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OPELOUSAS, JULY 28, 1906.

FOR CONGRESS.

To the Voters of the Seventh Congressional District of Louisiana:
I respectfully announce my candidacy for re-election as the Representative from the Seventh Congressional District of Louisiana, in the Sixtieth Congress of the United States, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary to be held September 8, 1906.
A. P. DUJO.

LAND GRABBERS SEEM TO BE AFTER BLOOD MONEY.

Although the many settlers in the State of Louisiana who acquired their land, their home, with McEnery Scrip and Confederate warrants won out in the Legislature and prevented one of the most shameless and disgraceful land grabs of modern times, it seems that the pirates who schemed to rob them at first don't intend to give up their nefarious purpose, and as they can't very well get the land, are at a fresh game to either make the settlers default or exact from them blood money in the way of a compromise.

A firm titled J. W. Freilisen & Co. is at the head of the sharks, and has taken steps to prevent the settlers from making their tender within one year, as provided by the Toomer law, which law defeated this same company's proposition to have the settlers declared by the Legislature usurpers and the land they occupied State land, and the State take their (Freilisen & Co's) tender of \$1.50 per acre as the first tender for 113,000 acres of land bought by McEnery Scrip and Confederate Warrants in this State. To do this, this firm has gone into Court, and the slow wheel of justice is depended on to worry out the poor settlers and force them to a compromise.

To meet this move, the settlers are organizing in the parishes having these lands, and we believe every parish in the State is involved. It is the purpose to fight these vampires, and to at least make them put up a bond of \$10 per acre, of \$100,000 in all. It is felt that it is not possible that the law will favor these people to the extent of permitting them to harass honest farmers and make faithful housewives lie on uneasy pillows for years without themselves having to take any responsibilities or undergo any risks.

St. Landry parish is deeply involved in this controversy, having 8,830.26 acres of land paid with McEnery Scrip, and 2,324.45 acres with soldiers' warrants, within her borders. Many of the settlers, no doubt, are unaware that the title to their homes is in question, and it would be prudent for them to begin an investigation, especially as they have but one year in which to make a tender to the State for their lands, after which it will be forfeited. Under the circumstances it would be the part of caution for our people to co-operate with the people of other parishes in this matter. Steps should be taken to procure from the State land office a complete list of the McEnery Scrip land in this parish. Over in Calcasieu parish one of the Representatives, Mr. Toomer, is quoted as saying:

"The land office has agreed, at my request, to get up a list showing the names of all original entries with McEnery scrip, with the numbers and description of the lands so entered. When this is received here I will try and get the Police Jury to have these printed in circular form and in the official journal, so that the Calcasieu farmers and land owners can see just where they stand with regard to this. There are lots of people in this parish whose lands were originally covered by this McEnery scrip, who do not know it. I expect this list will be finished in about ten days, and after that I will try and have it ready for distribution just as soon as possible."

The feeling against these heartless speculators is growing more intense all over the country, and it is not doing the State of Louisiana any good at all, this fact that unscrupulous land grabbers are permitted to turn the whole State topsy-turvy.

Some States have remedies for this species of cattle.

Substantial "Argument."

Opelousas, La., July 24th, 1906.
Mr. Editor.—Herewith find my check for ten dollars payable to the Mayor of Opelousas. Be so kind as to turn over the same to him with instruction that he apply it towards paying the taxes of some of the deserving poor in this community, who may not be able to meet the proposed tax for sewerage and paved streets.

If some of the wealthy real estate owners who are urging as opposition

to the taxes the inability of the poor people to pay the same will imitate my example, they will at once solve the problem. It will only take a few dollars to relieve the deserving poor from the payment of these taxes.

I stated last evening I would pay my share of the tax, and I now propose to do so,—not for one year, but will annually contribute a similar amount towards relieving those poorer than myself—widows preferred. I pay a very small tax, but thank God, I am no mossback, and am always willing to help push the car of progress in this town and parish,—and that too without first inquiring "where do I come in?"

Yours truly,
GILBERT L. DUPRE.

The best way to satisfy yourself that the plans of the proposed sewerage system embraces the entire old town is to go and see the map yourself, in the Mayor's office. This map was made in 1902, and since then portions of the then old town have been built up, which we understand will be taken in also. At that time material for sewerage was over 20 per cent higher than it is now, and it was estimated that a system according to those plans would cost \$29,000. Now with the reduction of the price of material, and with the surplus over the calculation, it can be considered an assured fact that even the then unsettled portions of town will have the system.

