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MARDI-GRAS Carnival

Opelousas, Louisiana,

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1903 :. Everybody Come!

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Governing the Carnival Ball.

The ball will take place at Sandoz's Opera House, Tuesday evening, February 24th.

The Queen will be crowned at 9 o'clock p. m. The crowning ceremonies will be followed by the Royal Lances.

The first five dances are reserved for the Royal Court.

Any gentleman desiring to purchase tickets will send one dollar with the application, to the ball committee.

All tickets must be purchased on or before February 24th, at 6 o'clock p. m.

No ticket good without the signature of the ball committee.

Mail orders attended to. Address, box 146, or R. Mornhinveg & Son's jewelry store.

Remember, no tickets will be issued after 6 o'clock Tuesday, February 24th, and positively no one will be admitted without tickets.

CARNIVAL PROGRAMME.

The Royal Party will arrive in the Chosen City of Opelousas via the Southern Pacific Railroad on the evening train on Monday, February 23, 1903, at 2:20 p. m.

Company B, First Battalion, Capt. Stewart's command, is requested to meet the Royal Party at the depot, and to fire a salute as the Royal Party leaves the train. Also to act as a Guard of Honor and escort the King to the Royal Palace.

All loyal subjects are requested to turn out and join in the reception. All managers of steam plants within the domain are requested to raise steam and blow their whistles from the time the train whistles for the station until it enters the City.

The Mayor and Members of the Board of Aldermen, Judge and Officers of the Court, are requested to assemble at the Courthouse, where the procession will halt, and the keys of the City will be turned over to His Majesty, the King.

The procession will move from the depot to Railroad avenue, to North street, east to Court street, south to Laundry street, east to Main, to the Royal Palace.

By the KING.
Attest: PINEKNOT,
Lord High Chamberlain.

"A HORSE, HORSE!"

The Lake Charles Cavalry Company will attend the Mardi-gras Carnival from 35 to 50 strong. The Carnival Association will furnish them with horse, to enable them to participate in the parade. They will bring their saddles, bridles, etc. All parties who can spare one or more horses for the occasion will please notify The Committee, lock drawer 104.

Carnival Proclamations.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Opelousas, La., Feb. 1, 1903.

"Whereas, the Opelousas Carnival Association has decided to give the Mardi-Gras Carnival Tuesday, Feb. 24, 1903; therefore, I, B. A. Littell, mayor of the town of Opelousas, do issue this, my proclamation, that the keys of the city be turned over to King Palmetto and his loyal subjects on that day for the purpose of permitting all visitors to the city to have full liberty of enjoying the carnival of that day and the hospitality of our city. I extend a most cordial invitation to all good citizens to assist in making the carnival a success and in extending our hospitality to all visitors."

B. A. LITTELL, Mayor.

ON BOARD THE ROYAL YACHT,
February 3, 1903.

Whereas, I, King Palmetto, of the coming Mardi-Gras festivities to take place in your city Feb. 24, 1903, expect to arrive with my loyal subjects in your midst on the evening before the Carnival. I therefore ask of your association to have in readiness a military escort to take us to the Royal Palace, where we can prepare ourselves for the next day's festivities.

PALMETTO, King.

Attest: PINEKNOT, Sec.

ROOMS EXECUTIVE BOARD,
CAPITAL CITY, Feb. 4, 1903.

We, the Opelousas Carnival Association, do hereby assure you the military escort of the Louisiana State National Guard, Co. B, of Opelousas, on the evening of your arrival, and on the succeeding day, to be assisted by the New Iberia, Crowley, Lake Charles and Alexandria Militia, who have been cordially invited to participate, and will arrive in due time to be in the procession.

RAYMOND BREAUX,
AARON JACOBS, President,
Secretary.

ROOMS SCHOOL BOARD,
Parish of St. Landry.

Whereas, His Majesty, the Good King Palmetto, will be among his loyal subjects, in his chosen city, Opelousas, on Tuesday, February 24th, 1903,
Now, therefore, the public schools throughout the parish of St. Landry are hereby ordered closed that day, so that the teachers and children of the parish may participate in the festivities in the Capital City.

RAYMOND BREAUX,
J. L. GUILBEAU, President,
Superintendent.

