

LAKE CHARLES AND ITS BOARD OF TRADE

Responsible for a Number of New Factories Established There in Year's Time.

VALUE OF THE TRUE CITIZEN

Press Says There is No Doubt of the Future Greatness of the Lake City if Proper Backing Is Given Board of Trade.

Citizen of Opelousas—property owner of Opelousas!

Do you know what you are doing when you are permitting your Progressive League to die for want of support—die for the want of even your MORAL support?

Opelousas is the best town in the State.

It has more natural advantages, as good people, as intellectual people, as lovely and noble women, as strong financially, as any town in the State or in the South.

This is not exaggeration—it is a supported fact.

God has given us these things.

What are we doing to aid their development, their expansion?

Look into the situation carefully, and then read the following from the Lake Charles Press. It is food for thought:

"Lake Charles is not unlike other cities in many respects. It has its pessimists. There are not a few men who see no good in anything—who are prone to criticize others and give but little thought of what good they themselves are to the country. In this we are unfortunate. But we are to be congratulated that this class is limited in Lake Charles. We have too many others who can see the good on all sides. To show that Lake Charles is all right and that we are going ahead the Daily Press has only to refer to the pages of the record of new industries kept by the Board of Trade to see that in less than twelve months many new enterprises have been started here. For the benefit of those who cannot see the progress being made by the city we name the following new factories established here in a year's time:

- "A turpentine factory.
"A step-ladder factory.
"A mattress factory.
"A coco cola factory.
"A car building factory.
"A candy factory.
"A macaroni factory.
"A coffee roasting and packing factory.

"While it is true that some of these factories are but small affairs, it must be remembered that very often small industries backed by public-spirited men are of really more value to a community than some great industrial institution controlled by parties who are devoid of all civic pride and local patriotism. In other words, one true citizen of Lake Charles with \$1000 capital to invest, who is willing to work for the future of the city, is of greater value to the community than a millionaire who is a resident only because it is possible for him to accumulate more money here than in some city where he spends the greater part of his time.

"Lake Charles is all right. Lake Charles is growing and will continue to grow, the pessimists notwithstanding. Lake Charles is geographically situated for the building of a large city, and if the proper co-operation is given the Board of Trade, and every citizen willing to do his part, there is no doubt as to our future development.

"If you can't be a bell cow fall in behind."

MAN'S INHUMANITY TO BEAST.

A Case in Lake Charles Showing That the Genuine Brute Walks on Two Legs.

There is genuine sentiment in the story of the faithful nag and her ungrateful, heartless owner.

Man is faithless to the dumb brute. "Man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands weep." Yet man's inhumanity to man is more defensible than man's inhumanity to dumb beast. Man can resent man's inhumanity; he can fight; he can avenge; if the human victim of man's inhumanity is too frail and weak for retribution, there will be friend, relative, somebody to take up the cudgel of the weak. But where is the friend of the poor dumb brute? Man's inhumanity to dumb brutes is

one of the crying crimes of the age. It appeals more tearfully to the sentimentality and sensibility of legislative and religious and humanitarian influences than many of the fanaticisms now being agitated.

The story which follows, and which The Clarion takes from the Lake Charles Press, is dedicated to the Lake Charles Humane Society: THE FAITHFUL NAG.

"They hauled her emaciated carcass out to the bone-yard yesterday and, ere long, her bones will be bleaching under the hot summer sun.

"Time was when she was a fat, sleek, buggy mare in the service of a wealthy banker, and she was then prized very highly because her master always felt that those most dear to him—his wife and little children—were perfectly safe when intrusted to her care, and she would ever speed as quick and perfect obedience to the gentle pull of baby's hand on the lines as to the nervous jerk of the master and lord of the household.

"But old age crept on; her erstwhile quick, cheerful step became halting, and she passed into the hands of a huckster—a foreigner, whose main object in life was the accumulation of money, no matter how.

