seek an atmosphere less fetid—just where a breath of fresh air fanned a heated cheek and where there was no great danger of collapse. Hence, we were unable to listen to every one who entered not guilty pleas as their case was called. The number of such cases also slipped our memory, but we can remark that the number was good and plenty, if we can be pardoned for slipping into the vernacular.

Only three pleaded guilty on a white

GENERAL RAINS SAVE THE CROP

SCATTERED SHOWERS BENEFIT BUT THURSDAY'S DOWNPOUR VISITED ALL SECTIONS

The long and almost disastrous drought was finally and effectually broken Thursday morning by general rains of large proportions. There had been showers and, in some instances, heavy rains, scattered all over St. Landry and adjoining parishes. While some neighborhoods had sufficient moisture to benefit the corn, there were other sections that had not a drop and up to the first of this week these unfavorable localities were suffering from the drought and corn threatened to prove a dismal failure this season.

June rains mean a full corn crib, according to the old saying; and if that be accepted literally, then the farmers of St. Landry will not feel any shortage of grain during harvest of 1921. Incidentally, the rains will give farmers the opportunity of putting the large acreage of sweet potatoes this year which has been under contemplation some time. Pastures and hay meadows will be benefited, while sugar cane and rice will hump themselves in making up for lost time.

Mrs. O'Quin Entertains
Mrs. Frank O'Quin entertained at noon, Friday afternoon, June 3, in honor of Dr. O'Quin's niece; Misses Orville and Cammie Evans.

The following present enjoyed a delightful afternoon: Misses Artie and Cammie Evans; Clyde, Mamie and Odelle Lawler; Estelle and Melba Burleigh; Helen and Mary Margaret Voorhies; Myrtle Mornhivog; Mary and Althea Littell; Alma Lassalle and Mrs. W. F. Nolan. After a number of games, delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

L. Truly and Lawrence Thistlethwaite of Washington were visitors to Opelousas Wednesday morning.

STATE INCOME TAX AMONG POSSIBILITIES

CONVENTION WRANGLES OVER PRINCIPLE AND FINALLY PUTS IT IN ORGANIC LAW

After swapping about, backward and forward, several times on the principle of an income tax for the state, the constitutional convention has finally written the idea in the new organic law.

It stipulates that the legislature shall have the power to assess such tax against the incomes of the people of Louisiana. This was not adopted, however, without some contest, and the idea was fought vigorously down the line, but it was a losing battle as now appears by the final action of the convention. This tax will be in addition to all property and special taxes, federal income taxes and all the other taxes, and will only add another heavy burden to the already heavy load the people have to wiggle under.

ST. LANDRY GETS BIG SUM FOR ITS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

State Apportionment of Funds Sets Parish's Share At \$33,198.12

TOTAL FOR LOUISIANA REACHED \$3,727,633

This Was Money Given Education During Fiscal Year Ending July 1

Baton Rouge, La., June 8.—The total apportionment of the current school fund for the fiscal year ending July 1, 1921, is far in excess of that of any previous year, according to figures given out by the department of education Wednesday, the total apportionment being \$3,727,633.00 or \$6.60 per educable, while the apportionment for the preceding year amounted to \$2,242,217.14 or \$3.97 per educable.

The total apportionment for the month of June with the census showing 564,793 educables, at \$1.77 per child amounted to \$999,683.61, an increase of \$434,890.61, over June, 1920, and an increase for the parish of East Baton Rouge of \$8,558.85. The increase in the parish of Orleans amounted to \$71,192.66.

The following table shows the apportionment of current school fund in the various parishes for the month of June, 1921.