The Board of Aldermen met last Monday evening and pledged itself to the extension and enlargement of all public utilities, redeemed the last waterworks and electric light coupon, and introduced a resolution to reduce the corporation tax to seven mills at the next regular meeting, which is on Tuesday, August 7th. The law requires that such action can only be taken at a regular meeting. Thus the tax will be 30 mills, instead of 41 mills (including the Colorado Southern tax of five mills), and with the sewerage and paving tax will be 35 mills, 6 mills less than the present rate. The reductions are: State tax 1 mill, parish 2 mills, municipal 3 mills, water works and electric lights 5 mills, total 11 mills.

Photo buttons, 25 cents up, at Carter's.

SOCIETY and PERSONAL

—Miss Neve Andrews has returned from a visit to friends in Texas.

—Miss Sturgess, of Texas, is the guest of Miss Eleanor Littell.

—Mr. Abe Seigel has returned from a business trip to New York.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Stagg are summering at Stafford's Springs.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Comeau and daughter are in West Virginia.

—Miss Lelle Dupre has joined her relatives in Skyland, N. C.

—Mr. Adolph Jacobs has returned from a pleasure trip to Jeanerette.

—Constable Mentor Dupre, of Andrepont, gave us a call last Saturday.

—Dr. A. H. Simpson, of Arnaudville, was in Opelousas Friday.

—Mr. Frank Quebeaux, of Leonville, was in Opelousas this week.

—Mr. Laurent Domingaux, of Coulee Croche, was in our city Thursday, on business.

—Mrs. Aaron Jacobs and Miss Hannah Jacobs have returned from a visit to Alexandria.

—Judge D. Courville, of Chataignier, transacted business here last Friday.

—Mr. A. V. Guillory, of Deshotels, was a visitor to Opelousas Wednesday, and dropped in to see us.

—Miss Dora Dickerson, of Rayne, is spending some weeks with relatives in Opelousas.

—Our old friend, Mr. Maurice Viasca, is off on his yearly recreation to Cooper's Wells and Biloxi.

—Mrs. Alide Lafleur and Mrs. Arthur Fontenot are in Leesburg, enjoying the Gulf breezes.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. Adam Budd and family have returned from a two weeks' visit to relatives in Jeanerette.

—Miss Ida Rency, of Shreveport, spent a few days here as the guest of Miss N. L. Sandoz.

—Miss Louise Bienville entertained in honor of her guest, Miss May Labbe, of St. Martinville.

—Misses Marie, Amy and Rosie Sandoz, are here on a visit to relatives.

—Miss Neita Burr, of West Bellevue, is entertaining Misses Adelaide and Antoinette Thompson, of New Orleans.

—Miss Eleanor Feray, the popular operator at the Cumberland, has returned from a vacation spent in Abbeville, her former home.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Creswell and Misses Mayse Creswell and Annie McClelland are home again, after a pleasant summer vacation.

—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lastrapes and baby daughter left for New Orleans Tuesday, where they go for medical attention for the little one.

—Miss Catherine Hunter, of Rayne, and Miss Lillian Gache, of New Orleans, are spending a few weeks in Opelousas, the guests of Miss Aline Delaurie.

—Mrs. I. Heinberg and Miss Sadio Heinberg have returned to their home in Monroe, after a delightful visit to Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Jacobs, in Opelousas.

—Miss Lucille Richard left Opelousas recently for the Crescent City to remain permanently, after nearly three years' service as night operator

for the Cumberland Telephone Company in our city.

—Congressman Robert F. Broussard, of New Iberia, was a visitor to Opelousas Tuesday and Wednesday, leaving Wednesday evening for Alexandria. While here he was the guest of Sheriff Swords. Of course there was "no political significance" in the popular Congressman's trip here—he came over to see "the boys," that's all. Candidate for Governor? Why, he is running for Congress right now, and he can't very well be a candidate for both offices at the same time. However, he is looking in fine health—in trim to run for almost anything.

