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THE BOND ISSUE.

We are informed that the committee delegated by the Board of Aldermen to draft a proposition and ordinance calling for a bond issue for public improvement for Opelousas has completed its labors, and is prepared to submit it to the Board for action.

We are also informed that the committee is unresolved whether it is the part of wisdom to urge the submission of the question to the voters at this time, upon the heels of the prohibition election, with its resultant questionable effect upon the economic future of the city.

While the Clarion is free to admit that the bond issue would have been supported with more unanimity and cheerfulness had the question been submitted some months ago, yet it refuses to believe that the people of Opelousas can fail to see the imperative necessity for the bond issue contemplated, leaving aside all other consideration.

"The present time's so sick
That present medicine must be ministered,
Or overthrow incurable ensues."

The question is not whether or not the people should vote a bond issue for the enlargement of the power plant, and building of a school house. The proposition is that they **MUST** vote it. There is no shilly-shallying about it. It is that, or in a few years, very few years (maybe very few months) grope in darkness and ignorance and a return to the unsanitary wells and cisterns and oil lamps.

The street paving and the city hall, and even sewerage and drainage, it may be said (to the discredit of the people, however) might wait upon the future a while, but the power plant and the school house can not wait a minute. **"The present time's so sick that present medicine must be ministered."** It's doctoring or death. It is no secret that the power plant has run its life and become inadequate and obsolete, and unless rebuilt with a sufficient capacity to furnish the city, the time is near when it will have to be shut down. This is no exaggeration. Go see for yourself. It is a staggering fact.

Ask the Principal of the High School if the magnificent institution erected by the sacrificing toil of our good ladies and the hard earned taxes of our men is rendering the efficient service it was destined to render; ask him if it is not impeded in its work by a crying lack of facilities.

The effect of prohibition on the future development and welfare of Opelousas is a question for the future to solve, but the question of waterworks and lights for Opelousas and the education of our children is a question for immediate solution, and there is but one way to its solution.

LAW AND ORDER LEAGUE.

A prominent citizen of Opelousas asked the Clarion the question Saturday last:

"What is the idea of organizing a Law and Order League at this time, eight months before prohibition goes into effect? Is it not possible that 'there's a nigger in the woodpile'—to be plainer, that the movement will be worked to a finish for political purposes?"

The citizen propounding the question was a prohibitionist in the last campaign, and lent his voice on the rostrum for the cause.

The Clarion had not thought of this phase of it.

It had no reason to question the motives of the men at the head of the movement, and does not do so now, and hope it will never have reason to do so.

The Clarion will aid to its utmost any movement which has for its object the maintenance of law and order and the suppression of the blind tigers which are certain to raise their heads in this parish when prohibition is effective, but it will with equal energy combat any attempt to make the movement the stalking horse for politicians.

If politics is injected into the Law and Order League of St. Landry, it will be the chiming of the bells for its funeral. The purpose will abort, die in disgrace.

It will mean this: It the ticket supported by the League is successful, only those opposing it will be prosecuted when offending against the prohibition law or the other purposes of the League.

If the ticket supported by the faction opposed to the League (for if the League forms a faction there will be one to oppose it) there will be no prosecution of the liquor law violators at all, for the purposes of the League will have become disreputable and will fail to command respect.

It will be a dead League, and blind tigers will roar and roam at will.

But we repeat, we have no reason to suspect that the gentlemen espousing the League have in mind its perversion to political ends. We KNOW that the vast majority of them would spurn such an idea. It is, however, not improper for us at this time to sound this emphatic note of warning. We know St. Landry politics—know something about it, anyway—and know full well that masquerading with a Law and Order mask is not against the rules of the game.

Editor Edmunds, of the Shreveport Times, is varying the homogeneity of his contemplations on the dryness of prohibition by horoscoping the possibilities of the next Congress being Democratic, and particularly that phase of the question which deals with "how it could happen." Here are same of his figures:

"There are now in the House 224 Republicans and 167 Democrats, the Republicans leading by fifty-seven, of whom sometime twenty vote with the Democrats on non-partisan measures, while fifteen or sixteen Democrats vote with the Republicans when caucus lines are not drawn. Should the Democrats lose no seats and gain twenty-nine, they would have a bare majority. Each district gained above twenty-nine would add two to the majority."

