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Ninety per cent of the Russians are farmers.

A monk of the fourteenth century, invented the balloon.

New Orleans has 41 miles of publicly owned harbor frontage.

The population in France was reduced, by at least, 4,000,000 by the war.

As a result of the recent extension of the franchise, Sweden will have more women voters than men.

With good roads it is cheaper to haul by truck and travel by automobile than to ship or travel by rail.

Ancient Greeks and Romans didn't indulge, but Persians of the same period drank coffee very freely.

More than 700 women now hold positions as county superintendents of schools in the United States.

As far back as Queen Mary's time, a negro made fine needles in Chesapeake but would teach his art to none.

The consumption of 1,358,000,000 pounds of coffee in the United States in 1920, established a new record.

Besides having a woman as Mayor, Washington D. C. is to have a woman, chief of police, who will be at the head of a moral squad composed of women.

Greenland's only newspaper is a monthly periodical printed in the Esquimo language, the subscription price being one seal for a year, two cedar ducks for three months, while single copies are a small eatable sea bird.

The Secretary of Agriculture has given out officially what every body knows unofficially, and that is from \$50,000,000 to \$75,000,000 are lost annually because baled cotton is left out in the weather instead of being properly stored.

An exchange says that business without advertising is like winking at a girl in the dark. You know what you are doing but no body else does, and merchants and other business people should take due notice of this fact and govern themselves accordingly.

All successful people are POSITIVE. They chose for themselves; they DO things; they decide on a plan and pursue it up hill and down, and at every forward step they gain strength. They are wise enough to laugh at obstacles. They gain the goal for which they are making. And then—lo, MORE goals appear. It is the goal proposition that makes life interesting.

The first condition of civilization is the free exercise of thought. Real civilization has been retarded, simply because men have not been allowed to think for themselves. We are not, as yet, altogether free from mental slavery, though we boast of our freedom from chattel slavery. But, as to our minds, precious things, they are still chained to the palisades of the past.

## The Convention

One hundred and forty-three men and three women assembled in Baton Rouge, Tuesday, March 1, to revise and rewrite the organic laws of the State of Louisiana which, according to the call, they are to do in seventy-five days or less and it is believed that they will settle down to it at once and if six day sessions a week are held, there is no doubt but that they can finish their important job within less than the appointed time.

There are many important problems to be dealt with, and if the Hon. Body attempts to incorporate into the new constitution all the recommendations and propositions submitted by the different organizations, business, professional and private authors, why it will be trebly as voluminous as the old instead of being condensed, and one of the prime objects in having the convention was to cut out many of the old laws and give us a new constitution as noted for its brevity, as it has so long been for its length.

Hewitt Bouanchaud was elected president, and at our hour of going to press, the chairmen of the different committees had not been announced, but doubtless will be before our next issue in which they will be published.

## The Chamber of Commerce

There is no established modern organization that seems able to respond to the need of such a comprehensive work as the Chamber of Commerce. It can and should represent all classes of people in the community.

The opportunities and responsibilities of these local organizations are, therefore, very great.

There was a time when a Chamber of Commerce was supposed to interest itself in purely business problems, but the modern Chamber of Commerce is a much greater and more important institution than the old.

It should be alive to every interest and in touch with the commercial and industrial situation at home and abroad.

It should be fully informed on every phase of life in the community and in sympathetic touch with the needs and inspirations of the people.

It should, in fact, be the very backbone of the community and the sponsor for every constructive institution or effort.

It should be both the architect and the builder of a great and better community and it should have both the moral and financial strength of the people to enable it to get back of every proper effort for civic advancement.

The Chamber of Commerce should be the means of holding its people together in the accomplishment of many common purposes and thus building up the civic pride and keeping alive that unselfish spirit which makes for continued progress.

A nation is the sum of its individual communities, so why not assign the task of rebuilding this, the greatest nation of patriotic, peace loving, God-fearing, able, active, ambitious people in the world to the individual units that together make the United States of America what it is. Herein lies the great opportunity of the Chamber of Commerce.

## Dr. A. B. Nelson

A wave of sorrow spread over all Natchitoches when the death of Dr. A. B. Nelson of Shreveport who died in New Mexico Sunday, was learned, as besides having served as physician and surgeon to a great many Natchitochians both here and in Shreveport whenever it was necessary that the patients be taken there for treatment, he was popular, besides professionally, as a private citizen among a large circle of people here among whom he visited whenever the opportunity permitted.

He was a man of unusual mental endowment; brilliant and well versed in affairs of the day; a good friend and comrade; genial disposition and a man whose thoughtfulness and charitable deeds knew no bounds, and being taken away in the prime of life, in the zenith of his usefulness is a serious misfortune, not only to his home town, but for all North Louisiana.

