

Published Twice a Week—Saturday and Wednesday—by THE COURIER PRINTING CO., LTD. Main Street, Opelousas, La.

SUBSCRIPTION
Once a Week..... One Dollar a Year
Twice a Week..... Two Dollars a Year

LEONCE SANDOZ.....Manager

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Leonce Sandoz, President; Jno. W. Lewis, Vice-President; J. H. Harmanon, Secretary; Leon S. Haas, Treasurer; Homer Barousse, J. B. Sandoz, W. C. Perrault, Samuel Haas, Jas. O. Chachere.

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 1908

A coat of white-wash will improve things mightily right now. Its cheap too.

The man who knows enough to attend to his own business, knows all that is worth knowing.—Chicago News.

Eight ice companies in New Orleans have increased the price of their product from \$2.50 to \$3 per ton.

John Jones, a famous river man, supposed to have been the original of "Jim Bludso," died in Dakota Minn.

A German lottery agent who has been sentenced to 1,461 years imprisonment seems to have drawn an unlucky number.

The City Board of Health has called on every citizen to clean up and put his place in perfect sanitary condition. Do it.

It is a poor excuse of an old hen, if permitted to run loose in town, that cannot make at least one enemy out of a good neighbor.

A Chicago preacher says a girl who can't cook shouldn't marry. How about the man who lacks the ability to provide something to cook?

Dr. Dodson director of the experiment stations of the State University, has issued a biennial report covering the work in Louisiana for the past two years.

The Dallas News suggests that a glance at the quoted prices on the hog market ought to convince any farmer that there's more money in selling bacon than in buying it.

"If the weather were always uniform," says the Boston Globe, "most people would be at a loss frequently for a topic of conversation." Not at all. They would simply knock their neighbors more frequently.

The retiring police jury in East Baton Rouge parish will leave office with the parish free from debt. A debt of \$50,000 has been carried by the parish since the close of the civil war and was paid off during the past four years.

The city council of Monroe has passed an ordinance declaring pool rooms to be a nuisance and ordering such places in the city to be closed. The ordinance provides for a fine of \$100 for violations of the ordinance.

The House Agricultural Committee has voted to incorporate a provision in the appropriation bill that will have Congress provide for the classification of cotton and appropriate money to fight the boll weevil and cattle tick.

It is announced from Panama that the canal is now one-fifth completed and that the diggings will be finished in three more years. Now that the estimates have been brought down to years instead of decades, the country has some hope that the big ditch will be finished at some time or other.

Every property holder and tenant should take the greatest of pride in cleaning up and keeping their holdings and home in an admitted sanitary condition. Health is happiness. We have the reputation of having the healthiest climate, the best drainage and the best water in the state. Let us keep that reputation by all means.

We heard one of our citizens say a good word for insurance companies the other day and we hasten to give the companies the benefit of it. He said with all their faults they always gave away good blotters and calendars.

This reminds us that if our business men are going to need any blotters or calendars they would do well to see us before ordering.

Let's quit knocking the railroad, the trusts, the army, the navy, the politicians and even the muck-rakers for a spell and talk about something pleasant and hopeful. There's the climate of Southwest Louisiana, for instance. Even to think about it fills the heart of the gloomiest pessimist with perennial song.—Signal.

The other day a San Francisco bank depositor asked for his money and was chased into the street by the president of the institution who was armed with a gun. Little incidents like this always make New Yorkers more content with their own lot, hard as it may be.

A New Orleans preacher preached a strong sermon Sunday on the need of men taking part in New Orleans politics. Perhaps he is better late than never, but his sermon should have been preached the week before the primary election instead of the month after.—Crowley Signal.

The fourth span of the new bridge of the Southern Pacific Railroad across Berwick Bay, has been placed in position. There remains only five more spans to be put up, and the way the work is going ahead it will not be long before the bridge is completed.—St. Mary Banner.

The Progressive League of Opelousas has begun a move to improve the sanitary condition of our parish seat, and propose a very thorough renovation. The town is about 150 years old, so it is surely about time they were having a general house cleaning.—Eunice News.

Does the News intimate that it has been 150 years since our last house cleaning!

