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## Just Received

A full line of Rubber Goods, Hats, Slicker Boots, Coats or Shoes, Leggings, also Gloves, Jackets, and Overalls. : : :

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### Rev. and Mrs. Taylor Return.

Rev. Corwin Taylor and bride arrived in Welsh Friday morning from Siloam Springs, Ark., where they had been spending their honeymoon and are now cozily domiciled in the Methodist parsonage.

Friday evening the members of the M. E. church and their friends, about one hundred in number, gave Rev. and Mrs. Taylor a surprise reception. The members of the church presented them with two rockers and a set of dining chairs, while the friends showered congratulations upon them. Frank Moore acted as spokesman and made a very creditable presentation talk.

The large number present was an evidence of Rev. Taylor's popularity, not only among his own flock, but among the members of other churches as well, and all join in wishing the reverend gentleman and wife heaven's richest blessings.

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BROOKS & HARRISON,  
Evangeline, La.

### For Rent:

Five room cottage on Southside—nicely finished—well, cistern, walks, lot fenced.  
F. L. LEWIS.

### Perkins Matter Settled.

A settlement was Tuesday made in the matter of the defalcation of former Sheriff John A. Perkins, with all the funds in the banks of Lake Charles and Baton Rouge, and the \$19,000 deposited by the American Banking Company, which was then paid over to the State, the Fidelity Trust Company, the parish School Board and the parish of Calcasieu, respectively. By this apportionment the State received \$48,640.08, the Fidelity Trust company \$1,143.90, the School Board \$816.93, and the parish \$4,906.42. This is a division of the amounts standing to the credit of John A. Perkins' account in the Calcasieu National Bank and the Bank of Baton Rouge, and of the \$19,000 admitted to be due and deposited under the order of the court by the American Bonding Company.

### Both Elected.

On August 30th, Hon. H. Y. Hughes was elected judge of the 9th judicial district of Tennessee, and at the same election Sheriff A. C. Hughes was re-elected sheriff of Claiborne county—Claiborne County (Tenn.) Progress.

Both of the above named gentlemen are brothers of Mrs. J. R. Senseney, of Welsh.

G. H. Rick and a party of capitalists from Mattoon, Ill., arrived here last night to perfect arrangements with local capitalists for the organization of a new oil company to drill an oil well within the city limits of Welsh. Next week we will be able to impart definite information concerning the new organization and give details of the work contemplated.

### CALCASIEU'S WEALTH INCREASES.

Assessment Shows a Gain of a Third of a Million in a Year.

The assessment rolls of Calcasieu parish have been filed with the clerk for 1904, the figures showing an increase in taxable property over last year of about \$330,000.

The American says that two hundred and fifty thousand of this increase comes out of the city of Lake Charles, and no assessment within the city limits has been raised. The increase, consequently, is the natural growth in valuation of the city property. Considering that the polls in Calcasieu parish are shown by the books to number 7,500, this is indeed a wonderful growth in values for one year.

The machinery and railroad mileage in Calcasieu parish pays more taxes than the eight largest towns in the parish put together, including Lake Charles, Jennings and Welsh. Jennings and Welsh have no special taxes and are the only two towns in the parish that have none.

The cash valuation of all the land acreage in Calcasieu parish is \$8,015,865. The cash value of the lots is given at \$3,270,995. The cash value of the horses and cattle in the parish is given at \$649,720; of the vehicles at \$97,000; the merchandise at \$618,540; of the moneys, 521,380, making a per capita practically of \$69.50 of money to each person. The total valuation of the steamboats and barges in the parish is given at \$20,950. The other property subject to assessment aggregates \$3,166,795. The total assessment of the white population of Calcasieu parish foots up \$16,254,985, and the assessment of the colored population, \$107,905.

The total taxation of Oberlin is given at \$61,195, of Kinder \$56,905, of DeRidder \$127,910, of DeQuincy \$21,120, of Lake Arthur \$150,840 and of Lake Charles \$3,271,215.

The assessor's office has made a new plat book complete this year from the office. The roll presents the neatest appearance of any made within a number of years past.

