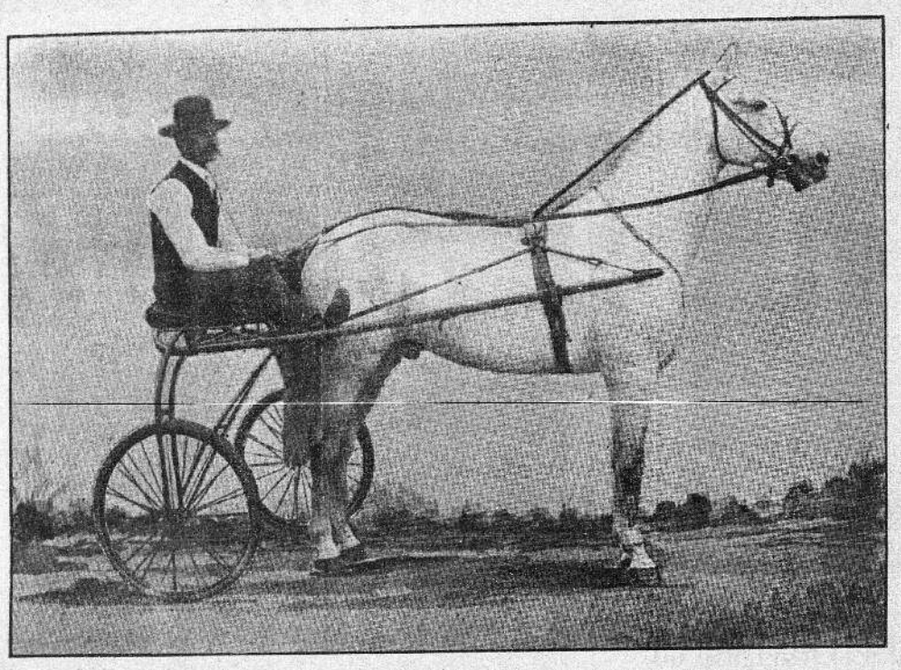
William R. Jr.

St. Landry's Greatest Sire !



This is a photograph of WILLIAM R. JR., owned by Haas & Wallior, Opelousas, La.

In offering this Popular Stallion for the Season of 1906, we desire to call attention to a few facts which have made him the most-talked-of and greatest in Empire St. Landry:

1.—He holds the St. Landry Race record (for Stallions) on half-mile track, jogging under the wire in 2:19. On this occasion he was driven by an amateur driver. He has a trial record by the same driver of 2:14. He has paced halves in 1:03½, and quarters in 30 seconds.

2.—His style and gameness have won the admiration of the entire public.

3.—He is the sire of the fastest colts ever foaled in St. Landry, Edna Mac, trial, 2:13¾, and Wm. McKinley, 2:17, and many others whose speed has not yet been developed.

4.—His colts command the highest prices of any foaled in St. Landry; ranging from $300 to $1000. So why not raise horses for profit and pleasure at the same time?

Fee, $12.50

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Will make the season of 1906 at

Haas' Race Track,

OPELOUSAS, LA.

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A PEEP INTO THE WIDE WORLD.

Insurance Company Reports Lapse Of Policies Since Insurance Agitation.

COTTON CULTURE IN ENGLAND.

Castro Springs Another Surprise By Resigning--Three Negroes Lynched and Cremated In Missouri.

A bill removing the tax on denaturized alcohol was passed by the House Monday.

All grades of refined American sugar has been reduced ten cents a hundred pounds.

The Easter festivals in Russia passed off without any demonstration against the Jews.

A company was organized last Monday to build and operate an electric line from New York to Chicago.

President Roosevelt made a speech to a number of German veterans last week, which is said to have greatly pleased the Kiser's folks over in the Fatherland.

A sensation was created in British military circles by the publication of a letter accusing Lord Kitchener of stirring up future trouble in the handling of the military situation in India.

The Equitable Life Insurance Society recently gave out a statement setting forth that since the insurance agitation 27,385 policies, from $1000 and under, have been allowed to lapse.

President Castro, of Venenzuela, has resigned the presidency of that Republic in favor of Vice-President Gomez, and his action has caused considerable speculation. His entire cabinet also resigned.

Five hundred men and women stormed a house in the norther borough early last Monday morning in a determined effort to lynch a negro who had mortally stabbed a white contractor in New York.

The famine in Japan is reported most serious, and the aid of the Japanese government, as well as of foreign governments, is taxed to its limit. The shortage of the rice crop is responsible for the suffering in the country of the conquerors of the Russians.

Speaker Cannon will be seventy-four years old on May 4th, and the members of Congress are preparing to give the old duck a monster reception. It is not improbable that a boom for him as the Republican candidate for President will be launched on his birthday.

