

THE CLARION

Official Journal of the Parish of St. Landry,
Official Journal of the Town of Opelousas,
Official Journal of the Parish School Board.

RENEW IN TIME.

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OPELOUSAS, SEPT. 29, 1906.

LITTLE LOCALS

Vote for Estorge, your home man, on next Thursday.

Public schools throughout the parish will open on October 1st.

The restaurant building of Chas. A. Lastrapes was painted white this week.

Morton H. Thompson, Esq., will today move his law office into the Landau building.

Judge John M. Mornhinveg, alias "Dominique," is now stationed at Arnaudville, buying cotton for Charleville & Co. Judge Dom., we are reliably informed, is already making a record as a cotton sampler, having studied the trick in the office of Mr. Charleville here for some time before going there, besides being an old farmer himself.

A special examination of applicants for certificates to teach school will be held at the High School Building on October 4th and 5th. We understand that the failure to pass of such a large number of applicants at the two examinations held this year has created a dearth of available teachers in this parish, and this examination is to give them another chance.

On next Thursday, October 4th, is election day. You owe it to yourself as well as to Mr. Estorge to go to the polls and vote for him. St. Landry, the Empire Parish of the State, should have a representative on the State Board of Equalization. Her large interests demand it, and she has a capable, trustworthy son in the field for the office, there should be no excuse for her people not coming out and voting for him solidly.

Moore Garland, Esq., one of Opelousas' bright young men, who has away in Cuba and New Orleans, has returned home, and will establish the practice of law here. He has been practicing in New Orleans for some time past year, but seeing the need of the office of his uncle, he has returned to Opelousas to take advantage of it. The Clarion wishes him success.

The contract for building the depot of the Opelousas, Gulf & Northeastern Railroad at Opelousas was awarded on last Saturday to Mr. Chas. Thibodaux, for \$5019. The building will be situated on the grounds originally selected for that purpose, near the residence of Mr. Jno. P. Boagni, and will be 32x150 feet in dimensions. Work is to begin in three weeks from the signing of the contract, and is to be completed within 90 days. It will be a wood structure.

How would it do for the Mayor, or the one in authority to do so, to cause to be made a thorough inspection of all the chimneys and flues in the city? We see where such a measure has been adopted in some of the other towns, with the result that many defective flues and chimneys have been found, which owners have been made to fix or tear down. It is a fire prevention measure that has proved more effective than the fire companies. And then it will save many a useless turning out of the fire boys, for chimney fires.

Judge Robert Tate died at his residence, in Eunice, on last Sunday, September 23, 1906, aged 70 years. Judge Tate was one of St. Landry's most honest and valuable citizens, and his demise will be learned with regret by a host of friends. He was a member of the Peace of his ward for a number of years, and while acting that office he made a record of even handed justice which won him the utmost confidence of his constituents. He was a brave soldier during the war, and served as lieutenant of one of the companies which fought in the battle of the colors. He is a brother-in-law of the late townman, Mr. Chas. Lafleur, and was married that gentleman's first sister, who survives him.

SUPT. THOMPSON WRITES OF NORMAL FOR ST. LANDRY.

Civilization in its broadest sense, as applied to modern life, consists in the ability of man to subdue the forces of nature and render them subservient to his use. It means an invasion, by him, of the realms of the atmosphere, electricity, gravitation, the mineral and vegetable world, and the manipulation by him of such elements derived therefrom as may contribute to his use and comfort. It means the stimulation of the principle of self-activity among the members of the human race, and the utilization, for the common good, of such knowledge as may be derived from the recorded experience of men in the past. Its sphere of investigation embraces not only the science and literature of all people, who live and have lived, but its present and future development depends upon the intensity and thoroughness with which the human mind can investigate and apply existing facts—inasmuch as it embraces within its scope the application of science and literature and art, it is closely allied to the subject of education. In fact civilization is the offspring, or one of the results of education, and a people, as a natural consequence of this close relationship, are civilized in proportion as they are educated. Assuming then that education must precede, or, at least, march along with civilization it becomes the duty of a people to provide for the education of its posterity. I might dwell on this subject and discuss the ethical, the aesthetic and cultural correlation of education and civilization, and show the important part which each one plays in the development of the principle of self-activity, the spirit of the gentleman and the religious spirit, and show thereby how from a combination of the action of these three forces the highest type of manhood and womanhood may be evolved; but time and space in an article of this kind preclude the possibility of doing the subject justice, hence I will forego an attempt at elaboration on this topic and revert to a discussion of the subject which evoked the foregoing preliminary remarks.

