

**Opelousas Courier.**  
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**Church Directory.**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—Services at Opelousas every 3d Sunday of the month at 11 a. m., and 7:30 p. m. At Belleure, the first Sunday of each month at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.  
REV. GEO. FLAHER, Pastor.

METHODIST CHURCH—At Opelousas, 1st, 3rd and 4th Sabbath, 11 o'clock a. m. and 7:30 p. m. At Belleure, 2d Sabbath, 11 o'clock a. m. and 7:30 p. m.  
Sabbath School 10 o'clock every Sabbath.  
E. T. DENSON, P. C.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH—There will be divine service in the "Church of the Epiphany" on the 2d Sunday in the month at 11 o'clock a. m. and on the 4th Sunday at 3:30 p. m., the Rev. A. R. Price officiating.

BAPTIST CHURCH—Opelousas, on the 1st and 2d Sundays of every month.  
REV. PHILLIPS, Pastor.

**To our Friends and Patrons.**  
We wish to call the attention of the friends and patrons of the Courier to the necessity of their being on the alert, in the matter of judicial publications (sheriff's sales especially), as a neglect on their part to give positive instructions as to what they desire such advertisements published, is apt to result in our being deprived of the patronage that would otherwise be theirs. The sheriff of this parish has been making himself especially zealous in the matter of securing sheriff's sales for the paper of which he is director and stockholder, and several publications of that nature have appeared in that paper which the parties interested would have selected to be done in the Courier, had they been consulted; and others have been diverted from us at the special solicitation of the sheriff or his deputies serving the papers in the matter of seizures.  
To those who prefer to patronize any other paper in this parish we have no desire to interfere with their preference, but our friends who wish to favor the Courier, and whose advertisements are earnestly requested to see that the proper officers are instructed to have the publication done in the Courier—and they are especially warned against allowing themselves to be induced to consent that the advertisement should be done in some other paper.

**Don't be a clam—Advertise.**  
T. J. Lacy & Co., at the Mount Hope Nursery, have a lot of horses for sale. See advertisement.

Business doesn't show much of a disposition to improve and will not probably until fall.

Our neighbor Mr. A. Hackl, is receiving consignments of hardware daily and will soon have his stock complete.

One of the features of the mammoth show which will be here Monday is the \$30,000 elephant "Empress," said to be the largest animal on earth.

The building opposite the West End Store in Bridgeville to be occupied by Harry Bloch as a grocery is nearly finished and will soon be opened with a new stock of goods.

The Governor has appointed Mr. Jules Québédou, of Arnaudville, as a member of the Police Jury to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. J. B. Bergeron.

Circus in town next Monday, the 26. Two performances, 1 and 7 o'clock p. m. Popular prices. A regular World's Exposition of cardinal features. Don't miss it.

The large frame building occupied by the St. Landry Democrat as a printing office, will be removed next week to the lot on the corner of Court and Landry streets, to be occupied as a drugstore by Shute & Dason.

The F. E. Davis Grand Consolidated Shows—museums, menagerie and grand Roman Hippodrome will be here Monday.

This is said to be the biggest of all big shows at popular prices.

If you fail to get your COURIER at your postoffice, drop us a postal card notifying us of the failure, and you will get the missing number by mail. We are very careful about mailing papers, but sometimes they miscarry or get lost in the general shuffle.

Printers in need of a good newspaper press can get one at a bargain by applying at this office. E. H. & Co. make; will print an 8-column folio; is in fine condition; can be seen in operation; and will be sold at half original cost.

Opelousas Opera House, Friday night February 23d, the Little Mascot Specialty Co. The Wonderful Le Heon children. Rose Arthur, the California magnet. Prof. Edward Le Heon, the world renowned hypnotist and mind-reader. Admission 50 cents.

Mr. Jos. Bloch has sold his Bridgeville store to Messrs. Delarue & Major, two popular young business men who will doubtless be enabled to build up a thriving and profitable business in their new departure. See notice in another column, and give them a call when you need anything in their line.

A shuffling up and new deal in the newspaper business of this parish takes place this week. Miss Harnon retires from the Washington Argus and that paper goes into the hands of Mr. T. S. Adams, Jr. The St. Landry Democrat ceases publication after to-day and will be consolidated with the Opelousas COURIER.

