

# The Rice Belt Journal.

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## A BRAND NEW STOCK

OF

## Edwin Clapp Shoes

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## SIGNAL CLOTHING STORE.

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### WINDING UP THEIR AFFAIRS.

#### Retiring Police Jury Leaves Parish in Good Shape Financially.

The members of the retiring police jury met at the court house shortly after nine o'clock Monday morning and devoted an hour to straightening the odds and ends of business and getting everything in ship-shape for their successors.

The retiring police jury leaves the parish in splendid financial shape, out of debt with a large surplus in the treasury which will probably be further increased to a greater or less extent upon the termination of the pending litigation over the assessment of the Union Sulphur company in which something like 70,000 is involved. They have done the parish good and faithful service and the taxpayers feel a heavy debt of gratitude to them for their careful administration of the parish affairs.

The incoming members of the police jury were about the court house this morning and decided to meet at 2 o'clock this afternoon for organization. Seven of the eleven members are newly elected, although several of them have had previous experience on the police jury. The new police jury is composed of the following members: John Chaumont, ward one; F. Arceneaux, ward two; Harry Geary and Adolph Meyer, ward three; Dr. S. M. Lyons, ward four; John Chesson, ward five; William Hanchey, ward seven; J. B. Eaves, ward six; J. A. Reeves, ward eight; Prosper Verret, ward nine; E. B. Connor, ward ten. —American.

### Attention Everybody.

Rev. G. B. Hines, presiding elder of the New Orleans district, has just returned from the general conference at Baltimore, and will preach at the Methodist church next Sunday at 10:45 a. m. Let everyone come and hear him. He will doubtless have many interesting things to say to us in regard to the doings of the General Conference. Quarterly conference at 8 o'clock p. m. Monday.

Fresh tomatoes, cottage potatoes and onions at the Model Grocery.

### S. M. LYONS THE NEW PRESIDENT.

#### New Police Jury Organizes for the Coming Year.

The new police jury of Calcasieu parish elected to serve during the coming four years held its initial meeting at 2 o'clock this afternoon and elected the following officers:

President, Dr. S. M. Lyons, Ward Four.  
Clerk, U. A. Bell.  
Treasurer, C. C. Gauthier.  
Court house janitor, Emile LeBlanc.  
Member of board of elections, T. O. Reed, Ward One.

Parish board of health, Dr. Vincent of Sulphur, president; E. D. Connor of Jennings, Adolph Meyer of Lake Charles.

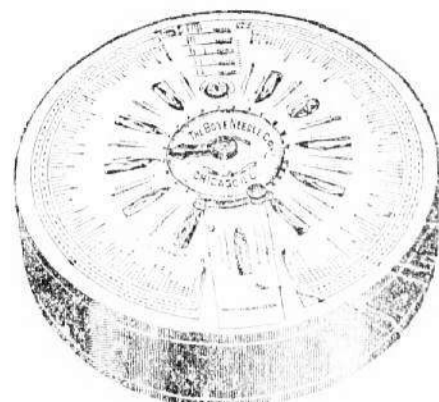
The committee on rules will be composed of Messrs. Geary, Meyer and Chaumont. The other committees will be appointed later.

The members of the police jury held a consultation among themselves at which all the elections were settled upon, as the vote at the open meeting in favor of each was unanimous. Dr. Lyons, the new president, is one of the new members and is reckoned among the strong men on the board. He has spent his life in the parish and is well acquainted with its needs. Mr. Bell, the new clerk, is a member of the firm of Bell & Powell, attorneys, and the duties of the office will be well handled by him. C. C. Gauthier has served as treasurer ever since the retirement of Treasurer Rignaudien and has given universal satisfaction.

Taken all in all, the board has made excellent selections for the various places at its command and their first meeting gives bright promise for a capable administration of the parish affairs. —American.

### Wiggles Dies at Ripe Age of 17.

Wiggles, the family pet of the Singleton home, died Monday, probably of old age. He was a little brown dog, whose name gets into print not so much because of his death as because of the length of his life. He would have been seventeen years old next Christmas, and has for those seventeen years been the playmate of the Singleton children and grandchildren.



Needles, Shuttles and Bobbins for use in All Makes of Sewing Machines.

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L. H. MOSS ADDRESSED A SPLENDID MEETING SUNDAY NIGHT.

Largest Crowd. Most Enthusiasm, and Strongest Address of Campaign.

What is conceded by all to have been the best prohibition meeting of the season was held at the auditorium Sunday evening. The evening being an ideal one, the house was packed to its utmost capacity with a most earnest and enthusiastic company, who were anxious to hear what the man who has held the office of district attorney for a number of years had to say on this all absorbing question. The speaker spoke eloquently and at length upon this great question. His argument was both pleasing and convincing, so much so that one who had not thoroughly made up his mind beforehand to cast his lot with the Wets could hardly have failed to have been convinced that the saloons must go. A larger percentage of voters were in the audience than has been the case at any previous meeting held here.

Mr. Moss also addressed a good meeting at Fenton Sunday afternoon, where his address was received with much enthusiasm.

\$30,000.00 Stock Company Purchased the Daniels Store

The largest business transaction that has been made here for some time was consummated this week, when a \$30,000.00 stock company was organized and took over the Daniels mercantile establishment of this city. This store is the largest and carries the widest assortment of goods in the city. The new firm will be chartered under the name of the Southern Mercantile Company, Ltd. The directors of the new firm are as follows: Dr. John H. Cooper, Pres., Isaac Fontenot, Vice-Pres., R. M. Gray, Sec.-Treas. and Gen. Manager, E. C. Willard, M. B. Van Ness, Poline Fontenot, Dolza Bourgeois.

## Grand Old-Time Barbecue

AT

## Welsh, La., June 9, 1908

There will be a grand old-time barbecue held in Welsh on Tuesday, June 9th, 1908. Everybody cordially invited to come and enjoy a day of real old-time pleasure.

There will be roast beef and mutton sufficient for everybody. It is also expected to have

## GOOD SPEAKING and PLENTY OF GOOD MUSIC

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