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| Acadia, \$20,050.456; Allen, \$7911.90; Assension, \$11,742.18; Assumption, \$12,873.12; Avoyelles, \$20,926.71; East Baton Rouge, \$20,363.85; West Baton Rouge, \$6,738.08; Beauregard, \$11,515.62; Bienville, \$14,820.21; Bossier, \$13,193.58; Caddo, \$41,896.90; Calcasieu, \$10,235.91; Caldwell, \$5561.34; Cameron, \$2499.24; East Carroll, \$53,002.26; West Carroll, \$2313.54; Catahoula, \$6772.02; Claiborne, \$15,050.31; Concordia, \$6379.08; DeSoto, \$13,254.10; Evangeline, \$12,482.04; East Feliciana, \$5904.72; Franklin, \$12,963.45; Grant, \$10,761.60; Iberia, \$18,544.29; Iberville, \$17,167.23; Jackson, \$9,428.79; Jefferson, \$10,310.25; Jefferson Davis, \$9825.27; Lafayette, \$19,431.06; Lafourche, \$29,534.22; LaSalle, \$4,965.52; Lincoln, \$10,927.08; Livingston, \$6994.15; Madison, \$7573.83; Morehouse, \$11,179.03; Natchitoches, \$25,210.11; Orleans, \$183,650.66; Ouachita, \$15,263.18; Plaquemines, \$8134.92; Pointe Coupee, \$17,494.68; Rapides, \$30,261.68; Red River, \$10,621.77; Richland, \$10,381.05; Sabine, \$12,068.09; St. Bernard, \$3028.47; St. Charles, \$4633.88; St. Helena, \$6432.18; St. James, \$12,731.61; St. Jones, \$6641.04; St. Landry, \$33,198.12; St. Martin, \$14,894.55; St. Mary, \$20,636.43; St. Tammy, \$10,055.37; Tangipahoa, \$19,420.44; Tensas, \$7715.43; Terrebonne, \$18,164.51; Union, \$12,069.53; Vermillion, \$17,112.36; Washington, \$14,064.42; Webster, \$112,205.92; Winn, \$8975.72; city of Lake Charles \$7046.37; Total, \$999,683.61. |
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BATON ROUGE TALK SAYS SUBMISSION IS GAINING FAST

Virile Minority Putting Up Strong Fight for Popular Approval

CONVENTION STANDS ON ITS LAST LEGS

May Have to Extend Life Another Week in Order To Complete Work

All hope for a submission of the new constitution to the people for approval or rejection, according to a report from Baton Rouge, is not altogether lost. There is still a fighting chance that a change of front will happen and that the virile minority heretofore fighting what appeared to be a hopeless battle for submission will win a notable victory.

They have been fighting against great odds, including the steam roller and big stick wielded by the hide-bound opposition, but some impression has been made on the timid ones of the majority and a few accessions to the ranks of the submissionists have been made.

It is noted that there is a silent element in the convention—silent on this particular subject—and this element it is stated holds the balance of power, and which ever way they vote on the question of submission will prove the final factor in deciding the question.

The convention began its last week of life Monday and is due to adjourn at midnight tonight. However, it is well settled that it can not complete the work by the hour set and therefore will have to extend over into next week. The discovery was made this week that there were sufficient funds available to pay the delegates their regular per diem as well as all running expenses of the convention up to next Wednesday, June 15, and if the body remains in session any longer than that date the delegates will have to serve the remainder of the session without any pay from the state. Holding the convention has already cost the taxpayers about three hundred thousand dollars and any further cost is entirely out of the question and if such a move is made there will be some vigorous fighting on the floor of the convention.

Following the close of the convention—if the instrument is not submitted to popular vote—there will be a special session of the state legislature to put into effect the provisions of the new constitution. The date of this special session has not yet been fixed but the matter has been discussed from time to time, and it is pretty generally agreed that the assembly will convene in Baton Rouge some time in August or September next, for that purpose.

If the constitution is submitted a special state election will have to be called for that purpose, for this is an off-year in elections in Louisiana. If this becomes necessary the special meeting of the legislature will be delayed until some later date than the probable one mentioned, and would not be held at all in the event that the constitution should be rejected on a referendum vote by the people.

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SEEMS THAT WAY IF CHARLIE IS RIGHT

STATE OFFICIAL GETS OFF GOOD ONE AT EXPENSE OF OIL GAME, AND HE KNOWS

The Clarion's old friend, Charles F. Bailey, assistant secretary of state, has been dabbling rather extensively in oil stocks, and his friends are predicting that he will sooner or later emerge from the debris a full-fledged "oil magnate"—Charles himself is rather skeptical at present, and pulled off a good one the other day while on a visit to his old home town.