A pair of country hoodlums engaged lodgings at the Park Hotel here last Saturday night and after they took their departure next morning Mr. Reed, the proprietor, discovered that they had cut the sheets, blankets, etc., into shreds. These wretches are apt to be taught a lesson in civilization, as Mr. Reed proposes to institute legal proceedings against them for this act of vandalism.

### The Contempt Case.

Five distinguished attorneys of the Opelousas bar, having respectfully declined to defend a colored boy (Jessie Tyler) after being requested by the Court to do so, a motion was filed at the request of the presiding Judge by the District Attorney, for a rule on them to show cause why they should not be punished for contempt of Court. Judge Cullom volunteered to defend them, and accordingly filed an answer to the rule to which was subjoined the affidavits of the Attorneys. They said they intended no contempt of the legal authority of the Court, which under ordinary circumstances, they would always cheerfully recognize. That they intended due respect for it, but that under the peculiarities of the environment of the case, they felt constrained to decline serving the jury's verdict. That it was a matter of notoriety among all the members of the bar at this place, that certain officers of the Court had been officiously interfering with their business for the purpose of throwing it in the hands of their preferred attorney; the result of which, had been to take all the paying business of a criminal character from them, and to leave nothing but such as does not pay.

We do not pretend to give this the answer verbatim, or in extenso, but only as some of the substance of the answer. The argument of the rule was opened by Judge Cullom on Tuesday morning, on behalf of the accused parties.

On Wednesday morning he continued and finished his argument. Mr. J. N. Ogden arose, as the *Amicus Curiae* of the Court, as he styled himself, and began to make personal allusion to other members of the bar, having no reference to the question of contempt, whereupon the Court called him to order.

Mr. Dubuisson, District Attorney, then addressed the Court in support of the rule. He referred to some common law authorities on the subject and spoke briefly to the point. The Court took the rule under consideration saying it was a matter of much importance which would necessarily serve as a precedent for any future cases that may arise of a similar character. Judge Cullom maintains that the misdemeanor of contempt is not to be adjudicated by the broad doctrine of the common law in such cases, that in Louisiana we have no crimes, offenses and misdemeanors, but those that are pronounced such by the statutes of Louisiana. That the section 990 of our Rev. statutes adopts the common law as to these matters, only so far as not otherwise provided by our State laws. But as he says that the Legislature has defined what shall be considered a contempt, Rev. Statute Sec. 124-5, it fixed the limit of judicial power and authority in such cases. Sec. 125 declares that "nothing shall be construed or taken to be a contempt of Court by an attorney, but what shall be said, done or committed directly in the presence, or hearing of the Court during the sitting of the same; and which shall abuse, disparage or insult any Judge of the court or any other person in or belonging to the court, or resist the authority or interrupt the proceedings thereof."

The case excited a great deal of interest and the court-house was pretty well filled during the time consumed by the arguments. The members of the bar are almost unanimously in sympathy with the five members before the court and its decision will be awaited with general anxiety.

From all accounts our public roads are in a worse condition now than they have been for many years, and are growing more so daily. Notwithstanding the complaints, deep and long, which have been made for several months, we do not see that our parish authorities are making any efforts to remedy this crying evil, but on the contrary, seem powerless to act, or indifferent to the universal damage resulting from this condition of things.

The "Housewarming" at the Little Mortar 'Round the Corner last Saturday night was a grand affair, fully enjoyed by a large number of our citizens. The *feuilles sautes aux champignons*, the fresh butter-milk—and other choice beverages were pronounced by connoisseurs to be delicious.

A slow, soaking rain set in last Tuesday evening which continued without intermission during the night and part of Wednesday.

Since Wednesday noon, the weather has been growing colder, with frequent showers, rendering the situation sloppy and generally disagreeable.

Mr. Louis Desmarais, Jr., has opened a neat family grocery store at the corner of Main and north streets, which is well filled with a select stock of fresh goods.

The foundation for a frame building is being put down between Shute & Dason's drugstore and C. B. Andrus' grocery.

