

THE CLARION

Official Journal of the Parish of St. Landry,
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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. **READ THIS IN MIND.**

OPELOUSAS, DEC. 8, 1906.

"Miss All-Spice."

For the past month Manager Hovelle has been in correspondence with the New York booking agents who have charge of the Southern tour of "Miss All-Spice," and, after much switching of dates, Wednesday, December 12, has been selected for the appearance of this merry musical mixture at Opelousas.

Very few Louisiana towns will be visited by Miss All-Spice this season—Opelousas will follow Alexandria, and after Baton Rouge, Monroe and Shreveport, the company visits the important cities of Texas.

By special arrangement the usual house prices will prevail, and it is safe to predict that the seating capacity of the Sandoz will be tested to its utmost.

Seats go on sale at Hovelle's Photo Gallery Monday, December 10.

The Elks' Circus.

The jolly, rollicking Elks have a mint of fun in store for the people, for the 17th, at the Colorado Southern Addition, when they will give their first Circus in Opelousas.

These mirthful affairs are popular diversions wherever the order of Elks is strong. In New Orleans some few months ago a circus of the same sort held the Crescent City in a carnival of fun for several days, and created nearly as much excitement as Mardi Gras. The gentlemen who originated the Circus will be here, and participate with our local Bills in the fun-making.

A few of the actors so far announced are: Laurent Dossmann, lion tamer; Bob Littell, ballet dancer; Arthur Veltin, fire dancer; A. B. Pickett, snake charmer; Dudley Guilbeau, sensational bareback rider; Nurse Phil Asher and the cute little twins.

THE CLARION'S COTTON LETTER.

EDITED BY F. CHARLEVILLE.

Wednesday, Dec. 5th.

The market on Monday was completely upset by the Times-Democrat's estimate of 12,450,000 bales actual growth for this year, and prices have suffered a decline of one half cent per pound. The effect of this estimate seemed to have had more influence with American markets than with Foreign ones, and we infer from this that trade conditions and consumption are appreciated more abroad, and that Spinners are not concerned over guesses and opinions, so long that spinning six pence cotton (12 cents) places a surplus to their credit.

Since we know that no one will venture an estimate, or guess, without figuring on past per centages of the amount come into sight, and also amount ginned, we think it well to consider the movement of this year and compare same to previous ones, and on this we can say that here on January 1st, 1905 (the big crop year), this town had shipped only 54 per cent of the total for the season, and last year on same comparative date, the percentage was 58 per cent of the total. We are quite sure that no one will dispute that on January 1st this year fully 80 per cent will have been shipped. We feel that the same influences that actuated farmers to rush their cotton to market in our section, prevailed elsewhere, hence we look for a heavy falling off in receipts early next month, which will then offset bearish influences. In view of this, as also the excellent balmy weather since November 1st, we are inclined to believe in a large amount ginned to the first instant.

The Census report for the amount ginned to the first will be issued Monday, the 10th instant, and the Agricultural Bureau Crop estimate will follow next day. After these important reports will have faded away, the trade will then be guided by receipts.

The citizens of Grolee street, a thoroughfare which has long needed attention, are profuse in expressions of appreciation of the work of Commissioner Durio recently done on that street. It is now a turnpike in appearance as well as usefulness, and the ugly mud holes are no more.

HOUSEWARMING AT THE EPISCOPAL RECTORY.

A large number of guests—members of the Episcopal church and their friends of other denominations—were assembled at the new Rectory on Thanksgiving evening, for the housewarming reception giving by the Rector and Mrs. Donohoo. The reception was from eight to twelve o'clock.

The host and hostess were assisted in receiving by the members of the Vestry and their wives, with the addition of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Littell, Mr. Littell being ex-senior warden of the Church of the Epiphany.

The guests were received at the front door by Miss Hilda Mayer and Messrs. H. D. Littell and Jack Perrault.

The Rectory—ablaze with lights and radiant with flowers—was a veritable dream of loveliness, each room revealing in its special beauty the exquisite taste of the dainty little hostess. The house was decorated throughout with potted plants and cut flowers, harmonizing with the colors of the different rooms. The parlor, where stood the receiving party, was banked with masses of ferns, relieved by a wealth of roses in pink and the lighter shades of red. Such also was the decoration of the rear room, in which Mrs. G. L. Dupre presided. The double rooms across the hall, the hall itself—which latter was used as a smoker—were variously decorated with roses, camellias and other flowers. Mistletoe being placed in unexpected places, was the cause of much merriment. Mes. Sidney Hebrard and Geo. Van Sickle received the guests in these rooms.