"The old mare could not last long, but he got her cheap, and he would get all out of her that he could. And he did.

"The food she got was insufficient and bad, and gradually she dwindled away until nothing but the skin covered her frame.

"What though a sore appeared here and there—on her back, or on her shoulder—the result of ill-fitting, and ill-constructed harness? She was not worth the price of the medicine that would be required to, at least, alleviate her suffering.

"He must 'gitta-de-mona,' out of her before she died. And he did!

"He runs a grocery now out on — street, the purchase price of which was the life blood of the faithful old animal.

"But—Well, they have hauled her poor old, raw-backed form to the bone-yard now.

"Her bones will soon be whitening under the torrid rays of this southern summer sun; and that's the last of her—for horses haven't souls—they say.

"Her first owner, in whose service she sacrificed the whole of her young life, and who sold her in her declining days to the huckster—the foreigner who 'wanted de-mon,' is a Christian—a deacon in the church, and of course there is a future state of reward for him. He has made his calling and election sure.

"Of course! of course!

"But poor old faithful nag! When, where, and whence will come the reward?"

VAST SUM PROPOSED TO GIVE WORK TO UNEMPLOYED

Administration Would Spend One Hundred Million A Year on Rivers and Harbors—To Get Immigrants Away from Cities.

Washington dispatches are to the effect that the armies of unemployed men in the larger cities of the country are giving the administration much concern. The effect of the recent panic is being felt. Many mills and mines closed down, and although these are slowly beginning to resume operations there still is a lack of confidence that is not conducive to a complete resumption of activities. Aside from the suffering found among these unemployed artisans and laborers, there is the dangerous political effect on various presidential "booms." This feature is causing more than a little anxiety in certain quarters.

The chief concern of the government is to get the incoming hordes of would-be citizens away from the cities. Instances have been brought to the attention of the immigration authorities where male aliens who came to the United States with the intention of working on the farms have settled down in the cities in which they landed, put their women to work as servants and gradually have slipped into a life of idleness.

A plan is said to have met with some favor at the White House by which this vast army is to be utilized in rivers and harbors work.

The President has more than once, and in emphatic language, expressed his entire sympathy with the policy of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, which would commit the government to an annual appropriation for rivers and harbors work of not less than \$50,000,000 a year. But to appropriate \$100,000,000 and employ it in taking care of men inexperienced in engineering work would be the height of folly.

ANTI-PROHIBS AT MELVILLE.

A Big Meeting Grooms Opelousas Party Who Speak There in Favor of High License.

The New Orleans Morning World of the 11th contained the following: Opelousas, La., April 10.—A large delegation of Opelousians left yesterday afternoon on a special over the Opelousas, Gulf for Melville, to attend the anti-prohibition meeting held in that place, under the auspices of the St. Landry Anti-prohibition League.

After a pleasant stop at Second Lake and a visit to the clubhouse of the Opelousas Rod & Gun Club, Melville was reached about dark.

At 9 o'clock the meeting was called to order at the high school by Mr. Lud Darnall, there being present about 150 voters of the town.

The speakers were Judge Gilbert L. Dupre and L. Austin Fontenot of Opelousas, both of whom handled the question with marked ability, having received the hearty applause of the audience throughout their entire addresses.

Judge Dupre handled the subject from both a serious and humorous viewpoint, and made some telling local points which were heartily received by his hearers.

Mr. Fontenot took up the matter from a legal point, referring to the arguments made at the prohibition meeting held in Melville last week, and showing the audience that most of the argument made by the prohibition speakers covered laws already on the statutes, which the officers were not enforcing.

Among those from Opelousas who went to the prohibition meeting at Melville yesterday were: Hon. G. L. Dupre, L. Austin Fontenot, Mr. Joseph Lasalle, A. S. J. Campbell, J. A. Budd, Phil. L. Asher, Hart and Allen Sandoz, J. H. Harmanson, L. J. Dossman, Willie Ardoin, E. J. Carpenter, Austin Perkins and a number of others.

