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OPLOUSAS, SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 1894.

See Town Tax Sales in this issue.

The public schools of this town will close on the 10th.

The United States District Court meets here on Monday.

A great many dogs turned their toes to the sun in the last few days, for roaming the streets without a license.

The many friends and acquaintances of our former young townswoman, Mr. Robert L. Price, will be pained to learn of his death, which occurred on Tuesday morning, at Kerrville, Texas.

Hay & Morel tell us that their poplars have increased to such an extent that another large order for them should be sent in by them. This speaks well for their enterprise.

One of the town prisoners converted the parish jail into a regular bedlam on Thursday. The usual communication from "Citizens," "Neighbor," etc., complaining of the lack of discipline in the jail, and indirectly censuring the sheriff, are now in order.

Two of our young mechanics, Messrs. Geo. A. Knight and South Caneby, have formed a partnership and built themselves a shop opposite Mr. Geo. C. Palford's residence, where they propose to do a general carpentry business. Both are skilled workmen and will no doubt meet with a liberal patronage.

The sugar schedule of the tariff bill safely passed the gauntlet of the Senate on Tuesday. It provides for the payment of the tariff on this year's crop, the tariff to go into effect on Jan. 1st, 1895. It is believed that the tariff bill as amended will pass when it is returned to the House.

Senator Barrosse on Monday introduced two bills in the Senate, one providing for the establishment of a railroad commission, the other to regulate express charges. He also submitted a petition from the merchants of this district urging the passage of the constitutional amendment respecting the courts of appeals.

The Juvenile Missionary Society of the Methodist church had a delightful lawn party on Monday evening. The day night, the little folks recited, made speeches, sang and played games, and were lavishly served with lemonade and cakes. A most enjoyable evening's entertainment.

Opelousas Fire Co., No. 1 and Hope Hook & Ladder Co., No. 1 had a parade last Sunday morning through town, after which they repaired to Kenison Springs where they enjoyed a picnic. The balance of the day, The Mechanics band furnished the music. A large number of invited guests attended and all say they had an enjoyable time.

Sheriff Fontenot left on Monday morning for Baton Rouge, accompanied by deputy Wm. Adams, taking with him fourteen convicts bound for the state penitentiary. They went overland as far as Palmetto, where they took the Texas Pacific train, arriving at Baton Rouge the same evening.

The Mayor's Court was quite busy the fore part of the week. On Monday a young colored man was brought up for violating the new cemetery ordinance, and paid the fine. On Tuesday several cases for sundry offenses against the peace and dignity of the town were on the docket. The usual disadvantage of the offending parties.

The drought which has prevailed for the past three or four weeks was broken on Wednesday by a refreshing shower which lasted about an hour. It was much needed, but the strong winds which followed it will prove damaging to the cotton plant. Everybody in town wore a smile when the rain began to pour, and they are still in a pretty good humor.

E. M. Taliaferro, a St. Louis drummer, was shot and killed at Bunkie, on the night of the 1st ult., by Henry Frith, his wife's cousin, in an altercation at Frith's home. Frith was arrested and held in the county jail. He was released on \$3000 bond on the 4th. We hear that the firm represented by Taliaferro will take an active interest in the prosecution of his slayer.

The bids for the building of the jail yard fence will be opened to-day and the contract let. The building of the fence will put an end to the many petty annoyances with which the jailer has had to contend, and also destroy that fruitful source of trouble and vexation all of the complaints against the conduct of the prisoners has sprung. It has long been a necessity and we are pleased to know that it will soon be built.

At its meeting on Monday night the Council passed a resolution authorizing the Mayor to issue a proclamation, asking all inmates of the houses in the town to close on the 4th ult. The Mayor understands that a committee has the matter in hand and will arrange for a suitable observance on the 4th. It is to be a day of prayer, and it is to be a day of every business house in town will close up on that day. Let us celebrate the glorious fourth in a befitting manner.

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SOCIETY AND PERSONAL.

Miss Camille Soullier, of New Iberia, is on a visit to relatives in Opelousas.

Dr. W. W. Dusen and wife, are spending a short time at Lake Arthur, where they are on a short professional visit to Crowley this week.

Miss Cora Stager, Whiteville's charming belle, is visiting the family of Thos. H. Smith, at Lake Arthur.

Thos. H. Lewis, Jr., our bustling young insurance friend, is on a visit to Lake Arthur, for a few days rest.

Constable G. B. Ballio, of Washington, gave us an appreciated call on Saturday.

Dr. Jno. A. Haas, of Ville Platte, was among his Opelousas friends on Tuesday.

George Bourdier, of the Chicot club, of Iron, E. Motter, had much improved and that he is now considered out of danger.

