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Opelousas Courier.

PUBLISHED ON SATURDAY BY
LEONCE SANDOZ.
TWO DOLLARS A YEAR IN ADVANCE.
\$1.00 for Six Months.

There were 10 deaths and about 60 prostrations from the intense heat in New York city last Wednesday.

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

We can supply you with any kind of groceries from our large stock, and we make the prices right. Allen T. Sandoz & Bro.

Misses Heloise, Pearl and Selina Chachere and Messrs. Alexis Sandoz and Jas. O. Chachere left last Sunday for Cooper's Well, Miss.

The attention of our readers is directed to the advertisement of Chas. F. Lesassier, in another column, dealer in watches, clocks, jewelry, etc.

Aged United States Senator John H. Mitchell of Oregon has been convicted of taking fees for practicing before the federal departments at Washington.

If you want to keep posted on State and National affairs, there is no better way than by subscribing to The People, published at Baton Rouge, La.

It is stated from Baton Rouge that the total in the increase of assessment rolls of the parishes of the State for this year, as compared with last year, will be about forty million dollars.

Solicitor General Hoyt, of the Department of Justice, after carefully reviewing the facts, has recommended the prosecution of the parties implicated in the cotton-leak scandal.

Robt. Chachere is selling out a lot of the celebrated Royal Sewing Machines at less than half price. If you need a reliable sewing machine here is your chance. See advertisement.

On August 4 and 5 an examination of public school teachers will be held at Opelousas, when all teachers not legally provided with certificates and who desire to continue to teach school will be required to pass an examination.

The following days in Louisiana are legal holidays: January 1, February 22, Good Friday, May 30, June 3, July 4, November 1, Thanksgiving day and December 25. When any of the above dates fall on Sunday, the following day, Monday, shall be considered a holiday.

The St. Landry Lumber Co. was organized here last week, with Louis Rogers, president; Benj. F. Tucker, vice-president; and Oscar L. Gregory, secretary and treasurer. The objects and purposes of the company are fully set forth in the charter which will be found in another column.

The Summer Normal School opened here last Monday with nearly one hundred teachers in attendance. Prof. Gayle, assisted by Prof. Prescott and Misses Lillian Knox and Lillian Gibbs, are conducting the school. Sessions are being held at 8:40 a. m. and 2 p. m. daily. The school will be in session one month.

We had a pleasant visit last Saturday from the editor of the Washington Backbone. Mr. Hanson is no amateur in journalism, having had practical experience in all its branches from Devil to Editor, and is therefore qualified to give our neighbors a good paper with his efforts in that direction meet with proper encouragement.

Several plans have been submitted for the new hotel to be erected by the Opelousas Improvement and Development Co., and as the location has been purchased it is proposed to advertise for bids as soon as the plans are adopted, and have the building completed without delay. Those who have not yet taken stock in the enterprise should do so at once.

A meeting of the citizens of Opelousas—and all interested in the progress of the old town—will be held at the Courthouse next Monday night, July 17th, at 8 o'clock. Gov. Snyder will be present and address the meeting, and the committees appointed at previous meetings will submit reports concerning the prospects of securing the Colorado Southern Railroad through Opelousas, Let everyone attend, and be on hand at 8 o'clock sharp.

At Its Same Old Tricks.

The official journal of the parish of St. Landry had been boasting about all the great things it was going to do when it's last year's contract was nearing its end. At the last meeting of the Police Jury, on the 3d inst., it was again awarded the contract, and in view of its former promises it was naturally expected that the official proceedings of that body would be published in its issue of the 8th, five days later, but they were not, and the jury and the public will have to await the convenience of the official printer in the matter, as has been the case for many years. We hardly expected the Clarion to go back on its promises and its contract that soon, especially as the Police Jury had just rejected our tender of \$500 for the public schools in order that the Clarion might have the contract.

Evening Club.

Misses Gertrude and Lelia Sandoz entertained the Evening Club at euchre last Monday evening.

