

After Easter

The season for business as well as pleasure begins, and with this end in view I have anticipated the public's wants, and aside from my usual stock of plain and fancy printing material, have purchased an extra supply of standard envelopes, letter heads, note heads, bill heads, business and visiting cards, card-board, flat cap, variegated poster paper, etc., etc., all of which is held in store for the demand and will be furnished on reasonable terms at the least possible profit. A full and complete assortment of

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Bicycles sundries at Moriarty's gunstore.

M. J. Andrus, of Crowley, was in Opelousas Saturday.

Dr. L. Moncla, of Chataignier, visited Opelousas on Tuesday.

Japan plum trees for sale. Apply to Mrs. P. A. Grey, Opelousas.

A second-hand soda-water fountain for sale at Mason's Drugstore.

Sewing machine supplies of all descriptions at Moriarty's gunstore.

R. E. Burleigh, of Big Cane, was in Opelousas a while last Sunday.

J. E. Bacon, of Boretz, attended Mrs. Dubuisson's funeral here Saturday.

Dr. Paul Foster was a pleasant caller at the Clarion office last Saturday.

The celebrated Eagle bicycles for sale and rent at Moriarty's gunstore.

Doctor, read the N. O. Medical and Surgical Journal. \$2.00 per annum.

Raoul LeBourgeois, of Arnaudville, spent several days in Opelousas this week.

Felicite Pitre, of Plaisance, was a pleasant caller at our office last Saturday.

Ira W. Sylvester, of Alexandria, was a business visitor in Opelousas Monday.

Do you want the best soda water? If so call on Smith, at Houston's drugstore.

Abe Meyer, of Palmetto, attended the called meeting of the police jury here Monday.

Smith's chocolate and cream is the best in town and will satisfy the most fastidious.

Attend the ball at Sandoz's Opera House on April 26th. Ladies free; Gentlemen 50 cents.

Simoen Arloin and A. Dardeau, of Ville Platte, were pleasant visitors at the Clarion office Saturday.

I am ready to put all gin stands in good order during the coming season. a10-3t B. F. PERLEY.

Do you want something to tickle your palate? Try Smith's Red Messina at Houston's drugstore.

Mrs. Grimero and Miss Marie Richard, of Grand Coteau, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Erast Dario.

Police Jurer Robert Lafleur, the hustling Whiteville merchant, was among the visitors to Opelousas Saturday.

Misses Clara and Regina Durio of near Broaux Bridge, are visiting relatives, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eraste Durio.

Make your engagements for the first grand ball after Lent, on Monday, April 26th at Sandoz's Opera House.

Henry Dutcher, wife and child, of Opelousas, visited the family of Rev. Dr. Parker last week.—Le-compte Messenger.

Miss Maude DuBois had arranged to treat her pupils to a picnic last Saturday, but on account of the change in the weather had to postpone it.

O. H. Terwilliger, of Opelousas, came down on Monday and will remain for several days doing abstract work for W. W. Duson & Bro.—Crowley Signal.

L. C. Smith has leased Houston's soda fountain for the season, and his aim will be to always keep the best flavors in town, and to satisfy his customers.

Martin Carron, of Eunice, was in our town a couple of days the early part of the week. He reports everything in a flourishing condition in his section of the country.

J. M. Daniels, of Garland, was in Opelousas Friday, and dropped in to see the Clarion folks. 'Roe had been rusticated in Bellevue, and was on his way to the "old ranch."

Insurance Agent James J. Lewis made a flying trip to Lafayette in response to a cry of distress from his partner, who had run out of blank application, with a rival hot on his trail.

Miss Mary Taylor returned from a visit to Opelousas Monday, and was accompanied back to her school at Pearceville by Mr. J. Rogers.—Eunice correspondent in Crowley Signal.

Dr. Z. T. Young, of Ville Platte, was in Opelousas Wednesday.

Smith's Strawberry Space is a daisy. They eat it with a gloom.

Paul Stagg and Dr. Lazaro, of Grand Prairie, were in our city Monday.

Constable Dave Meche, of Grand Coteau, was among the visitors to town Monday.

W. B. Stewart, of the Lone Pine Saw Mill, was on a business trip to Opelousas Monday.

Judge L. J. Dossman and Constable J. Bordon, of Ville Platte, were in town Wednesday.

The Opelousas Dance Club will give a ball at Sandoz's Opera House on Friday night, April 26.

Are you dry and thirsty? Quench your thirst with Smith's Claret Phosphate. It is a dandy.

The Opelousas and Washington baseball clubs will cross bats at the latter's grounds to-morrow (Sunday).

Lucien Dupre, of Washington, was in town the forepart of the week, and was also one of the many visitors in our office.

