

# THE CLARION

Official Journal of the Parish of St. Landry.

## RENEW IN TIME.

We call attention to the importance of our subscribers sending in their renewals in time to have the paper come without missing a number. It is impossible for us to send back numbers. Subscribers have no reason to allow their subscription to lapse. The date of the expiration of subscription is plainly printed opposite and to the right of the address. The paper will positively, and without exceptions, be stopped at the expiration of subscription. BEAR THIS IN MIND.

OPELOUSAS, AUG. 5, 1905.

Arthur Carriere, who has been with his brother, Man Carriere, for a long time, has gone in the barber business on his "own hook." He has moved into a neat shop near the railroad track, on Landry street.

Mr. P. Alexis Sandoz, the popular Main street merchant, has an advertisement in this issue of the Clarion. Mr. Sandoz is wide-awake, and quarantine did not catch him unprepared—he put in a large stock when the way was clear and goods cheap, with the result that he can sell them just as if quarantine wasn't on.

Clean up your premises, pour a cupful of insurance oil in your cistern, screen your cistern, cut down the high weeds, see that water troughs, etc., are thoroughly cleaned and disinfected, that ditches and hogpens are thoroughly and frequently limed—do these things and thereby aid the health authorities to keep out yellow fever.

Mrs. Nancy Elizabeth Dunbar, wife of D. O. Fisher, died at the family residence, near Opelousas, La., on Friday, July 28, 1905, aged 37 years, 9 months and 18 days. Her remains were interred in the Protestant cemetery, in Opelousas. Deceased leaves a wife and eight children, to whom the Clarion extends its heartfelt sympathies.

Big Joe's ghost appeared on the streets of Opelousas Monday evening, in the shape of a negro that could have rolled as easily from a standing posture as the other way. Everything and everybody had to clear the sidewalks as she came along, with a movement that resembled a moving house on rollers. Whew! but she was a whopper.

The bridge across the railroad track, near the Comeau cotton gin, has been pulled up, and we are told the bottom, which is over two hundred feet long, will be filled in with brick bats. Two car-loads of bats have been ordered for this purpose. In the meantime the place should be thoroughly and frequently limed and drained, as the odor issuing therefrom is not of the cologne variety by a long shot.

On August 1st the Jacobs New Depot Co., increased its capital stock from twenty-five thousand dollars to fifty thousand dollars. This step was taken to further the advancement of the opera house shortly to be erected by that company. The 16928 stockholders all voted for the increase of the capital stock. The statement made to the stockholders shows an increase of business in the past three months over same period of the previous year, notwithstanding the general complaint of short crops, and that the business has actually doubled itself since the year 1902. Mr. Jacobs, the president of the company, will leave as soon as quarantine restrictions will permit, for Chicago, to purchase goods for the holiday trade.

The town authorities have done good work in the cleaning up and disinfecting the bayous Tesson and Banchartain; that is, good temporary work, as both of these streams need extensive work on them. The overflows caused by the late rains demonstrated beyond a cavil of doubt that both of these streams, the natural drainage of the town, are hindered from free flow by something further up, or down, and as soon as practicable those whose duty it is should see to the matter. However, the work done last week is splendid for the time being, and if the authorities will sprinkle the banks, and the bottom as well, occasionally, with lime and other disinfectants, and throw out the filth and mud as they accumulate, there will be little danger from that source during the present yellow fever peril at least. But there are other cesspools besides the holes in these gullies that should have the attention of the health authorities. Near the old Medicis place there are several stagnant pools that would render valiant service in helping along Yellow Jack. See to these, and to other cesspools that we know to exist.

## Last Week of the Summer Normal.

The Summer Normal ended a most successful month of work on Tuesday.

Conductor Gayle reports that the student-teachers during the past month have done harder and more earnest work than he has met with during his experience in Summer School work, which extends over about eight years.

In spite of the yellow fever scare, the attendance has been remarkable. Many who left on account of fear of quarantine returned to complete and make up the work.

Opelousas was favored by the Institute Board in the matter of a faculty.

Miss Knott, the teacher of music, language and literature, is from the State Normal School at Natchitoches, in which institution she is instructor of music. Her work during the present month has been one of the most delightful features of the summer school.

