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Brief printing done at this office, with neatness and dispatch, at usual rates.

A watch for only two dollars and fifty cents, warranted to keep good time, at R. Mornhinve's jewelry store.

I make a specialty of soda and fancy crackers. My stock is always fresh.

Plans for the proposed public building at Opelousas are completed, and bids for construction will be advertised within a month.

The Opelousas Social Club will give a grand German at their hall next Thursday night, June 26th. Admission: gentlemen \$1.00; ladies free.

A telegram from Baton Rouge to the Times-Democrat, dated June 17, says: The ways and means committee tonight took up the license bill and decided to increase the lowest whisky license from \$50 to \$200.

BRIEF PRINTING.—Our legal friends having cases before the Supreme Court are respectfully reminded that we will make a liberal discount from regular rates on all orders for brief printing handed in previous to the first of July.

Last Monday at Lasalle's store, two colored men got into a dispute over some trivial matter, which resulted in a "scrimmage" in which one of the belligerents got an ugly cut from a knife over the eye. One was jailed and the other laid up for repairs.

We regret to learn of the financial embarrassment of one of our leading merchants, Mr. Joseph Bloch, (whose large stock of goods was sequestered this week by the sheriff), and trust that he will soon tide over his difficulties. Mr. Bloch is a live, broad-gauge and public-spirited citizen, and a misfortune of this kind to such a man may be viewed as a public calamity.

The election last Monday, for a member of the Board of Police of our town, to replace Capt. L. A. Black, recently deceased, was quite a spirited affair. Only two candidates were in the field—Messrs. Geo. Palford and B. F. Megnin. 286 votes were polled. Mr. Palford being elected by 8 majority. He will doubtless make a very efficient member.

Mr. C. A. Yancey, representing the famous Clingan Nurseries, of Homer, Claiborne parish, La., is now here taking orders for fruit and ornamental trees, grape vines, roses, &c. Mr. Yancey and several assistants will be here for several weeks, and they desire it to be known that if any of the trees sold by them two years ago have died they will cheerfully replace them free of charge.

The many friends of Lieutenant Joe Gutierrez (the "Bull Battery" boys in particular), will be pleased to learn that he has just opened a hotel at No. 42 Bourbon street, New Orleans, and is prepared to furnish the best of accommodations to all who may favor him with their patronage. His home is centrally located, rooms convenient and airy, and table supplied with the best the market affords. Give him a call when you visit New Orleans.

The First National Bank of Opelousas having received its final papers from the government officers at Washington, is now prepared to transact all business pertaining to a National Bank, and solicits the patronage of all requiring its services. In another column will be found the notice from the Comptroller of the Currency, also the cash of the bank. The office of the bank report a very fair business during the week, which will doubtless rapidly improve on this on.

Our community was shocked on Wednesday afternoon to learn that Mr. E. F. Goodwin, editor of the St. Landry Democrat, had died in New Orleans a few hours before. He had gone to New Orleans on Saturday for medical treatment and on the following day the surgeons at the Charity Hospital declared him of a large quantity of pus from the abscess which had troubled him for several months, and strong hopes were then entertained that he would recover. But the operation had been deferred too long; he was too weak to withstand the shock, and three days afterward he died. He was buried in the National Cemetery at Chalmette, near New Orleans.

Edw. F. Goodwin was a native of New York, and served in the late war as sergeant of Co. F. Third Massachusetts Cavalry. After the war he looked up Lafayette, and about 1871 he was postmaster at Washington from 1872 to 1876, and was at one time editor of the Washington Argus. He was an active member of the Louisiana Press Association and for the past 18 months had been the editor of the St. Landry Democrat. He had considerable aptitude for newspaper work, and the Democrat under his management had considerably improved, while retaining its hold upon its numerous patrons had secured many new subscribers and many, generous contributions, he was universally loved and respected by old and young alike, and his death is a great loss to the community, and his obituary notices in the Opelousas and St. Landry papers to his relatives.