"The oil game," he said, "is pretty much this way: The drillers are most generally in 'gumbo,' reporting 'progress,' while the stockholders are most generally in the 'soup' marking time!

LAZARO TELLS OF RECENT MEETING

CONGRESSMAN ATTENDS CONVENTION AMERICAN COTTON ASSOCIATION IN NEW YORK

Congressman Lazaro of this district attended the meeting of the American Cotton Association held in New York on Monday and Tuesday, May 30 to 31. Writing to Postmaster Troclair of Opelousas he gives the following account of the meeting:

"I attended the meeting of the American Cotton association at New York Monday and Tuesday. It was a good idea to hold this meeting there because we have made a good impression. In other words, it is time for the people of the large manufacturing and consuming centers to understand that agriculture is a basic industry and the foundation of commerce and prosperity.

"There was a good attendance of farmers, merchants and bankers, and every phase of agriculture was considered. I am sure good will come of this meeting, because there is a concerted effort to build up better export machinery so that we can export and sell our surplus products, such as cotton and rice."

Besides being a member of congress, "Doc" Lazaro is a farmer as well as a physician. He keeps his eye ever open on the progress of agriculture and is ever ready to battle for the rights of the tillers of the soil.

Palmetto Team Beats Melville
A match baseball game was played Sunday, June 5, between the boys of Palmetto and the First team of Melville on the latter's diamond, at Melville, La. The Palmetto boys defeated the Melville players by a score of 3 to 1. Battery for Palmetto: A. M. Hawkins and John Huges.

KINDER DEFEATED BY INVINCIBLES IN GREAT CONTEST

Game Called at End of Eight Inning Because of Rain

SCORE STOOD TWO TO ONE AT TIME CALLED

Eunice Meets Locals To Morrow in Third and Deciding Game

The strong ball team from Kinder—reputed to be one of the very strongest amateur teams in this part of the state—came to Opelousas on the afternoon train last Sunday to test out the locals on home grounds. It was one of the finest games every played here and was signalized by an absence of arguments and the usual fuss.

Kinder put up a good game and showed that their reputation as players was not over-rated in the least. They could have beaten an ordinary team, but Opelousas has an extraordinary team and Kinder went down in defeat—2 to 1, at the end of the eighth inning, the game being called then on account of rain which began falling. The skies became so overcast that players had difficulty in watching the speeding ball.

Veltin went in the pitcher's box for Opelousas but an accident befell him and he had to give way to Olivier who held the Kinderites down good and tight. Veltin twisted his ankle and an examination by a physician disclosed the fact that a small bone was badly injured or broken. He is out of the game for a while and his

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WOMEN VOTERS TO GIVE THEIR EXACT AGE TO REGISTRAR

Mr. Sandoz Loses Fight to Eliminate That Requirement

PRIMARY SYSTEM IN NEW CONSTITUTION

Poll Tax for 1920 Must be Paid by Females—New Registration in 1922

Delegate W. J. Sandoz of St. Landry is nothing if not gallant.

The polished attorney who represents in part this parish in the constitutional convention was a formidable factor in trying to put sensible measure in the new organic law.

Some times he succeeded, some times he failed, but failure never caused him to quit trying, and his smooth temper and unruffled disposition tided several schemes through the rocks and shoals and landed them into the column of actualities.

However, he had one pet scheme that went on the rocks—his proposition not to require women voters to give their exact ages when applying for registration. Under his plan all a woman had to do was to state she was twenty-one, and that statement was sufficient grounds for the official to place her name on the permanent list.

No doubt Mr. Sandoz had in mind the known fact that the gentler sex as a rule never wanted to expose their ages either in years, months or days. It was always considered perfectly natural and perfectly well bred for them to even "fib" about the question, and when one did "fib" the white untruth was excused and if another was just a little more indiscreet or frank and told her age, she was looked upon as somewhat out of the ordinary and quite a curious child of Mother Eve.

