

THE CLARION

Official Journal of the Parish of St. Landry.
Official Journal of the Town of Opelousas.
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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, JAN. 6, 1906.

Eggs went up as high as forty cents a dozen New Year week.

The Board of Directors of Public Schools will meet in regular quarterly session to-day.

Bodemuller The Printer sent the Clarion a neat calendar, for which we return thanks.

Was it a case of "fired," or was it a "strike?" The Sheriff will explain upon application.

Albert Mouret has an advertisement in this issue of the Clarion. Don't fail to read it.

The St. Landry State Bank has the thanks of The Clarion for a serviceable morocco folding pocketbook.

A wind and rain storm blew over this section Tuesday night, doing some damage to fences and trees.

Mr. Veillon Chachere and family moved into their newly-built residence in the Southern portion of town last Tuesday.

The town Democratic Executive Committee will meet at the Mayor's office on next Monday evening, January 8, at 4 o'clock.

Mr. Joachim Joubert, ward constable of the first ward, and an old citizen of this place, died suddenly in Opelousas on Thursday night, January 4, of heart failure.

Lincoln J. Carter never before demonstrated his powers as a playwright so authoritatively as in his play "Her Only Sin," which comes to the opera house on Jan. 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Megninley and family have moved into Dr. Theogene Chachere's residence, on Grolee street, and will make Opelousas their future home. The Clarion welcomes them.

Several back lots are being plowed and put in condition for a small potato crop. This is a splendid idea, as we know of no better small crop than Irish potatoes. It will be time to plant them in a few weeks.

The annual statement of the People's State Bank appears in this issue of the Clarion, and the showing made thereby is but accumulative testimony as to the well-known strength and integrity of that popular institution.

The St. Landry State Bank, at a recent meeting, declared a dividend of ten per cent, payable to the stockholders on January 1st, and placed \$20,000 to the credit of the surplus fund. This institution ranks with the first banks of the State.

Among the more important bookings for the opera house this season. Manager Jonas Roos announces the appearance of Miss Julia Gray in "Her Only Sin." This will be remembered by theatre goers as one of the notable offerings of last season.

The Police Jury met in regular session on Tuesday, the 2d, and was in session until Wednesday evening. The proceedings could not be published this week, on account of their great length which made it impossible for the clerk and the printer to handle them.

Barber Alex Mair has moved his shop into the Christmas building. His new quarters are much better adapted to convenience and beauty, and Mr. Mair, whose taste runs in the latter line, is determined to fix up one of the neatest shops in this part of the State.

Dr. Merrick W. Swords came home from his studies in New Orleans to spend the holidays with his parents, wife and friends here, just mama, and papa's boy and wife's bubby. He returned to New Orleans Thursday son's papa. The young chap arrived Sunday morning, and is doing fine. We congratulate all parties concerned.

The Opelousas National Bank changes its ad, and publishes its semi-annual statement in the Clarion this week. The rapid growth of this bank is almost marvelous, and is a strong attestation of the supreme confidence the people have in the ability and integrity of its officers. A perusal of the statement and advertisement will be read with interest.

Robin-Holler.

Miss Ethel Hollier, daughter of Mr. Chas. S. Hollier, of near Opelousas, and Mr. Hypolite Robin, of New Orleans, were married at the Catholic Church, in Opelousas, on Thursday, December 28, Rev. Father Engerbrink officiating.

Mr. R. Robin, a brother of the groom, was the groomsman, and Miss Agnes, sister of the bride, was maid of honor.

The happy couple will reside in New Orleans, where the groom has resided for several years.

The Clarion wishes the young people a life of happiness and prosperity.

Picked Up A Live Wire.

Wednesday morning, near Mr. Mouillier's store, a young negro boy, son of Willie Kernigan, came near meeting death by electricity.

He was walking along, and seeing a piece of incandescent wire in his way, casually picked it up. It was a live wire, and the boy was thrown to the ground violently, and there is no doubt he would have soon been electrocuted had not one of the Nero boys been near and had the presence of mind to get a buggy whip and remove the wire from the boy's hand. His finger was badly burned, but he suffered no other injuries.

For The Penitentiary.

Deputy Sheriffs Ewell Swords and Plais Horn left yesterday morning for Baton Rouge with the following prisoners, convicted at the last term of court:

- L. G. Harris, manslaughter, 10 years.
- Joe Jackson, burglary, 8 years.
- Jules Dortre, horse stealing, 4 years.
- Mary Warner, grand larceny, 3 years.
- Willie Preston, larceny, 1 year.
- Jimmie Stewart, shooting at his wife, 15 years.
- Chas. Coleman, petty larceny, 2 years.