The Excursion.

The excursion given from New Iberia to Alexandria last Sunday by Iberia Steam Fire Co. No. 1 was a complete success, the firemen realizing a net profit of six or seven hundred dollars. The six coaches (and the baggage car) were crowded so that there was hardly standing room to be had, but from the jam, nothing occurred to mar the pleasures of the day. Little or no rain fell on the train, though considerable showers preceded it much of the way, and none fell in Alexandria after its arrival. The excursionists were met at the depot by the gallant firemen of Alexandria and a band of music who cordially received the visitors and escorted them to the City Hall square, under whose umbrageous oaks a platform and benches had been improvised. Here Mr. Jno. C. Ryan, of Alexandria, in behalf of the firemen and citizens of Alexandria, extended a hearty welcome to the excursionists in a neat address, which was appropriately responded to by Mayor Emmer, of New Iberia. Judge W. F. Blackman, of Rapides, then being called upon added a few warm words of welcome, and his impromptu but eloquent and patriotic remarks were very much appreciated. After the speaking the excursionists were given "the freedom of the city," and we did not hear that any of them had abused of the privilege. The handsome reception they met with seemed to have put even those who might be inclined to be too demonstrative upon their good behavior, and the day was quietly and pleasantly spent in rambling over the pretty old town and viewing the artesian well, ice factory, cotton press, \$70,000 courthouse and other points of interest in its suburbs and across the river, where the remains of the old Confederate forts are still extant and where the pretty National Cemetery with its 1500 graves and fine macadamized road leading thereto lie.

One of the editors of the COURIER is indebted to Bro. Lawton, of the New Iberia Enterprise, who had charge of the excursion, and to Mayor Emmer and Mr. Patin, of New Iberia, for appropriate courtesies on the way to and from Alexandria; while both of its editors, for the delightful day spent in the hospitable old Red River town, feel more grateful than words can express to Bro. McCormick, of the Town Talk, and his charming wife, who almost laid violent hands upon us on arrival of the train and held us willing captives until its departure. The children, too, will long pleasantly remember their kind hosts and the pretty *bonnieres* they carried away. We are also indebted to Bro. Blossat, of the old Democrat, for appreciated courtesies. Other Opelousas folks were enthusiastic in their praise of Messrs. Bringham, and Marsh, and other citizens of Alexandria for their kind and hospitable treatment of the visitors.

We trust it will not be long before our Rapides friends pay us a visit. These excursions, as the speakers correctly remarked, are productive of real and tangible benefits and are instrumental in making the people of different sections better acquainted with each other, bringing them nearer together in thought and sentiment and removing by and through their friendly intercourse many erroneous impressions and unfounded prejudices. Besides, our people have several times tasted Alexandria's hospitality and desire to make therefor a more substantial acknowledgment than can be conveyed in mere words; and our young men are all anxious to get better acquainted with the fair "sunny-haired daughters of Rapides."

Mr. Albert Baldwin, Sr., president of the New Orleans National Bank, one of the strongest financial institutions in the South, has been elected one of the honorary vice-presidents of the Board of Managers of the American Sunday School Union. This body embraces a large majority of the Sunday School interests of the entire country, and the honor bestowed upon Mr. Baldwin is a mark of recognition of his valuable services in the cause of American Sunday Schools.

While in Alexandria last Sunday we visited the Town Talk printing office, E. H. McCormick proprietor, and were surprised at the completeness of its appointments. Besides its large newspaper and job outfits, including a fine paper cutter, a new folding machine has been recently added to the establishment, and like its two presses, is run by steam—a 3-horse power engine furnishing the motive power. Bro. McCormick can certainly boast of possessing one of the best equipped printing establishments in the State outside of New Orleans.

