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## THE FIRST GREAT STEP.

With no desire to be unneufral. The Bec would like to suggest to the owners of denuded timberlands who are planning for their sale making provision for the acceptance of the sin small tracts and their cultivation that the services of those who volunteer for military first and most important step to that end is in duty, rather than pursuing the policy of rethe hands of the land owners themselves. The jecting them and depending entirely upon the first requisite for the sale of these lands is conscription of all young men of certain ages. that they be sold cheap and on easy terms, and No doubt, universal service is the ideal form: that some method be planned to help put the of national defense, and must be put into pracfarmer-purchaser on his feet financially while tice eventually, but it is best to let people behe is improving his farm.

It is perfectly true that cut-over pine land after it has been properly prepared, yields bountiful crops. The strawberry lands of Pangipahoa are an excellent example of what can be done with them. But it must not be forgotten that bringing these lands up to the point of profitable production is a most tremendous task. The clearing of the farm of stumps and roots, fallen timber and waste portions of the trees that have been felled for timber is in itself colossal. The land must be fenced and drained, sweetened and fertilized before it begins to produce.

The cost in labor alone of preparing an acre of this class of land, in its average location, is so great that the initial cost of the land is, a rather small item. But it should, for that yery reason, be reduced to a minimum; and it must Industrial school at Okolona, Miss., in a recent he before the desired settlers are attracted to address, pointed out the way in which the peoit. In figuring the price at which their deanuded lands should be placed on the market. owners of these lands should remember that in buying them, they attached no value whatever to the lands themselves and bought only for to stop moving North, and work harder than the timber and according to the value of the timber standing upon them; that until quite recently they looked upon these lands as value- for the South on the battlefield, otherwise the less and unproductive; that they were reck! South in hunger could be of little service to oned more of a liability than an asset and that 40 within the past ten years the average lumberman would take a long night journey afoot to get a dollar an acre for his holdings.

In this connection, it is worth while to glance at the "generous offer" of ten thousand acres of cut-over land rent free to the government by a Mississippi lumber company for use in raising foodstuffs to supply the army and navy during the war. A local newspaper enthuses over the proposition as fol-

<sup>~</sup>"An army marches on its stomach." said Napoleon. Since that day warfare has changed much but the modern army is, if anything, more dependent on its stomach than ever. One of the greatest problems which the government has to meet today is the feeding of the armies which they put in the field. The question of food production and conservation on a war footing, which the European countries solved at great cost, can now be applied ready made to our vastly greater

The cutover lands which are tendered the government in this movement will only be utilized during the war, after which they will be returned to their donors. It is thought that the hands themselves will be greatly benefitted by the clearing and cultivation which they will receive at the hands of experts,

A large army of volunteer farmers must be recruited for the work from the ranks of the men who are too old for active service but who, nevertheless, wish to serve their country. The donor estimates that for the tract donated alone 1.500 men will be needed To put it under cultivation. However, he anticipates no trouble in recruiting these men and while the campaign has not yet been formally launched, The has already received several tentalive offers of service,

This would be, indeed, the kind of patriotism that pays, the government-sustained force of 1.500 men, clearing, fencing, fertilizing and rin, a trapper. putting into cultivable shape these raw cut over lands, merely for what they could prozduce upon them while the clearing and culti-thrills. vation was going on, would increase ten to twenty fold the selling value of the land; for, as has been stated, the primary cost of the land . Monday next has been designated as Louisis an insignificant item compared to the cost of

the labor necessary to put it in cultivable

The settlement of these dreary wastes of denuded lands is important to the government and the local communities, especially at this time, but the owners themselves must offer special inducements for settlers, or all these laborate plans will go to pieces at the outset.

It may always be taken for granted that the man who wants to rush to the front in war time will have a way opened to him.

While other South American republics are more or less infected with the war spirit. Chile maintains a chilly attitude. The cabinet announced the other day that Chile will be absolutely neutral unless a submarine sinks a Chilean ship. An incident of that kind, however, is bound to bring on more conversation.

