

## ADVANTAGE OF ARTESIAN WATER.

New Iberia Enterprise-Leader.

The Enterprise-Leader has frequently urged that a supply of water from deep wells be provided for this city in order that the health of the people be preserved. With the last few days the State has published a report of the investigations of the Geological Survey and among other things it gives data with relation to the healthfulness of settlements before and after the establishment of such wells. In order that the people here may understand the benefits derived from deep wells and artesian water the reports as presented are reproduced as follows:

Pine Bluff Ark.—Wells 800 to 900 feet deep.

"Before the deep wells were completed 49 to 50 of the 437 men employed in the shop were on the sick list during the summer. After the deep-well water was used there was practically none on the sick list."

Ruston, La.—425 feet deep.

"There has been a very noticeable decrease in the number of cases of malarial sickness where the people confine themselves to the use of hydrant water. Of the 3,500 people in Ruston it is estimated that 945 are using deep-well water. We had 51 cases of typhoid fever here this year, and not one has occurred in families where the people have used deep-well water altogether."

Spring Hill.—Wells 270 feet deep.

"The general health of our people has been immensely improved since we have used the well water entirely for drinking purposes in the Mills. If we could compel our employees to universally use it we could further decrease the sickness. The percentage of sickness here is much less than in the surrounding camps and farms."

Zimmerman, La.—Well 175 feet deep.

"Before we had the artesian well the sickness among our people at Zimmerman was quite discouraging, but since we have put in the well chills and fevers have almost entirely disappeared. The comparative amount of sickness before the well was put down was ten sick to one now.

Before the well was put down malaria was very prevalent. There was much more sickness in Zimmerman than in the high pine-covered hills to the south. After the well was put down we had at least 30 or 40 per cent less sickness than previously. I had no typhoid and very few cases of continual fever among the people at Zimmerman; and almost my entire practice was in the neighboring hill region, where the people depended on surface water. My conversation with neighboring physicians and people from adjoining towns elicited the fact that much fever existed when Zimmerman was comparatively immune."

Boyce, La.—Wells 300 feet deep.

"To my certain knowledge the health of Boyce has been greatly benefited by the use of artesian water. Referring your letter to our two physicians, Doctor Sewell and Doctor Texada, both stated the same. They have been practicing here only since the wells were bored, but from information from former physicians have no hesitancy in saying that sickness has decreased at least 50 per cent. Formerly there was considerable typhoid fever; now there is rarely a case. Doctor Sewell, who has had four cases of typhoid fever in Boyce during that time. All four cases were in one family, who used only cistern water. Doctor Texada, who has been here about the same time, has had three cases—two at a house where cistern water was used; not certain about the other. They both agree that while there has been very little sickness in Boyce this year, and no typhoid fever, there has been considerable sickness, and many cases of typhoid fever in the surrounding country where cistern and surface waters are used. They attribute the health of the town to the use of artesian water for sanitary regulation are no better now than formerly. There has been no sickness among railroad employees this year."

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CITY COUNCIL, OF THE TOWN OF VERMILIONVILLE.

SITTING OF MAY 9, 1836.

Members present: Messrs. Cornelius Voorhies, Desire Judice, Emile Claix, Jean Humbert and Jean Bte. Mudd.

The members of said council having verified their powers and taken the oath according to law, organized to their charter of incorporation and proceeded to the election of their officers.

The results was that the following persons were duly elected, to-wit: Cornelius Spell, president; Joseph Beraud, treasurer; J. J. Neveu, secretary; and William Reeves, constable.

The following ordinance were then passed:

ORDAINED: That a direct tax of \$100 for the present year be levied proportionately on all the properties situated in the limits of corporation.

ORDAINED: That the tax on public houses, merchants, slaves and buggies be the same as that of the State.

ORDAINED: That merchants conducting stores or shop or dry goods shall have to close the stores or shops on Sundays at 2 o'clock in the evening; under penalty of \$50 for each contravention, recoverable before any

competent authority, and shall not sell any merchandise whatever after that hour except that which shall be necessary to bury the dead.

ORDAINED: That idle slaves shall have to leave the limits of the town on Sundays at 2 o'clock in the evening except those who shall have a pass signed by their masters or mistresses and sent on commissions, or authorized by them to work in the limits of the town. Those who shall be found in said limits after that hour, in contravention to the present ordinance, shall be whipped.

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Sheriff's Sale.

Succession of Felicia Aker—18th Judicial Court, of Louisiana, Parish of Lafayette, No. 2513.

By virtue of an order of the 18th Judicial Court in and for the Parish of Lafayette, La., dated June 21, 1907, in the matter of the succession of Felicia Aker, No. 2513 of the probate docket of said court for the Parish of Lafayette, I will sell for cash at public auction to the last and highest bidder at the front door of the court house at Lafayette, La., between legal sale hours on

Saturday, July 27, 1907,

the following described property to-wit:

The undivided one sixth interest in and to that certain tract of land situated in the Parish of Lafayette, La., containing eighty three acres, being the half of the northeast quarter of section twenty-three, township ten, south range three east, together with a strip of land along the eastern boundary of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of said section, township and range, containing two and fifty-three hundredths acres

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