Most beautiful of all, perhaps, was the dining room. Its color scheme of rich red lightened by pale green lent itself admirably to profuse decorations with glorious Marie Henriette roses. In this "Bower of Roses" the inner man was made glad by delicious ice-cream, cake and coffee, served by Mrs. Rodney Duson and Misses Effie Littell, Helen Bodemuller, Alma Platt and Ethel Dupre.

The evening was spent most pleasantly in social converse, taking almost the character of a musicale—Mrs. Splane, Misses Laas, Bodemuller, Dupre, Veazie and McCorkle favoring the company with selections both vocal and instrumental.

The young contingent present amused themselves in their own way with ring games in the spacious grounds.

Altogether, the Rectory housewarming is an event that leaves a warm feeling in the hearts of those fortunate enough to be present, and the tactful and untiring efforts of the genial host and his charming little wife to make the evening one of perfect enjoyment were crowned with unqualified success.

A YOUNG BOY SHOT DOWN IN COLD BLOOD.

A heinous and dastardly crime occurred in the Faquetique section, near Eunice, on Saturday night last, at about 6:30 o'clock.

Mayo Fusilier, a boy about 12 years old, was playing with two other boys in a lane near his house. Two buggies passed them following each other a short distance. As the last buggy turned into another road a shot was fired from it, and young Fusilier fell mortally wounded, with a bullet in his right breast. The last news of the boy's condition was that he was completely paralyzed, and that there was no hope for his life.

Tanas Fontenot and Tomis Guillory were arrested Sunday, and after a visit to the scene and a personal investigation by Sheriff Swords and Mr. L. J. Dossmann made Tuesday, two more—Perfait Fontenot and Salomoni Sonnier—were arrested, and the four are in jail here.

Mr. Ira A. Kohler, of Sunset, is the proud possessor of an elegant gold watch, the first prize awarded to its collectors by the Chicago Portrait Co. There is spirited competition for this prize among the agents of the company, scattered over the United States, for this prize, and that Mr. Kohler should have captured it speaks well for his hustling abilities.

Fire last Saturday morning damaged several bales of cotton, which were on flats at the depot awaiting shipment. The fire broke out at about 1 o'clock in the morning, and the fire department promptly reached the scene and helped extinguish the flames. It is believed by some that the fire was of incendiary origin.

The Cumberland Telegraph & Telephone Co. is making extensive repairs and modernizing its system generally in Opelousas.

NEW TRIAL FOR LOU LAFLEUR.

Trial Judge States That Accused Was Not Given "Benefit Of Doubt."

HALL CASE TAKES UNUSUAL TURN.

Arnold Veillon Is Convicted of Entering With Intent to Commit a Felony—Other District Court News.

His Honor, Judge E. T. Lewis, on last Saturday granted a new trial to young Lou Lafleur, who was convicted at this term of court of manslaughter. He stabbed to death Estelle Fontenot, another young man, at a wedding party at Chatagnier. The Judge gave no reason from the bench why he granted a new trial, but stated to the Clarion man that he did so because the jury in the case had not applied the law which guarantees an accused the benefit of the doubt.

Another important case, which took a sudden turn, was that against John Hall. Hall, we understand, struck another man on the head with a stick at Latanier. The wounded man was brought to the hospital in New Orleans where he is supposed to have died. That is, the same man that was entered in the hospital as the wounded man, died. The hospital register bears this out. But no one who knew the man saw him die. Sheriff Swords spent several days in New Orleans on the case, and detective to the New Orleans district attorney Trainor was here last Friday. But Mr. Garland would not risk the case, and nolle prosequit the grand jury's finding of murder and entered a bill of information against Hall for striking with intent to murder. To this crime there are witnesses.

The following business was transacted since our last report, up to Friday, the 30th:

Friday the district attorney filed bills of information against Jos. Pitre, charging him with embezzlement; against Jackson Williams, stabbing with intent to murder; against Edgar Foote, carrying concealed weapons.

Spencer Eisey, the negro who stole cotton from Mr. Isaac Goetz at Garland two weeks ago, plead guilty to petty larceny.