Miss Gibbs, the Jean Mitchell of the Summer School, has not only brought happiness to the hearts of the thirty little children who were so fortunate as to be enrolled, but has also won over all the teachers of the Summer School to the new methods of instruction. Her room has not only been the source of profit and instruction, but has been an oasis wherein a restful and a pleasant hour might be spent. Miss Gibbs has since her graduation from the State Normal School been teaching in the Monroe schools.

Miss Grubb, of Chicago, has had charge of the work in drawing in this and other Summer Normals throughout the State. Her work has attracted so much attention that she has been induced to accept the position of drawing teacher at the Industrial Institute at Ruston.

Prof. A. S. Bush, of Bunkie, who came at the beginning of the second week, has been doing excellent work. His efficient work at Bunkie and in the summer schools, has attracted general attention, and has induced a number of offers for next session, among the most desirable of which is the principalship of the Crowley High School.

Professors Gayle and Prescott are too well-known for further mention than to say that they conducted the work entrusted to them with the same skill that has always characterized their work.

On Monday night was held the last evening session of the Normal. The program was as follows:

Instrumental solo, Mrs. Dejean. "Seven Jolly Old Maids," Misses Estorge, Durio, Roos, Cain, Cannon, Megninley, Marcotte.

Vocal solo, Mr. Walton Robertson. Address, Hon. Thos. H. Lewis. Vocal solo, Miss Knott. Instrumental solo Mrs. Dejean.

Mass-meeting in the Seventh Ward.

The Clarion is in receipt of information that there will be a mass-meeting of the citizens and tax-payers of the seventh ward at Ville Platte on Saturday, August 12, for the purpose of discussing the present railroad situation.

We understand that the people of that country are heartily in favor of a railroad, and that a proposition for a tax in aid thereof will receive substantial support.

Of course, as in all sections and towns, there will be opposition to the tax. Some there who are contented with "the even tenor of their ways," and are afraid of competition in their 10x14 country store, with its decoration of sardines and blue calico, will oppose it, but the best citizens of the section assure us that the tax will be voted, if the election is ordered.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

The order goes forth to cut weeds and clean up at the peril of a heavy fine. This is eminently proper. But with this imperative edict, shouldn't there be something of the loathing negroes who positively refuse to work at any price, who live by the grace of the four o'clock bucket and don't care a tinker's whistle whether the Stygomyia Fastiata have a sham battle on the courthouse square every evening? It is a fact that many citizens whose services are required at the office or at the store or at the shop had to take up a hoe and cut their own weeds and clean their own premises because the lazy, trifling, loafing class of negroes who infest this town will not work, because, as some of the impudent ones will tell you, "they just don't hab to work."

The Clarion is glad to see Mr. A. Leon Dupre, the popular cashier of the Opelousas National Bank, up and at his work, after a siege of fever.

## YELLOW FEVER IS SPREADING.

Nearly Four Hundred Cases and Seventy-nine Deaths in New Orleans to Date.

### HEROIC WORK BEING DONE.

St. Landry Board of Health Quarantines Against Freight—Opelousas Alive to the Situation—A Case at Alexandria.

The Clarion does not wish to hide the fact that the yellow fever situation is critical.

It is, and all should join hands in an effort to crush out the life of the yellow monster.

Notwithstanding the heroic efforts of New Orleans to stamp out the disease, it is increasing in that city.

The last report from there was:

Deaths	11
New cases	32
Deaths thus far	79
Cases	379

Cases have been reported from Morgan City, Alexandria, Shreveport, and several towns in Plaquemine parish, and three cases on the Riverside Plantation, near Fatterson.

Nearly all cases are Italians, or Dagoes.

In St. Landry, and Opelousas, the people are thoroughly aroused and have gone to work with a commendable zeal.

The City Council, Progressive League and Board of Health of Opelousas have meetings, nearly every day, and it is believed that the scourge will be kept out of our limits; or, that if a case should develop, we are fully prepared to combat with it and prevent its spread.

Unlike other towns, there is no flurry or excitement in Opelousas. All have joined hands in the work, which is being done systematically and according to the most scientific methods.

The President of the Health Board, Dr. B. A. Littell, is indefatigable, and is entitled to the thanks of the people for the manner in which he is handling the situation.

Thursday the Parish Board of Health met and adopted a resolution forbidding freight from infected points entering the parish. The Board is composed of Dr. B. A. Littell and Messrs. Diomed Durio and J. E. Dailey. Dr. Littell voted against the embargo, and a mass-meeting of citizens of Opelousas held at the courthouse on Thursday evening, on the motion of Judge E. T. Lewis, condemning the action of the Parish Board, and declaring it ill-advised and unnecessary.

