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

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TWO DOLLARS PER YEAR IN ADVANCE

## CITY SOLONS PASS TWO MEASURES OVER MAYOR LOEB'S VETO

### Aldermanic Board Held a Lively Monthly Session Tuesday Night

## SIDEWALKS, PAVING UP FOR DISCUSSION

### Some Changes Effected in Recent Move to Have Construction Done

All five members of the board of aldermen were in their seats Tuesday night when that body convened in the regular October session. It proved to be a lively session and considerable work was disposed of, as will be evidenced by the official proceedings which appear elsewhere in this issue of the Clarion.

Some change in sidewalk construction on West Groles street was authorized, so that instead of the walk starting at the corner of Railroad avenue and running on the north side of Groles, it begins at the intersection of Railroad avenue and runs on the south side as far west as the main line of the Texas & Pacific railway, then wraps over to the north side and continues to College avenue.

As originally planned the entire cost—or practically so—of constructing the walk would have fallen on one property owner, Mr. E. M. Boagni. The motion to authorize the change was introduced by Alderman Mouret and adopted unanimously. Mayor Loeb promptly vetoed it and the resolution was passed over his veto by a unanimous vote of the aldermen.

Sidewalks on Railroad avenue, ordered at a previous meeting to be constructed from the extension of Cherry street to Cheney street, also were knocked in the head by a unanimous vote, and when the mayor vetoed the resolution it, also, was passed unanimously over the executive disapproval.

Sidewalks on West Landry street, both sides, from the Southern Pacific railroad tracks to the city corporation line, was also authorized. This last item will fill a long felt want of the people residing in the western part of the city.

Alderman Dunbar offered an ordinance entitled "An ordinance providing for the establishment and maintenance of a 'Central Public Market,'" This ordinance simply amends and reordains the old ordinance and its main purpose is to get rid of the old one, which has been amended so many times as to be almost unrecognizable and at the same time provide for all new markets to first pay a month's license in advance, thus curbing a evil which has seriously injured the city treasury because of the fact that some markets established in the city lasted only a brief time and went out of business without paying any license.

Mr. Daniel offered an ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 9 of 1913, granting the New Orleans, Texas and Mexico railroad (Gulf Coast lines) the privilege of closing Cheney street to public passage for its entire width from the west side of North Walnut street to the east side of North Union. On a call of the roll the ordinance failed of passage, the introducer, Mr. Daniel, being the only yeas vote, the other four aldermen voting against the measure.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, the board of aldermen, with one dissenting vote, Mr. Dunbar, went on record as favoring the passage in the state legislature of the Schell-Dowling highway bill.

The annual ad valorem tax for 1921 on all taxable property was fixed at eight mills on the dollar, of which amount three mills is to be dedicated for the payment and retirement of the street improvement bond issue.

Bids for the furnishing of light and water meters were opened and referred to the power house committee and that committee was given full authority to act as it sees fit and enter into any necessary contract for said meters.

The budget of expense of the city for 1922 is to be framed and submitted at the next regular meeting of the board, Tuesday, November 1.

## POLICE JURY HOLDS VERY BRIEF SESSION

The police jury convened Monday morning, adjoining Tuesday, transacting very little business except general routine work. The question of roads occupied a great part of the short time the jury was in session. It was a quiet meeting and there was no heated discussions.

## Grocery Store on Landry Streets Changes Hands

Popular Grocer on Main Street Purchases Business of G. L. Lassalle on Landry Street

In another part of this paper will appear an advertisement announcing the purchase of G. L. Lassalle's grocery store on Landry street by J. A. Dejean. Just a few years ago Mr. Dejean started in the grocery business for himself on a very small scale, but through pluck, perseverance, good business judgment and a square and fair deal to all, he has seen his business on Main street prosper and grow until to day he can safely boast of one of the cleanest and best in this city.

In announcing the purchase of the new store on Landry street, Mr. Dejean wishes to call the people's attention to the fact that while he will not be in personal charge of the store, he will be represented by Mr. Floyd Martin, who will give your grocery needs the best attention possible. He will carry a full line of fancy groceries and will be able to satisfy the most fastidious. He also announces that the store on Landry street will be run on strictly a cash basis and thereby be able to give the very lowest prices possible with a conservative business.

## HUEY RELEASED UNDER BIG BOND

### NORTH LOUISIANIAN PUTS UP FIVE THOUSAND CASH BAIL; SAYS MILLION WAS EASY

Huey P. Long, member of the railroad commission from the north Louisiana district, charged by Governor Parker with criminal libel, reported in Baton Rouge immediately on being notified of the charges lodged against him and furnished bond in the sum of five thousand dollars, tendering a certified check for the amount. He stated that he could have furnished a million dollars bond if necessary.

