THE CLARION.

OPELOUSAS, AUG. 24, 1901.

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FIRE SIGNALS.

At a meeting of Hope Hook & Ladder Co. No. 1, held July 9, 1901, the town was devided into Fire Districts and a Code of Signals was adopted in order to facilitate the location of fires in the future. The town was devided as follows:—

District No 1—All that portion of town bounded north by Bellevue street, west by Union street, south and east by corporation line.

District No. 2—All that portion of town bounded by Bellevue street on the south, Union street on the west, and corporation line on the north and east.

District No. 3.—The portion of town lying West of Union street, and south of Bellevue street, with the corporation line as the south and west boundary.

District No. 4.—The portion of town bounded on the south by Bellevue, east by Union, north and west by corporation line.

The Signals adopted were short taps to indicate the district in which the fire is located, followed by a rapid alarm, same to be repeated until general alarm is given.

To illustrate, should an alarm be sounded for District No. 3, first three taps, one, two, three, followed by rapid alarm, and repeat.

—Best cigars in town at Mason's Drugstore.

—Dr. John A. Haas is summering at Cooper's Wells.

—The bridge over Ponchartrain gully doesn't need fixing. A new one is what is wanted there.

—Mrs. T. B. Brooks and daughter Anna, after several weeks spent with relatives in Abbeville and Iota, returned home this week.

—Ballard's Snow Liniment gives instant relief in cases of Bleeding, Burns, Bruises, Scalds, Cuts, etc. Price 25 and 50¢. Mason's Drug Store.

—On Friday, August 30, at 7:30 p. m., a lawn party will be given at Mrs. J. T. Stewart's for the benefit of the Baptist Church. Everybody cordially invited.

—Money to loan on good security at reasonable rates. Address undersigned, lock box 679, New Orleans, or Kenneth Bailllio, Opelousas, La. mh30 V. W. BOAGNI.

We congratulate our friend Mike Halphen upon the arrival of a—bouncing of course—baby boy. The young fellow landed Tuesday night. All hail to the prospective oil magnate!

—A free and easy expectoration is prodeced by a few doses of Ballard's Horehound Syrup, in all cases of Hoarseness, Sore Troat, or difficulty of breathing. Price 25 and 50¢. Mason's Drug Store.

—The curbing around the courthouse square is being painted brick red. The work is being done by authority of Col. Mel Durio, member of the police jury from this ward. Another feather in Mell's cap.

—There is a movement on foot to move the public school from Edgar Landry's to near Mel Durio, where it is proposed to build a new school house. Mr. Durio will donate an acre of land near his grove for the building.

—Herbine is well adapted to the cure of fevers of all kinds, because it throughly cleanses the stomach and bowels of all bilious humors, and expels all impure secretions of the body. Price 50¢. Mason's Drug Store.

—Myra, the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Boston, of Cheneyville, died at the home of its grandfather, Dr. Wm. M. Thompson, on Aug. 22. The bereaved parents have the hearthfelt sympathy of the Clarion.

—What most people want is something mild and gentle, when in need of a physic. Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets fill the bill to a dot. They are easy to take and plesant in effect. For sale by Mason's Drug Store.

—A very prominent gentle man of our city is desirous of thanking his good friends for the favor conferred upon his noble head this week. The Clarion feels confident that the community will be as thankful to these gentleman. We know that the subject of charity himself, as well as the barber, is thankful. In the language of the King Bird: "God bless the gang."

Where Is The Child?

If we are in order, we would like to make inquiries on the demise of the late lamented oil boom, born in Opelousas one chilly February morning, we believe, and fondled so tenderly for some weeks; until another baby with royal blood came forth and robbed the wee one of the affection of its best friends. Now, what we want to know, is the kid dead, dead beyond human aid, or is it just in a state of suspended animation? Have his voluntary nurses neglected him to such an extent that there is no way of reviving him? In the meantime, while in the humane mission of looking up orphans, we may inquire about the one of royal blood, who so cruelly, but successfully, supplanted his brother, and caused his, evident, untimely demise? Is he, too, in the land of the dead? Is he too winging his way in boom heaven? 'Tis pity if such a promising chap, with such royal ancestors, should be permitted to give up the ghost. But, when we come to think of it, the plebian kid was no slouch himself—both were right peart youngsters.

