

The death of Queen Victoria was learned with profound sorrow throughout the civilized world. No monarch has ever endeared himself or herself so indelibly in the hearts of people of all nations. This was not so much on account of her achievements as a ruler as it was on account of her pure, noble womanhood. The new King, Edward VII, known as the Prince of Wales, (her son) is much beloved by his people, but it is doubtful if he will ever embed himself in their hearts to the extent of his distinguished mother.

Brother Hardwicke, (who by the way is giving Rayne a jim-cracking fine paper) has opened up with his heaviest artillery on Opelousas. His grievances are evidently too deep-rooted to admit of the interference of a peace commission. Time, however, when gentle Spring weather will have brought forth a new crop, and the clarion notes of the mocking-bird and the glad chirping of the cheerful lark will have effaced the grim memories of high fences and cross-ties, our belligerent brother, we are sure, will not refuse to shake hands over the bloody chasm and sing with us "Peace on Earth, Good Will to All Men."

Editor Clarion.—One of the most important and praiseworthy actions of our parish Legislature on Wednesday, was the passage of a resolution appropriating two hundred and fifty dollars for the annex to the St. Landry High School. The town of Opelousas had previously appropriated one thousand dollars, the people, not only of the town, but of the country, also had subscribed seven hundred and fifty dollars. The question of raising the required two thousand dollars hinged upon the police jury, for without its co-operation the annex would have fallen to the ground, simply because the town of Opelousas, in making the appropriation, provided that a like amount should be raised by the people and the parish.

One or two energetic appeals were made to the police jury without avail, but at last that august body in the wisdom and spirit of progressive citizens, voted the necessary amount, and the people of this parish should feel proud of their action.

The finest sight that graces our court house square after school hours is the congregation of forty or fifty robust, healthy young men, ranging in age from 14 to 20, well dressed, blooming youths, whose countenances and demeanor portray gentility, brain and general worth, all students of the High School from country wards. Had the jury ever witnessed this fine array of young men, the country members would have never hesitated in reaching to-day's decision. However, said action in this matter will redound to their credit for ages to come, and the cause of education as fostered by our School Board and Police Jury will ere long become the watchword of every citizen of St. Landry.

SPECTATOR, January 23, 1901.

Port Barre Notes.

Mr. Morgan Sandoz, of Opelousas, visited Port Barre during the week.

Mr. Austin Fontenot, of Opelousas, was among the visitors last week.

Messrs. George Roger and C. Bagnaud, of Arnaudville, visited Port Barre Sunday.

Mr. C. V. Dejean went to Washington Thursday.

Miss Utah Newchurch went to New Orleans Sunday.

Mr. J. Dejean went to Opelousas Monday.

Among those who took in the excursion Sunday from here were: Messrs. L. Robin, S. Reynolds, E. and A. Carriere.

Mr. J. Caillouet and two little daughters, spent Sunday in Leonville.

A crowd of hunters passed through town Sunday on their way

home. Among the many kitchen utensils that could be plainly seen was a pair of deer horns, which is a sure proof of their success.

Dr. J. P. Saizan visited Port Barre Saturday.

Though a little late to receive Xmas presents, nevertheless Mr. P. Robin, of this place, became the happy recipient of a handsome gift from the R. O. Evans & Co., of Chicago, a few days ago. Get Mr. H. E. Estorge to tell you of it. X.

School Board Proceedings.

Opelousas, January 7, 1901. The Board of School Directors of St. Landry parish met this day in regular session. Present: Raymond Breau, President; Messrs. Boykin, Neyland, Clark, Thompson, Ray, Sandoz, Guilbeau. Absent: D. H. Bernard. Minutes of last meeting approved. On motion of Mr. Neyland—The President is authorized to cancel Mr. J. J. Thompson's bond. On motion of Dr. Ray—The Board as a whole was made a committee on finances, with the addition of J. J. Thompson as chairman. On motion of Mr. Neyland—The question of the Port-Barre school was left to Messrs. Bernard, Boykin, the President and Superintendent to decide. On motion Mr. Neyland—The President, Superintendent and Mr. Bernard are to appoint a teacher, who holds a certificate as the law requires, to the Prairie-des-Femmes school. On motion of Dr. Thompson—The Board went into executive session for the purpose of examining the financial condition of the public schools. The Board went into regular session, and the committee made the following report:

To the President and Members of the School Board of St. Landry: Gentlemen—We, your undersigned committee, appointed to examine into the finances of the Board, beg leave to report that, we find after a careful examination, the following status of said finances:

