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The dry cold weather of the early winter months is productive of a great deal of croup among children. Mothers should be on the lookout for it, and be prepared to arrest it as soon as the first symptoms appear. True croup never comes without a warning; a day or two before the attack the child will become hoarse, and the symptom is soon followed by a peculiar, rough cough. If Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is given as soon as this hoarseness or cough appears, all danger and anxiety may be avoided; it has never failed, even in the most severe cases. There is no danger in giving the Remedy for it contains no injurious substance. For sale by F. E. Bailey.

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Read advertisement of this College in another column, and write for particulars to its President, WILBUR R. SMITH, Lexington, Ky.

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A perfect Antiseptic—Dr. Tichenor's.

Railroad Lands—Indemnity Limits.

EDITORS COURIER:

The subject of the grant of land to the N. O. Pacific Railway Co. (assignee) has a great interest to many of your readers, and for the information of such as are settled on the lands embraced in the "Indemnity Limits," I give you the following statements of facts:

This grant was given by Act of Congress of March 3d, 1871 to the N. O. B. & Vicksburg R. Co., which was to build a R. R. from New Orleans to Vicksburg, with a branch to Shreveport, and was given a grant of all the odd numbered sections that remained to the United States within 20 miles of the center of the road on each side—and not satisfied with this donation, Congress, thinking that the R. R. Co. had been in partnership with the United States in the purchase of Louisiana from France, and no doubt thinking the U. S. in paying the fifteen millions of dollars paid for Louisiana, gave to said R. R. Co., to indemnify them for the odd numbered sections within the 20 miles which had been (wrongfully) sold by the U. S. since 1803, a right to select lands, odd numbered sections to an extent of 10 miles further on each side of the 20 mile limit. Thus was given a grant absolute of the odd sections 40 miles in width from New Orleans to Shreveport, and in addition, the right to select odd sections for 10 miles further on each side, known as "Indemnity Limits"—in effect (as a good deal had been disposed of), to give the R. R. Co. the odd sections in a strip of land extending from New Orleans to Shreveport, and 60 miles wide.

The consideration of this donation was this—that said R. R. Co. should build and have complete within 5 years, that is by March 3d, 1876, a railroad from New Orleans, by way of Baton Rouge, to Shreveport.

As is well known, the R. R. Co. had no money, and did not build a foot of railroad, and expend a dollar, and their charter was revoked by Act of the Legislature. A new company was organized, the N. O. Pacific Railway Co., and not with this Land Grant in view, built a railroad, and about the time of its being completed, in 1881, bought for ONE DOLLAR this defunct grant, and at once laid claim to the land. In this they were assisted actively and earnestly by the Republican Administration. The Commissioner of the U. S. General Land Office forbade Registers and Receivers to allow any application of any kind whatsoever for these lands to be made in force. It was contended by parties in interest that Homesteads and Preemption entries must be allowed outside of the 20 mile limits, because there was no law authorizing the withdrawal of the lands beyond the 20 mile limit, and as a consequence, these lands remained subject to the settlement and Preemption laws. Appeals were made to the General Land Office, but no decision could be obtained, and it was only in August 1887, that a decision under the Democratic administration was reached, as follows:

Dept. of the Interior, General Land Office, Washington, D. C., Oct. 13, 1887. Register and Receiver, New Orleans: Gentlemen—Under instructions from the Secretary of the Interior of 13th ult., you are directed to restore to the public domain, and open to settlement under the General Land laws, all the lands in your district heretofore withdrawn for indemnity purposes under the grant to the N. O. Pacific Railway Co. Assignee of the N. O. B. & V. R. Co. by Act of March 3d, 1871, except such lands as may be covered by approved selections, i. e. selections approved by the Commissioner of the General Land Office and the Secretary of the Interior.

As to the lands covered by unapproved selections, applications to make filings and entries thereon may be received, noted and held subject to the claim of the Company, of which claim the applicant must be distinctly informed and memorandum thereof made on his papers. Whenever such application is filed or entry is presented, alleging upon sufficient prima facie showing that the land is not subject to the Company's right of selection, notice therefore will be given to the proper representative of the Co. and 30 days after service of such notice will be allowed within which to present objections.

Should the Co. fail to respond or show cause why the application should not be allowed, said application for filing or entry will be admitted and the selection held for cancellation, but should the Co. appear and show cause, a hearing will be ordered under the Rules of Practice, to determine whether the land is subject to the right of selection by the Co. which shall be determined by the R. & R. subject to the right of appeal by the party.