At the same mass-meeting it was resolved that the town be districted into twelve sanitary districts, with a captain in each district, vested with full police power to enforce the sanitary laws of the town.

The news of the case in Alexandria came to town Thursday morning, through Judge Balceman, who was then in Opelousas, and caused considerable anxiety. No communication is being held between this town and Alexandria.

The trains are still running but the east bound train does not reach here until after night.

### New Orleans and Yellow Fever.

New Orleans is a city that never seems to learn by experience.

The results in Havana, one would suppose, would have lead the people to sanitize on the mosquito theory even if not convinced of its efficiency, simply as an experiment. That theory had received the endorsement of the leading sanitarians of America and Europe, and yet we find the Moss ordinance to screen cisterns was voted down some years ago, and Dr. Kohnke's warnings disregarded.

We find the merchants and public carriers entirely indifferent to any effort to educate the people of the State in the true cause, nature and prevention of Louisiana's Yellow Fever.

After the epidemic of 1897 an organization was started, whose domicile was in this town, a section of its charter, then published in the Clarion, reads as follows:

"Objects and Purposes.—To systematically educate the people of the State to the necessity of substituting rational, scientific, uniform maritime and inland quarantines during periods of epidemic danger or invasion, for the barbarous shotgun quarantine which, while crippling commerce, afford at least a doubtful and insecure protection."

The labor of this organization never received aid or comfort from the

business element of New Orleans, not from the public carriers.

The trouble with these elements is that they are too prone to rely on Board of Health proclamations, or wild appeals to the Federal health authorities to take charge of the entire quarantine service of the State, wholly forgetful of the fact that it is yielding one of the few reserved police powers of the State to a body more apt to be influenced by Northern interests than the commercial welfare of New Orleans.

How much better it would be if New Orleans would aid in instructing the interior towns of her commercial territory of the disease?

The country wants to feel that it will be warned in time of the existence of yellow fever in the city. It does not want to lay on an anxious pillow every season, waiting for an hundred cases or more to develop before the information is given out that there is yellow fever in the city. It is entitled to timely warning, and the want of confidence in the health officers is not unnatural at all. The recent assault of the State authorities in this connection, by Gov. Vardeman, of Mississippi, shows the trend of thought in that State, and whether his views are correct or not, confidence is wanting, and that lies at the basis of everything.

The recently expressed views of Marine Hospital Surgeon White as to the improbability of freight conveying infected mosquitoes will not have a particle of weight with country merchants, whose own dark warehouses swarm with mosquitoes if cisterns are hard by.

Opelousas has always enjoyed a certain immunity, even in 1878, when it raged in Washington. But the town council should enact and enforce a cistern screening ordinance. Their failure to do so may endanger the town. The citizens should co-operate to the extent of oiling their cisterns (a breakfast cup of common coal oil once a week, or after every rain) until thoroughly screened with 18-inch wire mesh. All stagnant pools should be drained and oiled; all reservoirs oiled unless filled with minnows or fish; weeds cut down and burned; empty cans and bottles gathered up and buried; privy vaults oiled and covered with dry earth or dust. Dirt is a bad thing, and should be removed on general principles, but it stands in no causative relation with yellow fever. Premises kept in apple pie order, with unscreened cisterns, tanks, or other reservoirs, are of infinitely more danger than the dirtiest of yard from a yellow fever point of view.

Therefore, screen at once with wire mesh, or temporarily with cheese cloth, and don't wait for your neighbor, as every little counts, and as a rule the mosquito hangs around the unscreened cistern, and you may escape your neighbor's horrible laches.

A Military Company for Opelousas.

Major A. D. Stewart informs the Clarion that Adjutant General Stafford has consented to accept into the State service a company of State National Guard from Opelousas, and that the necessary papers for the organization of such will be here in a few days.

This will be hailed with pleasure by the people of Opelousas, and we have no fear of the success of the move.