## The Midgets

If a crowded house with S. R. O. very much in evidence inside and out, appreciative response and applause to the splendid acting, most delicate points of humor and dead silence while each Midget covered her or himself with glory, are indicative of success, it goes without saying that the entertainment at the Amuse last Wednesday night scored higher than any ever given there before.

The Midgets were midgets in the truest sense of the word, ranging in age from three to eight, the majority being between three and six, tho to judge from their poise and stage presence any one would have classed them as old, true and tried staggers.

The program started with a pre-nuptial concert when after the guests who were all noted film stars, such as Theda Bara, Bill Har, Fatty Arbuckle, etc., announced by the ushers, Robert Rusca and Jimmie Webb, "At Dawning," "Because" and the cleverest original parody on "O Promise Me" were sung by Katharine Browne, Frances Hendra and Jimmie Webb in a way that would put Geraldine Farrar, Schuman Heink and Caruso to blush.

Then the supplied choir entered singing the Bridal chorus from Lohengrin, and as the last strains died away Mendelssohn's Wedding march sounded as the bridal party entered from the rear led by the bridesmaids and grooms, Marguerite Rusca and Robert Harman-Gene E. Pierson, Revere Johnson and Sammy Hicks, Glenn Furnish and Paul Whitehead, Marguerite Bordeaux and Aubrey Crawford, Luly Scott and Bill W. DeBlieux, Lisa Payne and Henry DeBlieux, Lucy Parton-ton Shaffer and Charles DeBlieux, Gretchen Ortmeier and Z. T. Breazeale, the men in full dress, the maids in organdy dresses in pastel shades, big hats to match and carried shepherd's crooks; then Isabelle Williams, the flower girl, in dainty organdy frock carrying Marie Antoinette basket full of flowers; Ruth Estelle Aloocke in dainty white carrying the ring on a satin pillow; Rosemary Payne also in dainty white, preceded the bride, Edna Poleman, who wore an exquisite gown of white satin and lace, trimmed in pearls, the tulle veil falling to the end of the long court train and she carried a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley, and entered on the arm of her manly groom, Henry Pierson, who was in full dress, and their responses, which the minister, Clarence DeBlieux, performed in full canonical robe very touchingly the ceremony which was full of good local bits, were fine.

During the ceremony the old maid aunt, Marie Josephine Scott, fainted and had to be attended by the trained nurse, Gwendolyn Webb, and the physician, Whitfield Williams, while one of the rejected lovers, Jimmie Webb, had to be removed by Chief of Police, Thomas Emile Scott, and finally the happy pair were pronounced man and wife, and while they got ready for the wedding reception, four minute speeches were made by those natural born orators, Katherine Browne, Gene Edgerton Pierson and Jimmie Webb, and at the reception that followed, the doctor, Whitfield Williams, presided as toastmaster and responses that brought down the house were made by Robert Harman-Gene E. Pierson, Bill W. DeBlieux, Jimmie Webb, Florence Allemen and Herzog DeBlieux who em-personated Mr. Jiggs and naturally was hampered by Maggie well played by Eleanor Rusca.

The guests were charmingly entertained by very high priced artists during the reception, Kathleen Levy giving a song and dance with chorus accompaniment very delightfully, Mary Kathleen Gannon, a clever terpsichorean interpretation of little Bo Peep, and Katherine and Ruth Overton, of Alexandria, song, dances and reading most charmingly, which ended this splendid program which was due to the untiring efforts of Misses Judith and Miriam Carver and Katherine Breazeale.

## The Concert

A large and appreciative audience enjoyed one of the best programs ever given in the Normal Auditorium, when the School of Music, assisted by all the musical organizations under the direction of Mr. R. B. Courtright, entertained at a concert Friday evening. The orchestra was in splendid form, the first number an overture by Von Suppe being particularly well rendered, while the Glee Club gave several good selections.

One of the features of the evening was "Love" recently composed by Mrs. Courtright who accompanied the singer, Miss Lewis, who gave a sympathetic interpretation of this song gem, which was particularly adapted to her beautiful voice; and the other was the songs by Miss Dorothy Lawton whose singing is always enjoyed.

There is no doubt that under the direction of Mr. Courtright, the standard of the Music Dept. has been raised to where it was some years ago, when the Normal was noted far and wide for its high class music, and drew visitors from every section of the state to enjoy the splendid programs given. Besides being the right man for the right place, Mr. Courtright and his estimable wife who is also an accomplished musician, always gives freely of their talent and time to any and every cause in town.

## Leche

MONDAY, MARCH 7TH, 1921, 6:16 P. M.  
Leader—Mrs. C. V. Porter.  
Musical Director—Mrs. C. L. Breazeale.  
1. Music.  
2. Quotations—Answer to Roll Call.  
3. James Lane Allen—Mrs. Electa Goode.  
4. Music.  
5. Charles E. Craddock—Mrs. Roy E. Clark.  
6. Joel Chandler Harris—Mrs. C. V. Porter.  
7. The Tar Baby—Master Robert Harman-Gene E. Pierson.  
8. Music.  
The public is cordially invited to attend.

