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## PH HEALD DIED AT STOCKTON, CALIF.

Ph Heald, aged 24 years, died at home in Stockton, California, December 13th, from pneumonia. He was the son of Mrs. H. E. Heald. He was born and raised in Welsh, Louisiana. He was a member of the Welsh community in California, the father since died. He left a wife and one child. He served a full term during the medical corps, receiving a commission. At the time of his death he was connected with the Produce Co. He was energetic and well liked by all who knew him.

## CITY WAREHOUSE BURNED SUNDAY NIGHT

\$50,000 Insurance Carried On and \$3,000 on Warehouse  
The fire belonging to the north of the Land Co., at Bell City was Sunday night, cause unknown. Several thousand bags of rice belonging to forty farmers was destroyed. Chalkley of Lake Charles is reported the heaviest loser. He carried insurance amounting to \$15,000. Feby, David, Albert Parent and Thomas were also among the heavy losers.  
A. Robin has been quite ill for several days, but now has been improved.

## ONLY FIVE MORE DAYS TO PAY YOUR POLL TAX

Women Should Pay Poll Tax As Well As Men. New Registration will Be Made in January.

Don't forget your poll tax. If you don't pay it before January first you will be disfranchised for two years. Women voters should secure a poll tax receipt too. Although we understand this is still a mooted question, safety first is a good motto. And then, do not fail to register when the new registration is held the first of the year. Even though you registered during the past few months it will be necessary to register again. This is necessary because of a new statute requiring a complete new registration of all voters every four years.

## BARACAS ENTERTAINED

The Baraca Class of the Presbyterian Sunday School was delightfully entertained at the S. E. Carroll home last Friday night, their teacher, Mrs. Carroll, being hostess. The feature of the entertainment was a bounteous supper, of which the Baracas partook copiously and with great delight the while. Following the supper and other entertainment features the class elected officers for the ensuing year, as follows: A. T. Jones, president; W. M. Colbert, vice president; Henry Wright, secretary-treasurer.

Leroy Elliott and family of Thornwell were in Welsh Tuesday doing Christmas shopping.

## LIVED TO GREAT AGE.

Mrs. S. J. Gragg of Hayes Over 90 Years Old at Death.

Mrs. S. J. Gragg died at the home of her son, A. M. Gragg, on the Illinois plant, near Hayes, La., December 5th, at the age of 90 years, 3 months, and 7 days.

She was the daughter of George and Margaret Shepherd and was born in lower Canada, township of Farnium, August 18, 1830. At the age of 9 she moved to Milwaukee county, Wisconsin, with her parents, where she lived until the later years of her life, when she came to spend with her son in the mild Louisiana climate. In 1850 she was married to Hiram Gragg. This union was blessed with ten children, 7 of whom are living, namely, George, Burdett, Alberta, Canada; Almon of Bow Island, Canada; Frank of Anacortes, Wash., C. C. of Roanoke, La., A. M. of Hayes, La., Mrs. Roxie Watson, Colerige, Nebr., Mrs. Alice Sommerfield, Winnett, Mont. She also has living 12 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

The funeral services occurred at Graceland cemetery, Rev. Holmes officiating.

A guide and a light to us is gone but she left us an example of a beautiful Christian life, which if we follow, we will be with her again.

Grandma Gragg was raised a Quaker but after moving to Wis., there being none of that denomination, she united with the U. B. church. She loved her God, her church and the humanity for which He died. There was never a sufferer within her reach but that she was there to aid. Anyone in trouble was sure to find a solace. Her home was like a brook of cool water to travelers on life's dusty highway. She was ready to supply physical or spiritual comfort. She lived the beautiful and consistent Christian life she professed. She joyfully welcomed her freedom from suffering and said "I am the last leaf on the tree and am glad to go to my Savior and the loved ones awaiting me." In her last hours, when she was unconscious to all around her, she would talk to her Savior in her prayer.

Her passing away was merely a falling asleep like the setting of the sun on a perfect day, as was her life. Death left not its shadow on her face for the radiance of Heaven gleamed across the dark sea, lighting her face with its radiant glow and making a path of glory for her journey home. Death had lost its sting and the grave its victory for we cannot think of her as there, her beautiful example and works are here with us. We feel her presence here yet we know she is united forever with Him and her loved ones. We feel she is there preparing us a Heavenly home as she was always preparing our earthly home for our comfort. It seems we can hear the angels:

"Welcome home, thrice blessed sister; On our wings we'll bear thee away. To that blessed realm where God the Father Will crown thy life with endless day. To the friends and loved ones left behind. Let's not grieve for her now because Far from this world of grief and sin She is with her God forever shut in. But let us remember her as she was, her beautiful life and Christian example and try to meet her in that beautiful realm beyond this vale of tears and strife. Where now she knows as she was known, And sees as she was seen, Bathed in light from the Eternal throne, With never a cloud between Her nature will be enlarged. Her powers all energized. And with immortal youth surcharged She'll rise to explore the skies, Singing forever, the old, old story Sung by all the Heavenly hosts And on and on from glory to glory, Praising Father, Son and Holy Ghost."

