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IT WILL BE A GRAND GATHERING.

Opeλουςas Will Entertain Between Three and Four Hundred Delegates.

ARCHBISHOP MAY ATTEND IN PERSON

The Press Convention Invited to Attend One of the Sessions of the State Board of Health Convention.

Not only is it definitely determined that the Sanitary Convention of the State Board of Health will hold its Second Annual Meeting in Opelousas on 2d, 3d and 4th of May, but it is more than likely that the Louisiana Press Association, which meets in convention at Lafayette on April 30th, and May 1st and 2d, will come up and attend one session of the health convention, probably on Friday, the 3d, after their labors in Lafayette will have been completed. In fact we have assurances, almost positive, that this will be the case.

We understand that the ladies of the Civic League have secured ample room accommodation for the delegates and visitors to the Health Conference, and that provisions will also be made for the press gang, if the invitation of Opelousas is officially accepted, and it is more than likely that it will, as the press and the health department of the State have always worked hand in hand.

Late advices from the State Board of Health tells the Clarion that there will be more than 300 delegates of the State Board of Health in attendance.

Dr. Fred J. Mayer called on Archbishop Blenk, at the Episcopal Palace, last week, and on behalf of Dr. Irion and the State Board of Health tendered him an invitation to address the Conference to be held here. The Archbishop expressed his warmest sympathy with the objects and purposes of the conference, and regretted exceedingly that previous engagements might make it impossible for him to attend, but that it was a matter of such moment, and his interest in sanitation so great, he would send his personal representative to be here if he could not come himself, but if possible he would come in person.

This meeting of the sanitary officers of every town, city and parish in the State, will be a most important one, fraught with the greatest good to the State at large and to all matters pertaining to the general good.

Beside a number of interesting and highly instructive papers to be presented by eminent physicians and sanitarians, much needed legislation relative to public health and sanitation will be discussed and drafted for presentation at the legislature of 1908. An active sanitary campaign in every parish of the State will be outlined and instituted at once, and the parish and municipal officers of the State organized into a concrete body for the crushing out of disease and the general improvement of sanitary and hygienic conditions throughout the State.

An interesting and pleasing social program is being prepared by the ladies of Opelousas, and we can guarantee that the old city, old Opelousas, whose name is synonymous with hospitality, refinement and beauty, will lose none of its prestige in the entertainment of this distinguished body.

NEW BANK.

The Eighth Bank in This Parish Organized at Eunice.

Our good friend, Robert Lafleur, was a visitor in Opelousas last Saturday, having come to the capital to prepare an application to establish a National Bank at Eunice, the second for that town and the eighth for St. Landry parish.

Mr. Lafleur realized that the growth of Eunice called for another bank, and without any difficulty he organized it at the first meeting held for that purpose. The bulk of the stock was subscribed in Eunice, but he placed some here, at the earnest solicitation of his Opelousas friends, who wanted to "get in the game" in the thriving little St. Landry town. He could have sold many more shares in Opelousas, but had to refuse on account of the limit having been reached.

The name of the bank is the First National Bank of Eunice, and its capital is \$30,000. The Board of Directors is composed of the following staunch business men, all of Eunice except Mr. Dubuisson, who is president of the Opelousas National Bank: Paul Stagg, Robert Lafleur, Louis Mayer, G. Ardoin, T. Reed, Ferd. Tate, Theogene Rozas, E. B. Dubuisson, and S. A. Gourney. The officers are: Paul Stagg, president; Louis Mayer, vice-president; J. Leer La-combe, cashier.

JUDGE LEWIS HANDS OUT "DEMERITS."

Batch of Convicted Prisoners Sentenced on Last Monday.

HENRY LAFLEUR GETS ONE YEAR

New Trial Granted Marion Tolliver, Deputy-Sheriff Convicted of Receiving a Bribe—Nearly All Negroes.

On Monday, at the morning session, Judge Lewis sentenced the prisoners convicted at the jury term of court just adjourned.

The bunch that faced him for sentence was composed, with three exceptions, of strapping young negroes—"the labor of the country."