## Semmelman-Kern

Friends in Natchitoches are in receipt of cards from Mrs. M. Kern announcing the marriage of her daughter, Rose, to Mr. Isidore Semmelman on Wednesday, February 23rd, at Donaldsonville, at home in Natchitoches after April 15th, which wedding the Chief reports as follows:

A wedding that attracted much interest in social circles took place last Wednesday, when Isidore Semmelman, a prominent business man of Natchitoches, and Miss Rose Kern, only daughter of Mrs. Meyer Kern of this city, were united in the bonds of matrimony. The nuptials were solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arnaud Bloch, uncle and aunt of the bride, at 2:15 p. m., Rabbi Reinhardt of Baton Rouge officiating. There were a large number of close friends and relatives of the contracting parties in attendance. The rooms on the lower floor of the home were artistically decorated for the occasion. The ceremony took place in the living room, under a bowser of flowers.

Just before the entrance of the bride party, Mrs. Lehman Schuster of Hohen Solms sang, "I Love You Truly," accompanied on the piano by Miss Dora Kaffie. To the strains of Mendelssohn's march the bride entered leaning on the arm of her mother, who gave her in marriage. She was attired in a tan coat suit, with a burnt orange hat with henna trimmings, and tan slippers and hose to match. A corsage of bride roses and lilies of the valley completed the attractive costume.

The attendants of the bride were her cousins, Misses Agatha Fisher of Barataria and Freda Singer, as bridesmaids, and Mrs. Marcel Himmler as matron of honor. They were becomingly gowned in spring frocks, in different shades.

The groomsmen were Jack Davis and Barney Semmelman of West Point, Miss., the latter a brother of the groom, and another brother, Abraham Semmelman of Natchitoches, acted as best man. After the ceremony the bride's cake was cut and refreshments were served.

Amidst a shower of rice and old shoes the couple departed on the evening Texas and Pacific train for New Orleans, from which place they proceeded to New York where they will spend their honeymoon with the groom's mother and other relatives. They expect to return in April and take up their home in Natchitoches. The groom is a successful business man and enjoys the confidence and esteem of the community in which he lives. He is to be complimented upon his choice of a help mate, as his bride is a bright, pretty and popular young lady and possessed of a sweet and charming personality which makes her admired by all who know her. She will make an ideal wife, but will be greatly missed by a large circle of friends and acquaintances here. The felicitations and good wishes of all go with them on their life's journey which it is hoped may be ever sweet and blissful.

## Edison Issues

### "Bits of Broadway"

Up to the Minute Dances and Songs Now Ready on Phonographs Re-Creations

Seven fox trots, a waltz, and two songs comprise the latest contribution of the Edison Company to the phonograph world. They are hot off the griddle so to speak, from Broadway to the smallest town of the country. Some of them are the best dance numbers produced in months.

Foremost among the fox trots, perhaps, are "Humming," played by Orlando's Orchestra and "Palestena," given by the Green Bros Novelty Band. Keeping pace with these are "Bright Eyes," also performed by Orlando's organization, and "Broadway Rose," rendered by Harry Raderman's Jazz Orchestra. Raderman presents "Home Again Blues," too, and the Green Bros. show their genius for dance music in "Sleepy Hollow," a waltz of the dreamy sort.

The many fans for Max Fells' Della Robbia Orchestra will be glad to know that it has Re-Created "Rosie," a fox trot which withstands repetition. "Caracas," another fox trot, is linked with "Rosie" on the same Re-Creation, and is performed by Lenzberg's Riverside Orchestra. "Blues" songs are multiplied over night, it would seem, but "I've Got the Blues For My Kentucky Home," as sung by the Premier Quartet, is the kind that only comes once in a "blue moon." Rounding out these "Bits of Broadway" is a song sung by the entertaining Al Bernard, entitled "Timbuctoo," and it is funny enough to make a stone image crack a smile.

## Peoples Hardware & Furniture Co.

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## The Book Club

The great National holiday was fittingly celebrated by Mrs. V. L. Roy last Wednesday afternoon when she entertained her club and a great many guests at a Washington party.

A perfect duplicate in miniature of George's beloved consort welcomed the guests as they arrived, and throughout the evening the three year old Martha (Mary Katherine Caffery) assisted the hostess (the grandmother) in entertaining, her quaint little curtesies, when the little buckled slipper peeped from under the voluminous panniered brocade gown, to the fichu held in place by an antique cameo brooch, were perfect.