Table with financial data: To bal due school board by the State for current school fund for 1900, about, \$ 7,112 52; To amt due school board by the State for interest fund for 1900, 2,986 52; To bal due school board by the Police Jury for app. 1900, 2,000 00; To poll taxes for the month of Nov. 1900, 1,284 15; To poll taxes for the month of Dec. 1900, about, 700 00; To 1/2 of police jury appropriation for 1901, 3,000 00; To 1/2 of poll taxes for the year for 1901, 3,421 77; To 1/2 of current school fund for 1901, 5,000 00; To 1/2 of interest fund for 1901, 1,400 00; To other items, such as fines, rents, etc., 1,000 00; Total amt of funds available for session of 1900 and 1901, \$28,084 90; By amt due St. L. State, Bank, 1900, \$16,150 75; By amt due Assessor, 307 00; By amt due for 1900, about, 700 00; By miscellaneous acct, 800 00; etc., \$11,926 75; Bal on hand to run ses 1900-01, \$16,938 21; J. J. THOMPSON, Chairman.

On motion of Mr. Neyland—The report of the committee as a whole was accepted as read. On motion of Dr. Thompson—That the public schools of the parish of St. Landry be continued as long as the available funds will permit; except the High School departments of the Opelousas and Washington schools, which shall continue for the term of eight months.

On motion of Dr. Thompson—Be it resolved, that the chair be and is hereby authorized to appoint a committee of three to contract with any bank for a sum sufficient to pay the public school teachers for the month of January, 1901, and to pay the Assessor the sum of \$307.00 already due. The chair to be a member of said committee. Chair appointed Messrs. Guilbeau and Sandoz.

Messrs. Boykin, Thompson, Clark, Neyland, Sandoz and Guilbeau, voted yeas. Dr. Ray voted nay, for the following reason: Believing the teachers should meet the Board half-way, and as the Board has borrowed money several months to pay the teachers, I believe that the teachers should now wait on the Board. For these reasons, I vote no.

On motion of Mr. Neyland—To re-open a school at Boretta, resulted as follows: Yeas—Mr. Neyland; nays—Messrs. Boykin, Thompson, Clark, Sandoz, Ray and Guilbeau.

On motion of Dr. Thompson—Resolved, that the Eunice school be allowed a third assistant teacher.

On motion of Dr. Ray—Unanimously carried, that the action of the Superintendent in the case of Mrs. L. A. Fontenot, be sustained.

Motion by Dr. Ray—As the President has closed the Dejean school, I move, as in as much as there has been existing in that vicinity, measles, and in as much as I have been informed from what I consider a reliable source, that there are several families moving into the vicinity with several educable children, sufficient to insure the average attendance, I move that the Dejean school be re-opened and that Miss Georgie Hudspeth be appointed teacher.

Messrs. Sandoz, Guilbeau, Boykin and Thompson, voted no. Messrs. Neyland, Clark and Ray, voted yeas—motion lost. On motion of Dr. Ray—Resolved, that the Guidry school be made a grammar grade school. Messrs. Guilbeau, Ray and Clark, voted yeas. Messrs. Boykin and Guilbeau, voted no. There being a tie, the chair voted nay and the motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. Neyland—Resolved, that Augustin Winkler be appointed janitor of the Washington High School, at a salary of \$8.00 per month. On motion of Mr. Sandoz—Seconded by Mr. Guilbeau, resolved, that another teacher be appointed for the St. Landry High School. Messrs. Boykin, Sandoz and Guilbeau, voted yeas. Messrs. Thompson, Ray, Neyland and Clark, voted no—motion lost.

On motion of Mr. Neyland—The Board adjourned until the second Monday of February, 1901. RAYMOND BREAU, President. J. L. GUILBEAU, Secretary.

WANTED—ACTIVE MAN OF GOOD CHARACTER to deliver and collect in Louisiana for old established manufacturing wholesale house. \$600 a year, sure pay. Honesty and a bank in any city. Enclose self-addressed stamped envelope. Manufacturers, Third Floor, 334 Dearborn St., Chicago.

BEAR IN MIND! Reduction Sale

That while I am off to New York, doing my Spring and Summer buying, all Fall and Winter goods left over will go at

ACTUAL :: COST. Some Things at Cost Price.

Received: Forty-eight Dozens Shirts, worth 75¢, going at 50¢

A large line of Hats will be sacrificed at 50¢

Also a new line of Hats just received from 50¢ to \$2.50

Received: A very nobby line of UMBRELLAS, ranging in price from 45¢ to \$2.50

COME AND SEE US BEFORE GOING ELSEWHERE. Yours For Trade,

BENNETT'S Bargain Store, Laundry St., near Shute's Drugstore.

