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THE MEETING OF THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the State Agricultural Society, which will be held here January 24, 25 and 26, promises to be perhaps the most brilliant meeting since the Society was inaugurated by Gov. McEnery some eight years ago. A large number of distinguished speakers on agricultural subjects have already consented to address the meeting, as has also Gov. Foster, who will deliver an address on "The relation of the State to agriculture," certainly a matter of prime importance in an agricultural State like Louisiana.

Prof. S. A. Knapp, of Calcasieu parish, formerly professor of agriculture in the University of Iowa, will deliver an address on "Technical education in agriculture," and the professor's well-known ability and rare oratorical powers will make his address a marked feature of the occasion.

Col. Gus. A. Breaux, of Lafayette, will deliver an address on the "Adaptability of the prairie lands of Louisiana to cane culture."

Diversified crops in Louisiana will be discussed by that well-known agriculturist, Mr. Dimmick, of St. Landry.

The resources of St. Landry will be brought out in an address by Mr. U. T. Blackshear, of this parish.

Sugar growing in Southwest Louisiana will be discussed by Mr. John W. Humble, of Washington, La.

Mr. S. F. Read, of this place, will deliver an address on the Western prairies.

Immigration will be discussed by Hon. J. G. Hawks, commissioner of immigration, Col. S. L. Cary, of Calcasieu, and Hon. Jno. N. Ogden, of St. Landry.

The committee of arrangements are in correspondence with a number of other prominent speakers, and every effort will be made to have the meeting at Opelousas of the most attractive character.

The Southern Pacific and Texas & Pacific railroads have agreed to carry passengers to Opelousas at 1 1/2 rates on the certificate plan—full rate being paid going and 1/2 rate returning.

It is hoped that every one interested in Louisiana agriculture will do all possible to promote the success of this meeting and to make it one of the grand assemblages of leading agriculturists that has ever been held in this State. All agriculturists and all agricultural organizations have been invited to attend or send delegates. The police juries of various parishes have been requested to send delegates to the meeting, and to pay their expenses.

There perhaps never was a time in the history of Louisiana agriculture that so much depression was prevalent, and yet it is obvious that with well directed intelligence no other State in the Union offers such advantages to agriculturists as does Louisiana. We hope that the meeting will be a grand success, and are confident that it will give a positive impetus in the direction of agricultural advancement. The selection of Opelousas, directly in the center of perhaps the finest agricultural district in the State, was a most happy one, and visitors from other parts of the State will be delighted with the grand agricultural possibilities of this sister section of their State.

J. T. Stewart wants two thousand bushels of corn, and carries a full stock of lumber, four grades of shingles, coal and painters' supplies, and defies competition.

oct 28 3m J. T. STEWART.

SILVER WEDDING.

A most pleasant and enjoyable reception was given at the hospitable residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. Meyers, on Friday night, the 12th instant, the occasion being the twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding.

After entering the pretty residence, which was tastefully decorated with flowers, ferns and evergreens, you were ushered into the parlor, where were exposed to the view and admiration of the assembled guests a large number of beautiful and costly presents, the testimonials of love and regard of relatives and friends of the esteemed couple.

The first part of the evening was spent in conversation and congratulations, after which the folding doors of the dining room were thrown open revealing a table laden with tempting edibles and floral decorations. All heartily responded to the invitation to eat, drink and be merry, and did ample justice to the banquet.

From the table the guests reassembled in the parlor, where they were entertained with vocal and instrumental music and recitations. Dancing was also enjoyed by some.

At 11:30 the guests took leave of their generous host and hostess, expressing the wish that they might live to celebrate their golden wedding.

A number of congratulatory telegrams were received, among them one from Mr. Meyers' aged mother in Germany, which, it is needless to add, was the most highly appreciated.

Those present were: Misses Julie Bloch, Yvonne and Fannie Jacobs, Fannie and Rosa Firnberg, Lily Harris, Keene Corkery, Bille Hebrard, Clara Cooke; Mrs. F. G. Marks; Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Bloch, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Lefebvre, Mr. and Mrs. Lep. Firnberg; Messrs. Isidore Silverberg, Henry Roos, Louis Jackson, Nathan Roos, Jones Jacobson, Nathan F. Roos, Robert and Joseph Firnberg, Ike Roos, Maurice Dupres, M. Gosinski, Sidney L. Hebrard; Ed. Klotz, Sunset.