We have superb material in this old town for a military company; this has been proven repeatedly, and the only reason that the flag of honor is not now proudly borne by an Opelousas flag-bearer is that Company B. was disbanded under a misconception of the Dick Law. We have no doubt in our minds that the Opelousas company would have been the best drilled in the State—at the time of disbandment it was so considered. They won honors on the floor of Washington Artillery Hall in New Orleans when yet practically "green" winning the plaudits and congratulations of high military authorities, and making the crack Washington Artillery boys admit that they had to take a back-seat for the "Opelousas Tigers," as the New Orleans newspapers dubbed them.

And now that it has been found that the Dick Law, instead of being the buck-bear that it was thought to be, is really a meritorious measure, intended to make more efficient the State Guard, the company will be re-organized and we are sure will soon make Opelousas proud of her soldier boys.

B. Bennett, the hustling Landry street clothier, has just received 142 dozens of the swellest neckties ever brought to Opelousas. Don't fail to call around and see them.

## THEY COME AND GO.

An Interesting Budget of the Doings of Friends, Relatives and Loved Ones.

As Picked Up By The Clarion Man in His Rounds about Town.

—Mr. Phil S. Asher made a business trip to Crowley last week.

—Marshall Clarence Hayes is spending sometime at Castor Springs.

—Mrs. B. R. Splane and family returned from their summer trip on last Sunday.

—Mr. Attale Lavergne, of Grand Prairie, spent a few hours in Opelousas Monday.

—Engineer L. W. Sylvester, of Alexandria, spent several days in town this week.

—Mr. Alcain Vidrine, one of the backbones of Grand Prairie, was in Opelousas Monday.

—Mr. O. A. Durio, a prominent merchant of Plaisance, was making purchases in Opelousas Monday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Mornhinev returned from a pleasant stay at Belle-Cheney springs on last Monday.

—Mrs. Christian Mornhinev left Tuesday on an extended visit to her daughter, Mrs. Earl Lyons, of Lake Charles.

—Mr. J. E. Ortego, a prosperous young farmer of Deshotels, gave the Clarion an appreciated call on last Tuesday.

—Mrs. E. V. Barry, of Grand Coteau, spent a few days with her father, Judge A. Simon, in Opelousas last week.

—Mrs. F. A. Barry, of Grand Coteau, and her two daughters, Misses Florence and Edith, visited Mrs. D. Dejean this week.

—Mrs. V. M. Casse, of Grand Coteau, accompanied by Miss Patterson, of New Orleans, were visitors in Opelousas last Friday.

—Miss Sallie Dorsett, of Franklin, after spending two weeks as the guest of Miss Bertha Durio, returned to her home last Thursday.

—Miss Kitten Thompson has returned from Alexandria, where she had been for several weeks visiting her many friends and relatives there.

—Miss Virginia Budd, the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Budd, had as guests this week Misses Pearl Moss, of Lake Charles, and Neita Veltin, of Bellevue.

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Miss Bessie Sandoz entertained very pleasantly Monday evening. A lawn party and dance, and refreshments and cakes, with light hearts and good cheer, were the pleasures of the evening. The following attended the party: Misses Jennie Fields, Lucille Sandoz, Arsene Hollier, Bessie Dimmick, Vivian Thompson, and the hostess: Messrs. Ross Perkins, Lawrence Pitcare, Robert Sandoz, Lawrence LaRade, Sidney Sandoz and Charles Sandoz.

—Mrs. Leon S. Haas royally entertained Les Dames Joyeuse Club on Friday. Delicious ice cream and cakes were served at intervals, and the guests left the hospitable home with the fervent hope that the amiable hostess would soon entertain again. The guests were: Mesdames T. Miller Anderson, G. L. Dupre, R. R. Duson, R. Lee Garland, J. Henry Lastrapes, Linda Ogden, A. Laurent Lacompe, Isaac Roos, and W. J. Sandoz; Misses Ethel Dupre, Lelia Pavy, Louise and Gladys Randall, Beulah Kavanagh, Lillian Lafleur, Bessie and Jennie Caillouet, Hannah Jacobs and Lillian Stribbling. The first prize was won by Miss Gladys Randall, second by Miss Lillian Lafleur, consolation by Mrs. G. L. Dupre, and lone hand by Mrs. J. Henry Lastrapes.