The chasm dividing the North and South on the race question is still wide, very wide. While we here are discussing miscegenation, press reports tell us that twenty white society girls and women dined side by side with as many negroes in New York and discussed and toasted social equality and intermarriage, with Edward C. Walker, Esq., colored gentleman and president of the "Sunrise Club," defending "Affinity" and polygamy. The incident will not be very shocking when it is recalled that the negro coachman of a white family was recently called in by the husband as a corespondent in a divorce suit against the wife.

Judge Kerr, of the Opelousas City Court, solved the problem of why the elephant had been selected by the Republicans as the party emblem, to a jury holding a post mortem over the beast in front of District Attorney Garland's office a few days ago. The Judge suggested that the distinction was prompted by the fact that the ungainly animal in a native of Africa.

No, honey, it ain't so that the line of the new parish will take in the Opelousas electric light and waterworks plant. It comes mighty close to the corporation limits, but even Louis Christ is safe from its encroachment, and as for Jones and the power house they will continue absolutely undisturbed. This is authoritative.

Crowley and Opelousas, profiting by the good example set in Caddo, jumped on the water wagon Tuesday. May she never fall off.—Shreveport Journal.

Crowley got on the cart of her own volition, but nary Opelousas—she was put on by "main force and awkwardness."

It would be well to remember that prohibition does not go into effect in St. Landry until January 1st, 1909, and that shelling the woods for blind-tigers now is a waste of ammunition.

Cyclones aud prohibition are both products of Kansas, but it does not follow that they travel together.

There should be no surprise at Rayne going "wet."

Cool Weather.

It is not believed that the unseasonable weather of the last days of this week will have any effect on vegetation, but it has not done things any good.

A slight frost was perceptible yesterday morning, and the thermometer was down much lower than it should have been.

In North Texas and the Panhandle a "Norther" prevailed, and it is feared that much harm was done.

Oklahoma was visited by a severe hail storm Wednesday.

Throughout Louisiana the cold spell prevailed, the thermometer going as low as 48 in some places, and in the Crowley section it is believed that the young rice has been injured.

Jack's Nigger.

Deputy Sheriff Clinton Tate arrived on Thursday's Colorado Southern with the negro Suthern, who was shot through the body by Constable Jack Sittig at Eunice on the 9th.

The negro is in a precarious condition, and had to he brought here on a stretcher. He is paralyzed, and physicians here advise that unless he is brought to the hospital for treatment he will die.

The shooting occurred while the marshall was attempting to arrest him for stealing chicken. Suthern is a preacher.

Putting In New Pump.

Superintendent Jones has been busy this week putting in the new electric pump at the power plant, and during several days the city was short of water.

As soon as the machinery is installed, however, the trouble will have been remedied, and Mr. Jones expects much from his new trick.

Notice to Justice-of-the Peace.

All persons elected Justice-of-the Peace at the recent election are hereby notified that the examination for the establishment of their legal qualifications to hold said office will be held at the St. Landry High School on Monday, May 11th, 1908, at 10 o'clock a. m.

C. J. THOMPSON,
W. B. PRESCOTT,
E. E. ORTEGO,
m4-2t Committee.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given of our intention to apply to the General Assembly at its next regular session for the passage of an act to create the Parish of Evangeline. The territory to be embraced in this new parish is to be taken from the western portion of the present parish of St. Landry.

Evangeline Parish Club,
apr 4 5t By O. E. Guillory, Chairman.

Public Sale.

Sixteenth (16th) School Section.