The esteemed Crowley Signal says that "the principle of selecting party candidates by primary election may be all right, but it has not been a success in Louisiana." No, not as yet, but after Jim Bailey finishes up with Mr. Lambremont and the New Orleans politicians, there may be a change for the better.—Shreveport Journal.

Many farmers in Southern Texas are suffering from a plague of ducks. They say that the birds are destroying their crops and that they can get no relief by reason of existing game laws, and will petition the legislature for a modification. Conditions are just opposite here—every duck seen in the country is met by an army of gunners. Texas can unload its misfortunes in this respect on us in big chunks.—Franklin Watchman.

The busy man and woman of the world are they who have attained to greatness. Many such have endured hardships and practiced rigid economy to enable them to meet the demands of a large family and the greatest men this country has produced have been men who have labored with hands and brain, after acquiring a competency, remembering the years that are gone, admit that their working years were their happiest ones.

It is now said the New Orleans ward bosses will go in to defeat the Constitutional Amendments to be voted on in the April election. Every amendment is for the good of the State and as they will cut off some of their soft snaps that they have enjoyed for years, they are going to try and defeat these measures. It is up to the other parishes to vote solid for the amendments.—Banner Democrat.

Much of the so-called friendship of the day is but pretense. It exists only in name and as soon as it ceases to be advantageous it is dropped. The friendship that continues the same in prosperity and adversity is to be prized, but all other kinds are worthless. It matters not how hard a man may struggle to do right and make a success of life there is always some loathsome reptile, some worthless wretch who is ready to drag him down, to blight his hopes and blast his fondest ambitions. The loss of money and property is not the greatest loss a man can sustain in the business world; far better to lose your money than to lose hope and ambition.

Two forces are at work in Georgia, one to make prohibition a constitutional amendment and thus put an end to any possible chance

of liquor selling ever being made legal again, and the other to so modify the present dramatic law as to permit the sale of light wines and beer. This fight will be made before the coming session of the Legislature thus making prohibition a live issue for still another year.

The suggestion for the Constitutional Amendment is prompted by the Georgia Anti-Saloon League, while it is generally understood that the big breweries of Georgia, with millions of dollars invested, are backing the other force.

Mr. Van B. Vinson, after an absence of 33 years from his native heath, returned to Franklin Tuesday to meet the friends of his boyhood days. He was as brave a soldier as ever drew a sword in defense of the South, but those days live in memory only, still the coming centuries will know of the unflinching marshall of those who followed the standard of Lee and Jackson. Mr. Vincent is now a resident of Houston, but no other place but St. Mary can be called home, with its true inspired meaning. Time has treated him kindly, and he looks younger than the mark of years which tell that he was a dashing, reckless soldier forty-six years ago. He is still active and full of patriotism. It was a sight to witness a meeting of those who served in that memorable struggle.—Franklin Watchman.

FUNCTIONS of GRAND JURIES

A recent letter of the Parish Attorney to the Police Jury informs that body that the functions of the Grand Jury are limited to the investigation of the cases of violation of law brought to their notice by official action, and that when the grand inquirers depart from this narrow path they become impertinent and unduly meddling, or words to that effect. This sounds like rank heresy to us. And we hope that it is. For if the Grand Jury cannot point out and suggest remedies for public abuses no matter where they exist, we are in a worse fix than we had any idea of. We are beginning to feel that the task of reforming things in St. Landry, including the Police Jury, is too big for us to handle alone, and we hope that some of our legal friends will demonstrate that the learned Parish Attorney is entirely wrong in his conclusions the subject.

TRY IT HERE

A plan for drawing trade to a town that has been successfully worked at several points might be adopted to advantage in this city. The plan is as follows: An agreement was reached between all the merchants whereby they offered special sales on certain days, each merchant selecting some special line of goods upon which he made a lower price than usual. Thus one dry goods house would sell gloves at a special price, while another would offer bargains in dress goods. One hardware merchant would reduce the price on skates. Every line of business was represented and care was taken that no conflicts occurred. Prizes were then offered to the farmer bringing in the best load of grain or the handsomest baby and the bargain day was extensively advertised in the surrounding country, the names of the merchants and their special sales being in all cases stated. The farmers responded in a most gratifying manner and the merchants were well pleased with the plan. The idea has already been carried out in several cities, why not give it a trial in Opelousas.