Delegate Sandoz wanted to tighten the hedge erected around the deep mystery of women's ages. The convention couldn't see the thing in the same light. When it came up for disposal last Wednesday every effort of Mr. Sandoz, his friends in the convention and two or three of the four women delegates amounted to naught. On a call of the ayes and nays the proposition went into the junk pile with a mighty whoop, delegates refusing to vote quietly on such an ordinance.

Henceforward every woman voter who offers to register is placed on an equal footing with her brother—she must give the registrar of voters her exact age in years, months and days. Oh horrors!

Then the convention will not replace the primary system in Louisiana, as thought some time ago. The convention went on record as being opposed to the destruction of the primary for party nominations and the rehabilitation of the antiquated and long-ago rejected convention plan.

On January 1, 1922, an entirely new registration of the voters of the state will begin, that irrespective of the present law which made a new registration imperative this year.

All women voters who, under a ruling of the attorney general, who are ruling of the attorney general, who were not required to pay poll tax for 1920 will have to pay the same for that year before they will be qualified to vote in any election. This also places women on the same footing with men as to qualifications to vote, though a strong effort was made to eliminate any such proposition from the constitution and let women vote without any poll tax payment whatever. All men who failed to pay their 1921 poll tax also have the opportunity of doing so during the year of 1921 and thus reinstating themselves as duly qualified electors of the state.

Mrs. Emma D. Delery of Kingsville Texas, is in Opelousas on a visit to relatives and friends.

TO LET CONTRACT FOR NEW SCHOOL AUGUST 1

Proposals for the construction of the new Opelousas high school building will be let to the lowest responsible bidder on August 1, stated Superintendent W. B. Prescott of the parish school system.

Under the terms of the bids, the successful bidder must begin actual work of construction within sixty days from the date of the awarding. This indicates that the work will start not later than October 1, if the award is made on the date mentioned in the official advertisement calling for bids. The building being of great proportions and entailing much work and material, it will not be ready for use during the session of 1921-1922.

VOTES AGAINST SUBMITTING IT

CONVENTION DEFEATS RESOLUTION BY DECISIVE VOTE NAYS 81, YEAS 56

Special to The Clarion.

Baton Rouge, La., June 10, 2:28 P. M.—Submission of the constitution was defeated today by the decisive vote of fifty-six for to eighty-one against. The resolution was the special order for today's session of the convention, and the result of the vote was foreshadowed long ago.

BIG TIME PROMISED AT K. C. MEETING

ABOUT FORTY WILL BE IN CLASS TO TAKE ORDER'S DEGREE IN OPELOUSAS COUNCIL

It is estimated that a class of about forty candidates will be initiated into the local council of the Knights of Columbus on tomorrow, week, Sunday, June 13. Some of the candidates will come from surrounding councils of the order. Programs of the initiation will be distributed beginning Monday.

Members of the council state that this initiation promises to be the best ever staged by the organization here. The entire day will be replete with doings of interest for all members and their lady friends. Dinner will be served, beginning at 11:00 o'clock in the morning, to all visitors and the price will be nominal. The dinner will be in the temporary hall adjoining the council building. In other words it will be in Osea Bordelon's garage which has been loaned for the purpose.

Reception room for ladies and gentlemen will also be provided, with all sorts of comforts and conveniences.

After the initiation, the Knights of Columbus motion picture film, showing the K. of C. pilgrimage to Metz, will be shown to the public, free of charge. This picture it is expected will be shown at the Opelousas high school auditorium. If arrangements can be perfected to that end.

A Knights of Columbus dance will be given in the lower floor of the commodious hall, to which all members of the order and their lady friends are invited. All in all, the dance will be one of the greatest ever witnessed by members of the order in this city.

LOCAL BILLS WILL CELEBRATE TUESDAY

ELKS ANNOUNCE PROGRAM FOR ANNUAL FLAG DAY EXERCISES AT LODGE'S HOME

Each year the Opelousas lodge of Elks, like unto every other lodge of the order, has its annual flag day celebration. An appropriate program is always arranged for the occasion and the large audiences that assemble at the celebration attest the fact that the "Bills" always hit the eye-responsive chord in every human's heart.