LAND FOR SALE at \$3.00 per acre, situated in Lower Pine Prairie and known as the Hargrove tract. Will not sell less than 300 acres, more if desired. W. I. HARGROVE, Jan 5

IMPORTANT TO GINNERS. Those wishing to buy or renew their gins, will do well to consult me before placing their orders elsewhere. Plans for new ginny given free of charge. Call on or write to Armas Durio, Opelousas, La. Jan 10-4

TAKEN UP by the undersigned, at Grand Prairie, one blue mare, about 6 year old, has been around premises about 2 years; branded thus: G E The owner will please come forward, prove property, pay costs and take same away. L. A. ORTEGO, Jan 5-5t

TAKEN UP by the undersigned, one pair of small Greys mules; one mule is a known eye horse and branded on right hip, but brand is too indistinct to be deciphered. The other is black, a little smaller than the grey, and branded similar to the grey. The owner will please come forward, prove property, pay costs and take same away. ALEXANDRE MILLER, Eunice, La. Jan 5-5t

NOTICE TO BUILDERS and Contractors. Sealed bids will be received by the undersigned committee, appointed by the Board of Aldermen of the town of Opelousas, for the erection of two bridges on Landry street, across bayou Tesson, in accordance with plans and specifications to be seen at the Mayor's Office. Said bids to be opened on SATURDAY, JANUARY 27TH, AT NOON. The committee reserves the right to reject any and all bids. L. A. GOSSELIN, J. G. LAUREN, Committee. Jan 19-2t

Mr. J. J. Healey offers the following revenue ordinance, and after having been read section by section, on motion duly seconded and carried was adopted unanimously as follows: AN ORDINANCE To provide an annual revenue for the Town of Opelousas, La., by the levying of an annual tax upon all property situated within the limits of said town, not exempt from taxation, under the present constitution and laws of this state, and enforcing payment thereon to the said town of Opelousas, La.: Section 1. Be it ordained by the mayor and board of aldermen of the town of Opelousas, La.: That for the year 1901, there is hereby levied a tax on all property of the assessed valuation of all property situated within the corporate limits of said town, except such as is expressly exempt from taxation by the constitution and laws of the state of Louisiana for the year 1898 and existing laws.

Section 2. Be it further ordained, etc., That the taxes due the said town shall be due and payable at the office of the collector of the board of aldermen of Opelousas, La., as soon as the tax rolls shall be made out and filed in the office of said collector, and after this ordinance takes effect.

Section 3. Be it further ordained, etc., That no force collection of taxes shall be made before the time or date set apart for the forcible collection of the taxes due the state of Louisiana. Section 4. Be it further ordained, etc., That it shall be the duty of the town tax collector to receive and collect the taxes and interest and penalties and costs due thereon to the said town of Opelousas, La., within such time and in such manner as is provided by existing state laws relative to the collection of taxes due the state of Louisiana, and as is provided for in the present charter of said town. B. A. LITTELL, Mayor. Attest: W. R. COCHRAN, Clerk.

Parish Budget. The committee on budget reported through their chairman, Mr. Sam'l Haas, the following estimate of expenditures for the year 1901, to-wit: Officers and members, 3000 00; Jail fund, 2181 84; Internal improvements, 8000 00; Magistrates and constables, 6038 16; Assessor, 1500 00; Grand and petit jurors, 3000 00; Witnesses, 2500 00; District attorney, 1200 00; Indigent, 100 00; Contingent expenses, 4250 00; Contingent criminal expenses, 1500 00; Sheriff's board of health exp., 250 00; Sheriff's criminal, 100 00; Tax collector's commission, 2500 00; Public schools, 6000 00; Prisoner and parish physician, 800 00; Street labor, 250 00; Existing debt, 5500 00; Total, \$50,000 00. Attest: J. J. HEALEY, Clerk.

Town Budget. The committee on budget reported, through Chairman Healey, the following estimate, and budget of expenditures for the year 1901, as follows: Town physician, \$ 100 00; Town attorney, 150 00; Town treasurer, 100 00; Town assessor, 150 00; Town janitor, 50 00; Aldermen, 150 00; Indigents, 210 00; Marshal, 100 00; President board of health, 150 00; Town printer, 150 00; Special and night officer, 300 00; Street labor, 250 00; Tax collector, 250 00; Contingent expense fund, 1054 00; Total, \$500 00. B. A. LITTELL, Mayor. Attest: W. R. COCHRAN, Clerk.

Mr. J. J. Healey offered the following ordinance, seconded by Mr. Gosselin, and upon being read section by section was adopted unanimously, to-wit: AN ORDINANCE Relative to the levying and collecting of an annual license tax. Section 1. Be it ordained by the mayor and board of aldermen of the town of Opelousas, La., in regular session convened, That the license law of the state of Louisiana, being Act 171 of the Acts of General Assembly for the year 1898, be adopted, and made the license law of the town of Opelousas, La.; provided, that the minimum license for the business of retail dealer in distilled, alcoholic or malt liquors, or intoxicating liquors, be two thousand dollars; provided, that no half or fraction of a license be issued for said business; and, provided, that the licenses issued for said business be graded in the proportion and in the manner that the same is done in said state law; and, provided further, that no one shall be allowed to engage in said business without previously having obtained a license as herein provided, under the pains and penalties of the statute relative to selling distilled, alcoholic or malt liquors, or intoxicating liquors, without a license.

