

PROF. CALDWELL AND THE NORMAL SCHOOL

Experts Make Their Report to the Governor, Showing Startling Mismanagement.

MILLION WITHOUT VOUCHERS

Items of Expenditures Charged to A Laborer, Who Says He Got Nothing But His Salary. Numerous Irregularities.

There was a howl occasioned by the, practically speaking, discharge of Prof. B. C. Caldwell, President of the Louisiana State Normal School, by Governor Sanders during the first days of the latter's administration.

It was cited by the enemies of the Governor that he (the Governor) had permitted politics to enter the school system of the State; that he had asked for Mr. Caldwell's resignation because Caldwell had opposed his nomination for Governor.

All that time Governor Sanders had in his possession facts concerning the gross mismanagement of the affairs of the Normal School on the part of Mr. Caldwell, which amply justified the Governor's action.

The report of the experts, appointed to examine into the affairs of the school, was made public last Friday, and furnishes interesting reading.

A synopsis of the report, as published in a Baton Rouge dispatch, follows:

Baton Rouge, La., Jan. 16.—Gov. Sanders to-day made public the report of Traveling Auditor A. M. Smith and State Bank Examiner William L. Young on their investigations of the books of the Louisiana State Normal School at Natchitoches and the Boarding Club, operated in connection with it, during the administration of Prof. B. C. Caldwell as president from Aug. 1, 1896, to Aug. 5, 1908. The report shows numerous irregularities, and an impossibility to find receipts or vouchers for more than \$1,000,000 disbursed during that period.

The report, which covers thirty-one typewritten pages, shows that accounts of the school and the Boarding Club were poorly kept; and there was no ledger, and that after September, 1903, the system of accounting became even worse.

It is shown that President Caldwell borrowed 114,575.54 from the club at various times, for which no interest was paid; that he credited himself with \$2413.70 for wood, hauling and chopping, and also \$1701.50 for wood. Many items of expenditures are charged to the accounts of John Vines & Co. John Vines is a laborer employed by the Boarding Club, and states that he received nothing but his salary as such from the club.

The fact that Prof. Caldwell paid himself \$1039.50 for a milk bill twice, and when confronted with this fact last November, made no explanation, but paid back the overcharge with interest, is shown.

It is brought out that the club paid Prof. Caldwell a total of \$11,410.50 for provisions, milk and butter.

That the former president borrowed \$2500 from the club to pay a note owed by the Crystal Ice and Laundry Company, of which he was president, and that he purchased five shares of stock in the company at \$100 for the club is shown.

From the records it is shown that Prof. Caldwell, during his administration, received and disbursed \$1,030,646.70, of which \$526,145.74 was funds of the money of the Normal School; \$275,436.30, was paid by students for board in the club, and \$229,034.66 was given him as president of the club to safekeep for them. There are no records to show for what any of these sums were disbursed.

The report also shows that, after buying Prof. Caldwell's live stock, the Boarding Club has made in the last five months \$250 from milk and \$310 from hogs.

CITY AN ARMED CAMP.

Clarksville, Tenn., Ready by Day and Night to Fight Night-Riders.

Clarksville is in the northern part of Tennessee, on the Cumberland River, not many miles from the Kentucky line; and the map-makers do not show it as a very large dot on the surface of the United States. The stranger entering Clarksville for the first time is at once struck by the anomaly of the situation in which he finds himself. Here is a city of 12,000 people, in the midst of one of the richest sections of a country supposed to be at peace with all the world; but here, also is a town which has been an armed camp for more than a year, ready day and night to do battle for its existence at the first sound of an alarm.

Pickets watch the ways of entrance at night, posses of citizens, armed with automatic shotguns charged with buckshot, patrol the streets or hold themselves in readiness in the armory; a lookout searches the country and listens from the court-house tower, which dominates the landscape for miles around; and the streets buzz and whisper with rumor, suspicion and distrust. For the Night Riders have sworn that they will raid the place and wreck it, even as they dealt with Hopkinsville, a few miles away across the Kentucky border, on the morning of December 7th, 1907. Therefore, Clarksville sleeps on its arms and watches.