W. B. Stewart, of Haasville, was visiting with friends and relatives in town on Saturday.

Miss Helen Jackson, returned on Sunday from the State Normal School at Natchitoches.

Mrs. M. A. Butler, accompanied by her son, A. H. Butler, left on Wednesday for a visit to New York.

Dr. Geo. O. Elms is still engaged in the neighborhood of Scott Station, Lafayette parish, on professional business.

Rev. A. W. Turner, of Big Cane, was in town on ministerial business on Thursday.

C. Phillips, special agent of the Fire Association of Philadelphia, was in town during the week, investigating the company's risks at this place.

We are pleased to learn that the condition of Iron, E. Motter, has much improved and that he is now considered out of danger.

We acknowledge receipt on Monday of a pleasant call from Mr. E. Gordy, of the Opelousas, and Dr. R. E. Oden, of Bayou Current.

Edwin Vidrine, of Ville Platte, was a visitor to our town on Wednesday, and attended the meeting of the K. of P., of which he is a member at night.

Dr. Benj. L. Rawlins, medical instructor of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of New York, spent a couple of days in town this week in the interest of the company.

C. A. Hoy left on Sunday for a two week's sojourn at Cooper's Well, Miss. for the benefit of his health, which has been seriously impaired of late by over-work.

Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Piekens, of "Poplar Grove" plantation, with their sons George and Sam, attended the Children's Fair at the Opelousas, on Saturday night.

Among the number who graduated at the Annapolis, (Md.) Naval Academy this year, we note the name of Mr. Fritz Dusen, son of our townswoman, Mr. W. A. Sandoz.

Another of those delightful hay rides was given on Tuesday night to Pitre's Grove, by a number of young gentlemen from Opelousas, who were royally entertained by Miss Isure Durio.

H. H. Deshotels, the genial merchant and planter of Deshotels, was in town on Monday evening, and gave us a pleasant call, reporting all well in his neighborhood as suffering for want of rain.

From the Crowley Signal, June 2: The venerable and popular St. Landry attorney, Mr. J. B. Currie, was in town this week on legal business. Alphonse Levy, president of the St. Landry State bank and one of Opelousas' leading and most prominent citizens, was here Monday and Tuesday. Thos. S. Isaacs, a leading contractor of Opelousas, and Ira W. Sylvester, a civil engineer of the town, were also in town.

The first of the week making inquiry as to our proposed system of water works. We understand that they contemplate making a bid for the contract, and are already getting ready to take action on the matter.

O. H. Terwilliger, of Opelousas, was here the fore part of the week on land matters connected with the Opelousas Land Co. for several years and is considered to be one of the best abstractors in this section of the State. Hon. J. C. Dusen and J. Beard returned from Eunice last Saturday, having finished surveying and staking out the new town.

We understand that the work on grading the streets will be at once begun, and that an auction sale will be held about September.

The Children's Ball. This much-talked-of and long-anticipated event came off with pronounced success on Saturday night. For weeks previous to the occasion whispers of its advent could be heard in the class room and in the corridors of the school. It spared not pains nor money in preparing their children, anxious that they should excel in appearance and grace.

The weight of the magnificent spectacle: beautiful, smiling, happy faces. What can the imagination, soaring on the wings of fancy, create more beautiful and more graceful than the innocence clothed in beauteous garb? No marks of time's relentless hands upon the radiant faces, no footprints of life's corroding care and sorrow, no marks of the retrospection of the dim and misty past. We look upon them and say in our hearts, "How lovely are the children of the future!" and we could turn to the pages of the past and see every business house in town will close up on that day. Let us celebrate the glorious fourth in a befitting manner.

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RECEPTION OF THE O. S. C.

Last Saturday night merry laughter, music and dancing lent enchantment to the Social Club Hall, the occasion being an entertainment given to the children.

There never was such a gathering before of young people. The children, called by their mothers, mamas and sisters, until it was packed to overflowing. There is a life and unrestrained gaiety about a child's party that is irresistible. Such was this one. Anyone looking at their bright faces and listening to their joyous laughter needed not to wonder how they enjoyed themselves. It was one of those delightfully managed affairs that reflect so much credit on that popular club.

The "walk-walk" was a very amusing and spirited feature of the program. Very pretty prizes were offered. The lovely and winning Miss Lucille Dupre carried off the first prize for the girls—a handsome fan. That genial little gentleman, Master Robin Swagart, won the first prize for the boys—a new hat. Delightful as the amusement was served. The club did everything possible for the pleasure of their young guests.

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The town is still on the improve. Darden & Corell are having laid down in the town hall the new sidewalk, the maiden one of our own.

Mr. Y. Vidrine is also having his sidewalk repaired.

Offers to contractors are out for bids to paint the town building, known as the School House and Town Hall; also for bids to build a roof over the balcony.

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