The war department has acted wisely in come more accustomed to the idea. At present it sounds in their ears too much like what America is proposing to fight against. Spending their time in studying modern war as they do, military men are ready to rush the country offhand into European methods, forgetting that the vast majority of the people have been taught that European militarism is the thing most dangerous to our liberties. The rounding up of young boys scarcely out of school. for military duty in war time may be necessary for the preservation of the nation, but the people of the country should have its necessity demonstrated to them. This is not Germany, France. Austria or Italy where the military customs new to us have been followed for

Wallace A. Battle, president of the Negro ple of his race can best show their loyalty and patriotism. He said: "The greatest loyalty and finest patriotism that my race at the South can exhibit in this crisis is to stay at the South. ever before to make an abundant food supply for the South that must remain at home and the nation."

# LOUISIANA CONDENSED.

Opelousas has 94 enrolled for a new company of the national guard.

Wiley Lassiter has the contract for a new steel bridge over Bayou des Cannes between Acadia and Jefferson Davis parishes.

The Benner Salt Co. of New Orleans, has struck a bed of pure salt near Lafayette at a depth of 150 feet.

Two negroes, a man and a woman, were found murdered in a cabin near Vidalia. No clue to the slaver has been found.

Eight mules out of a bunch of 35 recently received at Amite have succumbed to some inysterious poison and several others will die Shreveport negroes held a mass meeting

Tuesday night to denounce those who have at tacked their loyalty.

The board of state affairs held a meeting in Baton Rouge Wednesday to hear from another batch of poverty stricken corporations. James A. Blair and George M. Lacy have

sued oil companies doing business in the Edgerly field for \$4.600 damages claimed for turning salt water into Bayou Choupique.

The Rapides Dairy and Milk Handlers Association has been organized in Alexandria.

The Tangipahoa police jury has offered \$500 reward for the arrest and conviction of parties who have been blowing up dipping vats.

The Covington Association of Commerce is promoting the planting of gardens in the city Dr. Dowling and the health party spent Wednesday in New Iberia.

Minden men have organized a Business Men's league.

Rice is up to \$5 a barrel at Crowley.

Adjutant General McCrory expects the L. S. U. regiment to be the first new regiment to organize in Louisiana.

At its annual meeting, the state teacher's association at Alexandria Wednesday pledged its co-operation in increasing food production and the elimination of food waste.

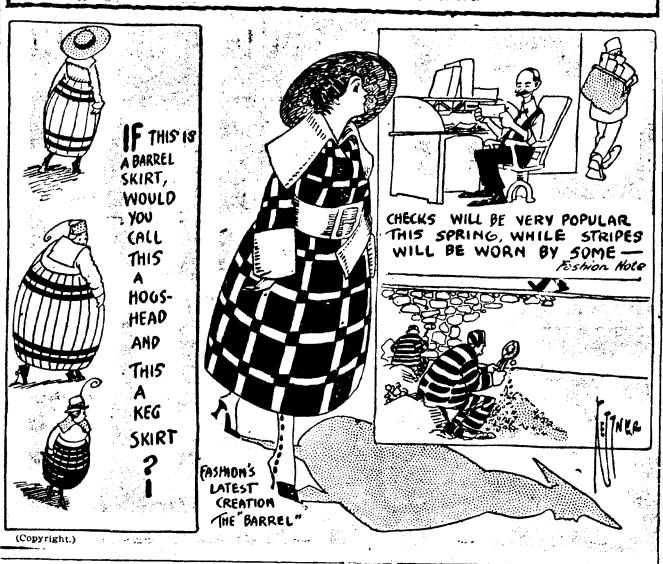
Felix B. Adams and Felix Adams, father and son, have been acquitted at Pointe-a-la-Hache of the charge of murdering Drozin Per-

Shreveport thought it saw three airplanes flying over the city Wednesday night. Many

J. W. Davis, an Alexandria negro, is the inventor of a new machine gun.

iana Cleanup day,

FASHION'S EDICTS FOR SPRING



Le Cercle Lyrique, one of the best known local musical organizations, will give its fifth annual recital for the benefit of the Immaculate Conception Female orphan asylum at the Athenaeum next Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

The program is well balanced and will be rendered by local musicians of established reputation. It fol