—By Mrs. A. M. Gragg.

## ELECTION PROMULGATION.

State of Louisiana, Parish of Jefferson Davis.

Be it remembered, that we, the undersigned Board of Supervisors of Election of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, did this day repair to the court house of this aid parish, for the purpose of compiling the returns sent in by the Commissioners of Election at the several polling places in said parish, of an election held therein on the 14th day of December, 1920, for delegate from the parish and from the congressional district to the Constitutional Convention agreeably to the laws of this state and in pursuance of the proclamation of His Excellency, John M. Parker, Governor of the State of Louisiana, of date the 10th day of November, 1920, and of the Board of Supervisors of Election, and then and there having arrived, we proceeded in the presence of Mark Fuselier, Beatrice Bourgeois and Onazine Tate, witnesses known and hereunto required, and qualified electors of this parish and as many others as have chosen to attend, to compile said returns, and have ascertained from said compilation that the votes cast in the several polling places in this parish at said election for delegate to the Constitutional Convention, are as follows:

For Delegate From Parish  
J. H. Heinen, 291; P. J. Sabatier, 1; J. O. Modisette, 1.

For Delegate From Congressional District  
F. E. Powell, 246; P. S. Pugh, 257; Marion LeFleur, 1; T. S. Plunkett, 1; Miss Jessie Robinson, 1.

And having made public proclamation of the above results we have closed this process verbal of compilation of votes, which is made in triplicate, as required by law.

Parish of Jefferson Davis, this 18th day of December, 1920.

WM. F. TIETJE,  
P. E. LOUVIERE,  
J. F. FUSELIER,  
CLARPHY PITRE.

Board of Supervisors of Election for the Parish of Jefferson Davis, La. Signed in the presence of:  
Mark Fuselier,  
O. Tate,  
Beatrice Bourgeois.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the undersigned authority this 18th day of December, 1920.

THE LADIES AID

The Ladies Aid met December 10th, at the home of Mrs. M. B. Van Ness with fourteen members and two visitors present. At the close of the devotional meeting plans were discussed for a bazaar and food sale to be held at some future date. The treasurer's report for the year shows that we were not idle.

Being no further business, we adjourned to meet January 14th, with Mrs. E. C. Willard for an all day meeting. Let every member attend this meeting. The Hostesses served cake and tea.  
PRESS COMMITTEE

## DEATH OF MRS. E. A. COLEY

Mrs. E. A. Coley, mother of Mrs. Anthony Hebert, died Wednesday, Dec. 22nd., at her home in Houston, Texas, at the age of 66 years. She had been ill for about four weeks. Hopes of her recovery were abandoned about two weeks ago.

Following a brief funeral service at the home Thursday morning at 7:00 o'clock the remains were taken to Lake Charles for interment in the family plot beside those of her late husband who died on the same date as she but eleven years previously.

The deceased was born in Henry County, Ga., where she was married to Mr. Coley November 30th 1871. They came to Welsh 24 years ago, later moving to Lake Charles, and after Mr. Coley's death, to Houston.

The deceased leaves eight children to mourn her loss. They are, Mr. G. W. Lovvorn, Carrollton, Ga.; Mrs. A. F. Daniel, Rome, Ga.; Mrs. Anthony Hebert, Welsh; J. W. Coley, Vinton; Mrs. S. A. Lilly, Houston, Texas; Mrs. S. W. Liddle, Duncan, Okla.; R. E. Coley, Houston, and an adopted son, Theo Coley also of Houston. All of her children were at the bedside when she end came, except Mrs. Daniel.

Mrs. Coley was a devoted member of the Baptist church for many years.

Rev. and Mrs. F. W. A. Bosch are spending the Christmas holidays at Jeanerette with relatives. Monday night before their departure a crowd of friends surprised them at the manse presenting the season's greetings in the form of an appreciable "white" Christmas gift.

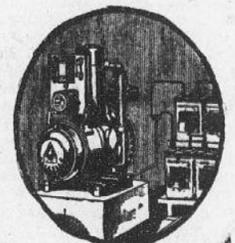
Reyerand Marvin O. Sansbury and E. S. Goodreau were over from Jennings early Thursday morning getting a supply of Christmas decorations for the Christian church. It might be inferred that the greens are just a little greener over here.

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A Child Can Run It

O. N. England of Lodi, Cal., was in Welsh Tuesday afternoon for a short visit. Mr. England is spending a few weeks in this section looking after his farm interests in the vicinity of Iowa.

## NOTICE TO OUR CUSTOMERS:

Owing to conditions we are forced to adopt a change in our business policy.

From and after January 1st, 1921, all accounts must be settled at the end of each calendar month. Accounts not settled by the 5th of the month following will be closed, until settled.

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