Released from custody he returned to his Shreveport home, but before leaving the state capital seized the occasion to fire a few hot shots at the governor and those who, he charges, having been defaming him. He has retained legal counsel and the prosecution will be conducted by District Attorney Odum, assisted by former District Attorney Holcombe, the latter having been retained by the governor as assistant counsel for the state.

As the charge is a misdemeanor, it will be tried before the judge and not before a jury. The penalty on conviction is either fine or imprisonment in the parish jail.

## OPELOUSAS RESIDENT HAS SAILED FROM FRANCE

It was stated this week that G. H. Cretin would sail from France on his return journey today, and should reach here about the 18th or 19th. Mr. Cretin left here about the first day of May to spend the summer with relatives in the land of his birth, and recent letters received from him state that he had a most enjoyable time in the old homeland. Mr. Cretin spent the summer of 1920 also in France, returning to Opelousas in October.

## Sacred Heart Academy Will Observe Centennial

Most Elaborate Preparations are being made for a celebration in honor of the centennial of the sacred heart academy at Grand Coteau. One hundred years ago, in the fall of 1821, this noted Catholic educational institution received its first pupils. That date in the annals of southern Louisiana is to be fittingly commemorated this year by those who keep up the work and traditions.

October 27, 28, and 29 have been chosen for the centennial celebration. The first day will be commemorated to the religious features of the program and to the entertainment of the clergy and for the pupils. The second and third days will be exclusively reserved for the present pupils who are receiving the benefit of a thorough and enlightened Catholic education.

St. Landry parish should be justly proud to boast of such a splendid school as the Sacred Heart Academy, and while we don't know the full particulars for the celebration, we feel sure in saying the people as a whole rejoice with you and hope that this great school, and so recognized by the state board of education, will continue its splendid educational work many centuries to come.

## GOVERNOR SHOWS HAS FULL POWER IN LEGISLATURE

### Compromise Road Bill Drawn By Federal Expert Basis of Agreement

## SANDERS LOSES ON DIRECTOR GEN. PLAN

### Schell's Idea of a Commission of Three Men Apparently Has Right of Way

Governor Parker's grip on the legislature apparently has not lessened, even though there is a militant element in that body which is ready at all times to throw monkey wrenches in the wheels of the vast machine and hamper things that do not suit their political ideas or ambitions. The governor knows how to give and take, and when he saw that the road plan backed by him, proved being first the creation of a director general of state highways would not carry without formidable opposition, he quickly seized the occasion to form a compromise measure which would suit all sides to the controversy and start the state system of highways running smoothly without the danger of being endangered in a vital part.

Someone, somehow, called in a federal road expert who is not impeded with any of the Louisiana brand of political ambitions and political enmity or a desire to put one over his political enemy. This expert was unhampered with an axe to grind and the full scope of his services was to untangle the tangled skeins and get things whipped into shape that all sides would be pleased and the whole mess would be straightened out without danger of friction that might spell disaster to the proposed system of state highways.

It was obvious from the start that the warring camps could not settle minor or greater differences without a tremendous clash and when they refused point blank to give and take the governor stepped in and lent his efforts to solving a problem that threatened danger to the state. There was too strong an element in both houses to ever hope to pass the one-man plan of a state commission and this idea was quickly dropped in the interest of harmony. Even the federal road expert saw it was futile to propose such a plan, and perhaps he thought it was inadvisable too, for the rough draft of the road bill which is to be presented was drawn by him without regard to anything but the best interests of the entire state.

Representative Schell, while perhaps not victorious in all his plans, certainly has the satisfaction to know that his ideas of the commission being composed of three instead of one has been adopted as the central idea of the new bill. The members may be appointed by the governor from the state at large, as the idea of dividing the state into three districts seems to have passed with the change in opinion. This, however, is a minor consideration for it's hardly possible or probable that any governor would select three men from one section of the state, and after all the principle of three men, selected from at large, carries out in great measure the entire idea of Mr. Schell and those who aided him and stood by him in the fight to dispose of the proposition of a one man commission.

The official designation of highways is also to be dropped. That, too, is a minor affair, for after all the main idea is to have the highways, no matter whether they bear official names or not. Roads with a high-sounding title and yet in a deplorable condition would spell but little to the people they served. The naming of the road is a mere matter of sentiment after all, and no doubt this question will be settled without any long-winded argument.