How the wealth of the South is growing may be estimated from the fact that the value of the cotton crop for the past five years exceeded by nearly \$400,000,000 the entire production of gold and silver in the world during that time. And this way only one of the great crops of this mighty republic. It is pleasing to know that the South has long since recovered from the devastation of the civil war and was never so prosperous in all its history as right now.—Farmer Indianapolis Indiana.

(OFFICIAL)

Proceedings of Board of Aldermen.

Opelousas, La., July 23, 1906.
To the Hon. Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen.—There will be a meeting of your Board at the council chamber at 6 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of taking action relative to a tax reduction and other matters pertaining to the same.
R. A. LITTELL, Mayor.

Attest: C. F. Bailey, Clerk.
Received the within notice on the 23d day of July, 1906, and on the same day and date, I notified all the members of the Board of Aldermen in person.

C. L. HAYES, Marshal.
Opelousas, La., July 23, 1906.
The Board of Aldermen met this day in accordance with the above call, with the following members present: B. A. Littell, Mayor, presiding; J. W. Lewis, J. G. Lawler and J. S. Evans.

Quorum present.
The subject matter of the above call, i. e., the adoption of an ordinance reducing the city's tax from ten to seven mills, having been discussed and it being the sense of this body that such reduction be made and that an ordinance making such reduction be adopted, upon being informed by the city attorney that such action could only be taken at a regular meeting, Mr. Lewis only gave notice of the same for the next regular meeting its adoption will be secured regularly.

Mr. Lewis offered the following resolution, which resolution after having been read was duly seconded by Mr. Evans and unanimously adopted:

Whereas, in the opinion of this Board the fundamental idea of municipal improvement is to do the greatest amount of good to the greatest number of citizens, and, therefore, the same improvements whenever inaugurated and established should be extended from time to time as the finances of the city will justify; and, to the end that the city may justify the same, and that the direct benefits therefrom be realized, be it

Resolved, that it shall be the policy of this Board to extend all works of public utility now in existence or that may hereafter be inaugurated to the greatest extent that the finances available for such purposes will justify.

On motion, duly seconded and carried, the Board adjourned subject to call.
B. A. LITTELL, Mayor.
Attest: C. F. BAILEY, Clerk.

Notice is hereby given that I am applying for a parcel.
W. A. CHACHERE.
Opelousas, La., July 28, 1906.

For Sale.
A nice farm and residence about one mile and a half southwest of Opelousas, now owned by Mr. Redditt. It contains one hundred and fifty acres, a residence house and several tenant houses.

V. B. LASTRAPES, per H. L. G.
Notice. Left at my house and in my keeping, on Mr. E. M. Bogin's lot, a small plantation, about one mile, by a stranger, a bay mare, exhausted by travel, and a belated stolen property. The owner is notified to come forward and pay costs, or else after the lapse of proper time, the mare will be sold as an estray.
ABRAHAM MAYFIELD.

HOUSE MOVING. MACHINERY ERECTING.
R. M. COLTRIN,
—OFFICE AT—
Opelousas Compress Co.
OPELOUSAS, LA.

PLUMBING. MECHANICAL. PIPE-FITTING.
T. Compton Chachere,
AGENT FOR
Gibbs' Portrait Co.,
of Chicago.

First-class work guaranteed at lowest prices, and all orders taken and delivered by me.

Country Produce Taken in Payment
Notice is hereby given that I have taken up at Beaver Creek, one red roan Colored horse, and one bay horse, said mare has been ranging with my horses about 16 months and branded about thus:

The owner is hereby notified to come forward, prove property, pay costs and take same away within 10 days, or the said mare and colt will be advertised and sold according to the ordinance of the Police Jury, relative to estray animals.
ISAM FONTENOT.

Ready For The Saddle
I will have on hand at all times for sale, good driving and work horses and mules. See me before buying.

ARTHUR VELTIN
near Opelousas, La.

NOTICE OF TABLEAU.
ESTATE OF J. R. MELANCON.
No. 6139, Probate Docket, District Court, Parish of St. Landry.

Whereas, Constant Melancon and Ida Calabala, joint administrators of the above named estate, have filed their provisional tableau of classification of debts and distribution of funds, accompanied by their petition praying for the homologation of same; and whereas, the prayers of said petition have been granted by an order of court, bearing date—

Now, therefore, notice is hereby given to all parties interested to make opposition to said tableau to file same in writing in my office, within the time required by law, why the said tableau should not be homologated and confirmed.