The Cason Boys Will Go To The Penitentiary.

On last Monday the State Supreme Court refused a new trial in the case of the State vs. Frank and Joseph Cason, convicted at the last term of court for shooting with intent to murder, and sentenced to three years in the penitentiary.

The Cason brothers are from the Northern section of St. Landry, where they number the best people of that section as relatives.

The opinion of the Supreme Court follows:

"The testimony of witnesses had been admitted in evidence without objection. It went to the jury. In argument the prosecuting officer referred to this testimony. Counsel for the defense objected and asked the court to stop the officer's argument in the line suggested.

"The rule is that the argument must be based solely upon facts proven on the trial, or of facts of which no evidence need ever be introduced—being of judicially noticed facts.

"It does not appear that that rule has been disregarded. The trial judge stated, as part of the bill of exception, that the facts referred to by the District Attorney had been proven; that the officer did not comment on facts not in evidence."

The Eunice Killing.

The preliminary examination of Messrs. Balthazar and Pete Martel, Willie Ford, Claude Ledoux and Rev. W. W. Ford, charged with the killing of the negro Gradigno, at Eunice, on the 22d, was held at the courthouse on last Friday, December 29, before His Honor, Judge E. T. Lewis.

The courtroom was packed with spectators, many of them from the section from which the defendants come. The prominence of the parties and the nature of the crime, made the affair one of great interest.

Hon. E. B. Dubuisson represented the accused, and the District Attorney the State.

The court stenographer was used at the beginning of the trial, but the testimony of the first few witnesses made it evident to His Honor that the services of that official was not necessary, and they were accordingly dispensed with.

There was absolutely nothing going to connect any of the parties with the crime, and His Honor discharged them on the evidence submitted by the State.

The affair is as deeply shrouded in mystery as ever, and the prospect of punishing the culpable ones seems to be very remote indeed.

The negro Bell and his wife, who were "shot out" of the forbidden section of Eunice some time ago, and who were present on the night of the killing of Gradigno, were not at the trial, although they had been cited as witnesses.

OUR PEOPLE CARRY OUT PROMISE TO COLORADO SOUTHERN.

The meeting in pursuance to a call by Chairman Lawler held in the courthouse Wednesday night, January 3, was well attended, and the object of the meeting met with the full sympathy and support of the numerous citizens there.

Mr. Lawler called the meeting so that our people should take immediate steps to comply with their part of the agreement made between the Colorado Southern Railroad people and the people of Opelousas by which the right-of-way through the town and depot grounds should be donated to that railroad. Mr. Lawler in calling the meeting to order said that it was now "up to us," that the people of the town of Opelousas had made a promise and it was now time to fulfill that promise.

The committee on rights-of-way, appointed by a citizens' meeting some time ago, reported through Chairman J. W. Lewis that the rights-of-way and depot grounds on the route selected by the Colorado Southern in the Northern portion of town would cost approximately \$10,000, at the figures asked by property owners along the route. He said the committee was now ready to work, but that it could do nothing without funds, in which all agreed with Mr. Lewis.

That question of finance—isn't it an aggravating one, bobbing up eternally and bursting air propositions in their most glorious proportions?

Naturally, there was a diversity of opinion as to the most practicable ways and means to overstep the obstacle. Some wanted the town council to appropriate the amount; others doubted both the authority and wisdom of the town council using any fund for such purpose, while still others correctly, in our opinion, were for the citizens of the town to subscribe the amount, or as much thereof as it was possible to do; while still others were of opinion that the Colorado Southern people had acted rather arbitrarily in locating the site without consulting the donors, and some even suggested that the site in the Southern portion of town, which it is understood was tendered to the railroad free of charge, should be insisted upon, and upon the refusal of the railroad-people to accept it, just tell them that Opelousas had complied with her promise and would do nothing more. This latter view, however, did not meet with much favor, it being apparent that it was not reasonable for a great concern like this railroad to put over a mile between it and the manufacturers of the town just because its passage was thus made cheaper.

It was correctly contended by Messrs. Dubuisson, W. J. Sandoz, and others, that the fact that the property owners along the route of the proposed road asked exorbitant prices did not necessarily mean that the people had to pay them those figures or let them alone; that expropriation proceedings would set a fair value on the properties, and that the amount needed would be less than ten thousand dollars.