The House Committee on Election has favorably passed upon an emendment to the Federal Constitution requiring the people to elect the United States Senators by popular vote, and not by Legislatures, as at persent. It also proposes to make the term of members of the House four instead of two years.

Englishmen have for many years, and especially since the "bull" movements in cotton prices three years ago, sought to develop cotton planting within the empire. Late reports of experiments in Africa are the reverse of encouraging, and in India, where cotton culture has been important ever since our civil war, there is little increase. In the last three years there has been a moderate growth of acreage and a decided decrease in yield. The crop of 1905-6 was nearly a million bales less than that of two years ago.

Three negroes were lynched at Springfield, Mo., last Saturday night, and their bodies cremated. Two were charged with assaulting a white girl, and the third with killing an old white man. The negroes and whites armed themselves, and for a time a serious riot was imminent. The Governor sent six companies of State troops and the trouble subsided.

How He Lost His Girl.

A young man not a thousand miles away from here went with his sister to a dry goods store. He purchased a pair of gloves for his sweetheart. The sister bought a pair of hose for herself. Of course the clerk got them mixed. The explosion came when the sweetheart opened the package and found a pair of long black stockings. She blushed. Then she opened the note and read the following tender lines:

"I am sending you a little present. Oh, how I wish that no other hands but mine would be permitted to touch them after you have put them on. But alas, a score of fellows may touch them when I am not by your side and other eyes may see them when you are on the streets or at parties. I bought the longest pair I could get, and if they are too long you may let them wrinkle down. A great many girls I know wear them slipped down a little. Always wear them at parties. I want to see how they fit when I call Tuesday night. You can clean them easily, dear, with benzine, if you leave them on till they dry. I hope they are not to small. Blow in them before you put them on."

The young man did not call Tuesday night "to see how they fitted," and it is understood he failed to win a home.—Crystal Spring Meteor.

Miss Callie Pointer, the 19-year-old daughter of Mrs. A. W. Batte, was enticed away from her home in Lake Charles last week by a gypsy gang, and so far a thorough search for her has proved unavailing. Miss Pointer was the daughter of poor but respectable parents, and it is supposed that she was allured from home by an old gypsy, a member of the camp, painting to her young mind pictures of good living, silk dresses and easy money. The girl was a clerk in one of the stores in Lake Charles.

CHARTER OF

The Bank of Ville Platte.

State of Louisiana, Parish of St. Landry:

BE IT KNOWN, That on this the fifteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Six, before me, Edwin E. Vidrine, a duly commissioned and qualified Notary Pu blic inand for the parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, and in the presence of Charles Pucheu and Hosea E. Currie, witnesses of lawful age and domiciled in said parish and state, whose names are hereunto subscribed as such, personally came and appeared Samuel Haas, Thomas Reed, Rene L. Derouen, John A. Haas, Albert M. Lafleur, J. M. Laron, John E. Vidrine, Dr. J. C. Vidrine, L. J. Dossman, Simon Johnson, Emile Mrs. Y. Vidrine, Miss Helen Vidrine, Sebastien Vidrine, Dr. L. Lazaro, L. Austin Fontenot, Jean R. Fontenot, P. G. Castenado, Elius Ardoin, Simeon Ardoin, A Dardeau, E. E. Ortego, and Rev. H. F. Chastel of the parish of St. Landry, and Wm. D. Haas, C. E. Haas and H. P. Mobberly of the parish of Avoyelles, who declared that they, the said appearers, availing themselves of the privileges and benefits of the laws of the State of Louisiana relative to the formation of corporations for the purpose of, banking, and especially of act No. 166 approved March 15, 1855, and the various amendments thereof and other special enactments on the subject of banking, particularly the provisions of act No. 179 of 1902, entitled "An Act to define banking associations and to prescribe certain rules and regulations in reference thereto, etc., etc.," they do by these presents covenent and agree and bind themselves and those whom they represent, and those who may hereafter become associated with them, to form and constitute a corporation and body politic in law for the objects and purposes and under the stipulations and agreements following, to-wit:

ARTICLE I.

The name and title of this corporation shall be "THE VILLE PLATTE BANK," and its domicile and place of business shall be in the town of Ville Platte, in the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana.

ARTICLE II

This corporation shall exist, and have and enjoy succession under its corporate name for the full term of Fifty years from the date hereof, and in its corporate name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, appear, answer and prosecute in any and all courts of justice here and elsewhere. All citations or other legal process shall be served upon the President, and in his absence, upon the Vice-President, or Cashier of the said corporation.

ARTICLE III.