LOUISIANA'S SHAME

(Continued from page one.) but a by-word for thievery and fraud. In criticising this action of the Committee we want it to be distinctly understood that we are making no assault upon true democracy; we have been fighting the battles of the party too long and are too proud of its principles and traditions to do ought but for its good and advancement. We are going to support, those who have been declared the nominees of the party, even to Mr. Lambremont, who, we are sure, must feel flattered at the method of his selection, but at the same time we wish to sound this note of warning: If democracy is to continue to thrive in Louisiana it must deal fairly with those within its own ranks, it must point the finger of scorn and shame at those who stoop to dishonest methods in elections instead of screening and protecting them, and it must expurgate itself of the pernicious influence of that pilfering band known as the "bosses"

COMMUNICATION

We have been requested to publish the following communication which explains itself:

Opelousas, La., March 9, '08.
To Dr. Paul Foster,
Pres. St. Landry Parish Anti-Saloon League.

Sir: The statement has been made on the streets and has recently appeared over the signature of Mr. Gilbert Dupre in the Clarion, that the Opelousas Light and Water Plant cannot be run without the revenues which Opelousas receives from the saloons in the form of licenses.

As manager of said Light and Water plant I wish to put myself on record as saying that the plant cannot only be run without said revenues from whiskey but it should be made to provide a sinking fund to draw on to replace machinery as it wears out.

There is no more reason for the said plants needing an outside fund in the form of whiskey revenues than there is for any other business enterprise in this town needing it.

The people of the town will have to provide a larger plant and if this is properly done with the most efficient type of machinery, the plant could be made to yield a revenue of between \$5,000 and \$8,000 per year without any change in rates or condition of operation.

I personally intend to vote for prohibition because I do not wish to have to raise my children subject to the temptation of the barrooms, as I am afraid one of them might feel called upon to take the place of some of those that whiskey has sent to the penitentiary or to hell.

(Signed) A. C. JONES.

SCHOOL FUND APPORTIONMENT

St. Landry Parish Gets \$23,662.60 from the State.

The Department of Education has announced the following apportionment of the State school funds, and those superintendents who have qualified to receive these funds have received their checks, while others will receive them when they have qualified. The apportionment by parishes is as follows:

Acadia.....	\$ 11,334.70
Ascension.....	9,353.50
Assumption.....	9,565.40
Avoyelles.....	17,568.20
East Baton Rouge ..	14,257.10
West Baton Rouge ..	4,626.70
Bienville.....	9,230.00
Bossier.....	8,577.40
Caddo.....	19,697.60
Calcasieu.....	15,407.60
Caldwell.....	3,590.60
Cameron.....	1,524.90
Catahoula.....	8,122.40
East Carroll.....	4,914.00
West Carroll.....	2,037.10
Claiborne.....	9,163.70
Concordia.....	6,719.70
De Soto.....	12,733.50
Franklin.....	4,374.50
East Feliciana.....	8,806.20
West Feliciana.....	6,427.20
Grant.....	6,284.20
Iberia.....	13,374.40
Iberville.....	12,288.90
Jackson.....	5,415.80
Jefferson.....	5,714.80
Lafayette.....	9,178.00
Lafourche.....	12,355.20
Lincoln.....	6,406.40
Livingston.....	3,350.10
Madison.....	5,034.90
Morehouse.....	7,263.10
Natchitoches.....	15,541.50
Orleans.....	136,419.40
Ouachita.....	11,913.20
Plaquemines.....	5,727.80
Pointe Coupee.....	13,304.20
Rapides.....	15,906.80
Red River.....	5,431.40
Richland.....	4,787.90
Sabine.....	7,975.50
St. Bernard.....	1,337.70
St. Charles.....	4,004.00
St. Helena.....	3,554.20
St. James.....	8,257.60
St. John.....	4,963.40
St. Landry.....	23,662.60
St. Martin.....	10,440.30
St. Mary.....	13,538.90
St. Tammany.....	7,615.20
Tangipahoa.....	16,613.20
Tensas.....	8,606.00
Terrebonne.....	10,604.10
Union.....	7,849.40
Vermilion.....	11,138.40
Vernon.....	7,625.80
Washington.....	6,034.60
Webster.....	8,624.20
Winn.....	5,616.00

The Lucky Quarter. Is the one you pay out for a box or Dr. King's New Life Pills. They bring you the health that's more precious than jewels. Try them for headache, biliousness, constipation and malaria. If they disappoint you, the price will be cheerfully refunded at all druggists.

Good groceries and good service is what you always get when you trade with Allen T. Sandoz & Bro.

TO THE P

At a recent meeting of the City Board of Health, I was elected City Medical Examiner for the purpose of securing and maintaining as far as possible a thorough sanitary condition of our City. It is my duty to see that every citizen shall adhere strictly to the City Ordinance regarding sanitary measures without exception, and all violators of said Ordinance shall lay themselves liable to be fined, imprisoned, or both.

I respectfully request the aid of every citizen of Opelousas in our endeavor to make our City clean and healthy.

I deem it potent to mention some things that shall be expected of every resident and property holder of this City:

1. All cisterns must be screened with 18 mesh wire.
2. All yards must be thoroughly drained.
3. Weeds and tall grass must be cut and burned.
4. Cans, slops and garbage must be properly disposed of.
5. Pools of water around the premises must be drained, drained and disinfected.
6. OUT-HOUSES must be thoroughly cleansed, deodorized and disinfected.
7. The premises in general must be disinfected; that is, around the edges of the house, under the house and where damp spots are observed.
8. Hog pens must be torn down.
9. Chicken houses and kennels must be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected.
10. Stables must be cleansed, drained and disinfected.

As a scavenger, one hog, or two, just as the case may be, will be allowed, but shall not be confined in a pen.

I mention these items in order that every one may have a clear idea of what is expected of them by the City Board of Health.

Don't knock your inspector because your neighbor is violating the sanitary ordinance, simply report each case, and watch for developments.

As disinfectants, cheap articles such as crude carbolic acid, iron sulphate (commercial), 1 lb. to gal. water may be employed. This work must positively begin at once, for on April 1st the inspector will visit your premises, and should they be found in an unsanitary condition, the owner or resident shall be held according to the laws on sanitation in force at the present time.

All inquiries as to disinfecting, modes of disinfecting, etc., will be given prompt attention.

MERRICK SWORDS, M. D.
City Medical Inspector



The Tonic Properties of Old Whiskey

are recognized by all physicians of standing—whiskey to be medicinally pure must be the real article—such a whiskey is

Sunny Brook THE PURE FOOD Whiskey

It is distilled in the good old honest Kentucky way and its rare mellowness and richness of flavor comes only from years of perfect ageing. Every bottle is sealed with the Government "Green Stamp" upon which is clearly printed the exact Age, Proof and Quantity of whiskey within each bottle.

DELIVERED DIRECT TO YOU EXPRESS PREPAID BY ANY OF THE FOLLOWING DISTRIBUTERS:

Louis Pfister, New Orleans, La.

Pickel & Hand, Slidell, La.

Harry Hoyle, Slidell, La.

4 Bottles \$4 4 Bottles \$5
1-5th Gallon Rye or Bourbon Full Quarts Rye or Bourbon

Shipped in plain boxes. Send remittance with your order. No goods shipped C. O. D.

J. A. HAAS, President. L. T. CASTILLE, Cashier.
J. J. THOMPSON, Vice-President. LEOPOLD SIMON, Ass. Cashier.

St. Landry State Bank, OPELOUSAS, LA.,

OLDEST BANK IN ST. LANDRY PARISH, RE-ORGANIZED AUGUST, 1897.

CAPITAL, SURPLUS AND UNDIVIDED PROFITS

\$170,000.00

AMOUNT PAID IN DIVIDENDS, \$33,000.00.

ACCOUNTS SOLICITED.

Safety Deposit Boxes for Rent.

PROMPT ATTENTION TO ALL BANKING MATTERS ENTRUSTED TO US.

DIRECTORS: J. A. HAAS, JOS. M. BOAGNI, J. M. LICHTENBERG,
J. J. THOMPSON, SAM'L. HAAS, CHAS. F. BOAGNI.

For Rent That fine business stand under Opera House in the centre of City on Main street. Apply at the Courier Printing Office.

FIRST-CLASS Book and Job PRINTING At The Courier Office