But speaking seriously, have our people abandoned the idea of digging for oil? Two companies were organized here, charters published, and other expenses undergone. For some weeks the true spirit of progression and enterprise was manifest everywhere, and it really seemed as if something would be done to bring this grand country of ours prominently before the eyes of the world. There was indications of oil there and here and everywhere, and all that was necessary to create an excitement was to pour a gallon of Waters Pearce oil in a fellow's well, and the next day there was a rush for the place, and vociferous talk of gushers and options and experts and gas regaled the fortune dreamers who were there with eager ears drinking in all that the wise local Lucesses had to say. While this condition of the public mind seemed to some, and at times was, verging on the ridiculous, yet it is a condition that, if it just can hold out long enough, will make a country, will develop enterprises and things unthought of. It is a condition that will make the capitalist turn loose his money in the channels of industry, because he is not immune from the disease, if you may call it so. It will make the lethargic fellow hustle in the hope of making "easy money." It will make the poor man hopeful that better days are coming, and make him work with double energy and cheerfulness. It will make the traveller talk well about your town and country, which, he has been convinced, contain oil and a hustling population. But this spirit, as far as this place is concerned, is the deadest thing in America to-day. Even the visit of Mr. Heywood, the oil magnate of Beaumont, to our town the other day did not cause a flurry of excitement. He was in town two days, and but few enthusiasts called on him. One of them was Mr. B. R. Splane, who took the oil man out to his place near town, one of the spots in this country which, it has been contended, gave every indication of oil. Mr. Heywood more than sustained the general impression, for he said that surface conditions were as indicative of oil at this spot as on the famous "Spindle Top." He promised to return here in a few weeks and make further investigations. If the opinion of a man of Mr. Heywood's experience and unquestioned knowledge can not stir our people to action, what can? Does it take a gusher to convince our people that there is oil under this glorious country of ours?

Let's have a genuine, substantial oil boom. Let's have a boom that will bring some result. Let's bury jealousy and go right down to work and see if we can't get a gusher or two. Mr. Heywood thinks we can.

A Minister's Good Work.

"I had a severe attack of bilious colic, got a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, took two doses and was entirely cured," says Rev. A. A. Power, of Emporia, Kan. "My neighbor across the street was sick for over a week, had two or three bottles of medicine from the doctor. He used them for three or four days without relief, then called in another doctor who treated him for some days and gave him no relief, so discharged him. I went over to see him the next morning. He said his bowels were in a terrible fix, that they had been running off so long that it was almost bloody flux. I asked him if he had tried Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea remedy and he said 'No.' I went home and brought him my bottle and gave him one dose; told him to take another dose in fifteen or twenty minutes if he did not find relief, but he took no more and was entirely cured." For sale by Mason's Drug Store.

Teachers And Examination.

Last year when it was suggested, or rather intimated, that all the teachers in the parish would probably be submitted to an examination, there was a loud cry of protest from the teachers, that is from some of them. They argued that they had been doing valiant work in educational lines for so, so many years, and that it would be a cruel, ungrateful act to submit them to a tedious examination, forgetting that a teacher who has taught for so, so many years, and yet feels unable to pass the examination required, should voluntarily and gracefully withdraw from school work, for she is a pensioner, and not a member of the great and noble fraternity of teachers. Those who love their work and their profession should insist that this class of teachers should be relegated to some pursuit in life in which they can make themselves more useful and less dangerous to humanity; for there is nothing more dangerous than an incompetent and inefficient teacher.

We read with pleasure in the Lafayette Gazette an official notice given by Superintendent Alleman calling the teachers not to pass one, but two, examinations, in order to test their efficiency. Two is not authorized by law, the law requiring that primary teachers should undergo one examination every year, and grammar teachers one every two years, but we understand Prof. Alleman's object to be the weeding out of the incompetent teachers, who have wormed themselves into the public school system of that parish through the favoritism or incompetency of school boards, and we feel confident that his rather drastic course would be sustained were an appeal made to the State Superintendent. Prof. Alleman, in his call, says:

"I take this opportunity to advise all the teachers of the parish to stand the preliminary examination at 9 o'clock on Aug. 24, 1901, in the Industrial Institute. Even though they hold certificates they would be greatly benefited by the examination, and there is nothing to lose. This would put the teachers in line for the coming regular examination next October, and would be one step higher in the ladder of proficiency.

"The examination to be held on the 24th is not a regular examination and therefore no certificates will be issued to those who pass it successfully; it will be purely a test, and at the same time a competitive examination where two or more applicants apply for the same school.

"Let the entire teaching force of Lafayette parish present itself at the examination which is soon to be held, and thus prepare for a step higher in October.

"It is highly probable that the Board of School Directors will soon elevate the standard of required proficiency, and our teachers should begin now to prepare for that day when teachers in a state of mental stagnation will be asked to step aside and give place to those of the profession who are more progressive. The people are tired of teachers who do not improve; they have found out for themselves that the teacher who does not improve is on the retrogade, and they value their dear little ones too highly to submit them to the blighting influence of a teacher who has become intellectually dead. If they wish to hold their positions as teachers they must look up, not down; they must march forward, not backward."