Adam Pitre plead not guilty to burglary, and Gilbert Doucet entered the same plea to petty larceny.

Edmond Smith was tried and found guilty of murder, without capital punishment.

Ulyse Bellard, the last man tried last week, was acquitted of the charge of murder. The district attorney, after hearing the evidence, asked the Judge to instruct the jury to acquit him, as the State had failed to make out a case. It is said that that week's jury had the "convicting habit" so bad that this one deliberated in the room whether they should obey the Judge's instructions or convict the man.

This week began by the district attorney filing bills of information against Alcide Bergeron for cutting harness; against West Johnson et als for disturbing a peaceable assembly; against Cyran Rougeau for carrying a concealed weapon, and against Regis Thomas for petty larceny.

Francis Joseph, alias Frank Farnicis, the negro who forged Mr. Ernest Dejean's name to an order to the Opelousas Mercantile Co., for money, was tried and found guilty of forgery, but not guilty of uttering.

Tuesday the district attorney filed a bill of information against Wesley Louis, for carrying concealed weapon.

Gustave Thomas was acquitted of shooting with intent to murder.

Wednesday Eddy Jones entered a plea of not guilty of having carnal knowledge of an unmarried female under the age of 16.

The district attorney filed a bill of information against Clarence Clark for hoodlumism.

Joseph Eagland was tried for murder and convicted without capital punishment.

Arnold Veillon was placed on trial Wednesday, charged with entering a dwelling house with intent to commit a felony. His trial continued to Thursday, and at about 3:30 o'clock that evening the jury returned a verdict of guilty, with a recommendation to the extreme mercy of the court. Veillon is a white man, and was at one time ward constable of the Chatagnier ward.

Practicing Medicine Without License.

Considerable excitement was caused in the center of town by a chase on

the part of a number of citizens after a common thief who attempted to steal the medicine case of Dr. B. A. Littell, on last Monday night, at about 9:30. The Doctor had stopped in front of the Haas, Littell Drug Company's drugstore, and was in the store when the thief stole his case from the buggy. Mr. A. J. T. Littell and Rodertson Lacombe noticed a suspicious fellow walking from the direction of the postoffice with something resembling a mail bag under his arm, and they concluded to follow him. As they increased their speed, so did he, until the trio arrived near the cotton office of Mr. Charleville, when he unlimbered in a dog trot. "Tay" and "Rob" striking a dog trot also, the fellow broke out in a fast run, and then the pursuers knew he was a thief, and gave the alarm.

Down the plank walk they went, until the Veazie residence was reached, and the thief turned into the court, with "Tay" a close second. He dropped the package and disappeared.

By that time several citizens had joined in the chase, and the news reaching the saloon quarters, more citizens emerged therefrom and joined in. But the fellow made his escape.

Mr. Littell says he got a close look at the man, and he is certain beyond a doubt that he was white.

Dr. Buster got back his medicine case, and the would-be thief is still at large.

MRS. HARDY-THE'S WILL PROBATED IN NEW ORLEANS.

The will of Mrs. Lucien Hardy-The, nee Alida LeBourgeois, was probated in the civil district court in New Orleans Monday last.

She leaves to her brother, Raoul LeBourgeois, of St. Landry parish, \$5000 in cash and her half interest in the Prompt Secours plantation, located near Arnaudville; to her niece, Blanche LeBourgeois (daughter of Raoul LeBourgeois) all her jewelry; to her godchild, Durhan Peletier, of Lafayette, La., \$2000; to her old servant, Philomene Beraud Wiltz, \$3000; to her godchild, Glasia Dersalles, \$500. To her husband, Lucien Hardy-The, she leaves the balance of her estate, situated in Louisiana, New York, France and elsewhere.

The estate is valued by persons in position to know at over a half million dollars, and consists largely of government, railroad and telegraph bonds.

The jewelry, which she wills to pretty little Blanche LeBourgeois, is valued at over thirty-five thousand dollars.

Among the articles described in the inventory are a gold purse set with sapphires, valued at \$3500; a silver necklace studded with diamonds, appraised at \$1800; a diamond ring, worth \$10,000; an emerald ring, placed at \$3000; two solitaire diamond rings, valued at \$1600 each; a gold brooch set with diamond sparklets, which is put down at \$1300; a ring with three blue diamonds, valued at \$3000; two tortoise shell combs inlaid with diamonds, \$500 each; a hair brooch, \$1000; a bracelet \$1000; not to mention many articles valued at from \$100 to \$300.