This corporation is organized for the purpose of doing a general banking business, including the business of discount and deposit, and shall have the power to discount bills, notes and other evidences of debt, receive deposits, negotiate loans, buy and sell exchange, loan money on both real and persoual security and to exercise all such incidental powers as may hereafter be authorized by law; to receive and hold on deposit and as security personal estates, notes, bonds, obligations and mortgages, liens and privileges and other evidences of debt of individuals, corporations, municipalities, and the same to purchase, adjust, settle, sell and dispose of in any manner, with or without guarantee or endorsement; to receive and loan money on privileges and securities and growing crops; to receive on deposit and for safe keeping jewelery, plates, wares and articles of value of every kind that they may see fit and to charge such commission or receive such compensation therefor as may be agreed upon. This corporation shall have power to hold, receive, purchase and convey by and under its corporate name such property, real and personal, as may be indispensible to the objects of the association.

ARTICLE IV.

The capital stock of this corporation is hereby fixed at and declared to be the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars, with power to increase the same by a two-thirds vote of the capital stock. The said increase may be made at any meeting of the stockholders called for that purpose, after thirty days previous notice shall have been mailed to the last known address of each stockholder, stating the amount of the proposed increased. The said capital stock shall be divided into Two Hundred Shares of the par value of One Hundred Dollars each, which shares shall be paid in as follows, viz: Ten per cents on the first day of May; Fifteen per cent on June first, after date; and the balance upon the call of the Board of Directors. Any stockholder failing to pay any installment due by him within thirty days from and after the date same shall become due as herein provided, shall by reason of such failure forfeit the amounts already paid in on the stock by him subscribed, which amount or amounts so forfeited shall revert to the corporation and this corporation shall be authorized to sell or re-issue to other subscribers the share or shares on which such installment or instatlments were due. This corporation shall have authority to commence business when the entire amount of capital stock shall have been subscribed, and paid for. Shares of stock in this corporation shall be evidenced by certificates of stock issued by its President, or in his absence by its vice-President, and attested by its Cashier, and bear the seal of the corporation. All transfers of stock must be upon the books of the corporation and may be made either by the stockholder himself or a duly authorized agent.

ARTICLE V.

The business affairs of this corporation shall be under the supervision and management of a Board of Directors of seven (7) stockholders, who shall be citizens of this State, and each of whom shall be owner in his own name of not less than one share of the capital stock of this corporation. The said Board of Directors shall be elected by ballot on the second Tuesday of January, A. D., 1908, and on said date of each and every succeeding year, and shall hold office for one year or until their successors are duly elected and qualified. The said election shall be held at the office of the said corporation and under the supervision of three (3) commissioners, to be appointed by the Board of Directors. Thirty days prior notice of such election shall be given by publication in one of the newspapers published in this parish and by written notice mailed to the last known address of each stockholder. A majority of all the stock represented at this meeting shall be necessary to elect. Every stockholder shall be entitled to one vote, either in person or by written proxy for each share of stock owned by him or her as shown by the books of the corporation. Any vacancy occurring in the said Board of Directors from any cause whatever, shall be filled by election of the remaining Directors. A majority of said Board of Directors either in person or by written proxy shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE VI.

The following named persons shall constitute the first Board of Directors, viz: Samuel Haas, Thomas Reed, Rene L. Derouen, John A. Haas, E. E. Ortego, Dr. L. Lazaro and W. D. Haas, with Rene L. Dercuen as President and Thomas Reed as Vice-President, who shall hold office and serve as such until their successors shall have been elected and qualified. A failure to elect a Board of Directors on the day specified shall not forfeit this Charter, but the Board, of Directors in office shall hold over until their successors are elected.

The Board of Directors shall at the first meeting after election eleet from their number a President and Vice-President. The said Board shall appoint a Cashier and such other employees as they may deem necessary and proper, they shall fix the compensation of all officers, clerks and employees of this corporation, shall require bond and security as they may deem proper, they shall make and adopt by-laws, rules and regulations for the government of the corporation and the transaction of its business and affairs, and the same to alter, change and abrogate at pleasnre; provided, however, that no rule, by-law or regulation shall conflict with this charter or the laws of this state.

ARTICLE VII.

No stockholder shall ever be held liable or responsible for the contracts or faults of this corporation in any further sum than the unpaid balance due on his stock.

ARTICLE VII.

This act of incorporation may be changed, modified or altered, or this corporation may be dissolved with the consent of three-fourths of the entire capital stock at a general meeting of the stockholders convened for that purpose after thirty days prior notice of such meeting shall have been given by four successive publications in one of the weekly newspapers published in this parish and by mailing a written notice to the last known address of each stockholder.

ARTICLE IX.

Whenever this corporation is dissolved, either by limitation or from some other cause, its affairs shall be liquidated under the superintendence of three stockholders appointed for that purpose by the Board of Directors. The said Commissioners to remain in office until the affairs of this corporation shall have been fully settled and liquidated. And in case of death or resignation or inability to act of one or more of said Commissioners, the Board of Directors shall appoint a successor or successors from among the stockholders of said corporation.