Clarksville is the oldest market in the dark tobacco district, and its destruction is the goal of Night Rider desire even more than was that of Hopkinsville. An advance upon the town has been planned three separate times, but the plans have been given up in each instance before an actual conflict with the citizens took place. It would be a hard town to take. It is situated on a sort of peninsula, near the junction of the Red River with the Cumberland.

From the country districts where the Night Riders operate there are three principal roads leading into the town, and two of these approaches are over narrow covered bridges, where quite an army, unless it had cannon, could be stood off by a smaller body.

Night Rider spies are forever reconnoitering the town, but the reports which they take back to their secret meetings do not seem to be favorable. It is, however, the plan of the city's defenders, if the Night Riders ever get up enough courage to make a raid, as they have upon Hopkinsville and other Kentucky towns, to let them enter; to guard the ways of egress so that none of them escape, and to kill them all in the streets, if possible.

I do not care to advertise too thoroughly the plans of the defenders of Clarksville, but my advice to any enterprising band of Night Riders is to stay away. For the town is not only a camp at present, but to the invader it would be a trap as well. Some Kentucky towns are reported to have invested in Gatlings and Maxims; but Clarksville wants the Night Riders to get far enough into the city so that the range will be nice and easy for No. 5 buckshot, which (as one citizen expressed it to me) "certainly does do considerable tearin'." DON MARQUIS, in Uncle Remus's—The Home Magazine.

Kill the Cows and Save the Babies.

"Save the babies and slaughter the cows," says Dr. W. T. O'Reilly, City Health Officer of New Orleans. "Doctor Koch the great German expert on germs and bacteria of worldwide fame, says that cows transmit tuberculosis through their milk, and I am willing to kill any suspected cow and make a post mortem." Doctor Harvey Dillon, President of the State Board of Health says he never expressed an opinion, as brilliant experts disagree on the subject. If the Council sustains O'Reilly, no guilty cow will escape.

Don't Do That!

An exchange remarks: "One hundred thousand dollars a year is what it costs to clothe a New York woman. What a pity someone cannot take it away from her and give it to the poor." Meroy, not all of it—not in this cold weather.

AGAIN IN THE LIMELIGHT.

Prosper Carruthers Tells About the Book Which Took Him A Week to Write.

Prosper Carruthers, the Sage of Marais Bulard, makes the announcement positively that he will soon issue his book, the foundation for which he has been laying for several years.

This announcement comes from the Crowley Signal of last Saturday, in the following article appearing in that paper:

"Hon. Prosper Carruthers, some-time candidate for sheriff of Acadia parish, announces that in response to numerous requests he intends shortly to publish his memoirs. It will be a volume of about three hundred octavo pages and will be sold by subscription. Col. Carruthers is now looking for a publisher. "My friend Raymon Breaux, which he spik Franch jus' so well lak I spik English, she tell me I shall call my book 'The Autobiography of my Life, Wrote by Myself.' That soun' good, yes. I lak the big word, me. She soun' like she know what she talkin' 'bout.

"My book is very hard work for wrote it. She take me mos' a week to write it. You mus' read that books. It make you laugh and sometime it mos' make you cry. She commence when I am born an' it tell all about my life until I am not elect' sheriff. There she quit an' I tell all about the politick. I am teach the peep' how to make the politick themself an' not be fool' by the politician. "I have tell some funny joke in my Auto-what-you-call. This is one of my funny joke which I make it myself. It make you laugh. "I ask it the question: Why shall some ole hen have desire to cross the road? When nobody shall answer this funny question I say: Because that ole hens she have some appetite to pass on the other side. That make the peep' what buy my book laugh some, no?