Among the excursionists to Alexandria last Sunday were Messrs. Alice Dietlein, Donnie and Annie Andrus, Annie Gordon, Bessie Lewis, Eva and Pink Williams, Marie Bailey, Cora Stagg, Susie Walls, Malon Lastropes, Johnnie Brooks, Rosa Fireberg, Rose Perrin, Fannie and Yetta Jacobs, Lise and Carrie Chachere, Delia Taylor, Manie Djénn, Fannie Fireberg, Mrs. M. D. Lewis, Mrs. J. B. Clements, Mrs. F. E. Bailey, Mrs. C. Bailey, Mrs. G. L. Dupré, and Messrs. Jno. Jacobs, Jno. J. Healey, Jas. Lewis, Chas. W. Lewis, Laurent Lacoube, Ashton Loebe, Lucas Fontenot, Aaron Loebe, Allen Sandoz, Jas. O. Chachere, J. B. Chachere, F. Mornhinve, J. J. Thompson, George Moriarty, C. B. Andrus, M. Lazaro, Henry Iron, Dr. J. P. Salzan, Y. Chachere, Hebrard Comean, Albert Cleary, Sidney Hebrard, Joe and Leo Fireberg, Dr. W. H. Lantropes, J. J. Ferrand, L. G. Dupré, Leo Garland, Fred Sandoz, Ferdinand Vochies, Isidore Siltrberg and Charley Elms.

Mr. Alex. L. Smith, of Grand Coteau, representing the Southwestern Library Association, gave us an appreciated call this week.

If you have Briefs to print, hand in your orders early and avoid the rush.

Personal.

Mr. B. Lambert, of Crowley, was in town last Saturday.

Misses Corinne Todd and Gertrude Bell, of Washington, were in town on Thursday.

Miss Cecile Schwartz, of New Orleans, is on a visit here, as the guest of Mrs. J. Bloch.

Miss Augusta Schmalinski, of Alexandria, will spend some time in our town with her friend Miss Jacobs.

Miss Pauline Blum, of Lake Charles, is visiting her cousin Alphonse Levy, Esq.

Mrs. Henry Roos, of New Orleans, is spending some time in our midst, as the guest of Mrs. J. Myers.

Miss Lou White, of Alexandria, is visiting her friend Miss Johnnie Brooks.

Mrs. Frances Rosenthal (née Munz-leimer), formerly of this place, but a resident of Dallas, Tex., for the past nine years, is visiting the family of Mr. Sol Loeb.

Miss Rosa Fireberg, who remained in Alexandria on the day of the excursion, returned home on Wednesday last.

Mrs. J. W. Eckart and family, of New Iberia, are spending some time with relatives here.

Mr. P. Del Buono was called away suddenly to El Paso, Tex., on account of the death of his mother.

Mr. Isaac Roos made a flying visit to Crowley this week.

Mr. Henry Iron paid a visit to his relatives at Eola last week.

Miss Mary Littell is on a visit to New Iberia, with a view of completing her course in telegraphy.

Mr. M. Golsinski departed on last Sunday's train for a visit to relatives at Woodville, Miss.

Master Carlton Ogden accompanied by Miss Era Williams and his sisters Miss Nana and Mabel, paid a flying visit to our sister town of Washington on Wednesday.

Mr. Jos. C. Bourque, who resides near Prud'homme City, dropped in to see us on Thursday. He reports crops in his section fine, but somewhat grassy, owing to the recent rains.

Messrs. B. F. Megnin and W. C. Perrault left on Monday evening's train for New Orleans.

On the 10th inst., a large meeting was held at Bankie, Avoyelles parish, in the interest of the latest new parish scheme which contemplates the formation of a parish out of territory lying in north St. Landry and south Avoyelles. The scheme has a strong backing in Avoyelles, and some of the leading citizens of that portion of St. Landry which it is proposed to lop off are actively enlisted in the movement. Concerning this meeting and its objects the Bankie Blade of the 13th says:

The meeting was largely attended by delegates from both parishes, who seem to be enthusiastic over the prospects of getting a new parish. If the new parish is formed it will settle forever the Court House question in this parish, which has agitated the public mind for the past four years, and if not settled in some permanent way will end in one of the bloodiest struggles known to parochial history.