YVES ANDREPONT, Clerk.
1st and 2nd colt lumber at \$10.00 per thousand feet. Suitable for cotton pens, bridge flooring and other rough work.
McDONALD BROTHERS,
MacLaud, La.

George Going,
North side of Landry street, opposite Joseph Lassalle's store.

BENNETT'S

July and August Clearance Sale

Men's Suits and Odd Trousers

To force a reduction of stock the price value has been utterly disregarded. Every garment has been reduced to make selling sure. Men's fine homespun and chevot 2 and 3 piece suits, worth from \$10 to \$12 at our former low prices; sale price **\$7.50**
Men's handsome worsted suits, in plain gray and fancy effects, worth at our former low prices up to \$15 **\$9.50**
MEN'S TROUSERS—Every style fabric; every style cut; at **\$1.90, \$2.90, \$3.90**—were formerly \$1.50, \$3.00, \$4.00, \$5.00 and \$6.00.

Men's Furnishings

UNMATCHABLE BARGAINS IN THIS DEPARTMENT.
Fine balbriggan underwear, the best 50c quality **39c**
Good underwear in blue and brown **19c**
75c negligee shirts **45c**
Fine pongee shirts, with attached collars, \$1.50 quality **98c**
Good black seamless hose, 15c quality **9c**
ATTEND THIS SALE AND YOU WILL SAVE MONEY ON EVERY PURCHASE.

BENNETT'S Bargain House,

Landry Street, near U. S. Postoffice.

NOTICE OF ELECTION.

Whereas, a petition has been addressed to me by the inhabitants of Township Six, South Range One East, Louisiana Meridian, asking that an election be held to take the sense of the inhabitants of said township as to whether or not the Sixteenth School Section in said Township and Range be sold, and, therefore, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law in such cases, notice is hereby given that an election will be held on

Saturday, August 18, 1906

at Charles A. Dupuy's residence, in said Township, after thirty days' advertisement, before the Justice of the Peace of said ward, within the usual hours, and in the usual manner of holding elections to ascertain if a majority of the legal voters are in favor of selling said school lands, and the result of said election shall be transmitted to the undersigned Parish Treasurer and if a majority of the legal voters be in favor of selling said lands, same shall be sold as provided by law.

A. L. STAGG, Parish Treasurer.

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A. L. STAGG, Parish Treasurer.

NOTICE.

To WILLIAM D. HAAS, Bunkle, Louisiana: You are hereby notified that pursuant to the provisions of sections 81 et seq. of the charter, being Act No. 21 of the extra session of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana for the year 1898, application will be made by the LOUISIANA WESTERN RAILROAD COMPANY to Hon. E. T. Lewis, Judge of the Sixteenth Judicial District Court of the State of Louisiana, in and for the Parish of St. Landry, in the court room of said court at Opelousas, Louisiana, on Monday, August 6th, 1906, at ten o'clock a. m., for the appointment of three disinterested and competent persons, who shall be citizens of this State, as commissioners of appraisal to ascertain, estimate and award the amount of compensation to be paid to you for a right of way one hundred (100) feet, over and across the lands of said State, just north of the town of Eunice, in St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, which said right of way is hereinafter described, and the same is sought to be obtained are fully described in the petition filed by said Louisiana Western Railroad Company vs. the State of Louisiana, in the matter entitled "Louisiana Western Railroad Company vs. William D. Haas," and bearing the number 17,341 of the Docket of said court.

M. B. BERGERON, Agent.

By virtue of a writ of fieri facias issued by Hon. E. S. Kerr, Justice of the Peace in and for the 1st Ward of the parish of St. Landry, in the above entitled cause, I have directed, I have seized and I will proceed to sell at the front door of the office of said Justice of the Peace, in Opelousas, on

Saturday, August 4, 1906,

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

Two mules, one safe, two washstands, one bowl and pitcher, four chairs, one table, two pictures, one mirror, one stove, one bed, one bureau and one coffee mill.

Terms—Cash. ALOISE ST. CYR, Constable, 1st Ward.

SHERIFF'S SALE.
LEOPOLD GOUDEAUX
versus
JOSEPH E. REED ET AL.

No. 17759, 16th Judicial District Court, Parish of St. Landry, La.