About three months ago the idea of the establishment of a State Normal College in St. Landry parish had its birth. The people of the town of Opelousas became enthusiastic over the matter and all of our country friends to whom the subject was explained at once approved the scheme and pledged their earnest co-operation. It may be asked what gave rise to this question in our midst? The answer is that the State must establish another Normal College, because the present one is inadequate to meet the demands made on it. As an evidence of this fact a move was made during the latter part of the last session of the legislature to attach a Normal School to the South Western Industrial Institute. The reasons assigned for this demand were that the State Normal at Natchitoches was unable to supply more than thirty per cent of the demand made on it for teachers. Now this question will come up again, perhaps modified in form, and the request will be to establish one in some parish in the State. When this event takes place other parishes will loom up as candidates for the establishment within their bounds of this great institution of learning, and they will come offering the State inducements to select them as the site of its erection. Now the proposition which it is proposed to submit by St. Landry for the location here of this great school is very simple, easily feasible, little burdensome and its value is of such importance as render insignificant the sacrifice required of this people to secure it.

The whole proposition in a nutshell is this: Let the people of this parish tax themselves two and a half mills for five years for the purpose of the establishment of a State Normal College. This tax in that time will yield a sum of money amounting to about one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars. With this amount of money secured by taxation, let the proposition go to the legislature for the establishment of a State Normal College in the parish of St. Landry, and offer the State this sum as a bonus to be applied to the erection and equipment of the buildings. I am sure, if we show our anxiety for the education of our children, and back up our earnestness in this matter by the donation, to the State for this purpose, of so magnificent a sum that we will not be turned down and our offer spurned. I have said that this scheme is feasible, because it has been done already by other parishes

and places, notably among which was Lafayette when the site of the South Western Louisiana Industrial Institute was located there. Does Lafayette regret that she made this sacrifice and assumed this burden? The answer to this question can be had by inquiry of the Lafayette people, all whom I have talked to on this subject are highly pleased with the result and say that it has greatly added to the prosperity of the town. So interested have the people over there become on the subject of education, that, since the bonus given for the Industrial Institute, they have voted an additional special tax of \$60,000.00 for the erection of public school buildings. Now, if a little parish like Lafayette, which does not possess half the wealth of this parish, can, and does make these investments for the promotion of the cause of education, why can not St. Landry, the empire parish of the State, do something towards the same end? No better investment of our money can be made than that expended for the intellectual and moral improvement of our children and our children's children. Beside the material, or business, advantages which would result from the location in, or near a town, where an institution which has for its object the training of men and women for a higher plane of life, where higher ideals and aspirations are held up to the young for imitation, emulation and attainment, is the reflex influence which such an institution exerts upon the community. There radiates from it, as a common center, an atmosphere of culture and refinement which permeates the mass of the people, and renders all better and more cultured and refined than they would have been without it. It sets up higher ideals among the people, and fixes the standard of the higher life. It stimulates ambition and pride and beckons to the young to come and join in the accomplishment of higher and better and nobler things. In other words the great social blessings, which an institution of this kind can confer, are so great as compared to the price which it is proposed to pay for them, that I fail to see why any one should hesitate to adopt the means suggested for the establishment of this school at some point within our parish.

THE CLARION'S COTTON LETTER.

EDITED BY F. CHARLEVILLE.
The refrain of the gloomy overture Monday morning was quite paradoxical to the strong position of the market, for it encouraged short sales and checked free selling under the nine cents markets.
With few exceptions, the "commission houses" have of late been against the market on conjectures only, and it is to be hoped that the "Wearies" sold short, for "bears" as a rule are fleet-footed and run for cover on slight provocation, and advance prices on themselves. In view of this, and with "bullish" speculation on the tapis, the market is extremely healthy, with statistics, crop conditions and the lack of labor for harvesting, in its favor.
We have scanned the horizon, and the only "bearish" feature we can sight, speciously, is the revisions of grade differences next November by the New York Cotton Exchange for themselves; in the interim their quotations might cause apprehension, hence no notice of same should be taken at all, until the jugglers have landed all the balls into the basket and sifted the sand out of their present stock, and cast same to the winds. In re-arrangement of grade differences to the actual trade, it is our opinion that Jupiter Pluvius is going to forestall all the sages of the New York Exchange. Farmers will not part with the cream of their crop in view of the high premiums for March futures, and investors will soon avail themselves of the hedge, which means a good deal of cotton off the market, and adds to the situation. A decline of 1/4 to 3-8 cents on middling might not effect "Good Cotton."

Secretary Hester's weekly report to the 14th instant showed a decrease of 377,188 bales in supply, and a total of the world's visible supply of all kinds, a decrease of 951,126 bales compared to last year.

With all indications of continued prosperity, and the fading away of the idea of an immense crop, and in the face of near a million bales less in visible supply compared to last year, our views as to higher prices are more confirmed, without any strings, (ifs and howevers) a la mode of the professionals—some of which state that if the market does not advance it will decline, and have recourse to nursery rhymes in the absence of something potent to back their views, and make marmots out of spinners, who to our thinking will not hibernate long, but take nine-cent cotton to stock up on, instead of holding prayer-meetings, like two years ago, when shrewd speculators forestalled them, and placed the stuff into the teens.