The CLARION acknowledges receipt of the fee usually levied by the press on such occasions, and adds its congratuatory and best wishes for the continued good health, and long life of Mr. and Mrs. Meyers.

OPELOUSAS, January 18th, 1894.

The committee having in charge the arrangements for the reception and accommodation of the members of the State Agricultural Society, held a meeting this day at the courthouse. Present, W. S. Frazee, Chairman; H. L. Garland, T. H. Lewis, George Pulford, Sr., Robert Chachere, V. K. Irion, George O. Elms per C. S. Elms, C. M. Thompson, Laurent Dupre, J. T. Stewart and Jos. Bloch. There were also present other citizens who took an active part in the proceedings.

Upon motion, the following committee was appointed on accommodation: W. S. Frazee, J. T. Stewart, K. Irion, Robert Chachere and W. S. Frazee.

Upon motion, the following committee was appointed on finance: Jos. Bloch, G. L. Dupre, Robert Chachere, T. H. Lewis, Sr., J. T. Stewart.

Upon motion the following committee was appointed on recreation: Mrs. G. L. Dupre, Mrs. J. Chachere, Mrs. Joseph Bloch, Mrs. J. R. Salza, Mrs. V. K. Irion, Miss Augusta Lastrapes; Mrs. J. T. Stewart, Mrs. V. K. Johnson, Miss Sidonia Bayhi, Miss Carrie Elms, Miss Nettie Pulford, Mrs. C. M. Thompson, Miss Marie Hebert, Miss Ada Sandoz, Miss Julie Bloch, Miss Delta Jacobs, Miss Fannie Firnberg, Miss Aline Debarau, Miss Blanche Louabe, Mrs. Henry Crawford, Miss Aline Williams, Miss Corinne Lewis, Mrs. F. E. Bailey, Mrs. E. P. Veazie, Miss Pauline Isaacs, Miss Alice Dietlein, Miss Lee Hudspeth, Miss Nuna Ogden, Miss Stella Truman, Miss Maude White, Mrs. J. K. Berrier, Mrs. Leola B. White, C. S. Elms, Messrs. J. O. Chachere, J. J. Thompson, W. W. Duson, J. J. Lewis, F. J. Pulford, C. N. Ogden, J. H. Barnanson, I. G. Dupre, W. W. Bailey, R. E. L. Garland, L. P. Louallier, Henry Pavy, J. B. Meglinley, Maurice Dupres, Eugene Bloch, A. L. Lacombe, S. J. Wilson, Alphonse Levy; Mrs. J. Healey, Mrs. C. Duson, Mrs. J. K. Sandoz, Mrs. Alex. Sandoz, Miss Adrienne Gurbau, Miss Malou Lastrapes, Mrs. C. B. Andrus, Mrs. H. E. Estorge, Mrs. I. E. Shute, Miss Maude DuRoy, Mrs. Laurent Dupre, Mrs. J. T. Skipper, Mrs. M. L. Swords, Miss Alice Labyche, Miss Mary Littell.

Dr. V. K. Irion was appointed a committee of one to see Prof. Mayer to procure his services to furnish copies.

It was resolved that the reception take place at the courthouse at 12:30 p.m.

It was resolved by the committee that a poster be issued announcing the meeting of the State Agricultural Society on the 24th inst., and inviting the public to attend the meetings of that body.

The committee as a whole called upon the police jury and requested a subscription, to which said body responded by appropriating \$50.00 for expenses. The liberal appropriation for which our police jury is entitled to the thanks of all those having the agricultural interest of our parish at heart. Last by town council and subscriptions from the citizens of Opelousas, in order that the occasion may be made a success.

It was further resolved, that the proceedings of this meeting be published in all the newspapers of the parish, and that the secretary furnish copies to said papers.

W. S. FRAZEE, Chairman.

THOS. H. LEWIS, Secretary.

The Social Club gave a progressive euchre party at their hall on Thursday night, which, like all of that club's social affairs, was a delightful one. The first prizes were won by Miss Mary Littell and Mr. Jos. Firnberg; the booby prizes by Miss Keene Corkery and Mr. Louis Bailey.