By virtue of the power vested in me by law; and by virtue of an order issued by the Hon. Paul Capdevielle, Auditor of the State of Louisiana, dated at Baton Rouge, La., on the twenty-eighth day of April, 1908, and to me directed, I will offer for sale, at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, under the provision of Act 108 of the Acts of 1894, at the front door of the courthouse, in the city of Opelousas, at 11 a. m., on

Saturday, June 6, 1908,

the following described property to-wit:

Section sixteen township 3 south range 5 east.

Said property will be sold on the following terms and conditions, viz:

One-tenth of the purchase price payable in cash on the day of sale. The balance in nine equal annual installments, from the day of sale, represented by notes of like amount bearing eight per cent yearly interest from date of sale till paid, to be executed by purchasers, with personal security insolido; said notes made payable to the auditor of Public Accounts, and shall be secured by special mortgage on the land sold.

In the event of the purchaser neglecting or refusing to pay any of these installments or interest at maturity, the mortgage shall be forthwith closed and the land resold. The interest on the whole of the notes to be paid annually.

The above property will be sold in lots according to a plat which will be exhibited on day of sale, of not more than 160 acres, and not less than 40 acres.

The parish treasurer shall be authorized to receive in cash the whole amount bid for the lands, deducting eight per cent interest which the credits would bear.

A. L. STAGG,
may2-6t Parish Treasurer.

Notice for Bids.

Sealed bids will be received by the undersigned committee up to Monday, May 4th, 12 m., for the construction of a steel bridge across Bayou Rouge at Faulkner's Ferry, St. Landry parish, La.

All bids must be accompanied by a certified check of five hundred dollars. One fifth of contract price will be paid on completion and acceptance of bridge, balance in five equal payments bearing five per cent interest. Plans and specifications on file with J. J. Healey, Clerk Police Jury, Opelousas, La., committee reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Address all bids to Newton C. Richard, Chairman, Opelousas, La.

NEWTON C. RICHARD,
AUG. J. MULLER,
M. HALPHEN,
ap18-3t Committee.

Land Office at New Orleans, La., March 26, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, Numa Fontenot, of Bond, La., parish of St. Landry, State (or Territory) of Louisiana, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement, No. 1299, for the purchase of the nw¼ of ne¼ of Section No. 21 in Township No. 5 s Range No. 2 w La. Mer., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before U. S. Comr. Jno. Evans at Glenmora, La., on Monday the 8th day of June, 1908.

He names as witnesses: Curry W. Singleton, of Bond, La., Murry H. Singleton, of Bond, La., Alexon Manuel, of Bond, La., Como Fontenot, of Bond, La.

Any and all persons claiming adversly the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 8th day of June, 1908.

Walter L. Cohen,
apr 4 9t Register.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

PIERRE MISTRIC
vs.
THOMAS S. ISACKS.

No. 18292, Probate Docket, District Court Parish of St. Landry, La.

By virtue of a writ of fieri facias issued out of the Honorable Sixteenth Judicial District Court, in and for the parish of St. Landry, in the above entitled and numbered suit, 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 of St. Landry parish, in Opelousas, La., on

Saturday, May 16, 1908,

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

Fifty-five hundreds (55-100) of an arpent of ground situated near the western corporation line of the City of Opelousas, La., with all the buildings and improvements thereon, bounded north by land of E. M. Bourgeoni, south by property of Opelousas Cotton Compress lately acquired from the National Rice Mill, east by property of T. S. Isacks mortgaged to his minor children and west by a road left by Henry L. Garland.

Terms—Cash.

may11-6t M. L. SWORDS, Sheriff.

PARTITION SALE.

EDNA ZERINGUE, Wife et al
versus
MARIUS GUIDROZ, Tutor et als.

No. 18260, Probate Docket, District Court, Parish of St. Landry, La.

