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## REPORT JEFF. DAVIS PARISH W. C. T. U CONVENTION

The Jefferson Davis Parish W. C. T. U. Convention opened at Raymond on Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. Lionel Bertrand, president. After devotional exercises Elton. After devotional exercises organization, Rev. R. R. Ellis of Raymond gave a very interesting talk on the subject "The effects of Sabbath Desecration upon the Home, the Church and the Nation." "The Sabbath is a Divine Institution was given for rest, recreation, meditation and contemplation and if on the Sabbath pervades a spirit of levity, what is the attitude of the children toward it when raised to manhood and womanhood. That which affects the home and the church will affect the nation and no nation can be stronger than the character of its supporters. Can we hope to retain the favor of the Lord and violate his laws to the background? Today is a high day for the saloon, dance hall and the theatre. The high stand that the W. C. T. U. sounds a clear and distinct note of Sabbath observance along the line of work of temperance. Sabbath desecration degrades character of the nation and destroys the spirit upon which the nation must stand. Mrs. A. C. McKinney of Ruston, president of W. C. T. U. followed, speaking on the subject of "National Constitutional Prohibition." One of the arguments brought against prohibition is the loss of revenue which amounts to \$223,000,000 a year. That looks large but look at it from the other side. The liquor traffic claims 100,000 men every year to fill drunkards graves. We need those men very badly if we should go to war. It takes \$2000 to raise a boy and more than that to raise a girl but we lose 50,000 girls every year as drunkenness is on the increase among women. In the loss of 100,000 feeble minded and 50,000 with sufficient intelligence to manage their own affairs or earn a living and directly or indirectly through the influence of strong drink. Tuesday Afternoon. After devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. Early of Jennings in the absence of Mrs. Brown of Raymond, short talks on "Achievements and Discouragements of Local Unions during the year" were given by a representative from each Union. Jennings being represented by Mrs. Jennie Shear. Hutchinson by Mrs. Nora Hutchinson. Welsh by Mrs. Bradbury. Elton by Mrs. Leta Anderson and Raymond by Mrs. A. E. Stagg. Mrs. Jessie Henderson recited with much expression a poem written by Mrs. McKinney. A quartette composed of Mr. and Mrs. Gray and Mr. and Mrs. Havener then gave a song selection which was much enjoyed. In the absence of Mrs. Kate Wilkins of Jennings, Mrs. McKinney spoke briefly on the subject of "Franchise" and showed that we want the franchise for women in order to help the men to keep house. The men fight woman suffrage because they know it means prohibition. Some White Ribbon Recruits were then received. Eight children under six years of age were brought forward by the mothers who by this act promised to teach them temperance principles and try to raise them to be temperance workers. Four more were received in the evening, being two sets of twins. The names are as follows: Sidney Havener, Willard Powell, Robert Powell, Paul Ellis, Ruth Ellis, Orrin Low Tupper, Myrtle Tupper, Winifred Mae Havener, Ruth and Roy Bucklin and the Bryan twins. The members of the Hutchinson L. T. L. under the supervision of Mrs. Ralph Brown gave a demonstration of a regular session of their Legion, the members taking their parts with credit. Mrs. Cora West then read a paper on "Home problems" and showed that as serenity was one of the necessary qualities of the nurse it was also needed in even greater degree by the mother as she was on the job all the time and the mother's mental attitude reacts upon the children. The Sunday problem was touched upon as being one of the most serious the mother has to deal with. Some plans for making Sunday a happy day were dwelt upon then being good reading. Also a good book on Nature Study was recommended as being helpful. Miss Irene Henderson then gave a fine recitation in which she displayed a great deal of nature talent. At the evening session devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. R. R. Ellis, after which the contest in Song and recitation proved an interesting part of the program. In song the contestants were: Miss Myrtle Phenice of Elton and Olive Scoggins of Welsh. In recitation: Ollie Belle Hovary, Ray Bradford, Hutchinson Grace Phenice, Elton; Helen Stagg, (Continued on page four)

## PODICE JURYMEN EXAMINE MISSISSIPPI GOOD ROADS

Hons. J. S. Treme, president, Arthur Guidry, T. S. Walker, Ausem Marcantel, A. T. Jones, F. A. Arce-neaux, Dolze Bourgeois, members of the Police Jury, and John T. Hood, clerk, accompanied by Messrs. S. M. Watkins and C. Benoit left Monday for Magnolia, Miss., where they met Mr. G. A. Kramer, a consulting engineer of considerable prominence. The party will make a thorough examination of the good roads in that section of the country with the view of getting some helpful ideas in regard to economical and efficient road building. The gentlemen are the guests of Mr. Kramer throughout the whole trip, he bearing all of their expenses. The greater part of the week was spent by these gentlemen in examining the model roads of Mississippi.

## Welsh Boys Take Some Ego Out of Calcasieu Metropolis

The home team placed Welsh permanently on the base ball map last Sunday when they defeated the Lake Charles aggregation in a fast nine innings by a score of 6 to 2. The Lake Charles team knew they were the best in the State—there was no doubt of it—so they came to Welsh with the avowed purpose of mopping-up with the Welsh nine. What they lacked in ability they made up for in enthusiasm, and what they expected to do was promptly done to them.