Louis Burrell, who, with another negro named Elsey (now serving a term in the State penitentiary), stole three bales of cotton from Isaac Goetz, at Garland, was the first man called up by His Honor. Burrell protested that he had not swiped Goetz's cotton, but the Judge reminded him that as there was a disagreement between the prisoner and the jury on that point, he had to sentence him. "Can you read and write?" asked his honor, and when the negro replied that he could, Judge Lewis said that this accounted for his troubles. "You put up the job; you thought because you had a little education you must live without working." He got five years in the State penitentiary.

Boy Lazard got sixty days in the parish jail for stealing a pair of pants. Clement Hall, a chunky, dimpled-cheek young coon, was handed out 60 days also for the larceny of two pistols.

Jno. Howard, assault and battery, said that although he was "excused" of striking a "cullud lady" he was not guilty; he had entered the plea of guilty because he had no witnesses, 60 days in jail.

Edward Johnson, who shot at a negro woman at Port Barre, missed her and hit a negro man coming up the public road, said he just wanted to scare her. He got 1 year in the State penitentiary.

Felix Hall was on a Christmas drunk, saw a fight going on in the woods, and "got in the game," with the result that he faced the court on an indictment for shooting with intent to kill, to which he pleaded guilty. He got six months in the parish jail.

Leonard Guillory got two years in the penitentiary for horse stealing. Oneal Bellard was sentenced to 1 year in the State penitentiary for killing his uncle. He claims the killing to have been accidental. He had a Long-Tom Colt pistol in his pocket, with barrel up, and the pocket being too shallow for the weapon, the latter was about to fall out when in catching it it exploded and the bullet hit the old man between the eyes, killing him instantly. He was convicted of manslaughter.

Jas. and Fils Ned and Golbert Moore got ten days in jail and a \$50 fine each for disturbing a peaceable assembly.

Jean Bergeron, carrying a concealed weapon, \$100 and cost or three months in jail.

Gus. Dickson, assault and battery, 60 days in jail, 30 days of which he has already served.

Ryley Johnson, carrying a concealed weapon, \$100 and costs or three months in jail.

Sylvestre Castille, a negro, shot a neighbor's mule, and got a fine of \$15 or thirty days. "Maud" was eating his corn crop, and he says he just shot her to scare her away.

Frank Sam Boos got \$100 and costs or 60 days in jail for carrying concealed weapon.

The only two white men sentenced at the morning hours were Messrs. F. C. Carriere and Fabius Dupre, application for new trials having been made in the cases of the other whites—Henry Lafleur, convicted of manslaughter, and Marion Tolliver, convicted of accepting a bribe.

Mr. Carriere—"Coulon" Carriere, as he is commonly known—had entered a plea of guilty to violating act 31 of 1886, the hoodlum act. He is a gallant old Confederate soldier, and he walked up to "take his medicine" in true soldierly manner. He said he was going home, when a man on the road called him and a difficulty ensued, the man cursed him and he cursed back, "and I wanted to fight him, too," naively remarked the old veteran. His Honor fined him \$10 and costs.

Fabius Dupre, who killed the negro Geo. Slater at Eunice, for which he was acquitted, had pleaded guilty to carrying a concealed weapon. He was fined \$100 or 60 days in jail.

The applications for new trials were argued at the morning session, and taken under advisement and decided the first thing on court convening that evening.

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NEWS FROM ALL OVER THE STATE.

Several School Tax Voted--Crowley Sewerage Contract Let--Replanting Necessary in Several Sections of State--Other News.

A war against gambling is on in Shreveport.

The public schools of Iberia parish will close on May 24.

A wagon and spoke factory is contemplated at Leocompte.

The City Hotel of Winnfield was destroyed by fire, loss \$15000, insurance \$7500.

The city of Baton Rouge will give the farmers and citizens a site for a cotton warehouse.

Dr. F. F. Young, of the Fenwick Sanitarium at Abbeville, is a candidate for State Senator.

It is reported that the frost of last week totally ruined much of the young crops of Acadia parish.