The formation of a new parish will not only settle the Court House question in this parish, but will be of undoubted benefit to the people of north St. Landry, as in some sections they have to travel 30 and 40 miles by land to attend court.

There is no doubt but that three-fourths or probably seven-eighths of the parish of Avoyelles will vote for the formation of a new parish. The highlands would cast a solid vote in favor of division, as they know full well that it will settle forever (if carried) the struggle for the Court House, which they know must eventually be moved unless a division is made or some compromise effected between the highlands and lowlands of the parish.

If the parish of Evangeline be formed from territory lying in south and southwestern St. Landry, it will undoubtedly materially damage Opelousas. This has been very clearly demonstrated by the formation of Acadia parish, which has in many respects damaged Opelousas. The people recognize this fact, and will no doubt liberally support this new parish move. The Senators and Representatives of St. Landry, recognizing that the formation of the parish of Evangeline will damage their parish seat, will surely champion the bill as soon as it is laid before them.

It is to be hoped that our Representatives and Senators will, without delay, act upon this matter and, as it is the voice of almost the entire population of Avoyelles parish, grant us an enabling act, or according to Art. 249 of the Constitution, which gives them the power to create new parishes, decide the question without submitting it to the vote of the people.

The following is a copy of the petition now being industriously circulated in this parish, asking for the creation of the parish of Evangeline:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of Louisiana, in General Assembly convened:

We, the undersigned citizens of the parish of St. Landry, with respect represent: That the Parish of St. Landry contains one thousand five hundred and sixty-two (1562) square miles.

Opelousas, the county seat, is situated in the south-eastern portion of the Parish, several miles outside the geographical center. Persons residing in the extreme western portion of the parish are obliged to travel fifty miles to transact their business at the Court-house. In the absence of railroads, great expense is necessarily incurred in the transaction of public and private business. The roads are intersected by numerous gulleys and ravines, and the bridges across these are frequently carried away by freshets, impeding and sometimes intercepting travel.

Vexatious and expensive delays grow out of this state of affairs, and a practical denial of justice to litigants and parties accused of crime is a necessary consequence. Parties accused of crime are entitled to a speedy trial. The number of untried cases of the docket of the Court clearly show that great wrong is being perpetrated. That wrong cannot be remedied by the officers of the court. There is no remedy except in the division of the Parish.

A division of the Parish as hereinbefore described would reduce the distance to be traveled by one half and the expense at least one third. But the reduction of expense is less important than the nearer approach to justice which could be attained by the proposed division. But a better reason than all the rest is that we desire a division of the parish. The parties immediately concerned are more competent to decide what is best for themselves than others can possibly be.

The proposed new Parish, who will have to meet the expense of erecting public buildings, are the very ones who especially desire the division. A large portion of the people residing to the east of the line of demarcation are men of broad views and enlightened understanding who, while not especially desiring a division, are willing to concede it as a matter of right and justice.

In view of the foregoing reasons and others that will readily suggest themselves to your honorable body, we respectfully pray that you pass an enabling act authorizing an election to be held to take the sense of the people of the Parish of St. Landry on the question of dividing the parish and creating the new Parish of Evangeline from the western portion of St. Landry; the line of division to run as follows:

North joins Avoyelles and Rapides, west Calcasieu, north Acadia and St. Landry, to the S. W. corner of T. 6 S. R. 3 E., then following the division line between T. 6 S. R. 3 E., and T. 6 S. R. 2 E., up to S. W. corner of T. 5 S. R. 3 E., then eastward on township line between T. 6 S. R. 3 E. and T. 5 S. R. 3 E. to the S. E. corner of T. 5 S. R. 3 E., then following said township line up to Avoyelles.