Flag day this year is to be celebrated in due form next Tuesday on the spacious lawn at Elks' home, Main street, and if Jupiter Pluvius gets frisky and sends a lot moisture, the audience will adjourn to the interior of the building and enjoy the afternoon there. This year a peculiarly interesting program has been arranged, and as furnished the press reads as follows:

1. Introductory Exercises—Exalted Ruler and Officers
2. Prayer—Bro. Dudley Lastrapes
3. Song—Miss Yvonne Dejean
4. History of the Flag—Bro. D. E. Durio
5. Song: Auld Lang Syne—Officers and Members
6. Altar Service—Esquire and Officers
7. Song—Miss Sue Hemphill
8. Patriotic Address—L. Austin Fontenot
9. Song: America—Audience to Join

Pianist: Miss Carmen Voorhies
The public generally is cordially invited to attend this function, and everyone who takes advantage of this cordial invitation will be not only well entertained but will be thoroughly satisfied with the hour or so spent there.

CITY REPAIRING BRICK CURBS WHERE POLES WERE ERECTED

The brick curbing of sidewalks were broken through some time ago when employees of the electric light plant were erecting new poles for wiring the city, it being decided that placing the poles in the curbing was the easiest way of solving the problem, it

SEVERANCE TAX CAUSES GOVERNOR DELIVER ADDRESS

Executive Asks Convention Not to Disturb "Gentlemen's Agreement"

SECOND APPEARANCE SINCE MEETING'S START

Furnishes Some Facts for Delegates to Chew on While Considering

Baton Rouge, La., June 6.—The request that the constitutional convention abide by the "gentlemen's agreement" entered into by him with the various natural resource industries fixing the severance tax, was made by Governor Parker Monday night in an address to the constitutional convention.

It was the governor's second appearance in the convention hall during the convention. The first was on the opening day, March 1. His talk Monday night was a typical straight-from-the-shoulder Parker speech. He told the convention that it was supreme and that he did not wish any of the delegates to think he was attempting in any way to dominate.

"If, after earnest thought, you can not agree with me and decide not to accept the severance tax agreement, there is nothing I can do, but I will have the satisfaction of knowing that I did the best I could," concluded the governor.

He reviewed the history of events leading up to the adoption of the present severance tax law. He told of the meetings he held with representatives of the oil and gas interests in Shreveport and with lumber and other interests in New Orleans and at Baton Rouge.

Leave it to Legislature
"This agreement to fix the severance tax at 2 per cent was not made in secret, but in public meeting and conferences with representatives of the various trade interests, made by me from this rostrum in meeting attended by every member of the senate and the house of representatives and published in every newspaper throughout the state," he said.

"I wanted to lay the facts before you and that is why I asked to be allowed to address you tonight. If you think my work for it was right then leave the severance tax law as it is—leave it to the legislature. Personally, I do not believe there should be any limitation fixed in the constitution. The legislature should be allowed to handle this question and it should not be trammelled. It should

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BOLL WEEVIL SCARE SENDS COTTON UP

REPORT FROM DALLAS, TEXAS SAYS BUGS THREATEN CROP IN THAT SECTION

The cotton market has been taking on a healthier tone the past few days due in great measure to tremendous acreage reduction and the report from Dallas, Texas, to the effect that the weevils are getting very numerous in that part of the belt. The report from north Texas says Dallas county (always a great cotton producing area) may not get a bale this season, due to weather conditions and the presence of the weevils this early in the summer.

The past winter was a very mild one, and this fact accounts for the weevils being plentiful so early in the season, state the experts. Acreage reduction throughout the south has been material, much of it being brought about by the campaign vigorously carried on for that purpose, and the balance due to weather conditions during planting time. The market has been reflecting this condition and prices have begun to show a healthier state.

Mrs. Kirby and son, Lawson, of Port Barre were visitors to Opelousas last Saturday afternoon.

being impracticable to erect the poles either in the drainage gutters or in the cement walk proper. In order to place the poles in the position selected it became necessary to cut through the brick curbing. This left an unsightly gap in the curb and the city employees were busy several days this week boxing in the breaks and pouring in concrete to fill in the break. As soon as the concrete hardens the wooden walls will be removed and the curbing will be in as good shape as it was before and the pole materially strengthened by the process.