A tax was carried to erect school houses in the first ward of Iberville parish, to cost \$50,000.

A cotton warehouse will be erected at Natchitoches, jointly by the farmers' union and the citizens of that town.

Fire at Crowley Tuesday destroyed the Hunter Rice Mill and Planters' Warehouse, entailing a loss of \$40,000.

Albert Blakeman, aged 11, accidentally killed himself while hunting squirrels at Lake Fauste Pointe, Iberia parish.

Many planters in the Cheneyville section had to replant their cotton and corn crops, on account of the late frost.

An ordinance introduced in the city council of Baton Rouge provides for free markets and a central slaughter house.

The town council of Lafayette appropriated \$250 to aid in defraying the expenses of entertaining the State Press Convention.

Fifty-five thousand dollars of municipal improvement bonds were sold to local banks by the city of Alexandria Tuesday, at par.

The total resources of the 165 State banks of Louisiana at the close of business March 16, 1907, was \$99,996,889.15, which is an increase of about \$500,000 over the total of the previous quarter.

Ferd Dudenhefer, one of the New Orleans tax-collectors, is a defaulter to the State of Louisiana in a sum exceeding seventy-five thousand dollars, and has left the country. Fast women and slow horses are said to be the cause of his downfall.

A NEW TOWN.

Lewis, 9 Miles from Opelousas, to Be "Opened."

Eighteen town lots were sold on Tuesday last in Lewis, the new town just laid out on the Opelousas, Gulf & Northeastern Railroad, between here and Church Point. The sale was made by Mr. Thos. H. Lewis, after whom the town was named, and the owner, together with Mr. Samuel Haas, of the site, before the lots were offered to the public. Among the purchasers are the following well known investors, who know a good thing when they see it: J. J. Healey, Albert Dejean, Zack Cary & Son and Dr. J. A. Haas. The owners might have sold many more lots at private sale, but preferred to postpone the same until the 1st of May.

Lewis should be a good town. It is the only station between here and Church Point, on the Opelousas, Gulf & Northeastern Railroad, in the midst of a rich and fertile agricultural section, and is bound to become an important shipping point.

A postoffice will be established there, and ample grounds for school buildings, churches and cemeteries, will be donated.

A Swell Shop.

The barber shop of Johnson Carriere, on Bellevue street, in the building recently vacated by the Opelousas National Bank, is a credit to any city—would be a credit to any city of this size, and much larger.

He has recently moved into his new quarters, where he is enjoying a good trade.

Cutting Grass.

We are glad to see that our people were prompt in obeying the ordinance of the city council making it compulsory to keep down grass and weeds from the sidewalks of the city.

Negroes have been busy all week at this work, and even the parish officials have seen fit to put the jail force to work on the courthouse square, cutting the grass therefrom.

Poor Fido!

The honeymoon was over, and the husband, returning from business, was grieved to find his little wife crying bitterly.

"Oh, George," she sobbed, "such a dreadful thing has happened. I had made a beautiful pie all myself, and Fido went and ate it!"

"Well, never mind, my dear," he said, cheerfully, "we can easily buy another dog."

R. F. Burnside, formerly a prominent merchant of Campiti, was found dead in a hotel room in Shreveport, having committed suicide by swallowing carbolic acid.

The bean farmers in the Hammond and Ponchatoula country suffered a loss of 75 per cent of their crop by the frost of last week. The damage is estimated at \$50,000.

On account of two cases of small pox existing at Breaxn Bridge, President Irion, of the State Board of Health, went there last week and organized a local Board of Health.

The quarterly report of the State Auditor shows: Receipts, \$3,413,282.87; expenditures \$1,675,783.41. The Treasurer's report shows amount on hand at close of quarter \$3,413,282.87.

In an expropriation suit in Crowley, in which the Colorado Southern railroad sought to obtain less than three acres opposite the Union mill, in that city, for track purposes, the jury fixed \$800 as the price.

Within six months Morgan City expects to have a deep water channel to the gulf, thereby making that port a factor in the shipping of the Gulf of Mexico. The contract to cut the 14-foot channel was let last week.