Straightening out the pied presidents of the United States was the first contest that needed one recall their knowledge of history but finally resulted in a great many drawing for the prize, Mrs. Scarborough, in the end, being the lucky winner of the club prize, a handsome buffet scarf, and Miss Dreyfous the guest's, a collar and cuff set, and next after a long try-out in another contest whereby Washington had to be adverbially assisted in crossing the Delaware, alphabetically, in the final draw, Mrs. Phillips won the club and Miss Weeks the guests, both fudge aprons, all four prizes being the beautiful handiwork of the clever hostess.

A delicious luncheon of salmon magundi aspic on lettuce hearts with mayonaisse, olives, sandwiches and tea was followed by cherry ice cream, Angel food and layer cakes, divinity, fudge and sugared nuts was served by the hostess assisted by Misses Celeste Regard, Callie Didier, Lucille Hollomon and Beulah Ducone in colorful costume, and with their powdered hair and quaint Washington gowns and manners, they were most attractive.

Between forty and fifty guests enjoyed this lovely party with the club.

## STATEMENT OF CONDITION of the Peoples Bank of Natchitoches, La.

close of business, Monday February 21st, 1921, as made to the State Bank Examiner

RESOURCES:		LIABILITIES:	
Demand loans.....	\$232,010.55	Capital stock paid in.....	\$ 30,000.00
Loans secured by mortgage.....	146,042.54	Surplus.....	30,000.00
Other loans and discounts.....	177,730.35	Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid.....	25,006.63
Overdrafts secured.....	11,922.70	Dividends unpaid.....	20.00
Overdrafts unsecured.....	2,711.65	Cashiers check outstanding.....	194.00
United States Bonds.....	34,369.89	Individual deposits subject to check.....	347,435.85
Other bonds, stocks, securities etc.....	12,688.18	Individual Savings Deposits.....	11,723.61
Furniture and Fixtures.....	8,583.15	Time certificates of deposit.....	159,579.56
Other real estate owned.....	8,700.00	Bills Payable.....	130,000.00
Cash Items.....	419.52	Reserved for interest and Taxes.....	4,027.10
Due from banks and bankers.....	80,148.61	Amount due to persons not included in above.....	19.38
Checks on other banks.....	363.09		
Gold Coin.....	1,695.00		
Silver, Nickel, and Copper.....	9,813.90		
National Bank Notes and all issues of U. S. Gov't.....	10,787.00		
Total.....	738,006.13	Total.....	\$ 738,006.13

RECAPITULATION	
Loans, Discounts and Overdrafts.....	570,457.79
Bonds & Securities.....	47,053.07
Banking house etc.....	8,583.15
Other real estate.....	8,700.00
Cash in Vault and in other banks.....	103,227.12
Total.....	\$738,006.13

State of Louisiana  
Parish of Natchitoches  
I, Samuel Levy, President and I. R. O. Hicks, Cashier, of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
SAMUEL LEVY, President.  
R. O. HICKS, Cashier.  
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 28th day of February 1921.  
JAS. B. TUCKER, Notary Public.

## SWORN STATEMENT OF THE Merchants Farmers Bank OF NATCHITOCHE, LA.

As made to State Bank Examiner, at the close of business February 21st, 1921

Resources.		Liabilities.	
Demand Loans.....	\$88,374.43	Capital stock paid in.....	\$ 50,000.00
Loans secured by mortgage.....	123,324.90	Surplus.....	20,000.00
Other loans and discounts.....	164,884.24	Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid.....	13,015.66
Overdrafts secured.....	1,664.91	Dividends unpaid.....	64.00
Overdrafts unsecured.....	1,655.28	Cashiers checks outstanding.....	20,275.39
United States Bonds.....	27,900.00	Individual deposits subject to check.....	190,314.55
Banking House Furniture and Fixtures.....	2,823.70	Time certificate of deposit.....	110,175.00
Cash Items.....	1,019.04	Bills payable.....	33,015.66
Due from bank and bankers.....	62,331.10	Amount due to persons not included in foregoing.....	47.88
Gold Coin.....	2,187.50		
Silver, Nickel and Copper Coin.....	2,017.47		
National Bank Notes and all issues U. S. Government (except Gold Cert.).....	3,810.00		
Total.....	486,392.57	Total.....	486,392.57

RECAPITULATION	
Loans and Discounts.....	\$381,583.57
Overdrafts.....	3,320.19
Furniture and Fixtures.....	2,823.70
U. S. Bonds.....	27,900.00
Cash in Vault and Banks.....	71,865.11
Total.....	\$486,392.57

State of Louisiana  
Parish of Natchitoches  
I, Sam Aaron, President, and I, G. H. Pierson, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
(Signed) SAM AARON, President  
G. H. PIERSON, Cashier  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of March 1921.  
J. D. RUSCA, Notary Public.

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