By virtue of a judgment rendered on April 13th, 1908, by the Honorable E. T. Lewis, Judge of the Sixteenth Judicial District Court of the State of Louisiana, in and for the parish of St. Landry, rendered in the above numbered and entitled suit there will be sold by the undersigned auctioneer, or any other duly qualified auctioneer, on

Saturday, May 23, 1908,

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

A certain tract or parcel of land situated in Prairie Gros Chevreuil, parish of St. Landry, containing twenty-five arpents, more or less, bounded north by Widow Emile Emmons, south by Cyprien Castille, west by Victor Benoit and east by the east half of the original tract owned by Arthemise Badeau and purchased by Joseph Benoit at the probate sale of said Arthemise Badeau.

Terms—Cash.

ap18-6t B. H. PAVY, Auctioneer.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

ESTATE OF J. F. SHAW.

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

Whereas, Omerine Shaw and Athanas Ortego, of St. Landry parish, have applied by their petition to be appointed Joint Administrators of the above entitled and numbered estate.

Now, therefore, notice is hereby given to all parties interested to make opposition to said appointment, to file same in writing, in my office in Opelousas, within ten days from the date of this notice.

YVES ANDREPONT,
ap25-2t Clerk of Court.

Election Proclamation.

Whereas, the Police Jury of the parish of St. Landry did at the session held on April 7th, 1908, ordain that an election should be held on Saturday, the 23rd day of May, 1908, throughout School District No. 1 of the 8th Police Jury Ward of the parish of St. Landry, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a point on the meridian line where said meridian line intersects the dividing line between the parishes of St. Landry and Acadia; thence due east along said dividing line two (2) miles; thence north parallel with said meridian line four (4) miles; thence west four (4) miles; thence south parallel with said meridian line four (4) miles; to the intersection of the dividing line seperating the parishes of St. Landry and Acadia; thence east along said dividing line to the point of beginning; which said district thus formed shall be square and have an area of sexteen (16) square miles;

Now therefore, we the undersigned Board of Supervisors of Elections in and for said parish of St. Landry, duly qualified, commissioned and sworn, by virtue of the authority in us vested do hereby give public notice that on

Saturday, the 23rd day of May, A. D., 1908,

an election will be held throughout said school district at the polling place established by law, in Eunice, a town in said school district, for the purpose of taking the sense of the property tax payers of said school district qualified under the constitution and laws of this State to vote ou such question, upon the question of levying a tax of five (5) mills on the dollar per annum upon all the taxable property of said school district for the period of ten (10) years as specified in said ordinance of said Police Jury, for the purpose of purchasing and acquiring school grounds in said town of Eunice to construct thereon and equip such building or buildings as may be necessary to conduct and operate a public high and graded school, the title of which shall be in the public, in pursuance to law in such cases made and provided, and in conformity to the petition of more than one-fifth (1-5) of the property tax payers of said school district attached to and made part of said ordinance; said tax to be levied and collected in pursuance to and in accordance with law, beginning with the year 1908;

And further pursuance to the authority vested in us, we, the said Supervisors of Election, do hereby name and appoint the following commissioners and clerk to preside at said election, namely: Commissioners:—FERNAND LAUNEY, OLIBE MANUEL, HENRY LANDRY. Clerk:—P. X. BENNEN.

Said commissioners are instructed to open the poll at six (6) o'clock a. m., and to close same at seven (7) o'clock p. m., on the same day of said election, and to make returns of said election in pursuance to the general election law of this State and said ordinance of said Police Jury.

Done, ordered and signed officially this 9th day of April, A. D., 1908.

L. J. DOSSMANN,
E. L. LOEB,
S. L. HEBRARD.
Board of Supervisors of Election for the parish of St. Landry, Louisiana. apr 11

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He will make Spring season 1908 at $25.00, with usual return privilege. Season ends July 1st. He will make fall season 1908 at $25.00, with usual return privilege. Season ends October 31st.

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1:55— 2:05 1-4.

He is an exceptional handsome colt, red sorrel with white points. In conformation he cannot be excelled. He is a trotter with free, frictionless gait and plenty of speed. We expect him when developed to take a very low record.

Sired by Onward Silver, 2:05¼, trot, who sold for $24,500. Winner of several $10,000 stakes.

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Service fee $25.00, with return privilege. Season ends July 1, 1908.

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