Jos. Bloch will astonish you in low prices. He carries a full line of dry goods, groceries, boots, shoes, etc., and is selling them to suit the hard times.

The planters are anxious for a spell of good weather so that they can begin farming operations.

Drugs, medicines, chemicals, patent medicines, fine cigars, tooth brushes, combs, &c., at Bailey's drugstore.

Coal—Pittsburg coal delivered anywhere within the corporation limits in any quantities by J. B. Sandoz.

Bear or draught, fresh from the refrigerator at five cents a glass at Firnberg's saloon.

Jos. Bloch's is the place to leave your small change and get some of his great bargains.

### Just So.

The B. R. Capital Item of the 10th, inst. reproduces a communication signed "Lynx Eye," copied from the Shreveport Progress, in which the writer gives warning of a "deep laid scheme on foot to defeat the expectations of the people in securing a new election law from the Legislature at its next meeting in May." If the apprehensions of the writer be authorized by the facts, the people throughout the State should arouse themselves with unanimity and crush the iniquity with the slightest hesitancy. It is a well recognized fact that, we have men in office now-a-days who got there by trickery and even by worse means, and who think to continue their tenure of them, by the same system. But the people are tired of making spring boards of themselves in order that vultures may leap into power.

The schemers have become emboldened by the gallantry of the honest meaning men, who have heretofore left all political matters in their hands. But the schemers have presumed too far, and whereas the people once upon a time, thought the end justified the means, they have ceased to see any necessity for such a policy, and are determined to adopt a different one. If it be a fact that the Governor has so far forgotten their inherent rights, as to presume that by combination he can disregard their wishes—and run the State government in the channel of his purpose, we tell him and his cohorts in any such political infamy, that the voters of St. Landry will not submit to it. Unless we are very greatly deceived, they intend to have the election laws changed, and the Governor brought to know they do not belong to him and his obnoxious and ready servitors.

St. Landry and Acadia will have the election of one Senator before the Legislature convenes, and the voters of the District will show them whether they are mere tools and creatures to be used for the accomplishment of hidden purposes.

The issue is just this, shall the Governor and his henchmen rule the people, or will the people have their way by constitutional measures. We have had enough of autocracy, and we of St. Landry are going to have some Democracy. Democracy does not mean, humble subservience to the arbitrary will of Governors and their scheming conductors. It means the rights of the people constitutionally exercised, to limit the power and authority of officials, high or low, and make their will the limit of Executive authority. The people are tired of professions of political faith, followed by usurpation and supererogation.

They mean to have a new election law, Foster & Fitzpatrick to the contrary, notwithstanding.

President Cleveland sent in the name of Senator E. D. White, of Louisiana, as associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States last Monday, which nomination was promptly confirmed by the Senate on the same day.

Senator Edward Douglas White will take his seat upon the Supreme Bench as the youngest of the Justices, with the exception of Justices Field and Harlan, he will have entered at an earlier period in life than any of the other justices, and will have the exceptionally long term of twenty-one years to serve before retirement.

He was born in the parish of Lafourche, La., and was forty-eight years of age last November. He was educated at Mt. St. Mary's, near Emmettsburg, Md., at the Jesuit College in New Orleans, and finally at Georgetown College, District of Columbia.

After the Confederate army and after the war, was admitted to the bar by the Louisiana Supreme Court, and practiced his profession during the troubled years following the reconstruction period.

The New Enterprise is the title of a new paper recently established in Markville, Avoyelles parish. T. T. Fields as editor and R. C. Edwards publisher. The Enterprise makes a very creditable showing—editorially and typographically, and we hope it will receive the encouragement its Enterprise merits.

Fresh drugs, patent medicines, perfumery, notions, toilet articles, stationery, school supplies, oils and varnishes, Pitkin's celebrated paints, Blank Bros. fine caudies, etc., at Dr. Wm. M. Thompson's Drug Store.

Everything that is sacrificed at Bloch's dry goods, clothing, boots and shoes, furniture, groceries, saddlery, wagons, agricultural implements, etc. Bring the cash and take the goods at your own price.

A grand race will take place at Ville Platte next Saturday, March 3d, on Mr. Fremont Fusilier's race track, between Maud S. and Peachblossom for a purse of \$200.00.