Mendelssohn - Bartholdy, (a) Près de toi! (b. Comme ils ont fui! chorus sung by the members of Le Cercle Lyrique, direction of George I O'Connell: Massenet, Hérodiade, air De Phanuel," Mr. Arthur McArthur Schubert, Whither? double trio (women's voices ; first sopranos; Mrs. F. Galvin, Miss Marie Tassin, second sopranos: Augusta Bonne-Rose Monier, Miss Elsa Von Gohren: Schutt, Episode, Nocturne, Finale, iano, Mrs. Paul Villeré; violin, M Réné Salomon; violincello, Mr. Otto Finck: Charpentier, Louise, Mis-Juliette Desforges; Holmes, Hymne à Apollon, barytone solo, Mr. Jules Fentana, chorus sung by the members of Le Cercle Lyrique; Chopin, Rondo, Op. 73, first piano, Mrs. Paul Villeré; second piano, Miss M. Sarrat: Verdi, Jerusalem, trio: Mrs Lucile L. Taylor, Mr. Bentley Nicholson, Mr. Joseph Billaud; Weinaiwski, Pelonaise, Miss Ella de los Reyes; Franck, Ruth, Aria, Mrs Henry O. Bisset: Gretchaninoff, (a) Sun and Moon, German, (b) Love Is Meant to Make Us Glad, chorus sung by the members of Le Cerele Lyrique, Mrs. Paul Villeré and Miss Mariette Sarrat at the piano.

BANKS TO CLOSE PROMPTLY AT 3 After May 1, the banks of New Orleans will close each day promptly at 3 o'cleck. So the members of the New Orleans Clearing House Association have decided

### VITAL STATISTICS Births

Mrs. John Grassell, a hoy. 5948 laurel street. Mrs. Granville Moton, a boy, 3221

Banks street. Mrs. Thomas Halloway, a boy, 1211

Philip street. Mrs. Henry Beenel, a girl, 2325 D'Abadie street. Mrs. Archibald Delatte, a boy, 7025

Pritchard street. Mrs. Leonard Nelder, a girl, Charty hospital.

Moss street. Mrs. Odus Stafford, a girl, 1719 l'erpsichore street.

Marriages Clarence Culver and Mrs. Geli

William Foley and Miss Mabel Peter Schneckenberger and Mis

Myrtle Mavo.

Louis Roig, 32 years. bosnifal. Jolin Barrouguere, 53 'years,

Albert Woolf, 28 years.

ears, 1225 Race street.

Mrs. (Widow) Mary Logan, 88 cars, 3626 St. Claude street,

### TO URGE CO-OPERATION IN OUR BI-CENTENNIAL.

The annual meeting of the Missis sippi Valley Historical Association will be held in Chicago, April 26, 27 and 28th, and promises to bring together a distinguished number of historians and students of history from all parts of what is known as La Salle's Louisiana extending from the Alleghanies to the Rockies and now represented by thirty-two States of the United States, As New Orleans will celebrate next year the two hundredth anniversary of the founding of New Orleans

which was coincident with the establishment of the province of Louisiana and the making of the Illinois country part thereof it is hoped that the Louisiana society will be well represented at the meeting which Mr. W. O. Hart, vice-chairman of the bi-centennial committee and one of the original members of the Mississippi Valley Association expects to attend and impress upon the members thereof aze, Miss M. Foucher, altos: Miss the importance of co-operating with New Orleans in its celebration.

Baymond W. Saunders vs. Esthel Miller Saunders, divorce: Mrs. Julia Meyers vs. Edward P. Munsch, her husband, divorce; Mrs. Hanna and relatively cheap. Reiss, wife of Joseph: A. Retif, her husband, separation hed and board, als, vs. City of New Orleans, injune-prepared are better than expensive tion; Biagi Fruit & Produce Com- foods badly cooked. pany, vs. John Boniera & Company, claim \$156.97; Frank A. Barome vs. Nelson Co., Operative Association, damages \$10,000; Hilliard Carpenter. vs. Olevia Carpenter, divorce; Mrs. Louise Muller vs. Joseph Gleason, ax process \$200; Widow Raymond Joublane vs. City of New Orleans. cancellation of taxes and tax sale; City of New Orleans vs. Anthony A. Lavata, rule for license, \$252.50; Same vs. Joseph Noto, rule for license \$252.50; Louisiana Moss Ginning Company vs. Elton L. Boudreaux, notes \$150; In the matter of Roy Leonard James, addict; Miss Irene M. Dunn, émancipation.