Want Commission of Treasurers Reduced.

The Meeting of the State Board of Education, held in Baton Rouge last Saturday, took up the matter of reducing the commission of parish treasurers on collections of schools taxes, but suspended final action until their December meeting.

The action of the Board was called forth by petitions from teacher bodies throughout the State, who claim that the parish treasurers are allowed too large a commission on the collection of school funds.

It is mooted that the treasurers will get together a strong organization for the purpose of fighting the proposed change, and we believe they will be able to show that the compensation is not too much.

Some years ago a member of the school board in this parish raised this issue, and it was brought before the State Board, with the result that investigation showed that the commission was not beyond what it should be. If we remember right, some of the members of the local board, who at first favored the change, subsequently, upon investigation, changed their minds on the matter, and agreed that the treasurer was not overpaid.

However, this is a matter which the State Board of Education is fully able to handle, and as several members of that body requested that the matter be postponed in order that they might investigate it, we have no doubt that their decision will be in accordance with the justice of the case.

The Postal Coming.

A representative of the Postal Telegraph Co. was in Opelousas several days this week, looking for a building in which to open an office of that Company.
The wires are being strung on the poles of the Cumberland Telephone & Telegraph Co. from Alexandria here, and through to Lafayette.
We understand that the Postal will open for business in a few days.

STORM WRECKS COTTON.

New Orleans, 28th—Morning papers are full of plaintive accounts of damage in Mississippi, Alabama, and Georgia by passing storm. Jackson says whole acres been blown to ground. Much cotton beaten from stalk. Plant in such condition that cannot mature any more.
LOCAL MARKET
Reports from this parish so far are that the ground is white with cotton, caused by the storm of yesterday and day before.
Local market continues to rule steady at 9 3-16 for average receipts.
Quarantine And The Oil Mills.
Many of our people have looked with apprehension at the quarantine against cotton seed and cotton seed hulls recently established by the State Crop Pest Commission, fearing that, as St. Landry is within the infested district, the measure would have the effect of choking off any competition for seed within the parish, and leaving the farmer at the mercy of the local mills in this parish.
This, however, is not the case. Governor Blanchard was interviewed by the Baton Rouge State the other day on this very question, and the Governor gave out the statement that the oil mills of New Orleans were not affected by the recent order. He sought the interview, in view of the fact that letters had been addressed to him by the oil mill men of New Orleans.
The parish of Orleans, he said is not a cotton growing parish of the State, and the prohibition of the order applies only to mills situated in those cotton growing parishes which are declared to be infested by the boll weevil. As to such mills, the order prohibits them from receiving seed cotton, cotton seed and cotton seed hulls brought from those cotton growing parishes which are declared to be infested at this time by the weevil.

SOCIETY and PERSONAL

—Mr. Alibe Bertrand, of Lelia, this parish, was in town on Tuesday last.
—Major Wharton, of Gold Dust, was a pleasant caller at the Clarion office last Thursday.
—Mr. Felix Miller, of Grand Coteau, was in Opelousas last Saturday, and gave the Clarion office a pleasant call.
—Mr. Eddie Durio, who has been employed in Crowley for some months past, has returned to his home, Opelousas.
—Mr. G. C. Addison, of Rayne, arrived in Opelousas yesterday, and will be employed on the typographical force of the paper.
—Mr. E. F. Gayle, who was principal of the St. Landry High School for two terms, was a pleasant visitor to Opelousas last week. He is now located in Lake Charles, practicing law.
—Mr. Henry L. Erlich was in Opelousas last Monday. He was on his way to Lafayette, where he entered his son, Henry, Jr., in the Southwestern Louisiana Industrial Institute.
—Mr. A. M. Lafleur, one of Ville Platte's staunch citizens, was in Opelousas Monday morning, on his way to Lafayette, from whence he returned that evening.
—Mr. Eugene U. Lavergne, of Shuteston, was a pleasant caller at the Clarion office Monday morning. He reported a boll boring insect from his section of the country, but he says it is not the boll weevil, but a small worm, who is no stranger in the cotton there. He has done very little damage.
—Miss Cornelia Trainor, who has been the guest of the family of Mr. Louis Desmarais for several weeks, returned to her home in New Orleans last Monday.
—Mrs. Isaac Roos left last Sunday for New Orleans, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Elise, who will enter Sophia Newcombe College, and son, Edward, who will enter the Rugby Academy.
—Mr. Chas. Lafleur returned from a stay of several weeks with his son, Paul W., at Woodside, Avoyelles parish, last Monday. His vacation was cut short by the death of his brother-in-law, Mr. Robert Tate, at Eunice, last Sunday, and he hurried to the funeral.
—The Clarion acknowledges a pleasant call, on last Monday, from Mr. M. P. Vernon, of Eola, who was here in the interest of the candidacy of his friend, Mr. Hudson, for member of the Board of Equalization. He informed us that Avoyelles would poll a big vote for her son, Mr. Hudson, on October 4th. Mr. Vernon was at one time a frequent visitor to Opelousas, and was enthusiastic in speaking of the wonderful progress made by the old town in the past few years.