Book Exchange Prices.

The State superintendent of education is sending out to all parish supreintendents in the State a list of the books recently adopted by the State board of education and the market price and the exchange price. The selling price of the books has been given. The following is the exchange price on the books to be used next year:

Spellers, three parts, 14 cents; C speller and definer 15c., graded literature 72½c. for five books, Hyde's Course in English 11 and 20c., Hansell's School History 20 and 35., Nicholson's Arithmetic 7, 10, 21 and 28c.; Maury's Elementary Geography 20 and 44c.; drawing 10, 15, 20c., University copy books 5c., Bailey's Botany 66c.; Blaisdell's "How to Keep Well" 20c., Hoadley's Physic 50c.; Gay's Book-keeping 30, 22c., Chardenal's First French Course 54, 90c., the Modern Music Series 13, 18, 24, 30c.

This includes all of the books in both the common and the high school courses.

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Age, fourteen years, or older; satisfactory examination in reading, writing, spelling, arithmetic, to denominate numbers, elementary geography and history. Certificate from officially-approved High School, or other school accredited upon investigation, showing satisfactory 6th grade work will be accepted for entrance without examination.

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Session of Nine Months Begins

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1901.

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E. L. STEPHENS, President.

Insanes.

Deputy-Sheriffs J. T. Stewart and J. Y. Sensat left on the evening train Wednesday for the insane asylum at Jackson with three insanes: Ringrose, Hollier and Holbrook.

Ringrose lives near Opelousas, where he has a model farm. Periodically he losses his mind, and he is so violent when in this fix that he has to be incarcerated. A few months in the asylum gets him all right.

Hollier is from near Leonville. He is an embicile, and entirely harmless. He had never been on a train, and strenously objected to embarking. He said that the "law in the skies" told him not to ride in anything but a buggy. He was finally induced to board on the promise that they were taking him home.

Holbrook has been to the asylum before, but discharged as cured some years ago. One day last week he leisurely walked into the Sheriff's office and greeted Sheriff Swords with a "Hello, Marion," and cordially shook hands with the officer. In a quite manner he startled the Sheriff with "I've come to give myself up." Thinking that his friend had committed some crime, Swords anxiously asked "For what?" To which Holbrook composedly replied "I am crazy." An examination proved that he was correct, and he was incarcerated. He seems to be brooding over something, imaginary or real.

The Quebodeau girl was not taken to the asylum on account of her condition.

Restaurants.

Opelousas is preparing for Crowley fellows in the way of restaurants. Our good people feel deeply hurt that the boys from the rice city did not find the fare suited to their peculiar tastes, and are awful sorry that they suffered from indigestion, and the remedy is to have restaurants galore, so that they may go around sampling delicate dishes in the different places until they find something to suit them. We learn that one of the new restaurateurs will make a specialty of boiled crawfish and rice when an excursion from Crowley is announced and this is supposed to invite the unbridled plaudits of the inhabitants of the town where stores are rolled out in the middle of the streets for want of room where stores really ought to be, although some say that this unique method is adopted to fill up holes and save the town from a deplorable and sad ending, viz, to-wit: being undermined by crawfish, who, knowing that they are the chief staff of life in that country, arrogantly assume the authority of digging for oil right in the corporate limits, aye, on the fabulous Parkerson avenue, right under the eagle eyes and brave spirit of Turner, and even in proximity of the valiant epicurian, Tom Carver. Another restaurant will be ready to cater to the wants of the people in a few days, to be run by Henry Vidrine, who will occupy the old Firnberg saloon stand.

Fine Crops—Fine Roads.

It was our pleasure last Sunday morning to drive over to the Bellevue plantation of Sheriff Swords, six miles from town. Swords' place is the paragon of modern farming. The crops are the finest in that section, the stock the best, tho' not the fattest, the cabbins are new and large—in fact everything is prime there. But what struck us more forcibly was the excellent condition of the public roads from town to his place. It had the effect of sorter softening our heart twoards Mr. Stokes, for it was a powerful evidence that it is not the law now in existence that is so much at fault, but the people. If the people would give six honest days on the public roads in the manner that Messrs. J. M. Bougni, M. L. Swords and Pickens Butler have done, there would be no need of a special tax, and the roads would be a credit to the parish. Their road was worked with a modern road machine, and to appreciate it one must see the work. This country needs citizens of the type of the gentlemen above mentioned. But they are not here, and it is necessary to enact compulsory laws to accomplish that which should be done voluntarily.