The ladies' first prize was won by Mrs. W. J. Sandoz; second by Miss Sallie Powers, and the lone hand by Miss Effie Dimmick. The gent's first prize by Mr. Isaac Roos; second by Mr. Lionel Bienvenu, and the lone hand by Mr. Mason McBride.

The present were Misses Goldie Gardinal, Effie Dimmick, Sallie Powers, Louise and Gladys Randall, Estelle and Marie Sandoz, and Mary Swords; Mrs. E. J. Williams of New Orleans; Mesdames Leopold Dejean and Jos. Firnberg; Messrs. James B. Meagle, J. J. Perrodin, Sidney Dejean, Alfred Dupré, Fred Hollier, Austin Perkins, James Dejean, Bayard J. Sandoz, Elbert Sandoz, Jonas Jacobs and Dr. L. J. Williams; Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Bienvenu, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sandoz, Mr. and Mrs. A. Leon Dupré, Mr. and Mrs. M. McBride, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Loeb, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Saizan, and Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Roos.

Mr. Frank Brand returned to Opelousas last Monday from his Philadelphia trip a sadder but wiser man. He says the citizens of the City of Brotherly Love are so impregnated with graft that they stay up all night looking for suckers. Verily, the days of our forefathers have gone glimmering the way of Quay et al. until every other citizen in that graft-ridden town looks upon his neighbor with suspicion.

Dear old Blanche, that \$5,000 fire engine which has cost some of our enterprising citizens many sleepless nights to secure, is still exposed to the elements, through no fault of her own. She has rendered valiant services in days gone by, which should insure her against such heartless treatment by her former admirers.

The Rayne Tribune grows enthusiastic and turns itself loose in this style: Cotton is soaring around the 12-mark, rice approaching 4 cents, corn \$1.10, sugar-cane out of sight, eggs \$1.00 per 100, chickens roosting high, and crop prospects pleasing in this vicinity. Gee, won't Rayne be right in the middle of it this fall?

We have a large stock of cuts of all kinds for the display of advertisements or job work. We have the type to please anybody and the material to do the work. If you want the best job work, or want to advertise to the greatest number of readers, the COURIER office is the place.

FOR RENT—A large store building in the center of town, on same block with postoffice, U. S. Court house, leading hotel, newspaper and job printing office, and drug-store. Possession given immediately. Apply at COURIER office.

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.

If you drink wine you want the best imported and the best California wines. You can always have them at Allen T. Sandoz & Bro.

You don't have to wait for your job printing when you have it done at the COURIER office. All work delivered on time—every time.

Furnished room for rent, centrally located; \$1.50 per week. Apply to J. C. Pierce, COURIER office.

Pure Wines and liquors for family and medical use, at Allen T. Sandoz & Bro's.

Subscribe for the COURIER.

Duties of the Good Citizen.

Charles J. Bonaparte, our new Secretary of the Navy, appears to be a man of the same stamp as his brilliant and patriotic chief, President Roosevelt. The latter loses no opportunity to remind the citizens of the whole country of some of their neglected duties, and has frequently since his election given them some excellent advice along that line, which we are sure must ultimately be productive of good results. Others of lesser note throughout the country, such as Folk of Missouri, Weaver of Philadelphia, etc., have both by precept and example recently inculcated some very striking and forcible lessons in good citizenship. They were very much needed. Mr. Bonaparte, who is nearly related to the great Napoleon, and is an intensely patriotic American besides, evidently thinks so too. At a recent large gathering of Christian Endeavorers at Baltimore he spoke in part as follows:

"The underlying evil in the administration of our public affairs is simply dishonesty. Our public offices are too often held by dishonest men, too often gained by dishonest means, too often used for dishonest ends. Of course, I do not mean that all or a majority, or even any large number of our officials, take public moneys or fraudulently waste public property. The great bulk of Americans in public employ wish and intend to do their duty, but a grave and mischievous, though very common, confusion of ideas as to what is their duty makes the best of them sometimes fail to do it, and permits the worst often to neglect it with impunity.

"The error is rooted in the mistaken and immoral theory as to the nature of the position they hold. In law and morals alike a public office belongs to the people; its duties are fixed by the people's laws; its salaries are paid with the people's money.