The Tribune claims that Rayne is the egg market of the South. Daily shipments from that point average from 350 to 500 cases, or from 10,000 to 15,000 eggs every day. The receipts from that source this year promise to reach \$190,000.

Contracts for the installation of the Crowley sewerage system, the waterworks extension and the construction of the South Crowley school house were let last Saturday by the city council. The sewerage system will be installed by the first of September.

The State Convention of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society closed its session at Lake Charles Tuesday, by the election of the following officers: Mrs. E. A. Montgomery of New Orleans, re-elected president; Mrs. Walter Baird of Shreveport, vice president; Mrs. Edward Alvis of New Orleans, corresponding secretary; Mrs. B. C. English of Shreveport, recording secretary; Miss Ethel Beane of Shreveport, superintendent of young people's work, Mrs. B. F. White of Alexandria, literature and press superintendent; Mrs. Griggs of Minden, auditor.

BAND AUDITORIUM.

Hook & Ladder Co. Offers Part Of Its Lot.

The boys of Perrodin's Concert Band are now ready to build their auditorium, and all that is now lacking is a site, and this they will have secured by the time this article is read.

Hope Hook & Ladder held a meeting Tuesday night, to pass on a proposition of the band boys, offering to purchase 60 feet front on its lot for \$1000. The committee of the Hook & Ladder authorized to dispose of the property asked \$1200, and the meeting was to lay the matter of the difference before the entire membership of the company. The result was that the boys of the hook and ladder offered to "split the difference" and make it \$1100. Now it's up to the band boys.

All of the stock for the auditorium has been sold, and it is a settled fact that "she's going to be."

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GUN AND ROD CLUB ORGANIZED.

The Beautiful Lakes on O. G. & N. the Scene of the Pleasure Spot.

FRANK CHARLEVILLE THE PRESIDENT

Shares at A Premium on Night of Organization, But Membership Closed at Sixty--Meeting To-night.

The Opelousas Rod and Gun Club was organized at a meeting held at the courthouse last Saturday night, and the following officers elected:

F. Charleville, President; P. A. Rutledge, Vice-President; A. S. Brown, Secretary; J. J. Perrodin, Treasurer.

Board of Directors: F. Charleville, L. J. Dossmann, R. L. Andrews, S. L. Hebrard, E. T. Lewis, P. A. Rutledge, Dr. Jno. A. Haas.

Board of Control: F. Charleville, P. A. Rutledge, Dr. Jno. A. Haas.

By-laws and Charter: F. Charleville, Thos. H. Lewis, P. A. Rutledge. There were sixty shares sold, at \$50 a share, \$25 payable on the spot and \$25 when called upon by the Board of Directors.

There were over thirty citizens present at the organization of the club Saturday night, and many came there clamoring for shares in the club, but the limit of sixty had been reached.



F. CHARLEVILLE, President.

and none were to be had. A profit of \$25 a share was offered to shareholders by anxious ones that night, but not one would sell. They would just hand out a horse laugh, with the remark "Why didn't you get aboard when the car was still?"

The object of the organization is to establish at some point on the beautiful lakes which line the Opelousas Gulf & Northeastern Railroad, between here and Melville, a club house, on the style of the famous New Orleans club houses, where the members and their families can repair and enjoy the best fishing and hunting in the world. A tract of ten acres will be purchased and enclosed by the club, and reserved exclusively for members and their families. The by-laws, which will be drafted and passed upon to-night, will positively exclude invitations being extended by members to residents of the parish of St. Landry, and the right to invite will be confined to only dependent members of the families of club members.

The meeting Saturday night was organized by the election of Mr. L. J. Dossmann as temporary president and Mr. F. Charleville as temporary secretary, and the deliberations throughout were serenely harmonious and enthusiastic.