The game was one of the most interesting ever witnessed on the Welsh diamond and was marked by a number of spectacular plays, home runs being scored by Nug Romero and Jim Robinson for the Welsh nine and Buck Lyons for Lake Charles. A good sized crowd attended the game, including numerous fans from Lake Charles and Jennings. The winning of this game gives the Welsh nine an average of 666 23 per cent., they having won four games and lost two.

The Welsh boys play Elton at Elton next Sunday, and Lake Arthur at Welsh the Sunday after.

## CAPT. CHAS. S. MILLER AP- POINTED QUARTERMASTER

The many friends of Capt. Chas. S. Miller of Jennings, commandant of the State's only Cavalry Troop, will learn with pleasure of his recent appointment to the office of Quartermaster for the Louisiana National Guard, which appointment was confirmed Monday by the Hon. Governor Ruffin G. Pleasant.

## Resolutions on death of Mrs. Moore.

Whereas an All Wise God has seen fit to visit our ranks and claim our beloved friend and co-worker, Mrs. F. H. Moore, a member of the Ladies' Aid of the M. E. Church on the 26th day of May, 1916, therefore, Be it resolved, that while we mourn the absence of one we loved and one of our most faithful members we know that she has passed from labor to reward and we bow ourselves in humble submission before the Great Father "who doeth all things well," and we hereby extend to the bereaved family and friends our heartfelt sympathy, and commend them unto Him who hath said: "Come unto me all ye that are heavy laden and I will give thee rest." Be it further resolved that these resolutions be spread upon the records of this Society and a copy sent to the bereaved families and a copy to the Rice Belt Journal for publication. Mrs. J. M. Shoemaker, Mrs. T. P. Russell, Mrs. M. S. Scoggins.

## AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. J. A. Carruth, district superintendent of the Southern District held the second Quarterly conference Monday evening. It was a profitable session. On Tuesday evening Mrs. McKinney of Ruston, La., president of the Louisiana W. C. T. U. spoke to an appreciative audience on the Principles and Work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. It was an impressive Christian message. She has just held the Jefferson Davis parish W. C. T. U. at Raymond.

## BAND STAND COMPLETED IN THE CITY PARK

The combined efforts of the band boys, the city council and progressive citizens have been rewarded by the completion of an imposing and accommodating band stand on the city block. Electric lights are being installed in the stand and it will be painted within a few days.

The new stand will be used for the regular practice meetings of the band and periodical concerts which are looked forward to by the entire citizenry of this section. There is nothing in the entertainment line, unless it might be a dog fight, that will bring out a larger crowd than a heralded band concert.

The Welsh band, under the leadership of Andy Notestine, comprises some seventeen or more pieces, and is one of the best musical aggregations in this section of the State, and the efforts of the members are commendable. The boys should have the hearty co-operation of the progressive people here, in their efforts.

The placign of a few comfortable settees on the grounds convenient to the band stand, a task which we are informed devolves on the Civic League, would add wonderfully to the attractiveness of the city park, and make it a very comfortable lounging place during these hot summer evenings.

## THE CIVIC LEAGUE HAS BEEN ACTIVE

The clean-up committee of the Civic League, under the efficient chairmanship of Mrs. Dr. J. B. Godfrey, has been extremely active during the past week, having conducted an effective onslaught against weeds, grass and all unsightly things which tend to mar the civic beauty of the municipality.

About the time that President Wilson delivered his ultimatum to the belligerent Mexicians, the Civic League sounded the death knell to weeds, etc., in Welsh. The president's task is only partly formulated while the Civic League has made wondrous strides toward the accomplishment of their purpose, and in a few days more the city of Welsh will present an appearance of striking beauty.

Much credit is due to this energetic organization for their effective efforts, and especially to the managerial ability of the chairman of the clean-up committee.

## WOODMEN CIRCLE MEETING POSTPONED

The regular meeting of the Woodmen Circle for June 28th., will be omitted on account of the Odd Fellows Conclave at Jennings on that date, and owing to the fact that a good many are members of both organizations. The next meeting of the circle will be held on the evening of July 12th., when all members are urged to be present.

## Bean Causes Death of Baby

The death early Thursday morning of the nine months old baby girl of Mr. and Mrs. Estilee Ardoin, who reside south of Welsh, resulted from a bean becoming lodged in the child's wind pipe as she was at play with other children of the family a few days ago. Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon.

## TWO NEW STARS AT THE AU- DITORIUM NEXT WEEK

The Paramount program for the coming week, at the Auditorium will present two photo-play artists who have not appeared here before. On Wednesday, June 28th Theodore Roberts will be seen in a picturization of Mark Twain's "Pudd'n Head Wilson," a story of the South combining melodrama, romance, and comedy. Fannie Ward in "Tennessee Pardner," a story of the far west in the days of the Forty-niners will be the offering for Friday, June 30.

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## THE HUDSON IN HISTORY.