The Secretary's order revoking said indemnity withdrawal takes effect from its date Aug. 15th 1887, so as to open the land embraced therein to settlement, but the filings and entries of such lands will not be received until notice of the restoration shall have been given by public advertisement for a period of 30 days. In order to carry the above mentioned restoration into effect, you will cause to be published in some newspaper of general circulation in your District, a notice that said indemnity withdrawal has been revoked, and the land covered thereby opened to settlement, and on a day to be fixed by you, not less than 30 days from date of notice, said lands will be opened for filing and entry.

The foregoing instructions to the Register and Receiver, New Orleans, by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, by order of the Secretary of the Interior, was complied with by them by the publication for 30 days in the N. O. Picayune of the following:

United States Land Office, New Orleans, Oct. 22 1887. Under authority and direction from the General Land Office, by letter of Oct. 13th, 1887, Notice is hereby given, that all lands situated in the New Orleans Land District heretofore withdrawn for indemnity purposes under the grant to the N. O. Pacific Railway Co., Assignee of the N. O. B. & V. R. Co., under the Act of March 3d 1871, are restored to the public domain, and open to settlement under the general land laws, except such as may be covered by approved selections.

Applications to make filings and entries on such unapproved selections will be received at this office, on and after December 1st, 1887. No applications or filings for the lands

in question can be entertained previous to said date. Signed, T. J. Butler, Register, J. M. Martin, Receiver.

Thus was given to the Settlers, a decision by the highest officer in the U. S. L. Department, restoring these lands to settlement rights, and inviting people, properly qualified, to go on the lands and obtain title under the Homestead and Preemption Acts.

Accepting such invitation, and relying on the good faith of the government, pledged to them, about 150 heads of families (mostly all in St. Landry) have settled on these lands and filed their applications to take them as Homesteads. Money to pay the Fees and Commissions have been tendered the office in New Orleans, but no entries have been allowed, because the Railway Company objects. It matters not that the objection has no force, and in fact has no relation to the subject in any way. Under the instructions of the Hon. Commissioner of the U. S. General Land Office, the N. O. Office cannot allow the entry. Hearings have been ordered to establish whether the Railway Company had no right to object to the selections; that had the office officially decided by the Secretary of the Interior in his letter restoring these lands to settlement.

We are confident that entries on these lands must be allowed, and that all who have in good faith gone on the lands embraced within the "Indemnity Limits," and who have or shall file their Homestead applications, and continue to reside thereon for five years, will ultimately obtain Patents therefor. Respectfully Yours, GEORGE O. ELMS.

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The destruction by fire, on the third instant, of the Lake Charles ice factory, belonging to Prof. A. Thomson, the rice mill, belonging to the North American Lumber and Timber Company, and the Lake Charles hoop and stave factory and shingle mill, was a great loss to the town as well as the owners. It required hard work to save the large saw mill belonging to H. C. Drew, near by the buildings burned.

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Don't forget C. Dietlein is receiving fresh goods daily—sold at living prices.

Proceedings Board of Police Town of Opelousas.

November 5th, 1888. Present: John C. Mornhinweg, President, presiding, with J. K. Sandoz, B. F. Megnin, Louis Chachere, M. B. Buid, Solomon Leob and Emile Donato.

On motion of Sol. Leob duly seconded and carried W. C. Ferault was appointed to act as Clerk pro tem, in place of R. L. Cochran, who was absent.

The attention of the Board was directed to the fact that Jeff Thompson, Collector of the Board of Police, was temporarily unable to conduct the business of said office, whereupon, Mr. Leob moved that one of the securities of said Collector, to-wit: Robert Chachere be temporarily in charge of said office, until the said Collector be able to resume the duties of said office, or until it be determined whether he will be unable to do so.

The following report was approved and ordered paid: Jean Tijaque for sundries, \$1.50. On motion duly seconded the Board adjourned, subject to call. J. C. MORNHINWEG, President. W. C. FERAULT, Clerk pro tem.

OPELOUSAS, November 12th, 1888. The Board met pursuant to call. Members present: Jno. C. Mornhinweg, President, presiding; B. F. Megnin, Martin Buid, J. K. Sandoz, Sol. Leob, Louis Chachere, and Emile Donato.

On motion of J. K. Sandoz and duly seconded, the reading of minutes of last meeting was dispensed with. The Finance Committee reports as follows:

To the President and Members, Council of Opelousas: We your committee on Finance would respectfully report that we have carefully examined the Treasurer's report for the month ending Oct. 1st; showing a surplus paid out of the treasury of \$229.10 as true and correct.