### Stolen Goods Recovered.

Sheriff D. J. Reid Sunday evening received a large part of the goods of which the Perkins & Miller store at Westlake was robbed. They were secreted in an old, abandoned saw mill on an island between Westlake and Lake Charles. The tip as to the location of the goods was given by the three men who were lodged in jail Sunday morning charged with the theft. Eugene Frazier, alias Moore, Harry McLarin, alias Young, were captured in Houston while they were peddling cutlery stolen from the Perkins & Miller store, and other goods from the store were found among their effects. Lyman Herring, the third prisoner, was captured in Beaumont. Fully a score of burglaries were committed in Lake Charles last winter, Herring being captured in connection with one of them, and the officers believe they have made an important haul.

### Lightning's Freakish Pranks.

Deputy Sheriff H. M. Chitwood and his wife, aged sixty-one and sixty-two years, respectively, had a remarkable escape from death by lightning Tuesday afternoon at their residence in Lake Charles. The house was struck in five different places at the same time, a large tree outside was split from top to bottom, and a cistern on the other side of the house was split in a dozen places. A bolt of lightning smashed a tree not five feet from where Mr. Chitwood was sitting by an open window, and another bolt passed the wall of a room where Mrs. Chitwood was sitting in another portion of the house, missing her by not more than three feet. Both were stunned by the shock, but will recover. Every portion of the house was splintered.

A letter from Wm. C. Stubbs, state commissioner, relative to Louisiana Day at the World's fair, says: Louisiana Day at the World's Fair will be celebrated by proper service on September 14th. In accordance with governor's proclamation all citizens of Louisiana are cordially invited to these exercises. It is impossible to send invitations to all the citizens of the state, and therefore, I respectfully claim space in your paper to announce that with or without invitations, they will be cordially received at all the ceremonies at the Cabildo on Louisiana day. All Louisianians are earnestly invited, in accordance with the proclamation of the governor, to aid us in making this the most memorable day of the exposition. A large crowd is expected.

### TO SINK WELL IN CITY LIMITS.

Company Being Organized to Bore for Oil Within the Incorporation.

L. E. Robinson, one of the principal local promoters of the oil industry of Welsh, informs the Journal that a company composed of Welsh, Lake Charles and Illinois capitalists is now being organized for the purpose of sinking an oil well within the city limits of Welsh.

According to Mr. Robinson the probable location of what may prove the pioneer well of a great oil field is on the land of H. E. Heald in the eastern limits and not a great distance from the Gulf rice mill. There are in this particular neighborhood unmistakable indications of oil. In the irrigating wells of both J. W. Cooper and H. E. Heald, much of the black fluid has been pumped up. E. S. Abbott states that in cutting rice before the water had thoroughly run off, he noticed the entire surface covered with a slight skum of oil from an irrigating well.

These encouraging reports of surface indications made stronger the belief that oil existed at this point. Matters will have been definitely arranged within the next few days and it is expected to begin drilling by October 1.

The organization of a company for the development of this new field is in connection with, and the direct result of, Mr. Robinson's recent visit in the north, and will have a tendency to enliven matters here and revive the oil industry at this place. Should a paying well be brought in within the city limits of Welsh it would mean a rapid development of a new field and a similar growth to the town of Welsh.

### Town Council Proceedings.

Hall of Council Chamber, Welsh, La., Sept. 6, 1904.

Council called to order by Mayor Lee E. Robinson. Members of the board of trustees present: F. Cotton, C. P. Martin, S. W. Day, H. A. Davidson; absent, J. H. Cooper. Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved. The following bills were taken up and disposed of:

Morse Hardware Co.	\$ 17 70
Rein Lithographing Co. adv.	6 5
H. A. Davidson, street com.	20 00
C. M. Fields, grading	7 00
E. M. Plumb building bridge	64 00
P. Johnson, street work	38 93
J. T. Bower, street work	3 50
Welsh Printing Co. printing	13 85
Ketch & Cooper, grading	109 87
F. Cotton, surveying	1 00
J. M. Hall, marshal	75 00
McDonald, spt. school bldg.	54 00

It was moved and carried that all bills O. K., by Finance committee be allowed ordered paid.

