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THE CLARION NOT GUILTY

At the meeting of the city council Tuesday night, when the matter of letting out the printing for the next twelve months came up, there seemed to be disposition in some quarters to penalize the Clarion for what was characterized as its editorial strictures on the present city administration. Mr. Lewis, principal owner of the capital stock of this newspaper, denied that the Clarion had been guilty of the allegations.

There have been no editorial strictures of the administration, and as Mr. Lewis stated, the only editorial bearing on city affairs was a commendation of the board of aldermen for their action in postponing the sidewalk building until some later date.

There have been innumerable local stories in these columns complimenting and commending the city fathers on the splendid work they have performed in extricating the light plant out of the quagmire and placing it on a most efficient basis.

We did "jab" the authorities with a news article relative to the long disuse of the ornamental lights on the court house square and we believe our position in this matter was timely, and it certainly has been commended by the readers of this newspaper.

This newspaper did not take any stand in the Jordan controversy, though as a matter of news we did publish the full decree of the supreme court and we think that such publication was entirely in keeping with legitimate journalism. The matter of the electrocution of the unfortunate Blakey boy was also printed as a matter of news. If we had suppressed these news items this paper would have been censured by its readers and rightly so.

While we appreciate, of course, the patronage of the city administration and will always boost that body of officials, we do not propose to be accused of criticizing it when we are not guilty of such charge. However, when, in our opinion, the administration defaults or is derelict in its duty to the people of this city, we will bring the matter to the attention of our readers. The Clarion is a friend of the administration when it does its duty and when it doesn't, then it is the friend of the people.

FORECASTS YIELD OF EIGHT ONE HALF MILLIONS BALES

Indicates Great Loss As Compared With Year 1920

FACTS AND FIGURES ON THE COTTON CROP

Plant Several Weeks Late But Fields Well Cultivated

June Cotton Report for Louisiana

The acreage in cotton in Louisiana in 1921 has been reduced 544,000 acres compared with last year and is 327,900 acres less than the ten year average, according to a report just issued by Lionel L. James, agricultural statistician at New Orleans, of the bureau of crop estimates, United States department of agriculture.

The area of cotton in cultivation in this state on June 25, 1921 is estimated to be 1,011,000 acres, (preliminary estimate). This is 65 per cent of the acreage (revised) in cultivation at the end of June in 1920, which was 1,550,000 acres. The ten year average of cotton acreage is 1,338,000 acres.

The condition of the growing crop on June 25 was 64 per cent of a normal. This compared with 57 per cent on May 25, 1921; 77 per cent on June 25, 1920; and with 79 per cent the ten year average of condition on June 25.

A condition of 64 per cent on June 25 forecasts an average yield of about 128 pounds of lint cotton per acre and a total production, (allowing 1 per cent from planted area for abandonment) of about 267,800 bales. Last year the average yield of lint cotton was 126 pounds per acre and the production was 336,770 bales; two years ago the production was 298,000 bales; three years ago 588,000 bales; and four years ago 639,000 bales.

The final outcome will probably be larger or smaller than the amount indicated according as growing conditions hereafter are better or worse

MINNESOTA MAN HEADS AIR MAIL



A Minnesota man is the new head of the U. S. Air Mail Service. He is Carl F. Egge, of Minneapolis, an employee of the postal department for thirty years. He will be stationed in Washington.

ANCIENT NEGRO CROSSES RIVER

VALSIN SAVANT, 101 YEARS OF AGE, NATIVE OPELOUSEAN DIES SATURDAY

The Clarion has been informed of the death last Saturday evening of Valsin Savant, aged negro, who passed away at his home in this city after an existence of slightly more than one hundred and one years, the entire time of which was in this community where he was born and where just as the Sabbath day was drawing to a close, he was buried with the rites of the Catholic church by Rev. Father Hyland, pastor of the Holy Ghost church for colored Catholics.

The deceased was born on the old Birotte place, just north of town, now owned by Ben Donato, and during slavery days was the property of the Donato family. He leaves a large number of descendants, even unto the fourth and fifth generations. Those who knew him best stated that he was a faithful servant to those who owned him and since the proclamation ending slavery he has worked hard and faithfully for all who employed him. He lived far beyond the human span of existence and his long life, coupled with that of many others in this country, leads one to believe that there is something in this climate that is propitious to long life.

THE COLORED NORMAL IN SESSION HERE

The colored summer normal began its work June 20th, under very favorable auspices. The sessions are being held in the public school building, and has an enrollment of sixty-five students teachers, representing five parishes.

This normal is one of the twenty-nine being held in various parts of the state, which serve to give a general review of the common school branches and to present the practical problems of teaching as they apply to these branches and to the proper management of our schools.