We have a few patent single-trees bought at auction, at a bargain, which we will sell at half price. Only a few left, so if you want one, call at once at this office.

Red Fish, Trout, Sheephead, Oysters, etc., received daily during Lent at Richard's new Novelty store, Main street, opposite COURIER office.

An income tax is the only one that can't either directly or indirectly be saddled upon the poor and laboring classes.

Fancy paper and envelopes, albums, toilet articles, soaps, perfumery, etc., at Bailey's drugstore.

Do not fail to see Jos. Bloch's winter goods before buying.

Prescriptions filled at all hours at Bailey's drugstore.

### General Notes.

Nearly every legislator is looking out for the greatest good to the greatest number—one—Abbeville Meridional.

The State University of Baton Rouge has been closed, pending an investigation into the cause of several sudden deaths among the cadets recently.

There will be no more federal interference in congressional elections. The federal election law has been repealed. The Democratic party is redeeming its pledges.

Express charges are excessively high. The transportation of a seventy-cent package of paper from the city to Sun Station, costs one dollar and twenty-five cents.—Acadia Advocate.

Clements Bros. have made arrangements to tear down their old warehouse, and will build a new one in time for this year's crop. These gentlemen are no doubt the largest rice buyers in Southwest Louisiana.—Oberlin News.

Convict all the Anarchists where the evidence justifies it. The twelve on trial in Austin are no better than the others and should meet the same fate. Society cannot afford to play with bomb-throwers and conspirators generally.—City Item.

A constitutional convention is a matter of necessity. The amendment commission is only a make shift, which neither has the confidence of the people, nor can it cure the notorious defects of the existing organic instrument.—Alexandria Democrat.

A bill abolishing the use of postal notes, to take effect after July 1, has passed both houses of congress. A money order system has been created by the bill by which orders can be secured at rates as low as those of express companies.

Politicians are all agog over the appointment of Senator White as a Justice of the United States Supreme Court. It is not the honor conferred upon the distinguished Louisianaian that has sent them agog, but the Senatorial vacancy that his appointment creates. My, but there is a world of log rolling on.—City Item.

The last postal laws are such that newspaper publishers can arrest any one for fraud who takes a paper and refuses to pay for it. Under this law the man who allows his subscription to run along for some time unpaid and then orders it "refused" and have a postal sent notifying the publisher, leaves himself liable to arrest and fine the same as for theft.

Now that the lottery has gone to Honduras, it is to be expected that sensational journalists and office-seeking demagogues will cease to make further allusions to it. If a people were ever tired of one subject those of Louisiana are tired of the Lottery. The thing has made some men wealthy, others famous, now let its name and memory be of the past.—Dem-Journal.

On and after March 1st the Southern Pacific Railroad will commence bringing mail matter into Alexandria, as formerly done in years past. For a year or more the Southern Pacific has only been carrying mail to Chenoyville, and for that reason it has taken two days to get a letter below Chenoyville. Our readers will be glad to learn that the change is to be made.—Alexandria Town Talk.

A deal has been made in New York by which a line of city steamships is to run from that city to this port in connection with the Texas and Pacific Railroad, and thus will compete with the steamships of the Southern Pacific Railroad for the trade in and out of Texas and California. New Orleans will welcome the new line of steamships, because the greater the amount of shipping that comes to this port the more rapid is the growth of our trade and commerce.—N. O. States.

While in St. Landry parish the early part of this week, it was (during the drive) our misfortune to have occasion to drive to Opelousas from the grand and noble (Y) old city of Washington. And we feel perfectly safe in the assertion that we have never seen, in a civilized country, a public road, that has every reason to be good, in such a condition in all our days. It is almost impossible in places, and when we say "in places" that should take in about four miles of the six. The people of Vermilion parish will not know how to appreciate our good roads until after they have had sad experience of passing over such roads as are now in St. Landry. Why is this? Is it the road law, or is it the road officers?—Vermilion Star.

When a young man sends a pretty Valentine to his girl and some other fellow gets the credit for it, he feels like kicking himself for not putting his initials on it.—Ex.