Whereas, the crowd will be much larger at our Carnival this year than in previous years,
Therefore, I, B. A. Littell, mayor of Opelousas, La., do hereby request all parties to permit the people on their balconies to witness the parade, and to have same securely propped so as not to endanger the lives of the public; and also to have all the places decorated in Carnival colors for the occasion.

B. A. LITTELL,
Mayor.

—Hope H. & L. Co. No. 1, at its last meeting, adopted a resolution appointing the forman to purchase a wild cat whistle for the power house, to be used in case of fire. There will be an electrical contrivance connecting the fire bell at the hall with the power house, which will warn the latter when it rings. This is a good idea, and the present bell is very inadequate to the purpose.

—We will make two doz. photos for 25¢. A nice photo button for only 10¢. Just think—a new face for only 25¢!

Wordson's Miniature
Photo Studio,
Vidrine's Hotel, Opelousas.

—Two important cases were tried in the district court this week. John Cason, who killed a negro on the Atchafalaya some months ago, and was indicted by the grand jury for murder, was acquitted Thursday. The jury did not remain in the deliberating room five minutes. Young Kegler, accused of assault with intent to commit rape on a ten year old girl, was convicted the same day. Kegler is about eighteen years old. All parties white. Court is still grinding away.

—Go to Stewart's restaurant for first-class meals, served a la mode.

Keep Your Eye Open

and watch our show windows.

The carnival window will be full of interest to visitors and maskers.

Our Kodak Developing Machines are expected daily and will be out as soon as received.

Call on R. Mornhinveg & Son, the Main street Jewellers, for carnival souvenirs and favors.

R. MORNHINVEG & SON.

WATCHMAKERS
OPTICIANS
ENGRAVERS

Watch for our big watch sign

Lost School Teacher.

Mr. G. T. Van Wickle, the school teacher at the Leandre Vidrine school, is missing, and fears that he has met with foul play is entertained.

The old gentleman came to town on horseback last Saturday, to collect his monthly pay. He presented his warrant to the school officials early in the evening, and received his salary, \$30. He seemed cheerful, and spoke enthusiastically of his school work. He commented on the bad condition of the public roads, and remarked that he would have a hard time to get home that night.

Wednesday Mr. Leandre Vidrine a trustee of the school, at whose house Mr. Van Wickle and family board, came to town inquiring for the lost school teacher. The officials were notified, and a search at once instituted, but up to this writing nothing throwing light on the subject can be found. His wife and children are at Mr. Leandre Vidrine.

It is feared that someone having knowledge that the old man had come to collect money wlaylaid him and made way with both the man and horse.

Later.—Since the above was put in type, the horse which the old man rode was found in the town ponde. It appears that the poor brute remained tied to the rack near Desmarais' saloon from Saturday evening until Sunday evening, when he was picked up by the marshal. He was identified by Mr. Oneal, Van Wickle's step son, who came to town yesterday to get some information as to the whereabouts of his step father. The old man's clothes were tied to the saddle, which shows that he purchased new clothes.

Van Wickle is from Texas. He was brought here a little over a year ago to teach school. After teaching private school a while, he secured the public school at Vidrine's. He passed a very good examination before the examining board of the school board. He married the Widow Oneal about a year ago.

His disappearance is indeed mysterious.

—Dr. Moncla, of Chataignier, was in town Wednesday, on business. He says that there are no more public roads in that section. The Dr. says that one is forced to travel through fields, break down fences, etc., in order to get to Opelousas. He generally travels the distance in one hour and a half, but this trip required nearly five hours. The Doctor is of the opinion that unless the roads from that fertile country to Opelousas are put in passable condition, we will lose all that rich trade. He suggests narrow-gauge railway to that section, and we don't know but what his idea is a good one. It is certainly to the interest of the people of Opelousas to see that this splendid country does not seek another market.

—As will be seen by a notice in this issue, the Carnival Association is asking for the loan of horses for the Lake Charles cavalry, Capt. Joe Leblen's command, for the parade Mardi-gras. This is an important matter, and every loyal subject of His Majesty who has a spare horse should at once tender it to the committee. They should show their appreciation in a substantial manner—that's the kind that counts.

Dr. A. J. Bercler, dentist of Opelousas, has moved from his old office into his new office on Court street, one block south of the United States Courthouse.

—In commenting on the street fair that will hold forth during all next week in Opelousas, The Crowley Signal says: "It is one of the best ever given in this State."