The main thing is to get the roads, and get them quickly as man, machinery and teams can build them. Louisiana has an ambitious scheme mapped out—such a scheme that, when finished, will make this state the envy of every commonwealth in the south and many states in the more populous sections of east, north and west. Let's have the roads without any further bickering or hair-splitting.

## NEW ARRIVAL AT HOME OF MR. AND MRS. SPITLER

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Ferrell Spitler are extending congratulations on the arrival, yesterday (Friday) morning of a bouncing baby girl, Grandpa W. F. Brown and Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Spitler's parents, are as proud as father and mother.

## SHERIFF THIBODEAUX MAKES 3 ARRESTS

### SAYS HE HAS GIVEN BOOTLEGGERS FAIR WARNING, AND NOW DETERMINED THEY MUST GO

Bootleggers and the like have no place in St. Landry and Sheriff Chas. Thibodeaux true to his campaign promises, is determined to rid the parish of such violators of the law. On Wednesday the following arrests were made. Chas. L. Ballard of Port Barre was arrested by the sheriff and quite a bit of mash, stoves and other apparatus for the manufacture of whisky were captured. Sheriff Thibodeaux also landed Tony Venezia, who has been running a bootlegging shop on Main street and some six quarts of whisky and several bottles of wine were discovered. The third violator is Clovis Fontenot from near DeBailion's bridge and his arrest is for the second offence; Sheriff Thibodeaux was assisted by Deputy United States Marshal in the arrest of Clovis Fontenot.

We are informed that there are about sixteen now awaiting the next term of the federal court for trial and it is very evident that the January sitting of the federal court in Opelousas will have a full calendar. The sheriff is very broad in his enforcement of the prohibition laws, but Mr. Bootlegger, take notice the sheriff of St. Landry is determined you must go and from the above number awaiting trial should be a fair warning to many who have not as yet been caught, but if you don't stop the illicit selling of liquor, Sheriff Thibodeaux will surely land you behind the bars.

The good people of St. Landry should stand behind the sheriff in his fight for a clean, law abiding parish, and surely they should see by now that his efforts in that direction are praiseworthy. It is, not only in this direction that his efforts are praiseworthy, but the attorneys have no trouble whatever in having papers served and they can go in his office at any time and there find a complete and concrete record, the time it came into his office, the time of service and a complete record of disposition. The same standard of high efficiency exists in the tax collectors office, and every possible thing is done by the sheriff to give to the general public first-class service.

## JEWS OBSERVED NEW YEAR MONDAY

### Day of Atonement Wednesday the 12th and Will be Observed by All Jews in Opelousas

All business places, conducted by the Jews of the city of Opelousas were closed on Monday in solemn observances of the Jewish New Year. The keynote of this holiday is spiritual awakening. It is the feast that opens the ten days period of self-inspection and religious exaltation culminating the feast of the day of Atonement on next Wednesday the 12th. This Jewish holiday is reckoned from sunset on last Sunday to sunset on Monday, and the special ritual for the event is exceptionally solemn and most impressive. The confession of sin and the plea for forgiveness, the reconciliation with those who have offended, the recommitment to righteousness and charity, the nearer approach to divine standards are among the outstanding lessons of the day, and while there is no synagogue in Opelousas, the followers of this religious belief closed their places of business and spent part of the day in prayer.

Wednesday, being the day of atonement, again all Jew stores will be closed.

## NEW JEWELRY STORE FOR OPELOUSAS

Mr. Sidney Ducharme, for ten years connected with the business of F. J. Dietlein, has opened a nice clean little jewelry store in the building next to the tailor shop of Felix Chachere.

Young Ducharme is no stranger to us and his close attention to his duties while with Mr. Dietlein won for him many friends. In another part of this paper he makes his public announcement and we feel sure that the people of Opelousas welcomes him again in their midst and feel sure that he will make good.

In his announcement, he makes it clear that he will cater to a great extent to repair work of all kinds and guarantees satisfaction.

After spending several days in Opelousas, Mr. and Mrs. Raoul LeBourgeois returned Wednesday to their partation home near Leonville.

## COTTON DROPS TEN DOLLARS BALE AS REPORTS COME IN

### Ginning Figures Not Up to Expectations But Condition Better

## LESS THAN 7 MILLION BALES IS PREDICTION

### Deterioration During the Past Month Not as Great As Thought

The cotton market was turned topsy-turvy Monday when the gin and condition reports issued by the federal bureau were sent out. Ginning figures proved a disappointment to the bear element but when the condition report came over the wires, showing a percentage of 42.2 per cent the bulls used that as a club to hammer the price and they succeeded in pulling down the limit—two hundred points, or ten dollars per bale.