It was finally agreed that the plan of subscription, with liberal help from the town council, should be adopted, and a committee was appointed to carry out this plan. The committee is composed of Messrs. John W. Lewis, E. B. Dubuisson, Arthur Gosselin, D. L. Guilbeau and M. L. Swords. The committee is to go to work at once, and report to a mass-meeting to be held at the courthouse on Wednesday night, January 10th, at 7:30 o'clock. As this will be an important meeting, it should be well-attended.

It is to be hoped that the little friendly rivalry between the Northern and Southern portions of town will be buried, and will cut no figure when it comes to subscribing. We are all citizens of Opelousas, working for Opelousas, and no sincere friend of Opelousas will permit this to disturb his generosity in this matter—this is no time or occasion to display selfishness; we are all working for Opelousas first and all the time. The railroad made their selection of site from a business standpoint, and nothing that we can do will induce them to change plans.

There is nothing left for us to do but to comply with our promise.

If we fail in this it is not talking idly when we say that Opelousas will for times to come be a discredited city and a discredited people in the eyes of railroads and enterprises in general.

They will not believe us; they will laugh at our promises, because they are as thin as air and brittle as glass. Citizens of Opelousas, you are looking down a dangerous precipice. There

is a bridge, however, on which you can easily cross the darksome abyssal depths and safely reach the bank of promise.

What will you do?
In the words of Chairman Lawler, "It is up to us."

District Court.

Things have been quite around the District Court room this week, His Honor devoting but a few hours a day, when business called for it, in the transaction of strictly civil business.

The officers are taking a much-needed rest, to again go into harness next month, February, when it is proposed that a two weeks' term of criminal court shall be held, beginning about the 19th of that month.

The following order, given by His Honor on Thursday, December 28, is self-explanatory:

ORDER.

The Clerk of Court is hereby directed to notify the members of the Jury Commission of the Parish of St. Landry to meet at his office on Friday, January 5th, 1906, at 10 a. m. for the purpose of completing the "General Venire List" as required by law, and to draw therefrom the names of twenty citizens of the parish of St. Landry to serve as Grand Jurors for the next ensuing six months; and he is further directed to notify said Grand Jury after having been so selected to be and appear in the courtroom in Opelousas on January 13, 1906, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of organization."

The following business was transacted since last report:

CRIMINAL.

Thursday, December 28.—State vs. Ralph Cato, appeal to the Supreme Court granted.

James Thomas, for petty larceny, was sentenced to three months in the parish jail.

CIVIL.

Giesbeck D'Oovich Hayes Shoe Co. vs. Coshman & Bihm, default confirmed; judgment.

Hercule Mfg. Co. vs. J. B. Wise, default.

CRIMINAL.

Friday, December 29.—State vs. Zenon Rideau, appeal to the Supreme Court granted.

The District Attorney filed a bill of information against Jas. Ward for obtaining goods under false pretenses.

State vs. L. G. Harris, appeal to the Supreme Court granted.

D. H. and C. A. Thompson, convicted of manslaughter for the killing of Dr. Z. T. Young, were sentenced to ten years in penitentiary. Right of appeal to the Supreme Court granted.

State vs. Adolus Lajeune, right of appeal to the Supreme Court granted.

The preliminary examination of B. A. Martel et al., charged with the murder of the negro in Eunice, was held, and the accused discharged for want of any evidence connecting any of them with the crime.

CIVIL.

Estate of Henry Brown, default.

Joachim Cassimir vs. Charles C. Perrodin, fixed for January 6th.

Saturday, December 30.—Maurice Vilasaca vs. Mrs. Arcene Saizan, wife, et. al., fixed for January 23.

Berry & Dennis Co. vs. Coshman & Bihm, default confirmed, judgment.

Wash Davis & Co. vs. Coshman & Bihm, default confirmed, judgment.

Alexandria Produce Co. vs. Coshman & Bihm, default confirmed, judgment.

Fechiemer Keiffer Co. vs. Coshman & Bihm, default, judgment.

Alvin O. Price vs. J. T. Stewart, fixed for January 24.

S. Glasser & Co. vs. Scott & Scott, default.

Barnett & Lemelle vs. Coshman & Bihm, default.

S. E. Warm's & Co. vs. Coshman & Bihm, and same vs. A. Coshman, default.

Burton Lumder Co. vs. Michel Walker, fixed for January 23.

The Street Carnival.