"Another funny joke which I make it in my books is like these: Why is the reason because one half of a cheese is resemble the other halves. The answer is because she is mos' like. That make it me laugh sometimes when I am in bed and think about those joke. "But my book she is not all of the funny. She tell about how hard I work an' how I don't go to school an' how I am marry three time. Then I tell about the politick, which is nothing to laugh on. I have make a list of the law which I want pass' and I shall sen' some of the list to all the member of the Legislature so she know it what to make it law about. My book she will cost maybe six bits or a dollar but she will sure be worth the money."

NO "WAGON" FOR LAWMAKERS

Prohibitionists Are Willing to Except National Legislators from Riding the Water Cart.

Washington, Jan. 18.—The national anti-saloon league, through its acting legislative superintendent, W. H. Anderson, today sent to each member of Congress a letter stating that while the league stands for ultimate absolute prohibition everywhere, it now believes that it is neither possible to secure or wise to ask for absolute prohibition for the district of Columbia.

The league requests however, the passage of legislation for local option by remonstrance petition for the protection of residence districts. The letter states that there has been a re-organization in the affairs of the anti-saloon league of the district as a result of which the national league will deal directly with the churches.

Hot Fight in Arnauville.

The St. Martinville Messenger of the 16th tells us of a hot political fight in Arnauville, as follows:

"Our friends up the Teche, in the little town of Arnauville, had a political fight the past week, which is reported the hottest political contest in the little town, and this fight over the municipal election which was held Monday. A full vote was cast—43, and the Guidroz, Durio, Greig faction won the day over the contesting faction of Melancon, Martin and Guidry."

SHERIFF'S SALE.

GUY A. JACKSON vs. ROBERT PRATHER, et al No. 15295, 16th Judicial District Court, St. Landry Parish, La.

By virtue of a writ of fieri facias issued out of the Hon. 16th 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, at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, at the front door of the Court House of St. Landry parish, at Opelousas, La., on

Saturday, Jan. 30, 1909, at 10 o'clock a. m. the following described property, to-wit:

One hundred arpents of land bounded on the north by W. D. Lewis and on the east by public road running from Washington to Palestine, south by Madam M. Hinchey and West by Union Irrigation Co., and also one cabin situated on the right of way of the Union Irrigation Co., as it runs through the above described property.

Terms—Cash. M. L. SWORDS, Sheriff. Jan16-21

Trespass Notice.

Notice is hereby given that hunting and trespassing on my Claxton plantation, in the parish of St. Landry, is positively forbidden, under penalty of the law. Jan16-21 I. H. GAIN.

When Thirsty

Ring up Pellerin Bros., the Big Mail Order House, 'Phone 37, Lafayette, La., headquarters for all kinds of Domestic and Imported Liquors. All charges prepaid, including 'phone Jan16-31

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Taken Up Notice is hereby given that I have taken up one brindle bull, about six years old; has been in neighborhood about four or five years, branded thus:

The owner is hereby notified to come forward, prove property, pay costs, and take animal away. BERNARD RAY, Washington, La. Jan16-31

Notice.

Opelousas, La., January 14th, 1909. All parties having claims against the estate of Henry Garland will please present same to me without delay, at my office, at the Opelousas National Bank. Respectfully, Jans A. LEON DUPRE, Executor.

Lost or Stolen.

On the night of December 30th, 1908, one deep bay horse, age 4 years, about 14 hands high; one leg white to ankle, branded thus:

A liberal reward will be given to finder. MILTON WELLSINGTON, Milburn, La. Jan16-21

SHERIFF'S SALE.

W. J. MARTINEZ & BRO. vs. J. W. WALKER No. 18400, Sixteenth Judicial 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, at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, at the front door of the store of Jos. R. Johnson, at Opelousas, La., on

Saturday, January 30, '09, at 10 o'clock a. m. the following described property, to-wit:

1 lot of shoes, 1 small lot of dry goods, 1 lot Patent medicines, 1 small show cases, 1 lot of buggy whips, 1 lot of groceries, 1 oil tank. Terms—Cash. M. L. SWORDS, Sheriff. Jan16-21

SHERIFF'S SALE.