It was a great shock but the market showed signs Tuesday of recovering during the early trading 26 to 36 points but reacting during the day closing at a net decline of from 33 to 57 points.

Cold weather over the entire belt it is expected, will put healthier tone on trading and the bullish element is looking for another stiff advance within a few days. The ginning figures disappointed the bears because the prediction had been made that it would break all previous records, though both sides to the market felt sure that future reports would indicate clearly the shortness of the year's yield.

As compared with last year, the condition is 42.2 per cent for September, 1921, and 59.1 per cent for 1920. Ginning figures read 2,907,950 bales ginned up to September 25, this year, and 2,253,441 bales for the same date last year. The difference is so slight that it did not affect the market, and the talent is agreed on the fact that it was the surprising condition report which did the "dirty work" on the trading exchanges of the country.

The cotton season is rapidly drawing to a close and it is stated that within the next three weeks the entire crop will be harvested and ginned. With less than three million bales ginned up to September 25, the prediction of slightly under a seven million bale crop appears to be well said.

Cotton was never in such a strong position as a commercial commodity. The carry-over and the new crop will be entirely consumed and out of the way when the harvesting of the 1922 crop begins. Higher prices for the staple seem inevitable, and while this may be gloomy news to consumers, still it is a situation that generally follows the inexorable laws of supply and demand. The world is recovering from the effects of the war. Business and industrial conditions are getting back to normal and the demand for cotton is going to continue with even greater volume than ever before known.

For many years the English government has been making desperate attempts to establish the growing of cotton in India and Egypt, in order to be independent of the American producers, but if the expensive effort has not been with success that fact has not been made known. Just recently the announcement was made that the boll weevil had made its appearance in the Egyptian fields, and once that pest gets a firm foothold in Egypt the doom of the cotton industry in that country will be sounded. The southern states of American must continue to furnish cotton for the world's demands, and while production can not be up to old-time standards, that fact alone will strengthen the position of the staple in the world's markets.

An eight or ten million bale crop, grown under existing conditions and with the free use of intelligence, is bound to bring prosperity to the south. Over production in the past has always spelled disaster to the producers, and that fact has at least reached home to them. They have learned the lesson and profited thereby.

## DIVINE SERVICES AT THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH SUNDAY

Announcement is made that there will be divine services at the Opelousas Episcopal church tomorrow (Sunday) morning at 11 o'clock. Rev. McCaa will officiate. The members and the general public are invited to be present, and as services are held in this church quite regularly the active members would like this fact to be made known to those Episcopals who live in the rural districts.

## EUNICE TOWN COMING BACK

### WESTERN ST. LANDRY METROPOLIS RECOVERING FROM FINANCIAL DEPRESSION

Following the failure of the American bank at Eunice last winter and the low price of the 1921 rice crop, that town was thrown into a financial and commercial depression in strange contrast with its former prestige and supremacy. To add to the burden of woe, one sawmill closed down and moved away, while the spoke factory ceased to exist. People living there were somewhat despondent but did not give up hope, and they went to hard work in order to pull their town out of the slough and place it again in the front ranks of thriving Louisiana municipalities. With the aid of changing conditions and a beneficent nature they have succeeded to a remarkable extent and Eunice today presents a different air to Eunice of a year or less ago.

The crop of rice and cotton is bringing a flood of money to the town and surrounding country and this financial change is evidenced by a revival of building operations and a determination on the part of property owners to embellish their homes or build new ones, not to say anything of some business structures that are in contemplation. Incidentally, the organization of a new banking institution in the town is a clear indication that the town will take its natural place in the list of financial centers of this and adjoining parishes. Several modern highways have been built into the town and more are in prospect. The entire prairie country is under fence and either in cultivation or furnishing pasturage for large herds of cattle. All the agricultural products common to this section of the state are seen growing in the surrounding fields and the farmers show clearly that they are not wedded to the one-crop idea but are diversifying more and more each year. All in all, Eunice is a good town and there is no better section in the state than the farm lands around the town.

## OPELOUSAS HIGH GOES TO CROWLEY

Prof. A. A. Mendoza, assistant principal of the Opelousas high school has been busy since the opening of the school getting suitable material for a first-class foot ball eleven, and from all we can learn he has succeeded first class. They have just received their new suits, headgear, etc., and have had lots of practice and Mr. Mendoza says they show up fine for a lot of green material.

They are going to Crowley by cars tomorrow to play the Crowley high and it is understood that a large bunch of fans will go along to boost for the boys.