The state department of education, through Mr. L. M. Favrot, state agent for negro schools, is doing a great work in fostering the cause of negro education throughout the state, and the seven thousand colored teachers are being commissioned to every nook and corner of the state to turn on more light among the colored people that they may find themselves and that they may have the proper conception to live in harmony with all laws, both spiritual, moral and natural.

Leadership among the colored people is being established more and more each day, and the masses are beginning to look to no other source, and should not accept from any other source leaders, other than those produced by the great school system of the state. Through this system the negro is being trained to find himself and to know his possibilities, and in the not too distant future, he may join with the poet in saying "I once was lost, but now I'm found; Was blind, but now I see."

In dealing with this group of teachers, it should be kept in mind that we are building the leaders who are to build a race despite the efforts in some quarters to dwarf his spiritual and mental vision.

The times demand teachers who can and will do something in their respective communities to make life better, and to expound those principles which are essential to good citizenship.

J. H. AUGUSTUS, Conductor.

RESIDENCE FOR RENT

Residence for rent in center of city. For terms and location apply to Frank S. Garbo, Opelousas, La. June 11th.

to meet the maturity of the notes not yet due, as follows: July 1, 1921, August 1, 1921, September 1, 1921, October 1, 1921 and November 1, 1921, and all costs, unless the same is immediately paid.

CHARLES THIBODEAUX, Sheriff, St. Landry Parish, July 16th.

BONUS BILL GETS BLACK EYE WHEN PRESIDENT TALKS

Nation's Executive Advises Against Passage of Measure

GOVERNMENT MIGHT FACE BANKRUPTCY

Claims of Wounded and Maimed Must Come First, He Says

The president of the United States Tuesday appeared before the senate and advised against that body adopting the "soldier bonus bill" at the present time, stating it was his firm conviction that the adopting of the measure carrying an appropriation of billions might so strain the financial resources of the country as to threaten near bankruptcy. As a result of the president's stirring appeal the bill has been held up indefinitely and the longed-for bonus may hang fire for years, if it is ever seriously considered again.

The dispatch from Washington conveying the news of Pres. Harding's speech before the senate in part is as follows:

Washington, July 12.—Pledges of a wide majority of votes to lay aside the soldier bonus bill were claimed by republican leaders and conceded by opponents after President Harding, in an address to the senate today, had made formal request for temporary postponement of consideration of the measure. In making his request, the president called attention to the condition of the treasury, saying that enactment of the legislation at this time would "greatly impair the financial stability of our country."

Immediately after the president had finished speaking, Chairman Penrose of the finance committee moved the bill be recommitted to his committee but democratic opposition prevented a vote today. The motion was under unlimited debate but a vote tomorrow was expected, although some democratic opponents said it might be delayed until Thursday.

President Harding delivered his address at 2 o'clock, before a distinguished audience. Reiterating his recognition of the obligations to care for disabled and dependent war veterans, the president said "general compensation" should be entered upon at a time when it would be consistently possible.

"Overburdening the treasury now means positive disaster in the years immediately before us," the president declared. Keenest prudence calls out in warning.

Although the bonus bill was the president's major subject, he also urged action on the tariff and tax legislation, for which the extra session was especially called. There was, he said, "confessed disappointment that so little progress has been made on readjustment and reduction of the war-time taxes." He also urged early passage of the bill to organize war risk and vocational training services aiding former service men.

The president reached the senate just as the bonus bill was laid before it for the day's debate. He was applauded for about a minute when he entered the chamber and again when he concluded, but his remarks were not interrupted. Galleries and lobbies outside were crowded. In the executive's private gallery were Mrs. Harding and a party of friends and Brigadier General Sawyer, the president's personal physician. On the senate floor were virtually all senators in the city, scores of house members, including Representative Mondell, republican floor leader, and Attorney General Daugherty, Post Master General Hays and Secretary Davis.

Immediately upon the president's departure, Senator Penrose offered the republican motion for recommitment of the bill, with a promise of "further careful consideration." Democrats rose at once in opposition. Senator Robinson, democrat, Arkansas, declared the motion meant "obsequies" for the bill. It would become "dead—for some years," he predicted, declaring the recommitment motion was a "shield" for senators pledged previously to support the measure.

Another opponent of the Penrose motion, Senator Jones, democrat, New Mexico, speaking for two hours, declared the president's action unprecedented. No other executive he said had ever appeared before congress to oppose legislation but only to advocate it.

Defense of the president was made by Senator King, democrat, Utah, an opponent of the bonus measure, who said the executive's course was "proper, courageous."

Urging delay in the vote on recommitment until tomorrow, Senator Robinson threatened an immediate motion to adjourn, which the republicans prepared to resist, but protracted democratic debate took up the remainder of time until adjournment.