(By James W. Hervey.) The Hudson, beautiful and alluring as it is on the surface, also possesses treasure of fact and fancy which only the hand of research can bring to light. To him who has delved even superficially into the vast array of historic and legendary lore of this fascinating region, the Hudson Valley becomes a vast storehouse of the most absorbing material.

Fortified with the fruits of delightful explorations among the abundant literature of the river, the traveler sees the Hudson in entirely new aspects. Added to his ability to appreciate its natural attractiveness, he is now able to place each cove and headline in its correct historic setting, surround it with the strange and fantastic figures of legend and story, and people it with the early heroes of colonial days.

Revolutionary times left much of interest here. Directly south of the West Shore Terminal is the spot where the Burr-Hamilton duel took place. Block House Point was the scene of the "cow chase," which the clever Andre described in verse after "Light Horse Harry" Lee and General Wayne had driven the British and their cattle from that point. The history of Fort Lee, which figured largely in Washington's evacuation of New York in 1776 is so familiar as to need little mention here. An artistic monument marks its location.

Alpine and its 150-year-old farm house, once the headquarters of Lord Cornwallis, brings back memories of the two invasions of New Jersey at that point by Cornwallis and Grey, respectively. Sneden's Landing, just opposite Dobb's Ferry, marks the anchorage ground of a British fleet from 1776 to 1778, and the spot where the American flag was first saluted by the Mother Country.

These few facts about the river region nearest New York are indicative of the wonderful historical storehouse which extends throughout the length of the Hudson River Valley.

About the Tappan Zee, which is three and one-quarter miles across at its widest centers the legendary lore of the lower river. Here Ram-bout Van Dam is doomed to perpetual rowing for Sabbath-breaking indiscretions in Manhattan's early days. These extensive waters are also the favorite sailing ground of the phantom "Flying Dutchman," which astonished Peter Stuyvestant and his worthy burghers by appearing mysteriously before the Battery one day and then sailing up the North river against tide and wind never to return. Coming down to more authentic times, we hear of the brave exploit of Captain Hurlbut and his crew at Tarrytown. Being driven from two "rebel" supply ships after a desperate conflict with the English, they swam back to their abandoned charges after the enemy had set fire to them, and at great risk of expected powder explosions, put out the flames and saved the stores from a foe already rejoicing in their destruction.

And so it goes; each mile of the journey unfolds its visions of the past. The broad waters of the Tappan Zee give way to the rock-hewn channel of the Highlands, where ev-

## RENEWED ACTIVITIES IN WELSH OIL FIELD

The Republic Production Co. began drilling operations on a deep well on their 1200 acre lease southwest of the proven field.

Happle Avery and Chas. P. Martin have just secured leases on 1000 acres southeast of the old field and will commence drilling operations within sixty days.

The Gulf Refining Company is reported to have been offering bonus for leases in the Welsh field during the past few days.

The Producers Oil Co., and other oil interests are making efforts to secure leases on the J. D. Pousson and Reeve Bros. tracts for development.

## Death of Mrs. Humphreys

Mrs. Humphreys died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. B. W. Sargent, in south Welsh Wednesday afternoon, after an extended illness, she having been an invalid for several years and blind during the past year. She was seventy-eight years old.

A native of Illinois, Mrs. Humphreys came with her late husband and family to Welsh nearly twenty-eight years ago, having resided here continuously since.

Funeral services were held Thursday at 11:00 o'clock at the home, Rev. E. M. Stewart officiating, and interment in Oaklawn Cemetery.

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every mountain had its beacon fires of liberty and every promontory its patriot fortifications. Stony Point, Dunderburg, and Bear Mountain, Storm King, Break Neck, Anthony's Nose and all the rest pass in majestic procession, while peekskill, a memorial to the Dutchman, Jans Peek, who, getting stuck in the mud there, decided to settle in that spot for life, and West Point, "cradle of the American Army" show the hand of man in the region. Further on, Newburg, settled by German palatiners; Fishkill, sight of the first land purchase in Dutchess County; Paughkeepsie, famous for its Vassar, the pioneer Woman's College in America; Hyde Park, named after Lady Anne Hyde, afterwards Queen of England, and Kingston, where the first New York Constitution was drafted, pass in review. By this time the matchless Catskills—the "Mountains of the Sky"—where Rip Van Winkle slept and played at nine-pins—are visible for a long distance. Then follow Tivoli, Germantown, Catskill, Hudson (once a prosperous whaling port), and Kinderhook, the Children's Corner, until finally Albany, the capital city and scene of a thousands historic events, is reached.

Just a word about the large and beautiful steamers which run on the Hudson for the accommodation of the public. For beauty, speed, safety and comfort they stand unsurpassed among vessels of their kind. The "Robert Fulton," named in honor of the man who first sailed a steam-boat on the Hudson decades ago. This is the boat on which I took my delightful trip on the Hudson. She is licensed to carry 4,000 passengers. Her engine develops 3,850 horsepower. ( More later.)

**Paramount Picture PROGRAM**

Wednesday, June 28th  
**Theodore Roberts**  
.....in.....  
**'Puddinhead Wilson'**

Friday, June 30th.  
**Fannie Ward**  
.....in.....  
**'Tennessee's Pardner'**

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