"Therefore every office created either by the constitution or by the laws authorized by that instrument is a public trust created for the public benefit. While, however, few deny flatly and openly the truth of the doctrine thus laid down, it is practically contradicted every day and in all parts of the Union for seventy-five years we have permitted our public offices to be treated as mere loot in a political warfare, not as trusts belonging to the people, but as 'spoils' belonging to the victors.

"Civil service reform, in fact, applies a caustic to the very ulcer in our politics in the application of morality and common sense in the choice of public servants. The typical American politician developed by the spoils system of politics earns his living by holding, if he can get it, a public office in return for past or expected party work; to get rid of him and his work we must thoroughly eradicate from our own minds and those of our fellow-citizens the absurd and wicked notion that offices are 'spoils.' This must be our first step if we would purify our politics.

"Nevertheless every man who interests himself actively in the good government of his city, who tries to secure for it a sufficient police force and fire department, well-paved streets, judicious regulations for the public health, public buildings in good repair, public schools in good working order, and with all, low taxes and a dwindling debt; who does what he can to enforce the law, punish crime and safeguard the order, good morals and prosperity of the community, so far as these are entrusted to public officers, every such man is engaged in 'politics'; is, in the Greek sense of the word, a 'politician.'

"But if we mean by politics the trade of living on the taxpayers and getting rich at their cost, it is useless to consider how this occupation can be 'purified.'

"Between the good and bad man in politics there is and should be a warfare without truce or quarter; for whoever would now do good in any form to his fellow-men finds the degradation of our political life a hindrance in his task. If he would protect the public health, wisely relieve want, train youth, shelter the unfortunate, suppress vice or punish crime, you must deal with the boss' and 'ring,' and to do this allotted work well, must sooner or later sweep them from his path. He cannot, however, much as he would, let them alone, for they will not, indeed they cannot let him alone. Could he and those like-minded with him attain full success, their power and prosperity were doomed, for they would then have no victims whereon to prey, no dupes to do their work; by the very law of their

being, they are the natural enemies of every one who would lead others to a higher, purer and healthier life.

"To have a good, popular government we must first of all and before all else have good citizens. Burke's well-known words have often been quoted, but we cannot too steadily remember that, as he said, 'There never was long a corrupt government of a virtuous people.' When we find any self-governing community afflicted with mis-government we can safely and fairly believe that it does not deserve a better fate. It may indeed wish to be well governed, but it does not wish hard enough for good government to make bad government impossible. The question of good government in America is essentially a moral and only incidentally a political one; this is also true of all governments, and more clearly and emphatically of popular government than of any other. I mean by this that the friends of good government in America, and especially of America today, have to do much less to devise methods for the efficient and economical administration of economical affairs than to clearly and frequently set forth and to constantly and forcibly impress on the attention of their fellow-citizens the true and admitted ends and principles of government and the daily manifest and grievous derelictions of duty on the part of public officers and of the voters.

"Our aim is to spare Americans shame at the government of their country; to rescue the noblest work of our politics from its basest hands; to root out national vices which threaten to make us a political Sodom among Christian peoples; he who sees such a goal before him can well fight on with cool confidence that any temporary reverse, any individual apostasy, any seeming injustice of public opinion, are but inevitable incidents of so momentous a struggle, but fitting preludes to glorious victory."

A choice assortment of fine table wines—domestic and imported at Allen T. Sandoz & Bro's.

If you want any job work done, send it to us.

Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen, Town of Opelousas.

Opelousas, La., July 3, 1905.
To the Hon. Members of the Board of Aldermen:
Gentlemen—There will be a meeting of your board to-night at 8 p. m. for the purpose of transacting the business of the regular meeting of the month, which falls today, its being a legal holiday. Respectfully,
C. F. BAILEY, Clerk. B. A. LITTELL, Mayor.

(Endorsed.)
Received the above notice on the 8th day of July, 1905, and on the same day and date notified Messrs. J. S. Evans, Homer Ventre, F. L. Sandoz and Dr. F. J. Palford in person. I was unable to notify Mr. L. C. Sollean, as he was absent from town. Signed,
C. L. HAYES, Marshal.