MAUDE ATKINSON!

JANUARY 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 1894.

The amusement-loving public of Opelousas will hail with delight the coming of the lovely, versatile Maude Atkinson. She will open a week's engagement Sunday night with Hazel Kirke, one of her favorite plays, and continue every night next week with the following standard and popular plays: "Crust of Society," "Beauty, the Mall Girl," "Solomon Isaacs," "Leah, the Forsaken," "Rip Van Winkle," "Cleopatra Case," "Frou-Frou." Miss Atkinson is an actress of great ability, and from the reception she receives from the press, we think we are safe in asserting that her peer has never bowed to an Opelousas audience. The annexed comment is from the Topeka Capitol of recent date:

In her interpretation of the emotional play of Hazel Kirke last night, Miss Atkinson proved herself a formidable rival of Kille Elslter, if not indeed her peer. Her acting last night was of the highest order. Miss Atkinson seems to feel the part she plays and enters into its spirit with all the intensity of realism. She carries the sympathies of her audience with her, and almost from the moment of her appearance she has her hearers in rapport with her. Miss Atkinson is a genius whose versatility is astonishing in its scope.

A better Dunstan than Mr. Johnson made would be difficult to conceive. As Miss Atkinson's principal support he divided honors with her in the excellency of his work.

Editor CLARION.—Mr. H. D. Courtney, Police Juror for the 6th ward of this parish, is known as the wind bag of that body. He exhausts the patience of his colleagues by his long winded and empty harangues.

To look at the jury in session while he is on his feet haranguing that body, makes one pity them for having to submit so often to such a ceaseless flow of nonsense. Words, words, words, and not a sensible idea behind them. The members of the jury at its last session looked as if they would have exclaimed, had it been parliamentary: "Oh, give us a rest!" In one of his flights of oratory on last Wednesday evening on the subject of parish finances, pointing to the west he spoke of "the poor shirt-tail country people," whether in derision or pity he did not explain.

I wonder that Courtney's political friends don't muzzle him.

SPECTATOR.

The Court of Appeals of the Third Circuit sitting at Opelousas not only overruled the Supreme Court, but it also reversed the Governor and the legislature, the other two co-ordinate branches of the government. If the Circuit Court is not abolished, then the people should abolish the gubernatorial office and the Supreme Court.

The Georgia Minstrels will render a correct representation of an old-time Southern cake walk, after the regular performance, to-night. No extra charge for cake walk. Colored couples wishing to participate in the cake walk, can leave their names and addresses with Manager Loeb, with references.

We direct special attention to the advertisement of the Ira House, W. I. Hargroder, proprietor, which appears in this issue. The Ira House is situated in a pretty and quiet locality, and its large, commodious rooms makes it a desirable place to stop.

LIST OF LETTERS,

Remaining in the Postoffice at Opelousas, La., which, if not called for in 15 days, will be sent to the Dead Letter Office, Washington, D. C.:

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| Bowman, Robert I | Romon, Louis |
| Harkus, Joseph | Gullitory, Duelde |
| Hutselm, Ageare | Handy, Mannie |
| Harris, Jim | Hecker, Paul J |
| Jackson, J C | Joseph, Dr H S |
| Miels, Harmon W | McGee, Alexander |
| Murdock, Fella | Nickel, Polent |
| Pitre, Moses | Stanberry, Jos |
| Williams, Dick | |
| Castorn, Mrs Nancy | Carter, Miss Martha E |
| Fussler, Miss Elzth | Griffen, Miss Octavy |
| Griffith, Miss O | Green, Miss Viner |
| Green, Mrs Holden | Julias, Miss Kittle |
| Mickel, Miss Mary | Merietts, Miss Mary |
| Philshomdlen, Mrs | Trosser, Miss Orl |
| Ray, Miss Mary | Richard, Mrs Adline |
| Shaw, Mrs Anna | Sashry, Miss Ava |
| Williams, Miss Marg | Washington, Mrs S A |
- MINNIE PULFORD, P. M.

"THE COXEY ROAD PLAN."