—Miss Aline Veazie entertained at Euchre on Tuesday evening, and it is superfluous to say that all present had a good time. Cakes and refreshments were served. Those present were: Misses Ethel Dupre, Lillian Stribbling, Aline Delvalle, May Durio, Eleonor Littell, Lelia Pavy, Marie Latreyle, Vivian Thompson, Ollie Dupre, Flossie Anderson, Wilda Megninley, Vivien Guilbeau, Bille Hebrard, Gladys Randall, Mathilde Lacombe, Helen Pilate, Marie Estorge, Aline Veazie; Mrs. Ben and Albert Dejean; Messrs. Jack Guidry, Chris. Eckart, James Dejean, Dr. L. J. Williams, Paul Pavy, Gussie Garland, Jack Perreault, Ross Perkins, J. J. Perrodin, J. B. Megninley, Lastrapes Perrault, Ben and Sidney Dejean, Bert Edwards, Richard Hollier, Joel Fontenot, Chas. Chachere, Fahy Walker, J. J. Bailey and Leonard Isaacs. The ladies' first prize was won by Miss Gladys Randall, second by Miss Bille Hebrard, consolation Miss Vivien Guilbeau; gentlemen's first, James J. Bailey, second Leonard Isaacs.

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red-headed quarantine man had not taken a fancy to Ewell's face at first, and now he was sure he was trying to run the quarantine blockade. Seizing the swainish officer by the arm he promptly started up the street with him and lead him to headquarters, Ewell protesting and saying something like "Outrage!" "Scoundrel!" "Durn fool!" "She's waiting for me!" etc. The Health Officer happened to know Ewell, and promptly released him, and then the red-headed quarantine man had to make fast time to the boat to escape the vengeance of St. Landry's Romeo.

### Rambblings of the Clarion Man.

—The Dagoes are supposed to stay at home and keep out of here.

—It is prudent for our people to stop all trading with Dagoes. They are too friendly with the yellow fever mosquito.

—This said by the wise ones that where there are fish or minnows the stream is not foul. These fellows show more wisdom than many who walk with two legs and who have been to college.

—Observe the sanitary laws, and Yellow Jack will find a barrier when he reaches your house.

—Screen your cistern. Then if the worse happens, your conscience will not throb with self-reproach.

—Burn the weeds after being cut. Don't allow them to rot in the yard. Better not cut them at all.

—Let's all jump right in and help the health officers. They can accomplish naught without the co-operation of the people.

—There are many, while accepting the mosquito theory all right as one of the causes the yellow fever, can not forget the generally conceded fact that the infection was conveyed to Washington in 1873 through dry goods. This may be merely a supposition, but it is a fixed belief in the minds of the people who remember those awful days.

—It is believed that in 1897 three deaths from yellow fever occurred in Opelousas. And yet it did not spread. The cases could be distinctly traced to persons who came here infected with the disease. In at least one case there was a public funeral. Does not this show that this town, for some reason, is almost immune?

—If mosquitoes don't die of yellow fever, why should our barber friend a few door east dread it?

—"If the stygomyia fastiata, by its sting, inoculates yellow fever, why not trim his bill?" philosophises Clerk Bailey.

—Danger lurketh in sleeping on quarantine post. The fastiata, the medical men say, biteth not at night, but Buster Littell and Charley Bailey roameth the rounds of quarantine stations at e'en the dead hours of the night. Bewareth, then, for lo! they are not fastiatas, and biteth at all times.

### The Sensation Paristite.

If there is a more despicable creature on earth than the sensation monger who will go about town spreading unfounded reports, we would like to see him.

He is loathsome; he is an enemy to the community, to its people, and a rank weed on its earth.

He will generally approach you with

"Have you heard that there was a suspicious case in town?"

And when you ask him "Who told you so?" he will answer, "Well I don't exactly remember, but I heard it down the street."

And it is at this juncture that his under jaw should be dislocated so as to stop his trouble-breeding tongue from wagging, or be jailed at once.

Did the Clarion regrets that we have a few of these birds who make it their business to spread these reports, and in that way have been the cause of several reports to go out in the country to the effect that Opelousas had "suspicious cases" within its limits.

We ask our country friends not to believe anything in this line. We have capable, conscientious health officers, and we can assure them that should the town be unfortunate enough to become infected, they will be promptly and officially notified of the fact.

It is not the desire of the town people that the face of our fair parish should be covered with its dread scourge. On the contrary, it is to their interest that any case or cases should be stamped out at once and its spread prevented.

The head of the city Board of Health is also the head of the parish Board of Health, and he can be depended upon to do as much for the parish as he will for the town.