ARTICLE X.

The Cashier appointed by the Board of Directors shall be the custodian of the seal of the corporation which seal shall be a device consisting of two concentric circles, separated by a small annular space, in which space shall be the words "The Ville Platte Bank," and within the smaller circle shall be the words "Corporate Seal."

ARTICLE XI.

The name of the share holders, their place of residence and the number of shares held by each of them is as follows, to-wit:

W. D. Haas, Bunkie, La., 20 shares; Rene L. Derouen, Ville Platte, La., 26 shares; Ermile Lafleur, Ville Platte, La., 10 shares; A. M. Lafleur, Ville Platte, La., 1 share; Helen Vidrine, Ville Platte, La., 2 shares; Mrs. Y. Vidrine, Ville Platte, La., 3 shares; J. M. Laron, Ville Platte, La., 3 shares; E. E. Ortego, Ville Platte, La., 4 shares; Paul G. Castenado, Ville Plate, La., 2 shares; Arthur Dardeau, Ville Platte, La., 2 shares; Elius Ardoin, Ville Platte, La., 1 share; Simeon Ardoin, Ville Platte, La, 1 share; Simon Johnson, Opelousas, La., 3 shares; L. J. Dossman, Opelousas, La., 2 shares; J. A. Haas, Opelousas, La., 20 shares; L. Austin Fontenot, Opelousas, La., 3 shares; Samuel Haas, Bayou Chicot, La., 20 shares; J. C. Vidrine, Ville Platte, La., 2 shares; H. P. Mobberly, Bunkie, La., 5 shares; Thos. Reed, Ville Platte, La., 15 shares; Chas E. Haas, Bunkie, La., 5 shares, by W. D. Haas; R. J. Marshall, Bunkie, La., 3 shares, by W. D. Haas; John Y. Lillie, Bunkie, La., 3 shares, by W. D. Haas; J. H. Fulton, New Orleans, La., 5 shares, by W. D. Haas; I. M. Lichtenstein, New Orleans, La., 5 shares, by W. D. Haas; L. Lazaro, Grand Prairie, La., 10 shares; J. R. Fontenot, Ville Platte, La., 2 shares; Jean E. Vidrine, Ville Platte, La., 1 share, by R. L. Derouen; Erteluce T. Lafleur, Ville Platte, La., 20 shares, by R. L Derouen; Sebastien Vidrine, Ville Platte, La., 1 share, by R. L. Derouen.

Done, passed and signed at Ville Platte, Parish aforesaid in presence of Charles Puchen and Hosea E. Currie, competent witnesses who have signed with the appearers and me, Notary, after reading of whole.

Witnesses:
Charles Pucheu, E. E. VIDRINE.
H. E. Currie. Notary Public.

State of Louisiana, Parish of St. Landry.

I hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a true and correct copy of the original Charter on file and of record in my office.

Witness my hand and seal of office at Opelousas, La., this 10th day of April, A. D., 1906.

YVES ANDREPONT.
Clerk of Court.

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My Lots, in Opelousas, consisting of a goodly portion of the famous old Sunnyside Race Course, will soon be ready for sale. This will be THE CHANCE for the man who wants either

A HOME

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Our experienced friend, Mr. Jas. O Chachere, has the Grading, Leveling and Drainage of these lots in hand and the fact of his doing the work is a guarantee that it will be **well done.** Just as soon as he completes the work they will be ready for you.

THESE LOTS WILL BE SOLD AT PRIVATE SALE.

On a portion of the lots, the Northern portion, the **Opelousas, Gulf & Northeastern Railroad** has its depot and grounds while the **Colorado Southern Railroad** touches the same place. What does this mean to you who will own a lot? It simply means that you will have something that is almost beyond any value that you see fit to put upon it. It means that you will have a piece of

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A piece of land that may be some day worth a small fortune to you. Does this seem a broad assertion? Take in consideration the fact that each and every lot is in easy reach of the two roads, that switches can easily reach every single lot either from one or both of these railroads, and you will say with me that the assertion is well founded. Consider another point—each lot faces on a well graded high wide road, every lot faces the same kind of road and within

Two Blocks of Main Street.

Consider the fact that these lots are just between these two railroads, just at the gateway of commerce, the gateway of these two railroads, and are well drained, have plenty of good wide streets and I ask you—what more could you ask? **You can own one or more and at reasonable terms.**

Come over and look them over, see how we have graded the roads and attended to every detail. My office is on a portion of these lots—the eastern portion.

You will find me there, and I will be glad to see you—

WE'LL TALK IT OVER.

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