The Cosmopolitan Amusement Co. will be in Opelousas on next Monday, January 8th, and continue for one week.

This is about the biggest attraction of the sort that has ever come to Opelousas, and the local Red Men and Pythians were fortunate in getting such a gigantic concern to stop in Opelousas a week. In order to do this they had to pay them three thousand dollars for the week, and it is to be presumed that the Knights and Indians made sure it was worth it before contracting for it.

The local men will have entire charge of the affair, and this is a guarantee that everything will be conducted properly.

Speaking of this attraction, a special from Baton Rouge to the Times-Democrat says:

"The local tribe of the Improved Order of Red Men to-day signed contract with the Cosmopolitan Amusement Company for a carnival, Feb. 19 to 24. The show is guaranteed to have their own special train of eighteen cars, two bands, and fourteen paid attractions, and is said to be one of the most extensive attractions of the kind ever exhibited south of the Mason and Dixon line since the Charleston Exposition."

Red Men Elect Officers.

At the regular meeting of the Opelousas Lodge No. 45, Improved Order of Red Men, on Thursday night Dec. 28, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: R. Lee Wiggins, Sachem; Geo. T. Edwards, Prophet; Phil S. Asher, Senior Sagamore; Thurston F. McKinney, Junior Sagamore.

Society and Personal.

—Mr. J. E. O'Quinn, of Haasville, was in town Tuesday.

—Dr. H. S. Joseph, of Melville, was in Opelousas New Year.

—Dr. J. C. Vidrine, of the West, was in Opelousas several days this week.

—Mr. H. C. Milburn, of Milburn, spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Opelousas.

—Hon. H. L. Garland, Jr., of New Orleans, was with the old folks here New Year.

—Dr. "Manee" Stagg, of Eunice, spent several hours in Opelousas last Saturday.

—Master Lawrence Pitre left for Covington Tuesday, where he will attend school.

—Mr. Wm. Wallior left for Alexandria Thursday, where he will spend several days.

—Mr. Leon Campbell, of Barbreck, was a pleasant caller at the Clarion office Tuesday.

—Mr. Alphonse Quebedeau, of Leonville, was a visitor to the Clarion office last Saturday.

—Hon. Hampton Story, a prominent lawyer of Crowley, was in Opelousas last Friday and Saturday.

—Mr. Joe Benoit, one of the stalwart citizens of the Leonville section, was in town on last Tuesday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Kahl Bodemuller, of Beaumont, spent New Year with Mr. Bodemuller's parents in Opelousas.

—Mr. George Budroe, of Lake Charles, spent New Year with his relative, Mr. George Bourdier, in Opelousas.

—Our good friend, Mr. J. H. Baldridge, of Barbreck, was in Opelousas Tuesday, and all "the boys" were glad to see him.

—Mr. J. C. Causey, of Turkey Creek, was in Opelousas several days this week, and gave the Clarion office a pleasant call.

—Mr. Antoine Lanclouse, wife and daughter, were in Opelousas last Friday, and gave the Clarion office an appreciated call.

—Dr. W. W. Duson, an Opelousas boy, but now a citizen of the great State of Texas, spent New Year with the old folks in Opelousas.

—Mr. Leonce Jacobs, of New Orleans, spent several days in Opelousas this week. Leonce is looking well, city life seeming to agree with him.

—Mr. and Mrs. Louis Desmarais, accompanied by pretty little Miss Rita Desmarais, were visitors to the Crescent City last week, returning Saturday.

—Mr. Jack Werrell, who is in the barber business in Crowley, was among the holiday visitors to Opelousas, and gave the Clarion office a pleasant call.

—Mrs. John J. Healey and little daughters, Thelma and Emma, left Monday for Cheneyville, where Mrs. Healey was summoned to the bedside of her sick mother.

—Lawyer J. J. Bailey returned from a ten days' visit to New Orleans Sunday. He mingled business with pleasure, having gone there to argue for a new trial in the case of the State versus the Cason boys.

—Messrs. Marius Fontenot and Stephen Deville were pleasant visitors at the Clarion office Wednesday. They came from their piney woods home in all the bad weather of that day, showing how they do love to see us.

—The Embroidery Club entertained at a dance on the evening of December 29, at the opera house. The hall was beautifully and artistically decorated with holly, mistletoes and red flowers, and presented a pretty appearance. This was the first attempt on the part of this club to entertain in this manner, and the members are to be congratulated on their success.

The young ladies wore Gretian costumes, which pleasingly intermixed with the scene of beauty.

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