Mrs. N. E. Bolton vs. Miss Marie Nélson, addict; Miss Elizabeth Grangin vs. J. M. Bienvenu, possession of premises; Item Publishing Co., Ltd., vs. Pelican Cracker Company, claim \$382.08; Joseph Denu vs. Rufus J. Paddock, executory process, \$4,000; Bernard Fitche vs. Recorder of Mortgages et al., mandamus; Dr. W. G. Owen vs. J. D. Hanlon et al., garnishment, \$11,035.22; William C. Porter vs. Harry O. Cohea, addict; Mrs, Alfred Kaeger, a girl. 1842 Benjamin R. Hayes et al. vs. General Grand United Order of Brothers and Sisters of Love and Charity of the Henry Adam and wife. United States and of the Grand Republic of Liberia, claim on policy, Mary Magdalena Zeller, wife \$300; Odelia Washington, wife of Peter Betz, Sr. Joseph Brown, vs. Firemen's Fund Ins. Co. of San Francisco, Cal., claim. on policy, \$1,500; Gus D. Revol vs. Hillend & Co., executory process. 8725; Dr. Joseph Conn vs. Jacob Itz-] kovitch, claim, \$178; Mrs. Louise] Weinberg Heier et als, vs. American Indemnity Co., claim, \$1,100; li-Callie Rainey, 25 years, Charity quidation of the Peter Gallagher assistants. will have two expert engineers as Auction and Real Estate Co., Ltd.

Daniel W. Grundy et al vs. Er-Christian Bensel, 46 years, Jack- milo Perez et al, provisional seizure JUMPED FROM SWING; 8360; Dan W. Feitel vs. M. A. Smith, note \$200; R. W. Arnold vs. Wm. J. Mrs. (Widew) Annie Burtehall, 76 Burns International Detective 601 Vallette street, A'giers, jumped Mrs. (Widow) Bertha Caffery, 70 G. B. Pike vs. Mrs. Widow Helen grounds yesterday afternoon and Moore, possession of premises; had his left arm broken at the el-Adam Pons vs. Dr. John C. Derbofen, specific performance; Maurice Hospital by his father.

food economy, just issued by the peal of that phase of the law that Department of Agriculture, bears privileges a jury to bring in a veron a subject which will more and dict of guilty upon the uncertain more engage the attention of every grounds of circumstantial evidence American citizen:

Don't be finicky. Be willing to to entertainment, is interwoven and nourishing foods widely used brings the desired happy ending. In tically unknown in other sections lie will tolerate on'y the best playthe good things, not a few anly.

rice---a valuable source of storch. when potatoes are scarce and high. the big scenes of "In the Hands of George B. Matthews & Sons, vs. Another example is refusal in cer- the Law "is an actual representa-Alex. Courouleau, claim \$163.75; tain sections to use anything but tion of the "tailor shop" is the Fedwheat as a breadstuff, when corn-leval Prison in Atlanta, Ga, in where as a breadstuff-is plentifu!

and injunction; Cornelia Riley, et variety of ways, Simple dishes well Empire will present "In the Hands

Many (persons are prejudiced against certain good foods because when first tried the foods were improperly a fiked or prepared.

Remove from your vocabulary Fair, light northerly winds. "don't like this" or "can't eat."

Most individual prejudices against day, fair. widely popular foods are either im aginary or baseless.

Try to like every simple food give it a fair trial.

Make saving rather than spending your social standard.

Richard Jr., vs. Anthony Oldo, note \$169; F. Dumas & Sons Co, Ltd., vs. Leon J. Abadie, sequestration \$238.-1 .25; Patsy Allen vs. City of New Or-1 Primm, wife of Edward N. Baker vs. Vincent Quiarella, damages \$1,000; Emancipation of Alice Ivy Dameron. Xeter Realty Ltd., vs. Pierre D. Oli vier, possession; La même vs. Pierre Peit, Marie Rignet et als, confirmation of Title.