Section 2. Be it further ordained, etc., That this ordinance for good and sufficient cause, shall take effect on the 1st day of January, 1901. B. A. LITTELL, Mayor. Attest: W. R. COCHRAN, Clerk.

MURRAY : HILL : CLUB and all the Celebrated Brands of Liquors Always on Hand.

Largest and Finest Saloon in Town.

Jug and Bottle Trade A Speciality. COLORED SALOON IN Connection.

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75¢ Crepons, going at 60
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\$12.00 and \$13.50 Dress Patterns of French Imported Goods, 7.50
75¢ Blue Serge, going at 50
\$2.00 Silk, 4 yards enough for a dress, it is so wide, at 1.00

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Don't you need any? We are Specially Low on Them.

Nice Portiers

To Fix Your Parlor.

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We bought Cheap and can Save you Money.

Dress Trimmings, Same Proportionate Reductions.

EMBROIDERY.

- 50¢ kind, going at 35¢
40¢ " " at 30¢
35¢ " " at 25¢
25¢ " " at 20¢
15¢ " " at 10¢
10¢ " " at 5¢

BIG CUT IN MEN'S CHEAP PANTS.

\$1.00 kind, at 75¢ Same proportions in Better Ones.

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We have the Exclusive Control of them. No one could tell whether it's a machine or not, when closed up.

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JURY VENIRE.

of the members of the jury commissioners, J. F. Vidrine, in the presence of the others, and the afore-named witnesses, drew therefrom, one at a time, the names of thirty persons to serve as petit jurors for the first week of the next ensuing session of court, beginning on Monday, March 12th, A. D. 1901, the names and places of residence of said persons being as follows, to-wit:

- Name Residence
1 Walter Slain Opelousas
2 Henry Young, Jr. Media
3 Sylvester Smith Grand Coteau
4 John Henry Pine Prairie
5 Ben Lafour Plaisance
6 Oscar Reed Eunice
7 Leopold Dejean Opelousas
8 Valmont Soliveau Grand Prairie
9 Louis Hebert near Opelousas
10 Leandre Henry Pine Prairie
12 Adolph Holler near Opelousas
13 L J Kerr, Jr. Washington
14 J A Morgan Bellevue
15 C N Lavergne Bellevue
16 H E Currey Bellevue
17 Leon Landau Opelousas
18 J M Hicks Morrow
19 Juste Z Fontenot near Opelousas
20 Frank Anderson Bayou Current
21 Ben Courville Faquetaine
22 Martin Budd Opelousas
23 Martin L Fontenot Pine Prairie
24 Robert Morrow Will Plate
25 Martin Miller Eunice
26 Eugene Reeves Garland
27 Homer Taylor Eunice
28 E G Gardner Elba
29 J M Gardiner Sunset
30 Wm Devalcour Sunset

We then placed the thirty names thus drawn in an envelope and sealed and endorsed on the same the words "List of Jurors No. 1" and the district Judge having so directed, we have drawn in the same manner thirty additional names for service as jurors during the second week of the session to begin on Monday, March 25th, A. D. 1901, the names and places of residence of said persons being as follows, to-wit:

- Name Residence
1 Fred Monton Grand Coteau
2 Frank Miller Coulee Croche
3 Jos B Sibille Sunset
4 Alose Bontie Sunset
5 Robt Wilkins Bellevue
6 H D Courtney Chicot
7 Henry Vidrine Plaisance
8 Raymond B Fontenot Bellair Cove
9 Edgar F Dupre Plaisance
10 Edgar Lanney Plaisance
11 George Pufford, Sr Opelousas
12 Jos V Roy Coteau
13 Leonce Lastrapes Opelousas
14 Chas Hollier near Washington
15 August Dupuy near Opelousas
16 Paul Richard Opelousas
17 W R Cochran Opelousas
18 J C Mills Bellevue
19 Gus E Dupre Opelousas
20 W T Henderson Opelousas

The names of the persons so selected were written on slips of paper by the clerk, in the presence of the commissioners, and were by placed in an envelope, which we have sealed and endorsed thereon the words "List of Grand Jurors."

Whereupon the slips contained in the general venire box were mixed, and one

Witnesses: ALFRED PAVY, C. MORNING, H. E. ESTORGE, Clerk and Ex-Officio Jury Commissioner. Attest: J. J. HEALEY, Clerk.

Best cigars in town at Mason's Drugstore.