The plantation in St. Landry parish, in which she owned a half interest in community with her brother, and to whom she willed her share, is a valuable tract of land situated near Arnaudville. It is the old family homestead.

The will was to have been probated in St. Landry parish, and Mr. James Legendre, a New Orleans lawyer, who is the executor without bond, came as far as New Iberia last Saturday, on his way to Opelousas, with, it is presumed, the will to probate in this court, but returned when he got that far.

An order to produce the will in Court in Opelousas was issued by Judge Lewis Saturday, and sent to New Orleans to be executed on the executor, Sunday Mr. Thos. H. Lewis, attorney for Mr. Raoul LeBourgeois, and Mr. LeBourgeois himself, received telegrams to proceed forthwith to New Orleans, and they left Monday.

It is probable, in view of the above facts, that there will be litigation over the will.

Mr. Hardy-The is a resident of Paris, where he is a noted professional singer. He came to Opelousas on last Saturday, and left for the Crescent City Sunday.

Mrs. Hardy-The was on her way from Paris to visit her brother in this parish, and was stricken with pneumonia in New York City, and succumbed to the disease.

Found, a baby bonnet. Apply at this office.

"Well Done, Olympia."

The people of Opelousas are theatre lovers, and will patronize good shows, was demonstrated on last Friday and Saturday night, when the Olympia Opera Company, in our judgment one of the best attractions of this season, and as good as ever in Opelousas, performed here.

Both nights, and at the matinee Saturday, the hall contained large audiences, and the liberal and enthusiastic applause which greeted the players manifested that the play was enjoyed immensely, and the efforts of Manager Hovelle appreciated.

There is no question but that Manager Hovelle has done his best to procure for our people suitable attractions, but he has been successful in this only to a partial measure, having been handicapped in the fruition of his plans by the fact that he had to carry out dates with troupes that he would have refused. He informs us, however, that the entire bill of attractions yet remaining are troupes which will play at Lafayette and Alexandria, and that he will give dates to no others.

He will find the people of Opelousas co-operating heartily with him in his efforts to give the City of Opelousas shows in harmony with its standard.

In the absence of Rev. A. C. Holder in attendance upon the annual State conference in session at Shreveport, the regular services next Sunday will be maintained at the M. E. Church. At 11 o'clock Mr. Ewing will speak on the subject of "Degrees of Faith," and in the evening at 7:30 o'clock will occur an appropriate service to the young people. Prof. Edwards, of the High School, will give an address on "A Young Men's Christian Association in Babylon." The music will be specially selected, and all are invited to come and enjoy the services. C. A. EWING.

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FOR SALE.—A good gentle family Missouri mare, 16 hands high and 6 years old. Apply at this office. d1-2t.

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Right now is the time to place your order for a Christmas Suit or Overcoat, made waterproof by Aaron Jacobes, Opelousas, La. n24-3t

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LOST.—Between Opelousas and De-Bailion's Bridge, Saturday night, Oct. 13, hand satchel, containing valuable papers and other articles. A reward and no questions asked. R. L. Derouen, Ville Platte. o20-tf.

FOR SALE.—Nearly half of a square of ground on Landry street, brick paved walk to and along property; suited for ideal residence; to white person only. Apply at this office.

The short winter days are upon us. In order for the housewife to attend to household duties she must have a sewing machine that will do quick, as well as good, work. That's the Singer. W. R. Carter, Agent.

FOR SALE.—One lot containing two arpents of land, facing Main St. One lot containing ten arpents, facing Main St. Both good location for business or residence. Will be sold on easy payment. Apply to Dr. N. I. Savant, Ville Platte, La. n3-8t

The Jacobs News Depot Co. wishes to inform the public that their store will remain open later than usual during December, to give their many friends who work all day a chance to call around after supper and inspect the beautiful Holiday display. d1-1t.

FOR SALE.—One wagon, used one season and in good condition; one Creole mule; one Creole horse; farming utensils; household furniture, etc. Reason for selling: leaving the country. Apply to J. E. Redditt, near Jos. M. Boagni's, southwest of Opelousas. d1-8t.

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