# Succession.

Jacob Roning.

Lidburn Edward Bowman, Anna Wind ...... W.4 Emmer, wife of Geo, A. Schweyman; Weather ..... Clear Andrew Gragnon, Moses Raymond,

INVESTIGATE TRANSPORTATION James E. Allison, recently emplayed by the city commissioners to make a survey of local fransportation facilities, has arrived in the city and began his difficult task. He

Tweive-year-old Dick Loyacano Agency, Inc., damages \$25,000; Mrs. from a swing in the Algiers Playbow. He was taken to the Charity

which began in New York and which has spread throughout the United States for a patriotic celebration on April 19, known as Lexington and Concord Day, the anniversary of the beginning of the Revolutionary War, there will be an appropriate celebration in this city, probably either in the auditorium of the Association of Commerce or, in the parlors of the Y. M. C. A.

A special committee, of which the Mayor is honerary chairman, and Mr. W. O. Hart, chairman, will meet in the city hall, Saturday, at ten o'clock to work out the details. and prepare the program,

The members of the committee will be composed of one from each of the criginal thirteen States and ten members at largé, and the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution, the Continental Guards and other patriotic organizations will be invited to participate.

A feature of the celebration will ne a splendidly illustrated lecture on the buttlefields of Lexingt mand Concord by Rev. George Kent, and there will be appropriate music and other interesting features

## "IN THE HANDS OF THE LAW."

A unique wethod of presentment is one of the most potent factors in the success of B S. Moss' indictment on circumstantial evidence. falled "In the Hamls of the Law". which is the big attraction at the Empire today, Mr. Mass is seeking The following new bulletin on to impress the great need of a re-The plot of the play, with an eye

ry new foods. Certain plentiful with a charming love story that and enjoyed in one section are prac- a production of this kind the pubof the country. Learn to know all ers and in this respect B. S. Moss has most amply responded, with People too easily get into food Lois Meredith in the stellar role ruts; insist on eating only the food The character bits as well as the they are used to, and refuse to give leading parts are all handled with a fair trial to others. This causes skill and are responsible for much undue demand for certain staples, of the force and realism of the pictwith resulting scarcity of high ure. In a story which is everything orices when crops are short. At and the spectacular staging merely the same time other valuable incidental, William O. H. Hurst has foods may be relatively cheap and provided a scenario that hits home available. A striking instance of with telling force against the presthis is failure fully to appreciate ent system which accepts coincidental occurences as facts. One a valuable cereal widely used else- which Frank Harding of the story is surrounded as a prisoner with actual inmates, presenting the pict-Learn how to cook all kinds of presque side of prison life as well staple foods and to serve them in a as the entre sordid details. The of the Law" today and tomorrow.

### U. S. DAILY WEATHER REPORT Saturday, April 14, 1917.

Forecast till 7 p. m. Saturday, For New Orleans and vicinity:

For Louisiana: Saturday and Sun-

## LOCAL METEOROLOGICAL RECORD Temperature Record

Yesterday's temperature record at New Orleans, as shown by the thermograph of the U.S. Weather Bureau, on the roof of the Postoffice building, was as follows:

Time i p. m.... 55 3 p. m..... 66 5 φ, m..... őí Weather Record

The following is the weather data for April 13, 1917, at New Orleans: 7 a.m. 2 p.m. 7 p.m. Temperature ... 62 Rel. Humidity ... 95 ... NW.12

# RIVER FORECAST

The Mississippi River below Vick\*burg, and the Atchafalaya will rise; on account of recent rains. rest stages are indicated as follows: Natchez, 49.2 to 49.7 feet, April 20th to 25th; Baton Rouge, 36.8 to 37.3 feet; Donaldsonville, 28.7 to 29.3; New Orleans 18.7 to 19.2 feet; April 25th to 30th; stage of 41.5 to 12.0 feet at Simmesport and 39.5 to 40.0 feet at Melville by April 25th; the Red River, below Shreveport, and the Quachita will change very little during the next 28 hours,

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