Miss Evelyn Carmel, who has been visiting the family of her cousin, Mrs. T. H. Lewis, left for her home in Lecompte last Saturday.

Captain J. G. White, a well known and eminent barrister of Alexandria, and wife, were the guests of T. H. Lewis, Esq., this week.

Have your bicycles repaired by expert mechanics, who have all necessary machinery and material; for such work at Moriarty's gunstore.

Mr. Louis Demarais, Sr., and family have moved from the old Prevost residence on Main street to the handsome property lately occupied and owned by Dr. V. K. Irion on Market street.

The President of the Woman's Reform League has called a meeting for 3:30 p. m. Saturday, April 12, at the St. Landry High School. Matters of importance to be discussed. A full attendance requested. S. T. CRAWFORD, Sec'y.

"Tonise" Heurtevant has taken "leg bail" again. He left about ten days ago, and the sheriff would appreciate any information leading to his recovery. He was a "trusty" when he escaped. He'll come back, tho', as soon as he gets tired traveling around.

There are people who think, or who pretend to think,—that a newspaper should never give an account of anything that ought not to have happened. Fortunately, for the freedom of the press and the welfare of society, there are others.

We got off with a very small dose of hail on the 6th, if reports from other sections of the parish are true. We learn that in the piney wood section of the parish the hail stripped the trees of leaves and destroyed the young corn to such an extent that it will be necessary to replant.

The fools are not all dead. One of them borrowed a newspaper the other day, and discovered an advertisement headed: "How to Make Pants Last." He sent fifty cents for instructions and in due time received the following: "make the coat and vest first." At last accounts the simpleton was trying to recover his money by legal process.

Mayor Thompson will soon advertise for corn cobs and red canes, to be used in the manufacture of corn cob pipes. He will pay 20 cents per hundred for cobs, and 25 cents per hundred for reed canes. As it is rather late to secure cobs here, Mr. Thompson has sent to Missouri for several carloads. The manufacture of cob pipes will begin in about two weeks.

Mrs. Martha P. Foster, mother of our Governor, and her grand daughter, Miss Emma Foster, were the guests last week of the families of T. H. Lewis, Esq., and Hon. E. T. Lewis, of this place. Miss Emma, together with Miss Frere, of Franklin, have had the honor of being selected as maids of honor to his Majesty, Don Cesar de Bazan, the grand master of the approaching tournament.

Rayne, La., will soon boast of one of the finest ginning plants ever erected in this section. It will be owned and operated by the Rayne Ginning Co., Limited, and equipped with Smith Sons' Pneumatic System, using three seventy-saw gins. It is built on the new idea, and is far in advance of the old way of ginning cotton. The plant will be completed in about thirty days, after which Chappuis & St. John, of Rayne, La., agents for the Smith system, will take pleasure in showing it to persons interested, and if you contemplate buying a new gin or gin stand, and are unable to call in person, a letter of inquiry will bring you full information.

More About Waterworks.

The contract between the town of Opelousas and Contractor Rounds, calling for the construction of a waterworks and electric lights system here within five months, was signed last Saturday, and ratified by the city council Tuesday.

Everything is now in readiness. Mr. Rounds has gone for material, and will commence work within thirty days from the signing of the contract.

The power house, which will be 40x53 in size, will be located probably near the oil mill, on the old Franklin College property, now belonging to the school board. The power will be furnished by two 280 horse power boilers, and one 125 horse power electric light engine. The tower will be 80 feet high, of steel, and the tank will be of 75,000 gallons capacity.

There will be 1000 available lights for rent for private use, and forty 2000 candle power arc lights for the streets. The street lights are admirably distributed—it could not have been done better with the number of lights.

Court street will have eight arc lights—at the corners of Cheney, Littell, North, Bellevue, South, Foulard and Franklin streets.

Market street will have six lights—at the corners of Bloch, Grolee, Bellevue, Landry and Vine streets.

Main street will have nine arc lights—at the corners of Church, Bloch, Grolee, Bellevue, Landry, Vine, Cherry and Madison streets.

Union street will have six arc lights—at the corners of Littell, North, Landry, South, Laurent and streets.

One on the corner of Oak and Bellevue.

One at the corner of Oak and Lombard.

Two on Bayou Tesson, one at the crossing on Bellevue street and one at the crossing on Landry street.

On Liberty street there will be three—at the corners of Grolee, Bellevue and Vine.

On Railroad Avenue there will be two—at the corners of North and Landry. And one at the station.

A five mills tax will be levied for the waterworks, and a one mill tax for the electric lights until they are self sustaining. The revenues from the market house will also be applied to paying for the electric lights.