Opelousas, La., July 13, 1905.
To the Hon. Members of the Board of Aldermen:
Gentlemen—There will be a meeting of your board to-night at 8 p. m. for the purpose of transacting the business of the call meeting of date July 13, 1905, which failed on account of there not being a quorum present. Attest:
C. F. BAILEY, Clerk. B. A. LITTELL, Mayor.

(Endorsed.)
Received the above notice on the 13th day of July, 1905, and on the same day and date notified Messrs. H. Ventre, J. S. Evans, F. L. Sandoz, L. C. Sollean and Dr. F. J. Palford in person. Signed,
C. L. HAYES, Marshal.

The Board of Aldermen met this day in accordance with the above call, with the following members present:
B. A. Littell, Mayor, presiding; J. S. Evans, Homer Ventre, and F. L. Sandoz, Aldermen.
Absent, J. C. Sollean and F. J. Palford.
Quorum present.

On motion, duly seconded and carried, the following report was read and approved:
C. L. Hayes, tax collector, makes the following report:
Opelousas, La., July 3, 1905.
To the Hon. Mayor and Members of the Board of Aldermen:
Gentlemen—Herewith tender you my report of collections for month ending July 4, 1905, as follows:
Corporate Tax, 1902.....\$ 15 00
Waterworks " "..... 7 50
Corporation " 1903..... 16 00
Interest..... 3 25
Waterworks Tax, 1903..... 8 00
Corporation " 1904..... 45 80
Waterwork " "..... 45 80
Market dues..... \$63 00
Less janitor's salary..... 85 00
Earnings on fine..... 85 00
Stock fines..... 19 00
Total..... \$275 70
Respectfully submitted,
C. L. HAYES,
TOWN TAX COLLECTOR.

On motion, duly seconded and carried, the report was accepted as read, and referred to the Finance Committee.
C. F. Bailey, collector of waterworks and electric light plant, makes his report of collections for the month ending July 3, 1905, amounting to \$854.35.

On motion, duly seconded and carried, the report was accepted as read, and referred to the Finance Committee.
Report furnished by F. L. Sandoz, treasurer of the Town of Opelousas, La., for the month ending July 3, 1905:
Dr.
Balance as per report June 6, 1905.....\$13,119 49
July 3, in cash from C. F. Bailey, clerk..... 854 35
July 3, in cash from C. L. Hayes, tax collector..... 275 70
July 21, sidewalk assessment..... 201 98-14,448 99
Cr.
Less warrants paid, as per warrants.....\$ 1,265 48
Balance on hand July 3, 1905.....\$12,748 26
Distributed as follows:
To credit general fund.....\$1,991 74
" license "..... 4,484 87
" fines..... 684 70
" w. & e. l. ex. fund..... 246 15
" market fund..... 1,092 73
" sidewalk assessment..... 687 50
Respectfully submitted,
F. L. SANDOZ,
TOWN TREASURER.

On motion, duly seconded and carried, the report was accepted as read and referred to the Finance Committee.
The Finance Committee, after examining the report, declare same correct, and ordered the treasurer be credited with the sum of \$12,665.46, and warrants cancelled for same, which was accordingly done.

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St. Landry State Bank,

OPELOUSAS, LA.

Capital, Surplus & Undivided Profits

\$128,299.00.

AMPLE RESOURCES,
PROMPT AND COURTEOUS SERVICE.

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES FOR RENT.

The Opelousas National Bank

Opelousas, La.,
Began Business October 1st, 1903.

June 30th, 1904.		June 30th, 1905.	
Capital.....	\$50,000 00	Capital.....	\$50,000 00
Surplus and Profits \$4,488.76		Surplus and Profits \$12,935.54	
Deposits.....	\$84,197 54	Deposits.....	\$168,077 07

Accounts Solicited.

President.....E. B. DUBUISSON
Vice-President.....J. B. SANDOZ
Cashier.....A. LEON DUPRE
Assistant Cashier.....J. A. PERKINS

You know what it has been in the past.
It is going to be the same in the future.