Shooting Affray.

What seems near being a serious shooting affray occurred in front of Dietlein's jewelry store last Sunday morning. Messrs. A. S. Brand, the druggist, and Mr. A. C. Skiles the lumber man, emptied their revolvers at each other at a distance of fifteen paces, and that neither were hurt seems miraculous.

There has been trouble between the men for the past year, and it has been expected that there would be serious trouble when they met on the streets.

It appears that last Sunday they crossed each other on the sidewalk in front of Dietlein's jewelry store, Mr. Brand being on his way to Shute's drugstore, and Mr. Skiles on his way to a lodge meeting. As they crossed Skiles said something to Brand, Brand replied, both pulled their weapons, and opened fire. The firing was rapid and furious, and when the smoke of battle cleared it was found that the only injury had been received by Skiles, and that was a mere flesh wound in the left arm.

Great excitement prevailed—in fact in the space of a few minutes it seemed that half of the town was there. Brand went to his place of business, and Skiles went to Mason's drugstore, where his wound was dressed by Dr. B. A. Littell.

—Secretary Aaron Jacobs, of the Carnival committee returned Thursday from his advertising tour throughout South Louisiana. He reports that the crowd in attendance on Carnival day will be enormous. The largest crowds will come from Lake Charles, Crowley, and Lafayette. In fact, the only question now is, can we accommodate the people?

The Information Committee is busy at work securing lodging at private residences, and it is expected that sufficient rooms for all will be secured. There will be no trouble as to the eating part of the programme. The restaurants have stocked up for the occasion, and lunch stands are being erected in different parts of town.

—The advance guard of the Robinson Carnival Company are already on the grounds. "Big Joe's" man had to be stopped by the district judge last Tuesday, he made so much noise. Of course the fakes who generally follow all shows are also in evidence, but it is the understood policy of the local Carnival Committee and the officers that this class of people will be promptly lodged in the Hotel Ewell the minute they attempt their crooked work. The visitors will be fully protected.

—The three visiting militia companies will be entertained by the local militia, at the army. A committee of good ladies, viz: Mrs. C. M. Thompson, Mrs. Laurent Dupre, Mrs. E. P. Veazie, Mrs. Lena Megintley, Mrs. Raymond Breaux, were appointed by the Carnival Committee to solicit subscriptions and good things to eat for the soldier boys, and we have no doubt that the liberal people of the town will appreciate the worthiness of the cause and contribute liberally.

—Capt. Leblen, of the Lake Charles cavalry company, will be here with his command on next Monday. The Crowley and New Iberia companies will also form part of the Royal Escort to His Majesty on his entrance into the Capital City on that evening. The three companies will join the royal party at Lafayette, and come on the train with it. Arrangements have been made to entertain the soldier boys while in the city.

—Quite a number of people from here went to New Iberia last Sunday to see the competitive drill between New Iberia, Crowley and Opelousas, and the street fair now in progress in that city. The mud prevented a competitive drill, but the three companies went through a short battalion drill, conducted by Major J. J. Thompson. All those who went report a good time in the Teeche City. The soldier boys are delighted with their reception at the hands of the New Iberia company.

—The Hook & Ladder installation supper, which was to have taken place Thursday night, has been postponed to a later day, on account of the carnival excitement. Many members would not have been able to attend on account of the great work entailed as carnival committeemen. But well eat later, boys—sure, sure, we'll eat.

—In the matter of the prosecution of E. P. Veazie and B. H. Pavy, charged with having obtained a check for \$600 by force and intimidation from a negro named Brothe, the plaintiff's attorneys abandoned the case in the midst of the trial, for the reason that there was no ground for the charges.

—Good weather is all we want for carnival. Everything else that goes to make up a grand old time is in prime fix, and all is up to the weather man. If he only treats us "white," we'll just have a rollicking good old time. Put on the weather cut-off, Colonel; put it on.

50 Days Only.

We will make two doz. photos for 25¢. A nice photo button for only 10¢. Just think—a new face for only 25¢!

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Photo Studio,
Vidrine's Hotel, Opelousas.

—Two schools in the parish, the one near Mr. Mel Durio and the Haasville schools, have been closed, temporarily, on account of the country being under water and the children unable to attend school except in shifts. The Durio country is a good-sized lake.