Just half of the membership paid up Saturday night, but we understand that those not present have since come up with their twenty-five dollars, and the club is complete and ready for business. The Board of Control is authorized to buy the plot of ground, and to go right ahead with the building. Those who "came up" Saturday night are:

Messrs. S. L. Hebrard, T. H. Lewis, E. T. Lewis, M. L. Swords, L. J. Dossmann, O. C. Devillier, H. E. Estorge, J. E. Allen, Jno. W. Lewis, A. S. Brown, Andrew Moresi, F. Charleville, J. G. Lawler, Raoul LeBourgeois, J. S. Evans, W. D. Lewis, R. L. Andrews, G. H. Cretin, W. J. Sandoz, J. Franklin Schell, P. A. Rutledge, J. T. Rutledge, Dr. A. J. Bercier, G. R. Baillois, J. A. Budd, Lawrence Mornhinev, R. M. Coltrin, M. Vilaseca, R. Mornhinev, and Dr. J. P. Saizan.

A meeting will be held to-night (Saturday), at the courthouse, for the purpose of adopting a charter and by-laws.

The Board of Control, with a party of club members, went out Wednesday to select the site, and will submit a report to the meeting to-night. Twenty acres on Second Lake was decided upon, which Mr. Hughes, the owner of the land, agreed to sell for \$15 per acre. It is believed that the Board's selection will be concurred in by the Club.

FOR SWEET CHARITY'S SAKE.

Fifty-Four Orphans From New York Given Homes By

KIND HEARTED ST. LANDRY PEOPLE

Foster Parents Pledged to Raise Them in Catholic Faith--Will be Protected by Asylum From Whence They Came.

A large crowd of people gathered at the Southern Pacific depot on Friday evening, the 5th, to witness the arrival of fifty-four waifs from one of the New York asylums, who found in our midst homes of peace and comfort.

The overcrowded condition of many of the Northern eleemosynary institutions makes it necessary for them to cast their inmates, at a tender age, upon the world to battle with its adverse currents and tempestuous waves, and too many, alas, are thrown into that vortex of dissolute, licentious living which is ever ready to receive the weak and unprotected. To remedy this, agents are sent throughout the country to beg of people, for the sweet sake of charity, to stretch out a helping hand to these dependants of God, and when one of these messengers of mercy recently visited our parish, hospitable, charity-loving St. Landrians readily responded to his call.

The children brought here Friday were all of parents of the Catholic faith, and one of the requirements was that the foster parents should be Catholics and raise them in that church. Father Engberink, the parish priest at this place, was instrumental in placing the bulk of them, and he saw that this requirement was adhered to. These children are not all parentless; many of them have found their way to the asylum through various misfortunes of the parents, poverty playing the main part. We are told, however, that the same agent who visited St. Landry and placed these children will also furnish waifs to members of other religious denominations, the pledge to be given to raise them in the particular denomination assigned.

There was a coach-load of these poor little tots, ranging between the ages of 2 and 7, a sweetly-pathetic scene, one written in the heart, there to remain caged, unable to find utterance. They all sang in chorus as the train came in, the lark of hope warbling in every little innocent throat. Each had an orange, and as they looked at the unusual scene around them, a colossal interrogation point seemed to cloud their little faces. The foster parents were all at the depot, and their wards were given to them by Father Engberink. Each bore a number which corresponded with a number on a list made by the agent and bearing the foster parent's name. They had been so placed, and the foster parent's expressed wishes had been complied with as to sex and age wanted, as near as possible.

The institution reserves the right to take any of these children away from the foster parents, should it come to its knowledge that the ward is not receiving proper care and not being educated. The foster parents have the same right, should they at any time become dissatisfied with the child by reason of its being unruly or afflicted with an inherited disease. An agent of the institution visits the adopted homes of these children periodically, to see how they are getting along.

They bear their own name through life. They were all neatly dressed, and apparently in the best of health.

VALE, HELLO GIRL!

Conspiracy to Put Them Out of Business.

If a new switch board that is now on the market, and which the telephone companies seem anxious to adopt, is put in operation, the melodious "four-naught-two" of the hello girl will soon be a thing of memory only.

The Louisiana Railroad Commission Monday morning received a letter from Mr. E. L. Powell, Superintendent of the Cumberland Telephone Co. for the Louisiana district, in which he tells of this automatic switchboard, which does away with the necessity of having telephone operators at the exchanges, and makes the subscriber his own operator.

Mr. Powell favors the adoption of the new switchboard, and wants the consent of the commission to install them throughout the State. The cost of installing them, however, is to be paid by the subscriber, but Mr. Powell throws out the assurance that it will be a small matter, and will be more than counterpoised by the great convenience and promptness of the new service.

Was It Accidental?

Folam Donato was shot in the abdomen last Friday by Luella Taylor, and his recovery is doubtful. Both are colored, and live in the eastern portion of the city.

The shooting occurred at the woman's house, in day time, and she claims it was accidental. Donato himself is not quite so sure that it was. She pointed the pistol at him, and said "I'll shoot you," and the gun went off. She surrendered to the authorities.

O. GEE WILL BE A TRUNK LINE.

Its Western Extension Said to Have Been Decided Upon.

A LINE FROM SEAPORT TO SEAPORT

Opelousas Will Have Direct Communication With the Oil Fields--The Gould People Busy.

That the Gould system of railroads has determined to thoroughly cover the Louisiana territory has been evident for some time, and the probability of its continuing its Opelousas, Gulf & Northeastern branch to a short connection with the Galveston seaport has been known to those who have kept in close touch with its workings for some time. As the distance to connect this line with its Kansas City, Watkins & Gulf (acquired by it a little over a year ago) is but 40 miles, from Crowley to Iowa Junction, and that between Iowa Charles and Orange to connect it with its International & Great Northern is but 30 miles, it has always seemed a railroad proposition that would not be disregarded, and the Clarion predicted a year ago, when it was definitely determined that the Opelousas, Gulf & Northeastern was a Gould property, that this would be done.

Now comes the Crowley Signal with the following:

"There is the best possible authority for stating that the Opelousas, Gulf & Northeastern road, which is now regarded as a branch line, will in the near future be a trunk line of the Gould system. It will be extended from Crowley westward to a junction with the Watkins, at a point near Iowa station, whence it will go into Lake Charles over the Watkins tracks. From that point it will go to Orange, where it will meet the International & Great Northern, which will give it a direct line through Beaumont and Houston to Galveston, paralleling the Southern Pacific.

"At the January meeting of the board of Directors of the St. Louis, Watkins and Gulf, when George Gould was re-elected president and Gen. T. Taylor of Lake Charles was again made general counsel of the company, the plans were discussed and it is said that the engineers have all profiles prepared and the route from here to Lake Charles has been determined upon. The Watkins will branch south of Iowa station and the Southern Pacific will be crossed between Welch and Roanoke. The road will pass through the northern edge of the corporation of Jennings and will touch the oil field."

BIG CHIEF POWWOW.

Red Men Meet in Baton Rouge Next Monday.

The following delegates will represent the local tribe of Red Men at the annual powwow to be held at Baton Rouge, commencing next Monday: B. Lee Wiggins, T. F. McKinney, Jno. H. Hamanson, Phil. L. Asher, Jonas Roos, L. H. Mornhinev and R. M. Coltrin. The three first-named go as representatives of this tribe, and the others are entitled to seats and convention privileges by virtue of being officers of the Grand Lodge.

Mr. Phil. L. Asher is Great Sachem of the Louisiana reservation, the Generalissimo of all the chiefs and warriors of this State, but this conclude ends his rule, he having been in office for the past six moons, the allotted time.

We understand the delegation will extend an invitation to have the next State meeting held in Opelousas. It was held here two years ago.

Finishing Touches.

Messrs. Ventre & Pulford have finished correcting the lot of concrete sidewalks recently built in Opelousas, and the assessment it is believed will be levied at the next meeting of the Board of Aldermen.

It will be remembered that the city engineer refused to accept small portions of the work in different sections of the city, and the contractors agreed to correct it wherever it did not in the opinion of the engineer come up to specifications. This has been done, and the work is now ready.