Lights for private use, it is believed, will not cost more than 40 to 50 cents.

Ice-cold Soda-Water at Mason's Drugstore.

The Tournament.

The Tournament has every prospect of being a success. The Crescent City Excursion Club set up a committee of three to perfect arrangements with the committee on arrangement here, and they signed an agreement to leave New Orleans on the 1st of May, with six coaches, a baggage car and locomotive. If the traffic warrants it, they will pick up coaches en route. A large crowd from New Iberia wants to attend—militia men, riders and bicyclists. The only thing that seems to be dragging is the Knight practice here. We would suggest that at a regular hour every evening, every Knight who expects to run ought to be promptly on hand; that the gate be closed to all except actual riders.

A good deal has been said about costumes. We have looked into the matter and find that a costume can be rented for \$3 of a Spanish cavalier in New Orleans, and for from \$2 to \$5 a very nice costume can be made at home, either a Spanish Knight, an Indian or an Emir. Parties desiring information on this subject can call at this office. A long list of Maids of Honor have accepted. Space prevents us from publishing names this week. Any costume in which the young ladies look particularly attractive will do by adding some kind of a Spanish head gear or cap, a lace mantilla of this cheap black lace fastened to head and drooping to or below shoulders.

The committee is extremely desirous of adding a page Tourney to the program, with the privilege of crowning the Queen of May, with a separate crown, free to all pages, if enough enter before next Thursday.

The adult riders object to boys below 16 riding in the adult class and they threaten to pull out unless the boys are placed in a separate class, which is eminently proper and in accordance with the time honored rules of the Tourney, ancient and modern.

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Protracted Meeting.

The revival services now in progress at the Methodist church under the conduct of Rev. Mr. Smiley,

a visiting divine, ably assisted by Rev. H. Armstrong, the pastor in charge, is proving to be a gratifying success, being largely attended and exciting a lively interest in our midst. Mr. S.'s subjects are well chosen, his diction good and his illustrations remarkably striking. While many consider him a trifle too plain and as dwelling at length on subjects distasteful to the carnal mind, there is no denying the fact that he preaches the gospel unvarnished and brings home to his hearers their many shortcomings and transgressions. The day meetings are interesting in the extreme, due possibly to the fact that those who attend are truly in earnest, having at heart the best interests of the church—its future welfare and the spiritual progress of its membership.

The season is a gracious one, and there has been but a single thing to mar the solemnity of the whole affair and to detract from the otherwise good effect assured, and that was the misbehavior of one or two young men who were pretended listeners at the night service and were located as "occupying the back seat" of the middle aisle. The minister had all along been trying to point out the moral defects in our erring natures, and occasionally referring to the frequent disturbances above mentioned without beneficial results, but on Wednesday night he explicitly and emphatically gave and defined the law for commanding respect from disorderly hearers, and promised to severely punish offenders should the opportunity again be afforded him.

The song service during the meetings was all that could be expected, and the choir deserve much credit for the preparation made in the premises.

Ice-cold Soda-Water at Mason's Drugstore.

St. Landry In Danger.

By referring to the proceedings of the police jury appearing in another column, it will be seen that our parish legislators promptly responded to the call of the citizens of northeast St. Landry by appropriating \$1000 to protect the levees on Bayou des Glaizes.

While the danger is not imminent, it is great enough to warrant caution. The levees protecting this parish along the Bayou des Glaizes and Atchafalaya river are strong with the exception of a ten miles stretch from Mill Bayou to Bayou Dan. This stretch is maintained by the planters, and is a very unsafe affair. A break at any place between Vicksburg and the mouth of Red river would flood the Bayou des Glaize, and about 200,000 acres of land in St. Landry would soon be under water. The appropriation of the police jury is to aid in maintaining this ten miles stretch. Avoyelles has appropriated a like sum, and there is some available money in the levee board treasury. With this it is believed that the levee can be held.

The planters in the threatened section are alive to the danger, and there will be no flood in this parish if heroic struggling by brave and determined men can prevent it.

A Card.

The article in last week's Clarion does not quite explain my object in leasing the Sunnyside Park. I wish to use it more as a park than as a race track. I invite the public, especially the ladies of Opelousas and vicinity, to use the same for driving, or bicycling, and the grounds for croquette, tennis, or any games they may like, from 4 o'clock on week days and 12 o'clock on Sunday.

There is not a great deal there to use now, but if the public will use what there is it will be an inducement to add other things, such as a pavilion, swings, shade trees, etc. There will be no charge for the use of grounds or track except on race days, which will be thoroughly advertised so that all may know when they are expected to pay. I will do my best to have good order and reserve the right to refuse the use of grounds to any one that is objectionable. W. J. PEPPER, Lessee.