E. J. Clements, Esq., of Oberlin, paid his many friends in Opelousas a short visit this week while en route to the Crescent City.

We invite correspondence from all parts of the parish to keep us advised of all local matters of interest.

A. H. Mouton, Esq., of Chatagnier, was on a short visit here this week and gave our office an appreciated call.

Blank forms for use of merchant notaries, Justices of the Peace, etc., for sale at this office.

We had an appreciated call last Monday from Mr. Siméon Ardoin, one of Old Grand Prairie's best citizens.

### The Australian Ballot System.

The ballots are printed by the State, and contain the names of all the candidates of all the parties. Against the name of each candidate the party to which he belongs is designated, and against each name there is a small vacant space to be filled with a cross.

At the polling place the ballots are kept in an enclosure behind a railing, and no ballot can be brought outside under penalty of fine or imprisonment. One ballot is nailed against the wall outside the railing, so that it may be read at leisure. The space behind the railing is divided into separate booths quite screened from each other. Each booth is provided with a pencil and a convenient shelf on which to write. The voter goes behind the railing, takes the ballot which is handed him, carries it into one of the booths and marks a cross opposite the name of each candidate for whom he wishes to vote. He then puts his ballot into the box and his name is checked off on the register of voters of the precinct.

This system is very simple; it enables a vote to be given in absolute secrecy; and it keeps "beaters" away from the polls. It is therefore an excellent means of checking intimidation and bribery at elections, and insures their being entirely fair.

A voter who declares to the presiding officer (under oath if required) that he is blind or physically unable to mark his ballot, can receive the assistance of one or two of the clerks on duty in the marking of his ballot. If an educational qualification should be required of the voter, the fact that he cannot read would of course deprive him of voting at all, unless exception be made in the case of persons who were voters prior to a certain date.

The following is the form of Australian ballot adopted in Massachusetts in 1889:

OFFICIAL BALLOT  
Precinct—City or Ward—  
November—18—  
(Fac-simile of signature of Sec'y.)

To vote for a Person, make a cross X in the square at the right of the name.  
Governor—Vote for one.  
Oliver Ames, of Easton. Republican.  
Wm. E. Earle, of Worcester. Prohibition.  
Wm. E. Russell, of Cambridge. Democrat.

### District Court.

The case of the State vs. Griffin Nash, which was on trial when we went to press last week, resulted in a mistrial, the jury being unable to agree. Since the following cases have been tried:

State vs. Henry Jack, charged with rape; guilty, without capital punishment.  
State vs. Everiste Louis, larceny, guilty.  
State vs. Thélasar Mouton, larceny, guilty, but recommended to the extreme mercy of the Court.

Thursday being a legal holiday the court was not in session.

It is regrettable that every veteran, and son and daughter of a veteran in Louisiana was not afforded an opportunity of hearing the oration of Gen. Gordon on the centenary of the Confederacy. There is no history of the civil war and those who were born since the surrender at Appomattox have but crude and imperfect ideas of the great conflict and they know little of the trials, sufferings and the valor and heroism therein displayed; hence to have heard the eloquent narration of one who was among the chief actors in the great and glorious drama would have been a precious privilege as well as a rare delight.—Pointe Coupee Banner.

The recommendations of the constitutional commission, appointed by Gov. Foster to suggest to the legislature amendments to the constitution, were on the ridiculous, and show what foolish measures can be formulated and devised by wise men when they get their heads together. The only sensible suggestion (to our mind) it made, was recommending the abolition of the circuit courts, and every man, woman and child in the State had agreed on that before the commission was appointed. Two Supreme Courts in the same State. What folly!—Morehouse Clarion.

Here is the way a western editor puts it: "If you have anything you don't want or can't sell, or something your folks won't eat, why in the thunder don't you bring it to the office and apply it to your subscription? If you don't read and have no use for the paper, take the stuff to the preacher, he comes next."

### PRINTERS

Can buy one of H. Hoe & Co's. First Class Newspaper Printing Machines in first class condition at a BARGAIN. Apply at this office.