The territory west of the line of demarcation, which it is proposed to call the parish of Evangeline, will contain about seven hundred and fifty (750) square miles, leaving about eight hundred and twelve (812) square miles for the remainder in the old Parish. It will be seen that each Parish, after the proposed division shall have been consummated, will contain an extent of territory and population much in excess of the constitutional requirements. Each of the Parishes will exceed in extent of territory and population many of the Parishes of the State. The Court House site to be decided after division by ballot. Wherefore we will always pray.

Citizens' Meeting at Bankie.

We make the following extracts from the official proceedings of the new parish meeting held at Bankie's hall, on the 10th inst. These people seem to be in earnest:

The meeting went into permanent organization, Captain Havard, of Big Cane, being called to the chair by a unanimous vote.

Mr. T. P. Frith explained the object of the meeting.

Mr. M. L. Swords gave a very forcible review of the present outlook in St. Landry and the reasons upon which he based their hope of success in the present movement.

Resolved, that the following named gentlemen be and are hereby selected to go to Baton Rouge on Monday, the 10th day of June, 1890, for the purpose of assisting and co-operating with the Senators and Representatives of St. Landry and Avoyelles and urge them to form a new parish out of territory lying in north St. Landry and south Avoyelles.

Marksville, La.: Judge Wm. Hall, Sheriff C. Cannon, E. J. Joffron, C. P. Couvillion, A. J. Lafargue, G. L. Mayer, Bunkie: T. B. Kimbro, J. P. Snellings, M. K. Pearce, J. T. Johnson, T. P. Frith, Morrow: F. E. Bell, Dr. V. C. Reynolds, E. J. Morrow, W. F. Clopton.

Rosa: C. W. Ward, J. G. Heath, C. W. Havard, E. O. Hayes.

Whiteville: Alec Stagg, E. C. Milburn, E. Robinson, John E. Bacon.

Bayou Current: J. A. Richard, E. C. Hayes, Wm. Gordon, J. A. Richard, E. C. Hayes, Wm. Gordon, J. A. Richard, E. C. Hayes.

Beaver Creek: Chas. Dossman.

Cottonport: Dr. C. J. Ducoté, Theophile Lemoine, L. L. Coco.

Moreauville: L. Boyer, Dr. L. Rabalais.

Berrodino: J. U. Thier, Eugene Gauthier.

Choupique: J. B. Planchie, M. M. Matthews.

Simpson: L. A. Joffron, J. E. Trudeau, T. P. Harmanson, E. J. Norwood, W. K. Perkins, Noel Norwood.

Resolved, That the delegates appointed by this body to visit Baton Rouge, be requested to circulate petitions in their respective neighborhoods and obtain the signatures of all citizens, asking our members of the General Assembly to support an act to create a new parish from territory in north St. Landry and south Avoyelles. (Adopted.)

Finest lot of fancy candies, always fresh, at C. Dietlein's.

Items of Interest.

The total population of Iberia is 30,258. Work has commenced on the Baton Rouge street car line.

Good public roads are worth a good deal more to the rural population than they cost.

Falling of the hair is the result of inaction of the glands or roots of the hair, or a morbid state of the scalp, which may be cured by Hall's Hair Renewer.

A horse or a yoke of oxen can haul twice the weight of a road wagon that the same team could haul in a bad road.

Ayer's Hair Vigor is a universal beautifier. Harmless, effective and agreeable, it has taken high rank among toilet articles. This preparation causes thin and weak hair to become abundant, strong and healthy, and restores to gray hair its original color.

Farmers have to make more trips to do their hauling in bad roads than in good ones.

Be sure you are just and understand all underlying motives before condemning the actions of others. Be certain that your own shield is spotted and that your own record is not stained before you are ready to cast stones at another's good name.

FARMVILLE, La., May 1887. Having a severe attack of Flux some two years ago, I applied to Dr. Eberhart of Baton Rouge, La. He gave me his celebrated Antiseptic, and in a few days I was relieved and cured.

A successful State Teachers' Institute met in Alexandria on the 12th inst.