Firemen Meet.

Hope Hook & Ladder Company No. 1 met in regular session Tuesday night, with President Vilasaca in the chair and Secretary Isaac at his desk. Felix Lina was admitted to membership. On motion of Dave Jacobs, the initiation fee was reduced from \$2.50 to \$1. This was done in order to increase the membership of the company.

A committee composed of Messrs. W. A. Sandoz, Isidore S. Isaac and Aaron Jacobs was appointed to arrange a reception for the Franklin firemen on the occasion of the excursion from Thibodaux to this place on the 25th inst.

Died.

WATTS.—At the family residence, in Opelousas, on Friday, April 9, 1897, Mrs. Anne Elizabeth Watts, wife of E. B. Dubuisson, Esq., aged 27 years, 4 months and 6 days.

The ruthless angel of eternity has pulled the latch string of another happy home and taken from its sacred precincts a life that shed the beatitude and fragrance of wife and mother athwart the path of husband and child. Where all was happiness and love there only remains a memory of fleeting months when sorrow mocked not at joy; months that alas! seem transitory indeed to the stricken husband upon whom an omnipotent God has seen fit to send this trying affliction. But if deep sympathy and heartfelt regret can quiet the agony of his heart and cause his mind to look with resignation upon this decree of inexorable fate, let him be comforted. No death in our community has ever caused more genuine sympathy and feeling than the untimely taking away of Mrs. Dubuisson.

To the husband and family we join the community in extending our profound sympathy in their hour of affliction and darkness. Would that we could write some sentiment, some thought, that would find an echo in the troubled hearts, and drive away the unutterable agony that the hand of death imprints. But words meant for consolation are too often the cause of sorrow, and expressions of sympathy too often the instrument that opens afresh the heart's wounds. We sympathize and regret, yet we feel not until the dread shadow of death darkens our own threshold and bears off in its sable folds the spirit of a loved one. The lingering trace of sorrow's tread heed not the beat of infinite years, but furrow the cheek and numb the heart until the voice of eternity bids us join the great majority on Lethe's endless shore.

There is a reward in the great hereafter for purity and goodness, and though such a visitation opens the flood gates of the heart and causes the soul to rebel, we should not be unmindful of God's justice and wisdom. There is a sweet consolation in the promises of religion when the withering finger of death plucks the beautiful flowers from our side and leaves us to wither and die alone. Let us be mindful that we are not companionless in grief. Others suffer and die; others cry out to God in the excess of their sorrow and seek consolation from His promises.

Heaven must be the eternal haven for lives so free from sin and wickedness as was hers, and though her death has left him sorrowing and comfortless, let him find consolation in the reward that is held out to purity and goodness.

"Early, bright, transient, Chaste as morning dew, She sparkled, was exhaled, And went to Heaven."

Obituary.

DIED.—In New Orleans, April 9, 1897, Mrs. Alicia Cottingham, wife of Mr. Richard Cottingham, of West Bellevue.

Mrs. Cottingham was the wife of Mr. Richard Cottingham, of Bellevue, this parish, and the sympathy of the community goes out to him and his bereaved family in his dark hour of trial. Mrs. Cottingham was a true christian, and the tenor of her pure life was a shining example of true womanhood and christian charity.

Though not reared in our community, she was a ready and willing helper in every movement in the name of morality and charity, and her death will be deeply felt by her acquaintances and friends.

Farewell, dear loved one, A last good bye— This parting gives us pain, We trust in Him who gave and took That we shall meet again. A FRIEND.

Notice To Teachers.

All teachers are hereby notified to attend the Institute to be held at the High School at Opelousas, Saturday, May 1st, 1897. Subjects: Language and Grammar.

In order that teachers may attend the May Day Festival and Tournament, the Institute will open promptly at 10 o'clock a. m. Prof. Himes, State Institute Conductor, will be in attendance, and a full attendance of teachers is required.

A. L. FONTENOT, President. W. S. FRAZEE, Superintendent.

The following from the Crowley Signal would indicate that our friend and late parishioner, Dr. Homer Chachere, is doing well in his new home, Crowley:

Dr. Homer Chachere has bought the lots on the square adjoining W. P. Campbell and J. G. Medlenka, and has built a neat fence around the property. In a short while he will erect a commodious residence, when he will feel that he is a permanent resident of our town. The lots are well situated in the choice residence part of our city.

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Also the large Black Jack, "BILLY BROCKENBIDGE" at \$5.00. I will also take a few horses to handle for speed or colts to break and gait for the road on reasonable terms. For other information call on or address

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