Purity,
Freshness,
Care in Compounding.

SANDOZ THE DRUGGIST.
Phone 149. Landry street, near Bridge.

BERRY'S CREOLE TEA

THE GREATEST OF ALL KIDNEY AND LIVER MEDICINES



Do your Kidneys hurt, is your Liver sluggish, are you troubled with constipation, dyspepsia, biliousness, sick headaches, and irregularities?

THEN USE BERRY'S CREOLE TEA

A guaranteed cure for all diseases arising from Impure Liver and Bad Digestion. The natural result after using this medicine is good appetite and solid flesh.

It is Pleasant to Take, "Travels With Ease and Acts Like Exercise"

The best medicine for every member of the family, and indispensable in every home. Send for sample dose and free health booklet.

For Sale by MASON'S DRUG STORE, HAAS LITTELL CO., Ltd., SANDOZ THE DRUGGISTS, and all leading druggists, or direct
E. R. BERRY CHEMICAL CO., (Medicine Dept.) ST. LOUIS, MO.

A. C. Jones, superintendent of the W. W. and E. L. plant, made the following report:
REPORT OF A. C. JONES FOR JUNE, 1905.
To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the Board of Aldermen:
Gentlemen—Herewith tender you my report of regular employees.....\$ 376 50
Fuel oil used, 225 bids at 45¢ per bid..... 236 25
Material used on wiring, carbons, etc..... 249 50
Total..... \$ 862 25
Money due from wiring..... \$ 214 71
Operating expenses..... \$ 631 54
Revenue from light meters..... \$ 887 21
Revenue from water meters..... 184 00
Total revenue..... \$ 1,071 81
Profit..... \$ 57 51
Respectfully submitted,
A. C. JONES,
Superintendent.

On motion, duly seconded and carried, the report was accepted as read.
On motion of Evans, duly seconded and carried, that the sum of \$225 be appropriated out of any available fund for the purpose of purchasing a wagon and horse for the E. L. & W. plant, as well as to build a shed for the protection of same.
The chair appoints Sandoz and Evans as a committee of two to make said purchase.
On motion of Evans, duly seconded and carried, that the sum of \$1.50 be refunded to Henry O. Latham on account of erroneous assessment.
The following bills were read and approved:
Joe Ducharme, feeding prisoners..... 1 00
C. L. Hayes, marshal, cash paid for labor..... 3 50
Dietlin & Jacobs, hauling safe..... 6 00
Childs & Wilson, iron scraper..... 20 50
C. L. Hayes, 2 p. c. com. on \$118.50..... 2 35
C. L. Hayes, 5 p. c. com. on \$25.00..... 1 25
Albert Clary, brooms, brushes, etc..... 80
A. C. Skiles, two lbs. lime, lumber, etc..... 7 26
J. S. Evans, one box oil..... 19
H. Bodemiller, 500 envelopes..... 75
C. F. Bailey, registration of letter, etc..... 15
On motion, duly seconded and carried, the Board adjourned subject to call.
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C. F. BAILEY, Clerk. B. A. LITTELL, Mayor.

JUDICIAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

SHERIFF'S SALE.
DISTRICT COURT, PARISH OF ST. LANDRY,
STATE OF LOUISIANA.

PACIFIC IMPROVEMENT CO. vs PAUL LE DANOIS.
No. 1749.

By virtue of an order of seizure and sale issued out of the Hon. the Sixteenth Judicial District Court of the State of Louisiana, in and for the Parish of St. Landry, in the above entitled and numbered suit, at 11 o'clock a. m. I have seized and will proceed to sell at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, the principal front door of the Court House in Opelousas, St. Landry parish, La., on

Saturday, August 5th, 1905,
at 11 o'clock a. m., the following described property, to-wit:

1—The undivided one-half interest and ownership of the south half of the north-east quarter of section thirty-four, and the south half of the north-west quarter, and the north-west quarter of the south-west quarter of section thirty-five in township three, south range one, west, the said undivided half interest containing one hundred and 50/100 acres, acquired by promisor from the South Western Louisiana Land Co., July 16, 1892.