PIANO FOR SALE—Wurlin Piano, in good condition, is offered for sale, at eleven o'clock a. m., the following described property, to-wit:

4TH WARD JUROR SAYS ROAD BOARD NOT TOTTING FAIR

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stated to us that it was their conviction and belief that the people who have not enjoyed the use of gravel roads in their neighborhoods in the past should be served first, before the main roads that have been graveled should be rebuilt. Of course they do not contend to apply this to the road through Opelousas to Sunset. To this extent we fully agreed with the board but as far as the general public is concerned and the taxpayers, it doesn't seem fair and equitable to me that the most important roads and the ones that carry the heaviest traffic should be considered first in any road building plans, and the minor, or cross-roads second and I would suggest that the business people of Opelousas get together and acquaint themselves as to the facts and try to show the board the equity of it and what the taxpayers most desire, as it does seem that it is not reasonable to build all these roads in a westerly direction from what is known as the Pershing highway, and none east, except perhaps one down Bayou Courtableau from Washington, and one to Port Barre, provided there are sufficient funds left.

The Port Barre road being one of the most traveled roads of the district and serving a large number of people from the fourth and third wards that do business at Opelousas, as well as taxpayers of the district, it behooves the business people of Opelousas and those living on the Port Barre road, to give the matter serious consideration. And as this may form a link in the new state highway, it should be built without delay, as it means a great deal to Opelousas to have an east and west road across the state, and should be in a position when the legislature meets to offer at least a portion of the link in good condition, as chances are the Kroiz Springs road will be completed by that time and the sixth ward have about completed their road east and west, which would make a continuous road across St. Landry.

Motto of what is being done: Opelousas and the property owners on the Port Barre road are paying more than half of the entire tax and GETTING NOTHING!

Hoping the board will see the equity in this matter and that the taxpayers of the district will co-operate with the board and get this important link built.

Respectively,
W. F. BROWN

LOCALS GET SCALP OF KINDER AGAIN

ALLEN PARISH TEAM COMES AND IS BADLY BEATEN—OTHER NOTES OF BASEBALL

Kinder's ball team came over for the second time last Thursday and though the ywere going to retrieve their lost fortune by scalping the locals at Girou park. The game took place after a heavy rain but the wet condition of the grounds did not deter the players from putting up a good scrap or the fans from attending in force. Kinder was shut out, 5 to one big "goose egg."

Lake Charles has cancelled its three-game series that was to have been played here next week, and as the accusation has been made that the Lake City team won't play ball away from home for fear of getting beaten, it begins to look as if there was some truth in the charge. It is plain they can not be beaten on their home grounds because of the "ump" and as long as they won't leave home there is no way of testing their real qualities as ball players.

Patterson's strong team is due here for a two-game series, the first of which will take place this afternoon (Saturday) and the second game tomorrow (Sunday). The Pattersonites are reputed as being one of the strongest teams in the south half of the state and has been putting up stiff fights all the season. It is agreed that Opelousas will have to play some strong ball to win one or both games, but the locals are girded up for the fight and say they are going to put victory across the plate and show the Pattersonites they are not the only outfit that can play winning ball in southern Louisiana.

The fans are much disappointed because Lake Charles refused to "come to the quilting" for they had been counting high on getting the goat of the Calcasieu bunch.

TRUSTEE'S SALE

In the matter of,
SCOTT BROS., BANKRUPTS.
No. 1605, in Bankruptcy, Opelousas Division.

By virtue of an order of court issued out of the district court of the United States for the Western District of Louisiana, Hon. P. R. Sanjour, Referee, in the above entitled and numbered cause and bearing the date July 9, 1921, and to me directed I will offer for sale, at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, at the plantation of bankrupts, located at Barbreck, La., on

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 1921, at eleven o'clock a. m., the following described property, to-wit:

The Princess Theatre

"The Home of Beter Photoplays"

Program for Week Beginning Sunday, July 17, 1921

SUNDAY

DOROTHY GISH

IN

"THE GHOST IN THE GARRETT"

Also Mack Sennett Comedy "Her Painted Hero"

Doors Open 3:30 P. M.

Admission 10, 15 and 25c.

MONDAY

BUCK JONES

IN

"STAGT FROM THE SHOULDER"

Also Mack Sennett Comedy "Her Painted Hero"

Doors Open 4:30 P. M.

Admission 10, 15 and 25c.

TUESDAY

A GOLDWYN PRODUCTION

"THE VOICE IN THE DARK"

Also Comedy "Edgar's Little Saw" and Fox News

Doors Open 4:30 P. M.

Admission 10, 15 and 25c.

WEDNESDAY

MONTE BLUE AND ALL-STAR CAST

IN

"THE JUCKLINS"

Also Comedy and News

Doors Open 4:30 P. M.

Admission 10, 15 and 35c.

THURSDAY

AN ALL-STAR CAST, IN

"THE LURE OF YOUTH"

Six Reels also Comedy and Pathe Review

Doors Open 4:30 P. M.