We would respectfully recommend to the Board the necessity of curtailing the contingent expenses which the funds of the Treasurer is unable to meet with:

1st. We might dispense with the almost needless expense of a special constable.

2d. That if we cannot provide for the feed and care of the town horse for a less sum than \$15 per month that we had better sell him.

3d. That the officers be instructed to strictly and vigilantly enforce the licenses or taxes, as may be collected for all public fairs, balls, etc., as of late some have been neglected, and further, that they adhere to the turning over of the moneys as collected to the Treasurer. This would afford better chance for the proper use and from the date of our report the Treasurer informs us, are still increasing.

Your Committee would also request that the report be spread on the minutes. All of which is respectfully submitted. J. K. SANDOZ, Committee on Finance.

On motion of Emile Donato, duly seconded, that the report be accepted, and spread on the minutes.

The attention of the Board being present, explaining that the proceeds of the warrant paid by the Treasurer, had been used for the payment as desired. The explanation given was satisfactory to the Committee and the Board, and approved.

On motion of B. F. Megnin duly seconded and carried, that all warrants to the amount of money received from the Collector be cancelled.

B. F. Megnin and Martin Buid, committee appointed to investigate the Butler Dam, report as follows, to-wit: We your committee appointed to investigate the Butler Dam, examined same, and beg leave to report that the said dam impeded the natural drainage of the town of Opelousas, and it is necessary that the same should be removed.

north and west of said premises, and that the petition of complaint should be dismissed. The report was accepted and petition of complaint rejected, and committee discharged.

Mr. B. F. Megnin offered the following License Ordinance for 1889 (Eighteen Hundred and Eighty-nine) and moved that the same be twice read and adopted, and the said motion having been taken and read, the same was unanimously adopted as follows, to-wit:

AN ORDINANCE To levy, collect and enforce payment of an annual license tax upon all persons or business firms, and corporations, pursuing any trade, profession, vocation, calling, or business, except those who are expressly exempted by articles 206 and 207 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana.

Sec. I. Be it ordained by the Board of Police of the Town of Opelousas, La., that there is hereby levied an annual license tax for the calendar year 1889 (One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-nine) upon all persons, associations of persons or business firms, associations of persons, and corporations, pursuing any trade, profession, vocation, calling, or business, except those who are expressly exempted from such license tax by articles 206 and 207 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana.

Sec. II. Be it further ordained, that on the 24 (second) day of January, A. D. 1889, (eighteen hundred and eighty-nine) the Collector of the Board of Police of the Town of Opelousas, La., shall begin to collect and shall collect as far as possible from each of the persons or business firms, associations of persons, and corporations, pursuing within the corporate limits of the town of Opelousas, any trade, profession, vocation, calling, or business, a license as hereinafter enumerated. All licenses shall be due and collectible during the first two (two) months of each year and all unpaid licenses shall become delinquent on the 1st (first) day of March of the year 1889 (one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine) and all persons, firms or corporations who shall commence any business, trade, profession, vocation, calling, or business, after the said time to-wit: March 1st, 1889, shall become delinquent unless the license is paid within ten days thereafter.

Sec. III. That for every business of selling at retail, whether as principal, agent or commission, or otherwise, the license shall be based and graded on the gross amount of sales as follows, to-wit:

Class I. When gross sales are one hundred and fifty thousand dollars or more and under two hundred thousand dollars, the license shall be \$150.00 (one hundred and fifty dollars).

Class 2. When gross sales are one hundred thousand dollars or more and under one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, the license shall be \$100.00 (one hundred dollars).

Class 3. When gross sales are seventy five thousand dollars or more and under one hundred thousand dollars, the license shall be \$75.00 (seventy-five dollars).

Class 4. When gross sales are fifty thousand dollars or more and under seventy five thousand dollars, the license shall be \$50.00 (fifty dollars).

Class 5. When gross sales are forty thousand dollars or more and under fifty thousand dollars, the license shall be \$40.00 (forty dollars).

Class 6. When gross sales are thirty thousand dollars or more and under forty thousand dollars, the license shall be \$30.00 (thirty dollars).

Class 7. When gross sales are twenty five thousand dollars or more and under thirty thousand dollars, the license shall be \$25.00 (twenty-five dollars).

Class 8. When gross sales are twenty thousand dollars or more and under twenty five thousand dollars, the license shall be \$20.00 (twenty dollars).