### A NEW STORE AT THE OLD PLACE.

Mrs. L. Desmarais takes pleasure in announcing to the old friends of her mother Mrs. Prévot, and to her own friends, and to everybody who has given her a name, that she has re-opened at the old stand on Main Street, in the good old town of Opelousas, where she will constantly keep a fine and select stock of

### MILLINERY GOODS

of every description, NOTIONS of all kinds, Fancy Goods, Dry Goods, Ladies' Hats and Bonnets of the Latest designs and fashions. Come and examine. No trouble to show the goods.

Prices Low  
Agents for the celebrated "Kalamazoo" Featherbone corsets, the new reliable, pliable, unbreakable—try it.  
Dec. 9.

BEAUTIFUL AND MARBLE AND LASTING AS TIME. THE BEST AND CHEAPEST TOMBSTONE MANUFACTURING CO. Strictly constructed and Base finished in design. The Base is Stone and the upper portion made of Iron—highly ornamented with our patent rust proof process in any color desired.  
1. Height 26 in. Width 11 in. \$7.00  
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For Designs, Emblems and Epitaphs, apply to  
W. T. COATS & CO.,  
83 THOUPISTOULAS ST., NEW ORLEANS, LA.

### CHARTER OF THE ST. LANDRY STATE BANK.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, PARISH OF ST. LANDRY.  
BE IT KNOWN that on this third day of the month of February, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four, before me OSCAR H. TILLEY, Notary Public, duly commissioned and qualified, and in the presence of the witnesses hereinafter named and undersigned, personally came and appeared the several persons whose names are hereto subscribed, who declare, that availing themselves of the provisions of the laws of this State relative to the formation of corporations for the purpose of banking, they do by these presents covenant and agree to bind themselves and those who they represent and those who may hereafter become associated with them, to form and constitute a corporation and body politic in law for the objects and purposes and under the stipulations and agreements following to-wit:

ARTICLE I  
The name and title of said corporation shall be the ST. LANDRY STATE BANK, and its domicile and place of business shall be in the town of Opelousas, St. Landry parish, Louisiana.

ARTICLE II  
The said corporation shall exist and have and enjoy its corporate powers for the term of years from and after the date hereof: to-wit: the said corporation may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, defend and prosecute in any and all courts of justice here and elsewhere. All citations or other legal process shall be served upon the President, and in case of his absence, upon the vice-President or Cashier of said corporation.

ARTICLE III  
The said corporation is organized for the purpose of doing a general banking business, and under the laws of this State shall have power to discount bills, notes and other evidence of debt; to receive deposits, buy and sell gold and silver coin, and to exchange; to loan money on real and personal security, and to use all incidental powers necessary to carry on the business of banking. Said corporation may also receive, purchase and convey by and under its corporate name such property, real and personal as may be indispensable to the objects of the association.

ARTICLE IV  
The capital stock of said corporation is hereby fixed and declared to be the sum of Seven hundred thousand dollars (\$700,000.00), with power to increase the same by any meeting of the stockholders. The amount of the proposed increase. The said capital stock shall be divided into seven hundred and fifty (750) shares of the par value of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) each, which shall be paid in cash.

Shares of stock of this corporation shall be evidenced by certificates of stock issued by the President, or in his absence, by the vice-President, and attested by its Cashier, and bear the seal of the corporation. All transfers of stock made by the stockholder, or by his duly authorized agent.

When fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) of said capital stock shall have been paid, said corporation shall be authorized to commence business.

ARTICLE V  
The business and affairs of the said corporation shall be done by the said President and management of a Board of Directors composed of seven (7) stockholders, who shall be citizens of this State and each of whom shall be the owner in his own name of not less than five (5) shares of the capital stock of the corporation.

The said Board of Directors shall be elected by ballot on the second Tuesday in January of each year, beginning with the second Tuesday in January eighteen hundred and ninety-four, and thereafter on the same day of each year until their successors are duly elected and qualified. The said election shall be held at the office of the said corporation under the supervision of a clerk or agents as may be appointed by the Board of Directors. Thirty days prior notice of such election shall be given by publication in one of the newspapers published in the town of Opelousas, Louisiana, and by written notice mailed to the last known address of each stockholder. A majority of all the stockholders present at a meeting shall be necessary to elect. Every stockholder shall be entitled to one vote, either in person or by proxy, for each share of stock owned by him as shown on the books of the corporation.

Any vacancy occurring in said Board of Directors from any cause whatever shall be filled by election by the remaining stockholders. A majority of said Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE VI  
The said Board of Directors at its first meeting in each year shall elect from its own number a President, a vice-President and a Cashier and appoint from its number a discount committee of three (3). The said Board of Directors shall also appoint from time to time, an assistant cashier and such other officers, clerks or agents as may be deemed necessary for the business and purposes of the said corporation.

The Cashier, assistant Cashier and such other officers and clerks as may be deemed necessary shall be required to furnish bonds, in sums to be fixed by the said Board of Directors, to become good and solvent guaranties to the corporation, to be approved by the said Board.

ARTICLE VII  
No stockholder shall be held liable or responsible for the contracts or debts of said corporation in any further sum than the unpaid balance due on the shares of stock owned by him; and any more indebtedness in any organization have the effect of rendering this charter null or of exposing a stockholder to any further liability than the unpaid balance due on his shares of stock.

ARTICLE IX  
This act of incorporation may be changed, modified or altered or said corporation may be dissolved with the consent of three-fourths (3/4) of the stockholders present at a general meeting of the stockholders convened for that purpose, after thirty (30) days prior notice of such meeting shall have been given to each stockholder by publication in one of the weekly newspapers published in the town of Opelousas, La., and by mailing a written notice to the last known address of each stockholder.

ARTICLE X  
Whenever this corporation is dissolved either by limitation, or from any other cause, its affairs shall be liquidated under the supervision of three stockholders appointed for that purpose by the Board of Directors. The said commissioners shall remain in office until the affairs of the said corporation shall have been fully settled and liquidated. And in case of the death, resignation or inability to act of one or more of said commissioners, the Board of Directors shall appoint a successor or successors from among the stockholders of said corporation.

ARTICLE XI  
The following named persons shall constitute the first Board of directors of the ST. LANDRY STATE BANK, to-wit: ALPHONSE LEVY, ANTOINE DIETLEIN, J. T. SKIFFER, HENRY KAHN, J. LUCAS MYERS, EUGENE LAURENT and J. M. LICHTENBERG.

With the said ALPHONSE LEVY as President, ANTOINE DIETLEIN as vice-President and J. T. SKIFFER as Cashier, to serve as such until the second Tuesday in January eighteen hundred and ninety-five or until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified.

ARTICLE XII  
The names of the share-holders, their places of residence and of shares held by each of them is as follows, to-wit:  
Alphonse Levy 102 shares, Opelousas, La.  
J. T. Skiffer 132 " " " "  
Julius Myers 23 " " " "  
A. Dietlein 12 " " " "  
F. Latreute 12 " New Orleans, " "  
S. Birrite 12 " Opelousas, " "  
C. Dixon 21 " " " "  
M. Firberg 1 " " " "  
A. Lacombe 1 " " " "  
G. W. Moriarty 3 " " " "  
L. Solomson 1 " " " "  
Robert Chacheré 1 " " " "  
Leonce Sandoz 1 " " " "  
C. Brand 1 " " " "  
T. C. Gibbons 1 " Washington, " "  
E. D. Estlette 2 " Opelousas, " "  
E. Lavendin 12 " New York, N. Y. "  
Samuel Haas 23 " Bayou Chien, La. "  
H. T. Cottam 2 " New Orleans, " "  
Smith Bros. & Co., Limited 8 " " " "  
Stenhardt Bros. 1 " " " "  
Mrs. Fannie Marks 6 " " " "  
S. Hernalstein Bros. 6 " " " "  
M. Levy Co. 6 " " " "  
Henry Kahn 12 " " " "  
Wolf & Marks 2 " " " "  
P. J. Pavy 1 " " " "  
I. A. Lichtenstein 32 " " " "  
Felix Loeb & Bro 6 " " " "  
Henry Gehl 6 " " " "

Done and passed at my office in the town of Opelousas, La., on the day, month and year aforesaid in presence of James Jacob and Pierre J. Pavy, competent witnesses who have signed with the appearers and me notary and reading the whole.

(Original signed)  
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