—There will be no public school Monday, the day of the arrival of the King. It was thought that children would not attend anyway, and it was best to give them a vacation in order that they might witness the arrival of His Majesty. Of course, Tuesday, Mardi-gras day is also a holiday.

The measles situation in Opelousas is becoming serious. Prof. Prescott informs us that the attendance at the St. Landry High school has been cut short fully fifty per cent.

St. Mary is to have a grand courthouse. The parish is in fine financial shape, out of debt and has \$16,000 cash on hand. The new court building which is to be a gem, is to cost \$110,000; ten thousand cash on completion, and the balance in ten equal annual instalments.

—Whooping cough and measles prevail in town, and in many sections of the parish. Neither are of the malignant type, the biggest harm being done is the interference with school work.

Dr. A. J. Bercler, the Opelousas Dentist, has moved from his old office, into his new office on Court Street, one block South of the Post-Office.

—Very few people from the neighboring towns will go to New Orleans this carnival. They realize that they have a "good thing" right here, at a much lower figure.

The man who rides on a railroad pass acts bigger when he is doing it than the president who writes it.

A woman's idea of enjoyment is to be not very ill but ill enough to be in bed with all her jewels on.

A woman is happier to marry a man and have him snatter his delusions about him than to have somebody else snatter them for her and not have her marry him.

It seems that when a captain of a battleship runs her on a rock he is entitled to feel as bad as a woman who has spilled a drop of soup on her new gown, but he doesn't take it any harder.

The Sunday Law was enforced in the City of Mexico for the first time in the history of the city.

William A. Wilson, a former army officer, who embezzled \$8,000 in the Philippines, was arrested at Montreal, Canada.

—The organized militia of the United States numbers 118,319; and unorganized 10,853,396.

—A Canadian club has offered a purse of \$25,000 for a fight between Jeffries and Corbett. Jeffries declares he will only fight to a finish.

—The announcement is made of the discovery of a serum against scarlet fever.

—Chief Arthur declares two engineers should be in a cab to prevent railroad accidents.

—It is claimed that this country was never so well prepared for war as at the present. Navy yards and arsenals are working on a war basis.

In the District Court of the United States, Western District of La.

In the Matter of Edward Kinny Wallor, Bankrupt, in Bankruptcy.

The creditors of Edward Kinny Wallor, of Opelousas, in the parish of St. Landry, district aforesaid, a Bankrupt, Notice is hereby given that on the 12th day of February, A. D. 1903, the said Edward Kinny Wallor was adjudicated Bankrupt, and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at the U. S. Courthouse, in Opelousas, on the third day of March, A. D. 1903, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

February 12th, A. D. 1903.

THOS. S. TAYLOR, Referee.

LAND OFFICE AT NEW ORLEANS, LA., Jan. 16, 1903.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made by one H. E. Estorge, Clerk Court at Opelousas, La., on March 1, 1903, viz: BUREAU ARBOIN, homestead entry 15,000, for the 1/4 of 1/4 of section 10, T. 2, S. 11, W. 1, La. Mer.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Louis Manuel, Rene Ardoin, Aurelie Allen, Michel Tappillon, of Iberville, La. WALTER COHN, Referee.

For Sale.

Well-bred mare. Pedigree: Ethan Ellen, Wilkes, Cash Item; 6 or 7 years old, \$30. W. TRUBLENS, Washington, La.

For Sale.

Billiard table, with balls, cues, etc. \$65. Schoolhouse, Washington, La.

WARNING.

No trespassing or hunting allowed on South Hope Plantation under penalty of the law. Z. T. YOUNG, Sr.

Sale of Land Near Opelousas.

I will sell several tracts of land, adjoining to my home residence at Opelousas. They each contain twenty-five arpents. I will sell on terms of credit to suit the purchasers. All of price to bear eight per cent yearly interest, which interest to be paid annually, and start from sale. I have cows to sell.

HENRY L. GARLAND.

For Sale.

Three young mules and a lot of farming implements. Apply at the Cooke Plantation, Mrs. D. M. Cooke, Washington, La.

For Sale.

First-class grade peddling hack, boxes and coops included. Apply at this office.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION.

ESTATE OF ZELIA FUSILLIER.

No. 0878, Probate Docket District Court Parish of St. Landry, La.

WHEREAS, Althe Bertrand, of St. Landry parish, has applied by his petition to be appointed administrator of the estate of above entitled and numbered. Now, therefore, notice is hereby given to all parties interested to meet at said court, on the 12th day of this month, at my office in Opelousas, within ten days from the date of this notice.

H. E. ESTORGE, Clerk.

E. M. BOAGNI, PRESIDENT. J. J. THOMPSON, VICE-PRESIDENT.

ST. LANDRY STATE BANK,

OF

OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA.

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A Cheap and Economical feed for stock.

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Opelousas, Louisiana.

Mules And Horses!!

The undersigned will keep on hand during the entire season an assorted lot of Mules and Horses which they will dispose of for Cash, or on liberal terms for part Cash, and acceptable paper for balance. Come and see us before buying elsewhere. We are fixtures in this market.

HAAS & WALLIOR,
Opelousas, La.

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SUCCESSION SALE.

ESTATE OF OLIVIER FONTENOT.

No. 0861, Probate Docket, District Court, Parish of St. Landry.

By virtue of an order of the Hon. E. T. Lewis, Judge of the 18th Judicial District Court, in and for the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, there will be sold at public auction to the last and highest bidder, at the last residence of the deceased, in L'Anse Bourbeuse, by the undersigned administrator or any duly qualified auctioneer, on

Friday, Feb. 13, 1903,

at 11 o'clock a. m., the following described property belonging to the above estate, to-wit:

A certain tract of prairie and wood land situated in L'Anse Bourbeuse, St. Landry parish, La., bounded north by land of Lucius Young, south by land of Oliver Ardoin, east by land of Lucius Young, and west by land of Widow Arcade Guilford, containing sixty-two superficial arpents, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon.

Eleven head of cattle, mixed large and small; one dun horse, one dun mare, one sorrel colt, one sorrel mare, one old wagon, one wagon, two plows, one harrow, an undivided half interest in small sugar-mill, household furniture, cooking utensils, one lot of carpenter's tools, two head of hogs.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

Movables, cash. Immovables, one-third cash and the balance in two equal instalments payable January 1st, 1904, and January 1st, 1905, respectively, with eight per cent per annum interest on the unpaid balance until paid and to be secured by special mortgage and vendor's privilege on the property sold, said special payments to be represented by the promissory notes of the purchaser secured as above.

JOHN BROWN, Administrator.

SUCCESSION SALE.

ESTATE OF LOUIS TAYLOR.

No. 0850, Probate Docket, District Court, Parish of St. Landry, La.

By virtue of an order of the Hon. E. T. Lewis, Judge of the 18th Judicial District Court, in and for the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, there will be sold at public auction to the last and highest bidder, by the undersigned administrator, or any duly qualified auctioneer, at the residence of the undersigned administrator, in Faquetaine prairie, on

Wednesday, Feb. 11, 1903,

at 11 o'clock a. m., the following property belonging to the above estate, to-wit:

A certain tract of prairie land, situated in Faquetaine prairie, in St. Landry parish, La., bounded north by land of Arville Taylor, south by land of Francois C. Aguilard, east by land of Francois C. Aguilard, containing fifty-seven superficial arpents, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon.

A certain tract of prairie land, situated on Bayou Mallet, in St. Landry parish, La., bounded north by land of Onesime Fustier, Jr., south by Acadia parish line, east by land of David Miller, west by land of Pierre Savoir, containing twenty superficial arpents.

One two-horse wagon, one old pig, one pair of Crooke mules, one half-American mare, one old mare, all of the household furniture, one lot of cooking utensils, one set of farming tools, one lot of boards.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

Movables, cash. Immovables, one-third cash and the balance in two equal instalments on January 1st, 1904, and January 1st, 1905, respectively, with eight per cent per annum interest thereon from day of sale until paid and ten per cent on principal and interest remaining unpaid in case of suit to enforce payment; special mortgage and vendor's privilege to be retained in favor of the administrator to secure the payment of the credit instalments.

FELICIA AGOULLARD, Administrator.

\$25 Reward.

A reward of twenty-five dollars is hereby offered for the capture of Bud Hawkins, colored, who escaped from the parish convict camp.

Five dollars additional will be given in case he is killed while resisting arrest.

DIEMER DOMBO.