SALOONS ARE REFORMING THROUGHOUT THE STATE

Crowley and Alexandria saloon keepers have formed good resolutions—that is, the Crowley saloon-keepers voluntarily bound themselves to the regulations, while in Alexandria the city council passed laws in that direction.

They are, in short, in both places, as follows:

- All saloons closed from 12 o'clock, midnight to 5 a. m.
No music in saloons from 10 p. m. to 9 a. m.
No minors to be allowed to loiter in or around saloons.
Strict enforcement of the Sunday law.

In the case of Crowley, where the action was voluntary, the Signal says: "You may say that this is official and that this agreement will be enforced by the Brewers' Association," said Capt. Paget, of Galveston, who has been interested in the Acadia struggle against Prohibition.

"The saloon men have bound themselves to observe this agreement permanently. The first one that breaks it we shall prosecute if prosecution is possible. I believe that they will generally observe the agreement."

It is gravely related that a prominent citizen who "had an awful cramp" Wednesday night at 12:10 was unable to get a small drink of whiskey to relieve his distress until he could find his way home, the agreement having gone into effect.

THREE EQUALIZERS WANT JOB OF RAILROAD COMMISSIONER

The Baton Rouge State tells us that according to the reports that have been received at the capital from the gossip of well-informed persons three members of the State Board of Equalization will run for Railroad Commissioner of the Second District, which will be the only railroad commissioner's vacant during the coming fall election.

The three members who are considering the matter of entering the railroad commissioner's race are Andrew Martin of Lafayette, representing the Third Congressional District on the board; Thomas Glynn, the Sixth Congressional District, and H. E. Estorge of the Seventh District.

It is by no means certain, of course, that all of these members of the Board of Equalization are going to run, but their names are frequently mentioned as probable candidates.

Overton Cade, the present commissioner who has so ably represented the district for the past six years, will, of course, be a candidate for reelection.

Gil's Agin' It.

From information received, our friends of the sweet-named parish of Evangeline will have some uphill work with the voters of Eunice and vicinity. They didn't take on to the division of the parish at all, and the two newspapers there are outspoken against the proposition.

Last week the Eunice Gall bowed out of an honor conferred upon it thusly:

"We are in receipt of a circular letter from the Evangeline Parish Club under date of April 7th, informing us of our having been selected as a member of the Campaign Committee of said Club. We are sorry to say that we will have to excuse ourselves from said appointment as our views differ materially in regard to this division question. If we are rightfully informed by the prohibitionists we will not need any more Judges and Sheriffs after they get the country dry; we think our officers at Opelousas will have enough—of nothing to do—without creating a new set of officials to be in the same category where one set can hold things down."

LAND OFFICE AT NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Notice is hereby given that Wiley West, of Pine Prairie, La., has filed notice of his intention to make final five year proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry No. 3424 made March 1902 for the SE 1/4 of SE 1/4 section 10, township 5 S., Range 10 W., La. Mer. and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of Court, at Opelousas, La., on May 9, 1908.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of the land, viz: Samuel M. Peters, J. D. Elliot, William B. P. Mot, Wm. M. E. Mot, J. P. Mot, Pine Prairie, La. WALTER L. COHEN, apr-6t Register.

CHARTER OF The Washington-Opelousas Oil and Mineral Company, Ltd.