Death of Little George.

George, eldest son of George Bourdier and Isaura Durio, aged 6 years, 5 months and 4 days, died at the residence of his parents, in Opelousas, on Tuesday morning, September 25th, at 7 o'clock.

He bloomed a while, like a happy flower; then the Infinite God ordained that the tender branches should perish, and bloom again in the celestial one. God wanted the flower, and God is infinite: he acts from his own councils, which are infinite, therefore the reasons of his government can not be comprehended by feeble, limited powers of man.

Little George was a bright little fellow, cheery of disposition, smart in books and loving and affectionate to his parents and the other little ones at home. He was very sick but three days, but his last illness was foreshadowed by indisposition for a week or more. He at first was attacked by what was thought to be an inconsequential throat affection, which later developed into membranous croup, resulting in his death amid most heartrending, intense suffering.

He was interred in the Catholic Cemetery, after the obsequies were held in the Catholic Church, on Tuesday evening at 5 o'clock.

So sleep the soul till thou, O Lord, Shall deign to touch its lifeless chord—
Till, waked by thee, its breath shall rise
In music, worthy of the skies.

The bereaved parents have the heartfelt sympathy of the community in their hour of anguish. The Infinite One alone who made the wound can heal it. They look up to Him.

Card of Thanks.

Our heart goes out in thanks to the many friends who so kindly helped us minister to the last illness of our precious boy.
GEORGE BOURDIER AND FAMILY

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Sale of Household Goods.

On account of breaking up housekeeping we offer for sale our Household Furniture, consisting of the following: sale to begin on Monday, September 24: 1 bed room set, 2 pieces, with marble top, consisting of extension table, 1 safe, 1 side board and 2 chairs; rocking chairs, one upholstered chair, 1 folding bed, with two mattresses, 1 case; 1 pedestal; 2 center tables; 1 brass table, with ornate top; 1 stove with kitchen utensils and kitchen table; 1 mattress; pictures, etc.; latest improved Singer Sewing Machine.

Notice To Contractors.

Sealed bids for furnishing materials and erecting a Passenger and Freight Depot at Rayne will be received until 12 o'clock, noon October 13th, when they will be opened. Plans and specifications can be seen at the office of the Opelousas Gulf & Northeastern Railway Company in Opelousas. The bids must be addressed to me here, and the envelope endorsed "Proposal for Rayne Depot."
A certified check for \$500.00 must accompany each bid, which will be returned when contract is awarded.
C. C. GUNING, Chief Engineer, Opelousas, La., Sept. 25th, 1906.

Notice To School Patrons.

The attention of patrons and teachers of public schools is directed to the following resolution, passed at the last meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Education:
Resolved, That the school boards of the state be notified by the State Superintendent of Public Education that the retail price of Wheeler's Primer has been reduced from thirty cents to twenty-five cents.
C. J. THOMPSON, Supt. Public Schools, St. Landry Parish.

Lost Cow.

Estrayed or stolen, from my place at Eunice, about one month ago, one heavy set cow, light colored, half Durham and half Jersey, short horns, branded on her side with letters "A." A liberal reward will be given for her return. For information concerning her whereabouts.
F. J. NACILE, Eunice, La., Sept 25-06

Government Claims.

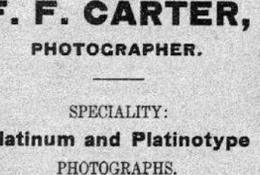
The undersigned, a former resident of Opelousas, La., where he was in the employ of Messrs. D. Ross & Son, is now a resident of Washington, D. C. He is now associated with some very prominent attorneys in that city, and any Land, Pension, Cotton or other CLAIMS against the U. S. Government, will have his personal attention. Kindly communicate with MAURICE DEPRES, 512 E Street N. W., Washington, D. C.

Examination of Teachers.

There will be an examination of applicants for teachers' certificates at the St. Landry High School, at 9 o'clock a. m., on October 4th and 5th, 1906.
C. J. THOMPSON, Supt. Public Schools, St. Landry Parish.

Notice To Tax-Payers.

The assessment rolls for the City of Opelousas have been filed in the Collector's office, and the taxes for 1906 are now due and collectible.
Prompt settlement will save cost and worry.
C. L. HAYES, City Tax Collector, Sept 25



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