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OPPELOUSAS:  
SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 1904

Subscribe for the COURIER.  
If you want any job work done, send it to us.

The Legislature will assemble in May and be in session 60 days.  
Money to loan. Apply to P. Mestric, Leonville, La.

Mr. Emile Tuyen, of Barbreek, was a business visitor here several days lately.

The campaign COURIER eight months for \$1.00. Send in your dollar and keep posted.

We are sorry to learn of the illness of Rev. J. Engberink, and hope he will soon recover.

One of the best business stands in town can be rented for \$15 a month. Apply at this office.

Mrs. T. W. Broussard, late of this town, and now a resident of Natchitoches, has been here on a visit this week.

The soda water and ice cream department of the Haas-Littell Drug Store is in full blast, and is up-to-date in all its appointments.

For low rates to the World's Fair via the Texas & Pacific Railway, ask any ticket agent, or write E. P. Turner, General Passenger Agent, Dallas, Tex.

An enjoyable evening was spent Sunday by a party of 50 boys and girls at the old Megynley place. Refreshments were served. Sam LaNasa's orchestra furnished the music.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Williams and Miss Lucille Sougeron, of New Orleans, left Opelousas last Tuesday for their home, after spending some time here with friends and relatives.

Mr. George Edwards was appointed a notary public for St. Landry parish by Gov. Heard last week. Don't forget to remember George, that there will be a few vacant offices to fill this fall, and that the early bird catches the worm.

Another fatal accident happened at the St. Landry Cotton Oil Mill last Monday resulting in the death of a colored man named Etienne Veasie. The unfortunate victim was caught in one of the large belts while the machinery was in motion, crushing his skull and causing instant death.

Among the projects discussed in the Goods Roads Convention at New Orleans recently, that of using short term convicts on the highways went directly to the main purpose. This is practised in Mississippi and Georgia, and misdemeanor convicts in this State can be utilized economically in the parishes of their conviction.

Owing to the mass meeting to consider the division of the parish last Saturday, the meeting of R. E. Lee Camp No. 14, U. C. V., was adjourned to next Saturday, May 7th, at 2 o'clock p. m., at Sandoz Opera House. A full attendance is requested, as matters of importance will be considered at this meeting.

Mr. Charles Vives, of Assumption parish, who has been sojourning with us for several weeks, reluctantly took his departure for home last Thursday. Charley's genial and whole-souled disposition has made him quite popular here during his stay in Opelousas, and he will be missed by both his lady and gentleman acquaintances.

Now is a good time to start the movement to have our street sprinkler operated during the summer. Those interested, and especially the merchants, should get together and raise a fund for the purpose. The town will no doubt furnish the water and the sprinkler, and those immediately benefited ought to provide the running expenses.

Mrs. Lionel Bienvenu entertained the Ladies' Afternoon Club at her home last Thursday, and a most enjoyable time was had by the members. Several new names have been added to the Club's membership, including the Misses Lelle and Belle Dupre and Misses Gertrude and Lelia Sandoz. The prizes were very pretty and the collation at the end of the game was delicious.

For Rent—A residence in Opelousas, with large yard and garden. Apply at this office.

For Rent—Small dwelling near ice factory, compress and oil mill. Apply at this office.

### Building Improvements.

Opelousas is coming to the front in the line of building improvements, several stores, and buildings and private residences being in course of erection; among these are the following:

Dr. Theogene Chachere is erecting a fine residence on the old Morris place. In the eyes of Dr. Young, it will be fit for a king to live in when completed.

Mr. Lewis Rogers is remodeling his residence in the northeastern part of town. When finished it will be so completely transformed into a handsome home as to thoroughly obliterate the old place. It will be a clean and cheerful house and therefore will make a happy home.

Mr. J. E. Allen has just completed a large and commodious residence for Mrs. Jennie Compton on the Bellevue road. It contains eleven rooms, and is one of the most spacious residences in the parish.

Mr. Rene Morhinveg has just completed a store building next door to Sandoz Opera House.

Messrs. Lewis and Lacombe are erecting an up-to-date office building on North Court street, their rooms being fitted up with all the modern conveniences for the transaction of their growing law and insurance business. In these new quarters the future greatness of Opelousas will no doubt be developed.

The Opelousas Mercantile Co. is preparing to make extensive improvements in connection with their business. They will add an addition to their dry goods department extending from Main to Church street, will triple the capacity of their grocery business, and add a large furniture annex.

### Fire.

Last Thursday morning at about 11 o'clock fire was discovered in a small building occupied by Mr. J. E. Allen on Main street. There was no one in the building at the time, and the fire seems to have started in the garret from some unknown cause—supposed to be spontaneous combustion, as it was reported that a lot of chemicals had been stored there for several years. Owing to our defective fire alarm system the fire department did not reach the scene in time to save the building, and only a portion of the furniture was saved.

The adjoining building, occupied by Mr. J. C. Pierce and family, had caught before the arrival of the firemen, and the furniture and household effects had been removed with little damage. This building was saved, although only ten feet from the other, and was already on fire along the full length of the south side when the firemen arrived, but was soon subdued under the two large streams turned on by the firemen. Mr. Allen puts his loss at about \$300; no insurance. The other building, belonging to Mrs. Marks, was learned was not insured, and suffered considerable damage from both fire and water. Mr. Pierce's loss will amount to about \$50; no insurance.

The efficiency of our fire department was again demonstrated at this fire, though the evident lack of system in sounding the alarm was also made quite plain.

A grand fair will be held at the New Catholic Church, Carencro, La., on Saturday and Sunday, May 28 and 29, 1904. Ice cream, cakes, lemonade, champagne punch and fruits will be served; also gumbos. There will be a fancy work table to interest the ladies. Tombola and other amusements will be provided, and there will be theatrical performances both days. A brass band will furnish music both days and a restaurant will furnish meals each day. Come and bring your friends and have a good time, as the fair will be held for the benefit of the church.

The insane asylum at Jackson contains 1,387 inmates. Of this number 590 are negroes and 797 are white. With the completion of the colored asylum at Alexandria in June next, a great deal of room will be afforded the whites, and will relieve the various parish jails of a number of inmates.

That splendid business stand under Sandoz Opera, on Main street, is for rent. Apply at this office.

Rev. F. J. Grimand, pastor of the Catholic Church at Carencro, spent a day here Thursday.

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### The Mass Meeting Last Saturday

Pursuant to a call which had been circulated throughout this parish, a mass meeting of the citizens thereof was held at the Courthouse last Saturday, for the purpose of taking the sense of the people on the question of the division of the parish.

The meeting was called to order by Judge Lewis. Hon. J. Thompson was made president, chairman, and Messrs. J. Sandoz and Moore Garland, secretaries.

On motion of J. J. Bailey, a committee on resolutions was appointed, as follows: J. J. Bailey, Yves Andrepoint, M. Lewis, J. L. Garland, T. H. Lewis, Marius Fontenot, Frank Lebedeau, V. A. O'Quinn, Charles Lafleur, W. B. Rogers, W. B. Prescott, Henry Singleton, Adeline Guidry, Paulin Fontenot, J. LaFleur.

The committee reported the following resolutions, which, after thorough debate, were adopted, viz:

Whereas, it has come to our knowledge that some of the citizens of this parish have formed a plan to appeal to the General Assembly to pass an act creating a new parish to be taken from the northern part of St. Landry and the southern part of Avoyelles; and whereas, no issue of question of that character has been brought before our people, or at the recent primary election, and our representatives in that body have not necessarily ignored the wishes of their constituency in the premises; and whereas, the meeting is supposed to be a division of the territory of our parish, and we have been informed, our citizens, with but few exceptions, are decidedly of the same opinion;

"Therefore, we, the undersigned voters and electors of the parish of St. Landry, have this day assembled pursuant to the call issued for the purpose of making the protest against the division of any portion of our territory with which to form a new parish, or in any manner changing our territorial boundary line, and we feel it just in the fact that we have, next to Calcasieu, the largest parish in the State; that we have the largest population except Orleans, and that with that exception our natural resources will in the not distant future, when fully developed, give us the production of being the wealthiest and most populous parish in the State, as well as the most influential, political and commercial center of the State;

"We, therefore, regard with extreme disfavor any proposition that would deprive us in the least degree of the territory which we now enjoy among our sister parishes, and which we hope at no distant day to enjoy to a much greater degree than we do at present; and we oppose the proposed division of our territory because it would deprive us of the territory which we have, and we feel it just in the fact that we have, next to Calcasieu, the largest parish in the State; that we have the largest population except Orleans, and that with that exception our natural resources will in the not distant future, when fully developed, give us the production of being the wealthiest and most populous parish in the State, as well as the most influential, political and commercial center of the State;

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to prevent the taking of any portion of the territory of St. Landry parish for the formation of any parish: Dr. W. M. Thompson, M. L. Fontenot, H. Y. Singleton, P. Fontenot, W. Budden, A. Moreau, George Roger, E. V. Barry, Y. Andrepoint, M. Dejean, E. Dubuisson, T. J. Lewis, J. J. Lafleur, Dr. J. Stagg, Paulin Fontenot, the committee to meet at the Courthouse here on Monday, May 2d, at 11 o'clock a. m.

The Australian ballot feature in our election law, designed to protect the secrecy of the ballot, by reason of the steadily increasing neglect in many localities to provide booths enabling the voter to prepare his ballot, has had the contrary effect, that the primary of January 19th, in New Orleans, notably, the booths were not provided, and "the friends" to assist (?) the voter was substituted for them. This made the voting as open as the old viva voce way in Kentucky. Following the lead, the pace set in New Orleans, the booth fell into "innocent" disrepute in this city, last Tuesday, in some, if not all, of the polling places. The State is at considerable expense to carry on this ballot law upon the Australian ballot, and since it is used to repel and confuse the voter and destroy the secrecy of the ballot, the Legislature should hasten to repeal it and re-enact the old law which enabled the voter to fix his ticket at home or anywhere else. The People will stand unequivocally for a free ballot and a fair count in all elections.—The People.

The Marksville Blade makes the following very sensible suggestion: "The election is now over, and we hope that the people will be given a rest for a few months at least. The next thing to be decided will be the naming of a Congressman and the election of a Judge and a District Attorney, but as this is to be done in the fall we will enjoy a breathing spell between the rounds. We have made a State administration and elected parish and ward officers; let us now make a crop and everything will round up smoothly."

The Jolly editor of the Morgan City Review comments on some of the peculiarities of our State Capital as follows: "Baton Rouge is a great city for the State's Capital. The Times reports a policeman hitting a horse he was riding over the head with a club, because the animal was too lively to suit him. A dog bit a boy, who had his owner arrested, but the dog was justified by the court in biting the youth and the owner discharged. Great place is Baton Rouge—in fact a good field for the Salvation army."

A dollar saved is a dollar made. By buying your groceries from Allen T. Sandoz & Bro. you save many dollars in the course of time. You may have to walk a few blocks further, but you are amply repaid for your trouble by the difference in prices. We don't have to pay the high rents charged in the centre of town, and can therefore sell our goods at a lower price. Give us a call. Bertha phone 142. Store on Landry St., near railroad.

ALLEN T. SANDOZ & BRO.

We have received, with the compliments of John Jastremski, superintendent, the biennial report of the trustees and officers of the Louisiana Institute for the Deaf and Dumb at Baton Rouge to the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana for the years ending April 1, 1903-4. The number of pupils attending this institution in 1902-3 were 140—79 boys and 61 girls; 4 from St. Landry—2 boys and two girls.

W. Scott Heywood has gone to New York City to complete the organization of one of the largest salt mining companies in the southwest, which has secured large holdings at Anse La Butte. In drilling a well at that place the Heywood Brothers have encountered several large veins of salt, and it is known that developing this will be a paying proposition.

Town residence for rent—nice neighborhood, large shady yard, two-story dwelling, garden. Rent \$12.50 per month to the right party. Apply at this office.

The Novelty Shop, two blocks east of J. K. Sandoz & Brother's store. All kinds of repairs. Job work and plumbing a specialty. J. A. DRUMMOND.

For sale cheap—A large square of ground within the corporation. For particulars apply at this office.

Subscribers in arrears please call and settle up the score.

Now, just try this shoe; it will please you. FRED L. SANDOZ, Opelousas, La.

### Letter to P. T. Blacksher & Son.

Dear Sirs: We suspect you'd like the tale, how a woman beat two hardware dealers in Girard, Penn.

We tried our best to get those men to sell Devco lead-and-zinc in that bright town; and failed. Reluctantly took Mrs. E. R. Bowman, druggist.

They said they couldn't sell paint for more than \$1.25 a gallon. Mrs. Bowman can. She has sold about all the paint that has been sold there since.

She knew Devco; had sold our artists' materials. Had some sense and force, besides; she easily learned that cheap is dear in paint, and told the people.

Mr. Burt Young brought a gallon Devco for rooms that had always taken a gallon of other paint; had half left.

Mr. E. H. Hiler, jeweler, painted Devco, and says it goes further—no particulars.

Mr. John Hanna, grocer, thought it expensive before he bought it; brought back nearly half of his paint, and said it was the cheapest job he ever had.

Mrs. Bowman reports universal satisfaction. So much for a cheap paint town with a bright woman in it.

Yours truly  
F. W. DEVCO & Co.  
New York

The Lily Whites shout for white supremacy and Roosevelt, and Roosevelt shouts for negro equality of the most pronounced type. This is a glaring inconsistency, and there is something wrong somewhere. No follower of Roosevelt can be a sincere white supremacist.

The State campaign is over, but the Presidential campaign will soon be on. Will the Lily Whites continue to shout for white supremacy and hurrah for Roosevelt? If not, why not? We await developments.—Thibodaux Sentinel.

Continuous advertising creates confidence. The prevailing opinion is that one cannot be constantly before the public without being found out and known for what he is. The people believe in a man who can stand trial by the public.

If you want to make any kind of showing in business you must advertise and also have well-printed stationery. The COURIER is furnishing the best grade of both advertising and stationery.

For rent, a store building 25 by 50 feet on Main street, one block from St. Landry State Bank. For terms, etc., apply at this office.

Read the advertisements.

WATER vs. WHISKEY.  
These lines are respectfully dedicated to my esteemed friend, Hardeman Lewis: "Come the glass of whiskey to the glass of water; 'Tis the glass of water that is the best of all." To which the class of water replied: "Happy are the homes where I reside; Where love and reason do reside; With a hand that's always open wide, And a heart that's never will betide To turn the class of water round; Where your grasp is as welcome as the hand of a dear one in a foreign land; And as you do now invite me, Whose motive is so good and grand."

The glass of whiskey answered in dispar: "Homes have I wrecked beyond repair; As though a d. man had possession there; This have I done almost everywhere; In the land of the brave and home of the fair; Widows and orphans I've eternally robbed; Children I've starved and mothers sobbed; With power and authority I've hobbled; Until all their early possessions I've sopped. The great John L. Sullivan I've knocked out; But that is nothing for me to boast about; Greater than he have I succumbed to my wrath; When I felt inclined to administer the lash; Have I felt obliged to leave the Pacific gate; Filling jails and almshouses everywhere; And until I'd done a week's stint in the pen; I've barred the gates of heaven, opened wide; The angels I've created no mortal tongue can tell; As an agent of the evil one I fulfilled my mission well; And an always on the lookout for more victims to convert; On my door this inscription you'll find: "All ye who enter here leave hope behind."

### NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION.

PROBATE DOCKET, DISTRICT COURT PARISH OF ST. LANDRY.  
ESTATE OF JOSEPH D. GUILLORY.  
No. 5925.

Whereas, Madon Guillory, of the parish of St. Landry, has petitioned the Court for letters of administration on the estate of the late Joseph D. Guillory, deceased, intestate, and the Court has been duly sworn in and the said estate is now open for the purpose of showing cause, within seven days, why the proposed executor should not be granted and why the description and valuation of the said estate should not be approved and homologated.

By order of the Court: H. E. ESTORGE, Clerk of Court.

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally came and appeared Madon Guillory, being the executor named in the will of the late Joseph D. Guillory, deceased, and said: That the following is a true and faithful description and valuation of the property and effects left by Joseph D. Guillory, the decedent herein, to-wit:

1—One tract of prairie land, together with the buildings and improvements thereon, containing four arpents, more or less, bounded on the north by the land of Azelion Guillory, on the south by Railroad land, on the east by the land of Armand Fontenot, and on the west by the land of Widow Andre Thompson, valued at one hundred and sixty-four dollars. \$64.00  
2—One set of blacksmith's tools, valued. 10.00  
3—Four pig rails, valued. 25.00  
4—One horse, valued. 50.00  
5—Farming implements, valued. 25.00  
6—One old saddle, valued. 2.00

Total, \$246.00  
Annuitant of the said estate, the sum of two hundred and forty-two (\$422) dollars. (Signed) MADON GUILLORY, Executor and subscriber to the will of the said Joseph D. Guillory, on the 25th day of April, A. D. 1904. L. AUSTIN FONTENOT, Notary Public, April 30, 1904—11.

SHERIFF'S SALE.  
DISTRICT COURT, PARISH OF ST. LANDRY, STATE OF LOUISIANA.  
JOHN CLEGG vs. MRS. GERTRUDE HARRIS, WIDOW.  
No. 17,192.

By virtue of a writ of F. C. issued out of the Honorable the District Court in and for the parish of St. Landry, in the above entitled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have edited and will proceed to sell, at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, at the Court House, at Opelousas, La., on

Saturday, June 4, 1904,  
at 10 o'clock a. m., the following described property to-wit:

104 91-100th acres of land situated in the west half of section seven, township four, south of the fourth east of Louisiana Meridian, as described as lot 2 on a plat filed with process verbal of sale of date Dec. 4th, 1902, in the estate of Isabelle Barrand.  
Terms—Cash. M. L. SWORNS, Sheriff, April 30, 1904.

NOTICE.—Land Office at New Orleans, April 29, 1904.—Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his claim to the land in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before John Evans, U. S. Commissioner, at Post Office at Carencro, Louisiana, on Saturday, on June 1, 1904, viz:

John H. O'Banion, who made Homestead Entry No. 25,218 for the E 1/4 of S 1/4 Sec. 27, T. 2, S. R. 2, W. 4, La. Mer. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: William L. Perry, John Leggett, Thomas Y. Peters, all of Beaver, La., April 23, 1904. WALTER L. COHEN, Register.

NOTICE.—Land Office at New Orleans, La., April 8, 1904.  
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before John Evans, U. S. Commissioner, at Turkey Creek P. O., La., between the hours of 9 a. m. and 4 p. m., on May 21, 1904, viz:

Emile G. Johnson, who made Homestead Entry No. 19,795 for the E 1/4 of N 1/4 W 1/4 of N E 1/4 of S 1/4 of T. 2, S. R. 2, W. 4, La. Mer. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: Mickel O. Erwin, Glenora, La.; David E. Perry, Oakdale, La.; Jonathan W. Welch, of Glenora, La., and Edward Elliott, of Glenora, La., April 16, 1904. WALTER L. COHEN, Register.

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TAKEN UP AS ESTERAY.  
By the undersigned at Plaisance, a brown spotted COW, about 10 years old, branded on the right hip about this P. M.  
Also a red COW about 10 years old, unbranded. These animals have been ranging in the neighborhood for about four years.  
The owner is notified to come forward, prove property, pay costs and take them away or they will be disposed of according to law.  
April 30-11  
Plaisance, La.

TAKEN UP.  
By the undersigned, at Mallet, one black mare, about two years old, medium size, white spot on forehead, not branded.  
Owner will please come forward, prove property, pay costs and take same away.  
April 30, 1904 GASTON DANJEON, Church Point, La.

### PARTITION SALE.

In the matter of the Estate of Louis Delahoussaye, deceased.  
19TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, PARISH OF ST. MARTIN.

In accordance with the terms of a judgment rendered by the Honorable the Nineteenth Judicial District Court of the State of Louisiana, in and for the parish of St. Martin, in the above entitled matter, a partition thereof, Probate docket No. 2001, ordering the sale of the property belonging to the said estate, for the purpose of effecting a partition thereof among the heirs, and by virtue of a commission to me directed, L. M. L. SWORDS, Sheriff of the parish of St. Landry, will on the

Twenty-eighth Day of May, 1904,  
offer for sale and sell at public auction to the last and highest bidder, at the Court House at Opelousas, La., and between legal sale hours, the following described property belonging to the above said estate, to-wit:

No. 2—The S E 1/4 of N E 1/4 of Sec. 8, T. 3, S. R. 2, E. containing 80.14 acres.  
No. 10—The N E 1/4 of N W 1/4 Sec. 8, T. 3, S. R. 2, E. containing 80.14 acres.  
No. 11—W 1/4 of S 1/4 of S 1/4 of S 1/4 of Sec. 8, T. 3, S. R. 2, E. containing 40.07 acres.  
No. 13—Lots 1 and 2, Sec. 8, T. 3, S. R. 2, E. containing 80.14 acres.  
No. 14—S E 1/4 of Sec. 10, T. 4, S. R. 2, E. containing 163.56 acres.  
No. 15—N W 1/4 of Sec. 2, T. 4, S. R. 2, W. containing 132.86 acres.  
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Terms—Cash. M. L. SWORDS, Sheriff, April 23, 1904—11m

### PUBLIC SALE.

ESTATE OF LUCIFEN SOLEAU.  
No. 5922.  
PROBATE DOCKET, DISTRICT COURT PARISH OF ST. LANDRY.  
By virtue of an order of the Honorable the District Court in and for the parish of St. Landry, there will be sold at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, at the Court House, at Opelousas, or at any duly qualified auctioneer, at the last residence