State of Louisiana, Parish of St. Landry. BE IT KNOWN, That on this fourteenth day of the month of March, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eight, before me, Heretofore and now a Notary Public, duly commissioned, qualified and sworn in and for the parish and state first above writ, and in the presence of the witnesses hereinafter named and undersigned, personally called and appeared, Preston King, Michael Hession, G. R. Ballou, Godfrey Dupre, Dr. H. Kilpatrick, L. E. Littell, J. G. Lawler, J. P. Ponsky, S. M. Ponsky, J. G. Lawler, H. C. Lynch, C. P. Dunbar, L. E. Vanille, Phil Zermott, F. P. Martin, Dr. Hession, J. A. A. W. Jackson, G. A. Jackson, R. B. Christman, Reim Morhahweg and others, residents of the State of Louisiana, who declare they do now organize and constitute themselves under the laws of the State of Louisiana, and do now form themselves into a body corporate and for the purposes hereinafter mentioned, under the following Articles and stipulations, to-wit:

ARTICLE I. The name and title of this corporation shall be "THE WASHINGTON-OPELOUSAS OIL AND MINERAL CO., LTD." It shall exist and have succession for a term of ninety-nine years from the date hereof; it shall have power to acquire property, to mortgage, lease, sell, convey, alien, and to hold real and personal property, and rights of different times; to contract, sue and be sued, and have all powers conferred by law on corporations.

ARTICLE II. The objects of this corporation are to prospect and bore for oil, gas, and minerals of all kinds on the lands leased or owned, or on which the said Company has certain rights, whether said lands be in the parish of St. Landry, La., or elsewhere, and to refine, buy and sell all such products, that may be of advantage to said Company relative to their line of business under this Charter. To enter into all contracts that may be deemed to be convenient in the carrying out of the object and purposes of this corporation.

ARTICLE III. The Capital stock of said corporation is hereby fixed at fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), divided into five thousand shares of ten dollars each. The shares of said stock to be signed by the President and Secretary, to be paid for in money, in property, labor or services, and in such manner and at such times as the Board of Directors may determine; provided that all stock subscribed shall be paid for in full at the time of the subscription. The Company may commence business as soon as three thousand shares of stock shall have been subscribed. The Directors shall have the right to increase said stock, all stock shall be transferred upon the books of the Company.

ARTICLE IV. All corporate powers of this corporation are vested in a Board of Directors composed of not less than five, nor more than seven, who shall constitute a quorum to transact business; they shall be elected annually on the first day of April.

The election shall be by ballot and each share shall be entitled to one vote. The manner of conducting the business of said corporation shall be regulated by the by-laws to be adopted by said Board. The officers of this Board shall be a President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. The office of Secretary and Treasurer may be filled by one person. Until the first election the following stock holders shall constitute the Board of Directors, to-wit: C. P. Dunbar, H. Kilpatrick, F. P. Martin, G. R. Ballou, J. G. Lawler, Jake Ponsky, with F. P. Martin, President, C. P. Dunbar, Vice-President, H. Kilpatrick, Sec'y, and Treasurer.

The Board of Directors shall adopt such by-laws as shall be necessary to carry on the business of said corporation, and they shall fill any vacancy occurring among their members. The meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President or by two directors on such notice as the by-laws may prescribe. A general meeting of the stockholders shall be held on the first Monday of April each year. The President or any director may call a meeting of the stockholders at any time for any lawful purpose upon notice as the by-laws may prescribe.

ARTICLE V. No stockholder shall be held responsible for the contracts of this corporation in any further sum than the amount subscribed by him, his unpaid balance of his subscription of shares.

ARTICLE VI. This act of incorporation may be amended with the assent of three-fourths of the capital stock represented at a general meeting to be convened after due notice by thirty days' publication in any newspaper published and having a general circulation in the parish of St. Landry, La., or may be dissolved at a like meeting by consent of four-fifths of the stockholders.

ARTICLE VII. Upon the dissolution of said corporation by limitation or otherwise, its affairs shall be liquidated by three commissioners to be appointed by the stockholders, who shall fix their compensation.

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Notice of Election.

Whereas, a petition has been addressed to me by the inhabitants of Township Five, South of Range Two West, Louisiana Meridian, (16th school section) 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.

Noted, therefore, by virtue of the power vested in me by law in such cases, notice is hereby given that an election will be held on Saturday, April 18, 1908,

at Pierre Manuel's Sawmill, in said Township and Range after 90 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. mar1-6t

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