French citizens of Avoyelles will give an appropriate celebration of the 14th of July in Marksville. Our former fellow-townsman, Mr. Albert Gosselin, is prominent in the movement.

REDWINE, Jackson parish, La., December 1, 1886. C. M. Sherrouse, Agt.—I can say for Dr. Eberhart's Antiseptic that it is a sure cure for gonorrhea, and in a few days I was cured, and in a few days I was cured, and in a few days I was cured.

Slender has a thousand thoughts—Truth has but one. How like a grand broodmother all mothers will be to their children, when they are laid to heart for the day's acting that beautiful maxim laid down to us through the centuries, a blessed inheritance: "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal."

Mr. Editor—My buggy mate, Nellie, was very sick with colic yesterday evening when my Ruston friend, Mr. Sherrouse, called to see me. He immediately gave her a dose of your Eberhart's Antiseptic, which seemed to give relief. He left her in the morning, and about 30 minutes later, entirely cured her. I wish to say this to your readers in justice to the medicine and for the benefit of others who may be afflicted with the same complaint.

Louisiana Review: The New Orleans Rope Factory, located on Foucher street, has been purchased by Mr. John A. Morris. The machinery will be removed to the Courtboulevard Mills, an enterprise in St. Landry parish, in which Mr. Morris is largely interested.

The following item, clipped from the Fr. Madison (Iowa), Democrat, contains information well worth reading. It is from John Roth of this city, who met with an accident a few days ago, spraining and bruising his leg and arm quite severely, was cured by one 50-cent bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. This remedy is without an equal for sprains and bruises and should have a place in every household. For sale by Jos. Lasalle and all merchants.

St. Martinville Messenger: Our bakers are having a little war among themselves and 40 fourteen ounce loaves is what one gets for one dollar.

Wm. V. Lucas, Ex-State Auditor of Louisiana says: "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in my family and have no hesitation in saying it is an excellent remedy. I believe it is all that is claimed for it. Persons afflicted by a cough or cold will find it a friend." There is no danger from whooping cough when this remedy is freely given. 50 cent bottles for sale by J. Lasalle.

St. Martinville Messenger: The Oil Mill honours operations Saturday last and a large number of our people will be out of employment for about three months. During that time Mr. Rousseau will have the mill floor and roof repaired, and will probably build some additional buildings. This mill has been of great benefit to St. Martinville.

Just as sure as hot weather comes there will be more or less bowel complaint in this territory. Every person who uses Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in my family and have no hesitation in saying it is an excellent remedy. I believe it is all that is claimed for it. Persons afflicted by a cough or cold will find it a friend." There is no danger from whooping cough when this remedy is freely given. 50 cent bottles for sale by J. Lasalle.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY.

OPPELOUSAS, June 21, 1890. The Police Jury met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: E. M. Boagni, president, P. Stagg, S. Haas, E. S. Barry, C. W. Ward and C. B. Binn.

On motion of Mr. P. Stagg, the report of the committee appointed to sell the contract to build the Baton Rouge bridge was accepted, the committee discharged, and P. Jeanson ordered credited with the sum of \$587.00 out of the internal improvement fund.

On motion of Mr. Barry, the report of the committee appointed to lay out a public road to run through lands of Louis Landry, Felix Miller, Valon Kiebert, and Margaret Hector on the north, and through lands of Phillip Thompson, E. V. Barry, Arthur Jean and Maurice Odomb on the south, beginning from the road at Grand Coteau, and ending at the junction of the road at Grand Coteau, was accepted, and the road at Grand Coteau declared a public road, provided it be opened according to section 3 of the road ordinance.

On motion of Mr. Ward, he it resolved that the petition of the citizens of the 8th Police Jury ward relative to prohibiting dogs from running at large on Bayou Carron, be referred to the committee on dogs, and they be further requested to appoint a committee to act in concert with the St. Landry Police Jury, to see that the correct law be enforced. Specifications to be given by the joint committee on the day of sale.

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