LA. LAND CO. vs. MELVILLE LAND CO. No. 19405, 16th Judicial District Court, St. Landry Parish, La.

By virtue of a writ of seizure and sale issued out of the Hon. 16th 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, at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, at the front door of the Court House of St. Landry parish, at Opelousas, La., on

Saturday, Feb. 6, 1909, at 11 o'clock a. m., the following described property, to-wit:

The fractional east half of section fifteen and the north one hundred acres of section seventeen, and the south one hundred and fifty acres of section seventeen. The east half of northwest quarter section seventeen. The fractional east half of section twenty-two, being land situated in township five (5) south range seven east, also lot No. one of the northwest quarter of northeast quarter and the northeast quarter of northwest quarter of section one. Lots No. six and eleven of the fractional southeast quarter of section one, and all of fractional southeast quarter of section one, and the north half of section twelve and the north half of the northwest quarter of section twenty-one, being land situated in township six south of range seven east. Also eight and 7/10 acres (80 7/10) of the south side of lot No. one of section ten, being land situated in township seven south of range seven east. All of the within described lands lying in the Parish of St. Landry, in the State of Louisiana, and being in all seventeen hundred acres, more or less. Terms—Cash. M. L. SWORDS, Sheriff. Jan16-21

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Bids for Fiscal Agent.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the undersigned committee, in Opelousas, up to 12 noon Monday, February 1, 1909, from any bank or banks within the State of Louisiana, to act as Fiscal Agent for the Parish of St. Landry during the ensuing fiscal year.

J. A. BAILEY, THEO. DOUCET, WILLIS FONTENOT, Committee. Jan16-21

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Trespass Notice.

Notice is hereby given that trespassing and hunting on my plantations in the parish of St. Landry is strictly forbidden, under penalty of the law. JNO. P. BOAGNI. Jan16-21

Notice.

Sunset, La., December 28, 1908. At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bank of Sunset, held this day, a dividend of seven (7) per cent on the Capital Stock was declared, payable on and after January 2nd, 1909. Payable at Bank of Sunset, Sunset, La. FRANK DEMMICK, President, F. S. BARRT, Asst. Cashier.

Sale of Public Roads.

7TH POLICE JURY WARD. Notice is hereby given that the roads in the 7th Police Jury ward of the Parish of St. Landry will be sold at public auction to the last and lowest bidder, as follows:

Those in the Marion section of said ward, west of Bayou des Cannes, will be sold at Mamou Station, at 10 o'clock, on FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 1909.

Those in the Ville Platte-Chartrier sections, will be sold at Ville Platte, at the store of M. L. Derouen, at 10 o'clock on SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 1909.

The undersigned, reserving the right to reject any and all bids. WILLIS FONTENOT, Police Jury 7th Ward. Jan16-21

Morton H. Thompson

Attorney at Law Notary Public General Practice.

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Taken Up

By the undersigned, in Opelousas, a bay mare, about five years old, if hands right, hind feet white. The owner is hereby notified to come forward, pay costs and take animal away. Jan16-21 K. N. WADLTON, Opelousas, La.

Notice.

I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by any member of my family, or anybody else, except myself or my wife, or our signatures. M. L. SWORDS, Opelousas, La., January 18, 1909.

Sale of Public Roads.

8TH POLICE JURY WARD. Notice is hereby given that the roads in the 8th Police Jury ward of the parish of St. Landry will be sold at public auction to the last and lowest bidder, at the store of Sam Hays, at 10 o'clock, on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1909.

The undersigned, reserving the right to reject any and all bids. P. H. BERNARD, Police Jury 8th Ward. Jan16-21