The following will probably be the line up:

- Errington Dupre, quarter back, Ben Mendoza, half back.
- Lloyd Reynolds, half back, Ivan Holman, half back.
- Henry Pitts, left end, Crayton Shute, right tackle.
- Ben Presburg, left tackle, Noah Guidry, right guard.
- Arthur Sanders, left guard, Oscar Fox, center.
- Substitutes, Elder Voorhies, Sidney Hebrard, Willie Boutte, Victor Arndt, Fred Green, Alfred Pavy, Rem Stelly, James Brossard.

They will go to New Iberia next Saturday and the first game at home will be on the 20th of October, when they will give the St. Charles college eleven all they are looking for.

## TWO-GUN BILL HART AT PRINCESS NEXT WEEK

The official program of the Princess theatre, published on page four of today's Clarion, shows that on Thursday of next week the feature picture of that day will be a new film entitled "The Whistle," in which the great favorite, William S. Hart, appears in the leading role. All Hart pictures are general favorites and the more announcement of a new Hart picture is sufficient publicity to attract a large audience to witness the film. The Princess has been showing all the Hart pictures and so well known is the movie star that every kid in the country yells with delight when it becomes known that "Two-Gun" Bill will be flashed on the screen. Manager Dietlein assures the theatre-goers that this Hart picture will be right up to the usual standard and that everyone who sees it will not be disappointed.

Judge Frank Yannoy and daughter of Big Cane were visitors to Opelousas on last Wednesday.

## SOLONS WOULD CUT THEIR OWN SALARY ALONG WITH OTHERS

### Bunch of Bills, Termed Anti-Salary Raisers, Flood House

## WOULD REVISE THE NEW CONSTITUTION

### Where They Are at, Question Puzzling Many of the Members

They are hot after every official of the state who is a beneficiary of the recent salary hikes granted by the new constitution. Legislators who have this in mind are coming out in the open and firing saary-reducers into the legislative mill and demanding that they pass by the required two-thirds vote. Those who oppose any such revolutionary methods and would prefer to "let sleeping dogs lie," are saying nothing but thinking a big lot. The fate of the measures, therefore, is a mystery unsolved but the sponsors of the bills are in the open fighting like mad in order to win a victory for more economical government.

The proposition is not only to scale the pay of district, appeal and supreme judges, also district attorneys but incidentally that of the auditor, treasurer, registrar of the state land office and even scaling down the per diem of the senators and representatives themselves. Getting back to normal, both in ordinary life and official life, is a popular move and the "brazen" legislators who are out in the limelight with this proposal are determined to put the general assembly on record as to how its members stand on the idea. They want the long roll in each house called before they will be satisfied on this "revolutionary" turn of the legislative wheel. They must have some assurance of the measure passing or they wouldn't be so insistent on a show-down. That is the opinion expressed in many quarters, and the recent rumor that on account of the salary raisers and new jobs provided for in the constitution would leave the state hundred thousand dollars for the fiscal year has added fuel to the flames and urged many of the conservative ones to get busy with some methods of reducing the costs of government.

Then Mr. Tobin of Natchitoches would revise the new constitution. A bill covering this proposal was introduced in the lower house this week, calling for the election of a certain number from each congressional district and a few more from the state at large for the purpose of smoothing out the new organic law and rubbing out what some seem to believe are a bunch of crudities in the instrument. Just along with this threat we may expect to hear soon of some joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution, and when some sassy legislators gets brazen enough to start the ball rolling in that direction, just look out for the old-time flood of proposed amendments for the people to vote on.

However, the anti-salary bills are drawing the most attention right now as their passage or defeat means a considerable lot to the state. The bills might please many and displease a large number of others and their merits or demerits must be judged as to the advisability of such legislation at the present time. There are according to the opinion one holds men in the legislature who are wise enough to pass intelligently on the bills and the public must await this final and sober judgment.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WILL CELEBRATE OCT 12

Wednesday, October 12 is "Columbus Day" and the local council will celebrate the event in an appropriate manner at a smoker to take place in the council chamber at 8 o'clock that night. The members of Opelousas Council No. 1173 and all visitors who are members are cordially invited to participate.

The Knights and lady friends enjoyed a game of "500" last Wednesday night after the business meeting was held. After the playing of about five games the prizes were awarded as follows: Miss Agatha Lassalle won the ladies first prize and Miss Alice Stelly won the booby. Mr. Dave Holler was the lucky man and the booby was won by Mr. Elward Danel. Delicious hot chocolate and cakes were served during the evening.

It is understood that the Knights intend to give a dance some time in the near future.