Budget of expense for the year 1904:

Street commissioner	\$ 120 00
Marshal salary	900 00
Sec. and tax collector	400 00
Streets and bridges	1000 00
Public improvement and school house	6000 00

Total..... \$ 8420 00

Ordinance 107 in regard to levying a tax for current expenses and a tax for school purposes for 1904 was adopted.

Moved and carried that we purchase seven No. 19 Charter Oak stoves for school house from the Charter Oak Store and Range Co., at \$16.00 per stove delivered at Welsh, La.

Moved and carried that the meeting adjourn.

### Christian Endeavor Social.

The Christian Endeavorers and a few of their friends were entertained Tuesday evening by Beeler Moore at the hospitable home of Mr. and J. C. Maul at the oil field. A good portion of those from town enjoyed the trip on a hay frame, while a few were compelled to go in other conveyances. There were about twenty-five persons present and a royal good time was had. Besides the guessing contest Miss Shear, of Jennings, sang several solos and Mesdames Robinson and Daniels rendered a few choice instrumental selections. Refreshments, consisting of ice cream and cake, were then served; after which the visitors departed for town, declaring Mr. and Mrs. Maul and Mr. Moore splendid entertainers.

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**CRESCENT SEWING TWINE.**

**WM. P. RUSSELL, JR.**  
At Bell's Store

### CAMPAIGN OF EDUCATION NEEDED

To Teach Rice Belt Hotels and Restaurants to Serve Rice.

The Beaumont Journal says: "Rice! Rice! Acres of it everywhere, mills full of it and warehouses building to store it, but not a bite of it to eat!"

Such was the exclamation of a traveling man a few days ago at the Crosby house, who with his family is taking a run through the sunny southland in search of recreation. The party to whom the remark was intended was interested in a minute and asked to now the reason of the remark.

"Well," was the reply, "myself and family are great lovers of rice. We have traveled all over the world at odd times in our lives, and in all countries and all places have been able to get rice cooked as we wanted it without any more than the simple asking for it. We have been in Beaumont two days now and have tried every place in town where there is a chance to obtain a good meal, but at not one place was there anything doing for the rice industry. Funny, ain't it? Here you hear them hollering about the educating of people to use rice, and their own hotels and restaurants act as though they never heard of it when you ask for it. Talk about about going to the Worlds fair and establishing a rice kitchen! I think that the rice men of this section ought to get together and patronize no hotel or restaurant that did not serve rice or was prepared to serve it when the same was called for by a patron of the establishment. Here we are in the garden spot of the rice belt, where the world could be supplied with it, and cannot get a dish of it. What a parody on how to educate people in foreign lands!"

### Rev. Laslette in Jennings.

Rev. F. C. Laslette occupied Rev. Gonzales' pulpit in Jennings Sunday and Monday night delivered a humorous lecture on the "Ups and Downs of Life," and on each occasion a large crowd was out to listen to him.

Tuesday's Times-Record says of his visit: Evangelist F. C. Laslette, who is supplying the Congregational church at Welsh, and who has more than doubled its membership since he began his work last April, preached at the Congregational church here last Sunday and was listened to with rapt attention. Mr. Laslette remained yesterday and delivered his humorous and practical lecture on "The Ups and Downs of Life" before a large and greatly delighted audience. He provoked much laughter by his funny stories while his practical thoughts on the "Ups and Downs" of nations, individuals, courting, married life, etc., packed full of good sound sense.

We all went away taking a higher view of life and of the future. Everybody laughed, everybody was pleased and instructed. Come again Mr. Laslette.

### Queen & Crescent Route.

The short line and through Pullman Palace cars between New Orleans and New York, via Chattanooga (Lookout Mountain) Bristol, Roanoke, Lynchburg, Washington, Baltimore and Philadelphia; also through sleepers between New Orleans, Cincinnati and St. Louis.

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