By request of the Farmers' Alliance, we publish below the full text of the bill which provides for the establishment by Congress of a fund to be known as the "General County Road System Fund of the United States," and the petition which is being circulated in the interest of said bill:

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled: That the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States is hereby authorized and instructed to have engraved and have printed, immediately after the passage of this bill, Five Hundred Millions of Dollars of Treasury Notes, a legal tender in all debts, public or private, said notes to be in denomination of one, two, five and ten dollars, and to be placed in a fund to be known as the "General County Road Fund System of the United States," and to be expended solely for said purpose.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of War to take charge of the construction of the said General County Road System in the United States, and said construction to commence as soon as the Secretary of the Treasury shall inform the Secretary of War that the said fund is available, which shall not be later than the 1st day of January, 1894, when it shall be the duty of the Secretary of War to inaugurate the work and expend the sum of twenty millions of dollars per month pro rata with the number of miles of road in each State and Territory of the United States.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, That all labor other than that of the office of the Secretary of War, "whose compensations are already fixed by law," shall be paid by the day, and that the rate be not less than one dollar and fifty cents per day for common labor, and three dollars and fifty cents per day for team and labor, and that eight hours per day shall constitute a day's labor under the provisions of this bill.

PETITION.

To the House of Representatives, Senate and the President of the United States: Whereas, the public roads of the United States generally, are a national disgrace on account of their almost impassable condition at least one-fourth of the year, thereby causing great loss and inconvenience to the people, both commercially and socially, and whereas, there is at the present time great depression in business, and many idle men are thrown upon charity on account of not being able to dispose of their labor, and believing that human nature is such that they would prefer to labor instead of receiving charity, if they had the opportunity, and believing also that the agricultural classes are paying all the taxes they can stand, we, the undersigned, do therefore request and urge upon you the necessity of immediate action, as follows: That you enact a law to issue Five Millions of Treasury Notes, to be a full legal tender, of all debts, both public and private, such money to be set apart exclusively for public roads, and to go to each state pro rata with the number of miles of road in the State and to be appropriated and issued at the rate of twenty millions of dollars per month.

DIED.

At his residence in Opelousas, on Tuesday, January 16, 1894, at 8:20 p. m., Christian Mornhinveg, Sr., aged 80 years, 1 month and 18 days.

In the death of Christian Mornhinveg, Sr., our town loses its oldest and one of its very best citizens. He came here from Wurtemberg, Germany, about 1837, and raised a large family, Opelousas being, we believe, the birth place of all his sons and daughters. Mr. Mornhinveg leaves to his children and grand children the record of a spotless life, a life distinguished by industry, economy, temperance, perfect integrity and all the best domestic virtues. He reached an advanced age, and almost the entire community testified by their presence at his burial their appreciation of his worth and their sympathy with his aged wife and sorrowing children. Peace to his ashes.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Marriage licenses granted by the Clerk of Court, for the week ending Thursday, January 18, 1894:

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| Johnson Hall to Mary Edward. | Johnston to Sarah Jane Smith. |
| Geo. W. Hawkins to Sarah Jane Smith. | Joseph Johnson to Asie Smith. |
| Benj. Harrison to Savena Waggona. | Joseph Brown to Ella Scott. |
| Marcel Sylvain to Lina Hawkins. | Albert Dockins to Marie I. Fuslier. |
| Kerastie Carriere to Marie Biegas. | Eugene Budeau to Dora Thomas. |
| Aug. B. Fontenot to Estelle Gaubert. | Joseph Lavergne to Alice Johnson. |
| Abram Levy to Della Crowley. | L. Hebert to Rita Robin. |
| L. Hebert to Rita Robin. | Louis May to Louisa Manuel. |
| Neuville Caliste to Rebecca Manuel. | Paul Marcel to Polimette Alcindor. |
| Louis Journee to Marie Hampton. | Louis A. Florat to Marie A. Deshotelis. |
| Lewis Mayfield to Octavie Manuel. | Charles Harrison to Eve Sam. |
| Lewis Sam to Elizabeth Harrison. | Angela L. Ouida Chapman. |
| Octeon Miller to Marceline Lavergne. | Warren S. Gardner to Arnyde Petotin. |
| Adam Leblanc to Ella Faylin. | Armille Moreau to Amanda Vallin. |