Class 9. When gross sales are fifteen thousand dollars or more and under twenty thousand dollars, the license shall be \$15.00 (fifteen dollars).

Class 10. When gross sales are under fifteen thousand dollars, the license shall be \$10.00 (ten dollars).

Provided, that if any distilled, vinous, malt or other kind of mixed liquors be sold in connection with the business of retail merchant, grocer, restaurateur, saloon keeper, confectionery or other business, in which five gallons, the license for such additional business shall be as hereinafter provided in Sec. 9 of this ordinance.

Provided, that no license shall be issued to sell liquors in less quantities than five gallons, for less than \$5.00 (five dollars).

Sec. IV. Be it further ordained, etc., that each and every insurance company, society, association, corporation or other organization or firm, or individual doing and conducting business in the town of Opelousas, La., by marine, river, accident or other, whether such company, society, association, corporation or other organization, or firm or individual, be engaged in the business of insuring, or operating here through a branch, department, resident board, local office, firm, company, corporation or agency of any kind whatsoever, shall pay a license as hereinafter provided on said business for each company represented, and said licenses shall be based and graded on the gross annual amount of premiums on risks located in other States or foreign countries, as follows, to-wit:

Class I. When such premiums are ten thousand dollars or more and less than twenty thousand dollars, the license shall be \$30.00 (thirty dollars).

Class 2. When the premiums are five thousand dollars or more and less than ten thousand dollars, the license shall be \$20.00 (twenty dollars).

Class 3. When the premiums are less than five thousand dollars, the license shall be \$10.00 (ten dollars).

Provided, that nothing herein contained shall apply to mutual aid societies which pay mutual insurance policies by assessment upon members whether the same be or not domiciled in the town of Opelousas, La.

Sec. V. Be it further ordained, etc., that for every business of keeping a theatre or opera house, or any other place where theatricals are given, the license shall be twenty dollars, and the said license of twenty dollars aforesaid to be paid by the person, corporation or company owning or controlling the theatre, or other place, as follows, to-wit:

Class I. When the number of said persons is one hundred or more, the license shall be \$200 (two hundred dollars).

Class 2. When the number of said persons is fifty or more and less than one hundred, the license shall be \$150 (one hundred and fifty dollars).

Class 3. When the number of said persons is thirty or more and less than fifty, the license shall be \$100 (one hundred dollars).

Class 4. When the number of said persons is less than thirty, the license shall be \$50 (fifty dollars).

Class 5. When the number of said persons is less than twenty, the license shall be \$30 (thirty dollars).

Class 6. When the number of said persons is less than ten, the license shall be \$15 (fifteen dollars).

Class 7. When the number of said persons is less than five, the license shall be \$5 (five dollars).

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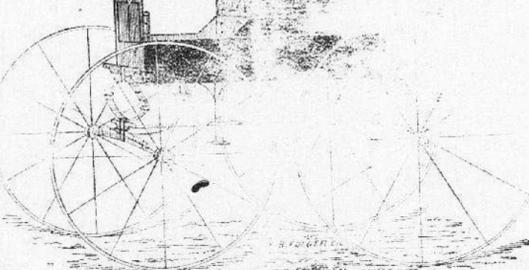
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Class 2. When said rooms are in number six or more and less than nine, the license shall be \$40 (forty dollars).

Class 3. When said rooms are in number three or more and less than six, the license shall be \$30 (thirty dollars).

Class 4. When said rooms are in number one or more and less than three, the license shall be \$20 (twenty dollars).

Class 5. When said rooms are in number less than one, the license shall be \$10 (ten dollars).

Class 6. When said rooms are in number less than one, the license shall be \$5 (five dollars).

Class 7. When said rooms are in number less than one, the license shall be \$3 (three dollars).

Class 8. When said rooms are in number less than one, the license shall be \$2 (two dollars).

Class 9. When said rooms are in number less than one, the license shall be \$1 (one dollar).

Class 10. When said rooms are in number less than one, the license shall be \$0.50 (fifty cents).

Class 11. When said rooms are in number less than one, the license shall be \$0.25 (twenty-five cents).

Class 12. When said rooms are in number less than one, the license shall be \$0.10 (ten cents).

Class 13. When said rooms are in number less than one, the license shall be \$0.05 (five cents).

Class 14. When said rooms are in number less than one, the license shall be \$0.02 (two cents).

Class 15. When said rooms are in number less than one, the license shall be \$0.01 (one cent).

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