By virtue of an order of seizure and sale issued on the 21st day of June, 1906, and to me directed, I have seized and will offer for sale, for cash, at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, at the front door of the Court House, in the Parish of St. Landry, in Opelousas, La., on

Saturday, August 18, 1906,

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

A certain tract of land at Keller's Lake, Bayou Jack, St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, containing one hundred and twenty (120) acres, and being the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 13, Township 3 S., Range 5 E., East.

Terms—Cash. M. L. SWORDS, Sheriff.

SHERIFF'S SALE.
ALPHONSE FUSILIER
versus
MRS. CLEONISE GUILLORY. Individually and as Tutrix.

No. 17758, 16th Judicial District Court, Parish of St. Landry, La.

By virtue of an order of seizure and sale issued on the 7th day of July, 1906, on the 10th day of July, 1906, and to me directed, I have seized and will offer for sale, for cash, at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, at the front door of the Court House, in the Parish of St. Landry, in Opelousas, La., on

Saturday, August 25, 1906

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

A certain tract of prairie land, situated in Prairie Mamou, St. Landry Parish, La., measuring fifty (50) arpents, and bounded north by property of Natli Reed, south by land of Laurent Arloin, east by property of Alex. Bertrand, and west by property of Arsene Chapman, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon.

Terms of sale to be as follows:

Cash pay and satisfy the costs herein and attorney's fees, and 1/3 (one-third) of the balance cash, and the remainder in two equal installments corresponding with the maturity of two notes of \$25.00 (two hundred and fifty dollars) each, with 5 per cent per annum interest from date of sale, and 10 per cent additional on said sum in principal and interest for attorney's fees, payable March 27, 1907, and March 27, 1908, respectively.

M. L. SWORDS, Sheriff.

NOTICE.

Jacobs News Depot Co.

On and after August 1, '06, will occupy the Landau Building, opposite Court House, Landry Street.

PARTITION SALE.

JOSEPH BELLON ET AL.
versus
DR. JOHN A. HAAS ET AL.

No. 17,759, Probate Docket, District Court, Parish of St. Landry, La.

By virtue of a judgment signed by the Hon. E. T. Lewis, Judge of the 16th Judicial District Court of the State of Louisiana, in and for the Parish of St. Landry, signed in the above numbered and entitled suit, on June 18th, 1906, there will be sold by the undersigned auctioneer, on the premises, in Prairie Mamou, on

Tuesday, August 14, 1906,

at 11 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of effecting a partition, the following described property to-wit:

A certain tract of prairie land, situated in Prairie Mamou, Parish of St. Landry, and State of Louisiana, bounded north by lands of Dr. J. A. Haas, and west by lands now or formerly belonging to Dr. J. H. Parker, containing eighty-seven and 5/8 (87 5/8) arpents, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon, and being the balance of a certain tract of land acquired by Joseph Bellon from the United States Government as appraised by homestead certificate No. 2360, dated January 18th, 1906.

Terms—Cash. EDWARD DARDEAU, Auctioneer.

SHERIFF'S SALE.
LEOPOLD GOUDEAUX
versus
JOSEPH E. REED ET AL.

No. 17759, 16th Judicial District Court, Parish of St. Landry, La.

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Terms—Cash. M. L. SWORDS, Sheriff.

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No. 17758, 16th Judicial District Court, Parish of St. Landry, La.

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M. L. SWORDS, Sheriff.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

I will proceed to sell at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, at Mrs. Prosper Johnson's place, near Opelousas, according to the Police Jury estray ordinance, on

Wednesday, Aug. 1, 1906,

at 11 o'clock a. m., the following described animal, to-wit:

One brown 2-year-old cow with white spots and a young calf, and branded on right hip about thus:

Terms—Cash. A. SIMON, Justice of the Peace.

PEOPLE'S

Art Gallery.

AD. HOVELLE, Manager,
late of Rue Magazine St.,
New Orleans.

Under Sandoz Opera House

All kind of photo work and enlarging at reasonable prices.

LAND OFFICE AT NEW ORLEANS, LA., June 14, 1906.

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 before R. M. Littell, U. S. Commissioner, at Opelousas, La., on August 20, 1906, viz:

Eunice, La., H. E. No. 2502, for the NW 1/4 NE 1/4, Sec. 21, T. 5 S., R. 2 W., La. Mer. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: