

Progressive Alexandria.

The following is an extract from "Editorial Correspondence" in the Chicago Public, by Prof. J. H. Dillard, of New Orleans.

Alexandria, La., July 24.—This is one of the most progressive little cities in America. It has a population of ten thousand, most of whom live in homes that are neither offensive mansions nor offensive hovels. The town in its new growth is happily free from both extremes. The stranger who drives over it is struck at once by the number of modest cottages, which have the air of being owned by the occupants. This is especially true of the new part, known as West Alexandria. Here the paving has hardly kept pace with the growth, but in the main parts of the town there is more good paving than the visitors will see in any other Southern town of equal size.

The new post office is a pleasing building; but the pride of the town is justly centered in the court house and high school, both of which are excellent specimens of architecture, that would do credit to a city of any size. The court house cost a hundred thousand dollars, the high school fifty thousand; and the erection of each was financed in such a way as to make the burden fall as lightly as possible upon the taxpayers. I was informed that there was no graft in either job.

In Alexandria, as in other parts of the State, the question of assessments has been much discussed during the past few months. For this awakening of public attention to this most important matter, Governor Blanchard deserves great credit. He was here recently, and in a group of leading citizens, who had called at the hotel, he spoke with great earnestness and intelligence, showing how much more sensible in every way is a proper assessment with lower rates than a ridiculously low assessment with high rates. During the conversation the interesting fact came out that the upper and poorer lands of the State, which are more subdivided, are assessed relatively much higher than the rich alluvial and valley lands which are held in large plantations. But this is an old story.

One is not long in Alexandria without hearing the name of General Sherman. He was, at the outbreak of the civil war, superintendent of the military academy, the ruins of which may still be seen some three miles out of Pineville. Mr. Jonas Rosenthal, an old inhabitant, and the present enthusiastic and efficient president of the school board, told me that Sherman often loafed in his store and told good stories. He says that Sherman declared he would never fight against the South, but afterwards wrote that the pressure was so great he had to go in.

J. H. DILLARD.

Communication.

Lafayette, La., August 7, 1905.
The Lafayette Advertiser:

Will you kindly publish this to explain that my resignation as a member of the Board of Health of the town was based on the refusal of the City Council to acquiesce in the recommendation of the Board that freight from infected places be fumigated before delivery to our merchants; that the Council had by resolution agreed to act affirmatively upon this recommendation, and refused to accomplish what it had promised to do when the time came for action, Mr. Hopkins motion to do so not receiving a second. That inasmuch as under the law the Board of Health is under the supervisory control of the Council, our recommendation in this instance was of no force, and the Board retained responsibility without exercising any authority.

I may with propriety add that a similar recommendation from the newly appointed Board of Health met with unanimous acquiescence from the Council within a short time of their refusal to agree to that from the board of which I was a member.

Your reference to my resignation while correct does me possible injustice in that it is not full enough and I request that you publish this in justice to me.

I am, respectfully yours,
JAMES MOUTON.

How Does Your Garden Grow?
"Here is a good one, Jones. Why do the garden seeds my little daughter planted last week like sweetest and hamburger?"
"Give it up."
"Because they're German?"
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SPECIAL REPORT

Received by the Mayor From Lafayette's Representative in New Orleans.

States Cars Thoroughly Fumigated by U. S. Marine Service and No Need to Be Alarmed About Goods from City.

NEW ORLEANS, July 31, 1905.
To the President Board of Health and Mayor C. O. Mouton, of Lafayette, La.:

Arrived at New Orleans Saturday night. Sunday morning went over through the infected district. The patients are removed to a hospital on Dumaine street. Went to the Southern Pacific depot yesterday and saw how the cars were fumigated; to-day went earlier and saw how it's done. They place from 5 to 7 pounds of sulphur in each car and the same is closed and not opened before ready to load freight. The fumigation is done by and under the superintendence of the U. S. Marine Hospital, through C. R. North, agent, and Dr. G. M. Carput, M. D.

The city is in good sanitary condition and if you keep our little town in good sanitary condition, and fight the mosquito, everything will come out right. The people need not be alarmed about the goods from this place. No mosquito can live in any of the company's cars, after the fumigation I have seen. Now I will call your attention to your quarantine; be very strict with passengers—especially travelling clerks from New Orleans; also, see that conductors on trains don't let them off before reaching station, which I have found out is what they do.

Have not had time yet to inquire and find out all I wish in regard to the number of cases; will send you this in next letter. I feel very well so far and hope you and all my friends in Lafayette are doing well; tell them not to be scared, it will all come out right in the end, but don't stop your fight against the mosquito. I have not as yet seen or heard a mosquito in the city, it's so well fumigated.

My regards to you and all inquiring friends.

JOS. A. CHARGOIS.

Patterson Infected.

A telephone message received Monday night by relatives from Dr. Rouzelle, of Patterson, stated that twenty cases had developed there among the Italian population, including one family living within that quarter. Dr. Rouzelle's theory as to the presence of the disease is, that one or more Italians from the French Market section of New Orleans got into Patterson before the strict quarantine was put on, had a light case, and as is their custom, did not call in a physician. This, of course, gave the mosquitoes a chance to get in their work with a result of 20 cases within 24 hours and more perhaps to come.

News confirmed yesterday and cases given as 24.

Cleaning the Streets.

I see by personal observation that our town council is doing a splendid good work in cleaning out the ditches and grading up our streets with the two new scrapers. I think that the Council made a very wise move in discarding the old spade and shovel system and purchasing two first class scrapers. They will be a great saving of time and money, not only at the present time of cleaning up, but they will leave our streets in so much better shape for cleaning the next time that they need cleaning.

It is nearly always the case when a new system is adopted for cleaning up a city or town in a hurry that there will be some mistakes. I think here in Lafayette the Council has made a serious mistake in not paying more strict attention to levels when cleaning out the ditches with the scrapers. In many places they are scraped out from one to six inches and becomes

stagnant, breeds mosquitoes and contagion until the sun dries it up. It is impossible to drain these low places without changing the whole system of drainage below them. Now the only remedy is to fill up the low places with fresh dirt so the stagnant water will run off. There is plenty of fresh dirt to be had for that purpose that was thrown up out of the main drain leading from the power house down through the town which drain would be much the better by having it removed for the heavy weight of the dirt laying on the bank many times causes it to cave in and dam it up just at a time when it is most needed, when the banks are flooded; there are several other large drains that have dirt to spare on their banks for that purpose.

The levels of these low places in ditches can be very easily found by driving short stakes down in the ditches to high water mark, every fifteen or twenty feet for a guide.

J. NICKERSON.

A Good Believer.

The weather as a topic of conversation has for the present taken a back seat—yellow fever furnishes the theme. It is talked in the morning, afternoon and night, and the mosquito theory comes in for a large share of attention. A crowd on the street last week was discussing pro and con, some emphatically expressing their confidence in the mosquito theory. One of the gentlemen was saying nothing, is rather a quiet person anyway, when one of the speakers addressed him, "Do you believe in the mosquito theory?" "Yes," he replied, "I believe in the mosquito theory, the woolen goods theory, the dry goods theory and all the other theories, and don't want yellow fever a darn bit." The crowd broke up.

City Council.

A regular meeting of the Council was held Monday night with all members present except Girard, Coronna and Krauss.

The collector submitted report showing collections from May 16 to July 31, \$2699.17.

Mr. Wm. Campbell on part of the Auxiliary Committee requested that guards be placed at Coonville bridge on Breaux Bridge road and at Pin Hook, which would save necessity for several guards at town limits. Council appointed a committee to confer with parish and act.

Finance committee was authorized to put in new oil tank at the power plant.

Mr. H. H. Hohorst applied for commission to make roll books for the town. Referred to finance committee.

Supt. Breeding made report, stating that \$25 to \$50 of lights were being used in town and not paid for. Also that considerable saving had been made in fuel and otherwise at plant.

A communication was read asking for electric wire down Buchanan street from Lacoste corner to Merchants' Grocer Co., offering to donate wire. Laid on table. The Council then adjourned.

Lawn Party.

Miss Inez Bissat entertained a few girl friends Friday afternoon in honor of her cousin Miss Norma Bates' birthday.

After playing numerous games on the lawn delicious refreshments were served. Those present were: Misses Alice Moss, Helen, Odide and Gertrude Mouton, Martha Pellerin and Hinda Schmulen, Stella Roy.

FIVE PARISHES REPRESENTED

At Conference As to Quarantine Regulations at Gordon Hotel Yesterday.

Rules Adopted to Be Recommended to Boards of Health for Approval.

Pursuant to call representatives from Calcasieu, Acadia, Vermilion, St. Landry and Lafayette, towns and parish boards of health met at the Gordon Hotel yesterday to agree upon some uniform quarantine rules to be recommended to the various boards of health.

The following certificate was adopted:

OFFICE OF BOARD OF HEALTH
....., La., 1905.
To whom it may concern.
This is to certify that..... of..... has given satisfactory evidence at this office that he has not been exposed to yellow fever or any other contagious or infectious disease, nor been in locality where any contagious or infectious disease is known to exist for the past five days.

DESCRIPTION.
Race.....color hair..... coloyes
.....weight.....height.....age.....
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Health Officer.

Signature of Bearer.
State of Louisiana,
Parish of.....
Be it known that on this.....day of.....1905, before me the undersigned authority personally appeared..... bearer of the foregoing Health Certificate who being duly sworn declared the statements therein to be true and correct and I, the said notary, do hereby certify that..... is the authorized officer of the Board of Health of..... to issue health certificates and that his above signature is true and genuine.

Notary Public.
It was resolved as the sense of the meeting that passenger traffic be re-established with proper certificates as adopted between non-infected districts.

Dr. Souchon's proclamation was read and section 2 adopted, that passengers from New Orleans after a detention of five days in a detention camp under the supervision and management of U. S. Marine Hospital Service and holding certificates signed by Dr. J. H. White, shall be admitted into all parishes and towns of Louisiana. It was decided that freight be admitted which has been fumigated by the U. S. Marine Hospital Service, through passengers transferred from Harrahan to Avondale carrying certificates from

the U. S. Marine Hospital Service to be accepted.

It was decided that each parish along the Southern Pacific from Avondale to Echo and on branches, excepting infected, to appoint certain persons to issue certificates, their names to be furnished other parishes and be printed on certificates. Also responsible men as inspectors to be placed on trains from Avondale to Echo, from Lafayette to Alexandria, from New Iberia to Eunice, inspectors to have stamp and stamp all certificates.

A rule was adopted that the baggage of all people holding 5-day detention certificate from U. S. M. H. S. be fumigated by the U. S. M. H. S.

Boards of Health of each parish to notify President of State Board of any suspicious case at once and bulletins to be published daily in New Orleans papers.

Proceedings were ordered printed at once and copies furnished to the different parishes not infected along southern Pacific.

Presidents of the parish boards of health are to constitute a committee to carry out the resolutions, if adopted by various health boards.

Of Household Interest.

Housecleaning is not the pleasantest of the housekeeper's tasks, but none the less necessary on that account. In the September Delineator Isabel Gordon Curtis offers in her series, "The Making of a Housewife," some suggestions that will tend to lighten the labor and lessen the disagreeableness of this household duty. Other items of domestic interest in the same number are illustrated cookery and a variety of recipes under the topics "Delicious Cream Jellies," "Decorative Color Salads" and "The Potato." In addition, Alice M. Kellogg explains "How to Select Finishing Hardware" and Ward MacLeod writes on "Growing Bulbs Indoors."

CONSTABLE SALE.

Joseph E. Roger vs. Edward Arceneaux, 3rd Justice Court of the Parish of Lafayette, La.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a writ of fieri facias issued by the Honorable Emile G. Arceneaux, Justice of the Peace of the third ward of the Parish of Lafayette in favor of Joseph E. Roger and against Edward Arceneaux, and to me directed, I will sell between legal hours, on

Saturday, Aug. 19, 1905, at the office of Justice Emile G. Arceneaux, in the third ward in said Parish offer for sale at public auction the following described property, to-wit:

One pair of mules, seized as the property of Edward Arceneaux, under said writ of fieri facias.

JEAN CONSTANTIN,
Constable 3rd ward.

Banjo, Violin and Guitar Supplies.

We have noticed the increased demand for Banjo, Violin, and Guitar supplies, and to meet this we have added to our assortment of goods one of the latest "air and dust" proof Cabinets, made especially for this class of goods. In addition to this we have a complete stock of the best strings for Banjo, Violin and Guitar. We have Mandolin Picks, Violin Pegs, Violin Bridges, Violin Tail Pieces, Guitar Tail Pieces, and Guitar patent Heads, and Violin Bow Rosin.

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