—The venerable Mrs. Edmond Estilette, mother of our townsman, Judge E. D. Estilette, died at her home in Carencro last Monday, August 19th. The remains were interred in the Grand Coteau cemetery on the 20th. She had attained the ripe age of 93 years. Peace to her ashes.

—The laws of health require that the bowels move once each day and one of the penalties for violating this law is piles. Keep your bowels regular by taking a dose of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets when necessary and you will never have that severe punishment inflicted upon you. Price 25¢. For sale by Mason's Drug Store.

—"Brown Henry" took first money in the free-for-all race, in New Iberia last Sunday, and "Tommy" took second money in two running races. St. Landry seldom comes out at the rear end in anything, and when it comes to races, with Boutte and Wallior at the wheel, why, it's a cinch.

—Where the digestion is good, and the general powers of the system in a healthy state, worms can find no habitation in the human body. White's Cream Vermifuge not only destroys every worms, but corrects all derangement of all the digestive organs. Price 25¢. Mason's Drug Store.

—Abbeville is to have a $10,000 school building, the police jury of that parish having recently appropriated $5000, which is to be added to a like amount raised by means of a special tax in the corporation of that town. This will be welcome news to those who have had the opportunity of seeing the disgraceful shantles used for school in that progressive town.

—"Through the months of June and July our baby was teething and took a runnig off of the bowels and sickness of the stomach," says O. P. M. Holliday, of Deming, Ind. "His bowels would move from five to eight times a day. I had a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in the house and gave him four drops in a teaspoonfull of water and he got better at once." Sold by Mason's Drug Store.

—The Board of Trade of Opelousas is making preparations to give a grand fair and races at Opelousas the latter part of October. This will give ample time to prepare exhibits and race stock. The fair will last three days, and the prizes and purses will be paid in cash on the spot. Prizes will be awarded to milch cows, bulls, stallions, best mare and yearling colt, best lot of hogs, best mule, best show of game fowl, best show of domestic fowl, rice, cotton, corn, cane, sweet potatoe, etc. Posters will soon be out containing full information. If you don't receive one, call at the Board of Trade office, Ealer building, and ask for one. It is open every day of the week, and Mr. L. A. Sandoz, the secretary, will take pleasure in giving you posters and all other information needed.

—Judge W. F. Blackman, the veteran jurist and politician, spent several days pleasantly in St. Landry's metropolis this week. The Judge has his magnetic rod up for Congressional lightning, and we are told that the coveted bolt is liable to strike true. Sure it is, that if the said rod has not lost its wonderful charm, Blackman goes to Congress a-flying. And especially now that Brother Jones of the Advocate has about fixed things so that Sam Robertson will have his own way in a little independent district cut to order. But when we imagine a political scrap between Robertson and Blackman, were they in the same district, we are inspired with the longing for such a lesson in political lore. What a battle of giants! What a revelation! We also learn that Hon. Wm. Polk, of Rapides, is aspiring for Congressional honors in case the new district is made to suit him. But Polk had better pray that he is not made to run amuck Sam Robertson or Judge Blackman.

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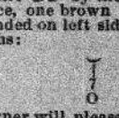
Building lately occupied by Thompson's Drugstore, Landry St., Opelousas, La.

TAKEN UP. The issue of a mare now dead, consisting of four horses, one 6, one 4, one 3 and one 1 years old. The mother and colts branded thus:

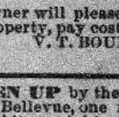


The owner will please come forward, prove property, pay costs and take same away. DELMONT GRADNIGO.
For further information, address Emile Reed, Eunice, La. aug17-5t

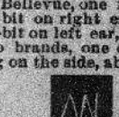
TAKEN UP by the undersigned at Eunice, one brown cow and young calf, branded on left side near shoulder about thus:

The owner will please come forward, prove property, pay costs and take same away. V. T. BOUDREAUX,
aug10-5t Eunice, La.

TAKEN UP by the undersigned at Panse Tate, one dark brown cow about 4 years old, and branded on ribs on right side about thus:

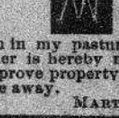


And one light brown cow with full face white, and about 4 years old, and branded on ribs on right side about thus:



The owner or owners will please come forward, prove property, pay costs and take same away.
aug17-5t ARCHILLE SMITH.

TAKEN UP by the undersigned, at West Bellevue, one red heifer, with swallow bit on right ear and swallow and over-bit on left ear, and is branded with two brands, one on hip, and the following on the side, about thus:



Has been in my pasture since March. The owner is hereby notified to come forward, prove property, pay costs and take same away.
aug3-5t MARTIN COSGROVE.

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