Admission 10, 15 and 25c.

FRIDAY

WILL ROGERS

IN

"WATER, WATER, EVERYWHERE"

Also Sunshine Comedy and Fox News

Doors Open 4:30 P. M.

Admission 10, 15 and 25c.

SATURDAY

THOMAS MEIGHAN

IN

"THE FRONTIER OF THE STARS"

Also News and Comedy

Doors Open 3:30 P. M.

Admission 10, 15 and 35c.

1st. A certain plantation, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon and appurtenances thereto, belonging to and adjoining tracts of woodland, on the left bank of Bayou Boeuf, known as the "Cumberland plantation" properly and more particularly described as follows:

(1) The lower portion of a certain tract originally measuring forty arpents front on Bayou Boeuf, and running back in a north-easterly direction from said Bayou Boeuf for a depth of 80 arpents, which original tract consisted of a grant and back concessions now indicated on the official government plat as all Lot One of Section Five and all of Section Four in Township Three South, Range Three East; said original tract having been divided into two portions by a line drawn parallel to its lower or southeasterly line, said lower portion measuring about 3,736 feet on a line perpendicular to the side lines by a depth of 16,694 feet on the upper line and 15,362 feet on the lower line, containing an area of 1,420.80 acres;

(2) All of irregular section 68, in Township 3, South of Range 3 east, containing 171.62 acres;

(3) All of irregular section 67, in Township 3 South of Range 3 east, containing 182.62 acres;

(4) All of fractional section 3, Township 3 South, of Range 3 East containing 306.23 acres;

(5) All of Section 2, in township 3, South of Range 3 East, containing 640.55 acres;

(6) All of fractional section 34, township 2, south of range 3 east, excepting the north half of the north east quarter thereof, being 271.82 acres.

(7) The south half of section 35, in township 2, south of range 3 east containing 327.17 acres.

(8) Also the north half of the north east quarter of section 34, and the west half of the E half of Sec. 27, township 2 south of range 3 east, containing 240 acres; said section 27 lying partly in the parish of Avoyelles.

The whole containing 3,400 acres, more or less.

(N. B.—All the mechanizable timber standing on the above lands has been sold to the Thistlethwaite Lumber Co., of Washington, La., in January, 1920, and is specially reserved as the property of said company.)

Eight head of mules as follows:

1 mouse colored mare mule, about 12 years old named Ada.

1 brown horse mule about 8 years old named Jim.

1 bay mare mule, about 9 years old, named Mat.

1 black mare mule, about 9 years old, named Queen.

1 brown mare mule, about 9 years old, named Carrie.

1 brown mare mule, about 8 years old, named Mat.

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1 brown mare mule, about 8 years old, named Mat.

old, named Geri.

1 bay mare mule, about 8 years old, named Emma.

1 brown mare mule, about 10 years old, named Charlotte.

Two mares and one colt as follows: 1 black mare about six years old, named Bess.

1 bay mare about six years old, named Daisy.

1 sorrel horse mule colt about three months old.

Two log wagons, 4-wheel.

Farm implements and tools, etc., as follows:

1 cane stubble digger; 1 stubble clipper; 1 disc plow; 9 cultivators; 2 middle busters; 1 hay rake; 1 mowing machine; 3 discs; 10 double shovels; 12 turning plows; 1 section harrow; 5 small middle busters; 5 planters; 2 side harrows; 2 gee whips; 1 cane drum; 1 platform scale.

Share of the bankrupt's estate in the growing crop on bankrupt's plantation, said share being as follows: to-wit:

Joe Harris, 1-3 cotton, 1-4 corn.

Malcolm McRea, 1-3 cotton, 1-4 corn.

Will Pennington, 1-3 cotton, 1-4 corn.

Lucius Pennington, 1-3 cotton, 1-4 corn.

Louis James 1-3 cotton, 1-4 corn.

Alex Mathews 1-2 cotton.

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Johnnie Marks, 1-2 cotton.

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Willie Harris, 1-2 cotton.

W. T. Scott, Sr., 1-4 cotton.

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The above real estate will be sold free of mortgages, liens or other encumbrances, and actual possession of said real estate to be delivered to purchaser on December 1, 1921.

The growing crop will be sold subject to payment by purchaser of any outstanding liens thereon resulting from advances made to grow said crop, which said liens or privileges to be assumed by the purchaser of the crop.

TERMS:—CASH.

JOHN M. DUFLIHO, July 16th, Trustee.

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the stockholders of the St. Landry Lumber Co., at the company's office August 4th, 1921 at 5 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing a board of directors and other officers for the ensuing year, and transacting such other business as may be deemed proper and regular.

LOUIS STELLY, Secretary.

An Invitation

Is extended the public to visit my store and inspect the large stock of Standard Made Shoes which has just been received. Repairing neatly done at lowest prices and best workmanship.