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SITE FOR NEW SCHOOL SELECTED BY COM.

Home of Mrs. C. M. Thompson, Desirably Located, is Bought.

\$6,800 IS THE PRICE PAID

Includes An Entire Block, with Shade Trees and Beautiful Scenery—Some Objection Raised.

The committee appointed by the Board of School Directors to select a site for the \$75,000 school building, last Wednesday selected the property of Mrs. C. M. Thompson, in the eastern part of town, paying for it \$6,800.

The location is admirable in many respects. It is in close touch with the residential portion of the city, isolated from the disturbing elements which would be incidental to a strictly central location, and the price paid for it is—well, not too high.

The magnificent oaks, growths of sixty years and more, will afford the children splendid playgrounds.

There is some objection to the selection on the part of a few of our citizens, they claiming that the place is out-of-the-way, and that it is practically cut-off in rainy weather on the north by a creek and the low street, and that the neighborhood is composed of, mostly, negroes. It is said that a mass-meeting in opposition to the selection of the site will be called.

The selection, generally, meets with popular approval, as it deserves to do.

The bonds have been sold, and work will begin on the new building in a short while.

Grand Coteau.

Grand Coteau, La., Aug. 7.—Miss Kate Hughes died here at 1:30 o'clock Monday morning at the residence of John M. Oge, where she had lived for over thirty years. She was born in Monon County, Ireland, 72 years ago. The funeral services were held in the afternoon at the Sacred Heart Catholic church and was well attended. Rev. A. de Stockalper, S. J., officiated. Interment was made in the Catholic cemetery.

Mrs. Pierre Woods, 72 years old, died at Prairie de Femmes near here, Monday afternoon. The funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at the Sacred Heart Catholic church, and was largely attended. Rev. A. de Stockalper officiated. Interment was made in the Catholic cemetery. She leaves her husband, two daughters, Mrs. Felix Miller and Mrs. Treville Boudreau; one sister, Mrs. A. H. Castille, and a large number of grand-children and great-grand-children to mourn her loss.

There will be a public speaking here at the Town Hall, Sunday, Aug. 11, at 11 a. m. Hon. L. Lazaro, candidate for Congress from the 7th Congressional District, and other speakers, will address the voters in the interest of his candidacy.

Mrs. John Doherty, of Port Arthur, Texas, visited relatives here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Smith visited relatives at Grand Point.

Mr. Xavier Mouton visited Lafayette this past week.

Misses Julie and Alice Petetin are in Lafayette visiting relatives.

Dr. T. T. Tarlton was a Baton Rouge visitor this week.

Mr. Joe Colomb, of Lafayette, was in town Tuesday.

Rev. Henry Devine, S. J., the new chaplain of the St. Charles College students, came in Tuesday from New Orleans.

Mr. Frank Barry left Monday on the excursion for Houston and Galveston.

Misses Eleanor, Mary and Frances Tarlton returned home Sunday after attending the Normal at Lafayette for several weeks.

Mrs. Addie Saizan and family visited friends at Duson this week.

Mrs. M. L. Melancon came in Saturday from New Orleans to visit relatives and friends.

Mr. Octave Castille, of Opelousas, visited relatives and friends here this week.

Miss Celia Barry and Master Tom Barry left Saturday for Port Arthur and Beaumont, Texas, respectively, to visit relatives.

Mrs. M. R. Dunbar and son, "Governor" Armand Dunbar, returned home Sunday after a two weeks' visit to relatives at Galveston and Houston, Texas.



AGRICULTURAL EXHIBIT IN OPELOUSAS, THREE YEARS AGO.

MOSS AN IMPORTANT ST. LANDRY INDUSTRY.

One Thousand Dollars A Week They Pay Roll of One Moss-Factory.

\$10 A DAY CAN BE MADE.

By One Hand. Supply Almost Inexhaustible, and Quality the Best in the World.

Right in the Atchafalaya woods an immense stretch of dense timber—lies an easy living for anyone caring to make it.

In fact, a person can make more than a mere living, because \$10 a day is more than the ordinary man is making—aye, three and four times the wages of an ordinary laborer.

And this, without any outlay. Just ordinary gunny sacks, a cart and willing hands. That is all the capital needed.

Nature has planted the crop—the luxuriant crop of black Spanish moss, free to all.

Some years ago a native here would have laughed at the suggestion of going into the woods and picking moss for the market; to-day hundreds are making a living at it.

And the industry is in its infancy. Police Juror Brown came here just three years ago, established a moss factory at Melville, and has made money for himself and for those who engaged in picking moss.

His factory was moved to Port Barre just before the high water and will probably remain there permanently.

The pay roll of the factory is over a thousand dollars a week, and the presence of this industry there will aid greatly in tiding the high water suffers over a cropless year.

The moss this season, Mr. Brown tells us, is of the very best quality, the high water having proven beneficial to its growth and quality. The supply, he says, is almost inexhaustible—as long as there is timber there will be moss, and there is timber for many years to come.

First car-load of rice of the season was bought to-day at Eunice by Clements Bros. Price paid was very satisfactory.

—Mr. I. H. Cane and niece, Miss Vivian Cane, of Woodville spent several days this week at the Shute resident.

ZEPHYRS RESTRICTED TO THREE HOURS A DAY.

Expense of Operating Plant Forces Mayor Loeb to Recommend Practical Abolishment of Breeze Service.

Four hundred dollars was the excess of expenses for the operation of the waterworks and electric light plant last month, and this excess is laid at the door of the day fan service.

And Mayor Loeb, realizing that the city could not stand a loss of four hundred dollars a month, advised the council to reduce the hours of fan service to three hours a day—from twelve o'clock to three o'clock p. m.

New machinery has been ordered, and it is expected that within the next five weeks a plant will have been installed that will enable full time to be served.

STAVE FACTORY WILL BE LOCATED AT PORT BARRE

Port Barre, Aug. 7.—"Arrangements were affected to-day between the citizens of Port Barre and the representatives of the Kern Co., New Orleans, for the erection of their stave plant at this place. Construction work was started to-day, and it is expected that the plant will be in operation within two or three months. It will employ about 150 men altogether."

"The Kern Co. had about concluded arrangements to locate this plant in Opelousas, but were afforded no co-operation on the part of its City council, and owing to the numerous natural advantages and hearty co-operation on the part of the people decided to bring their plant here."

"The plant will be erected on an ideal site embracing ten acres of land situated at the intersection of the New Iberia Northern and the Opelousas Gulf & North-eastern, about two thousand feet from Bayou Courtableau, thereby enabling it to secure connection with the four railroads for the movement of its inbound and outbound product. The people here are gratified at securing this enterprise, as within two hours a cash subscription of \$500.00 was deposited in a local bank in order to secure for the Kern Co. the free use and enjoyment of the ten acres of land referred to above."

HARD TIMES IS MOST ELOQUENTLY VERIFIED.

Evidently on the Brink of Starvation, Poor Fellow Pries to Rob Clarion Safe.

Can you picture the gaunt, emaciated form, crouching low to the floor, feeling about with skeleton hands, his eyes fastened upon the open door of what his starved mind conceived to contain that which would relieve his want, and make crying, suffering, hungry wife at home happy, and the prattling babe in the bare cradle open its little hand for food—food, which the weope had been without for these many hours—can you picture this ghost-like representative of these days of Republican high dinner-bucket, as he stealthily, tremblingly opened the door of the safe of the Clarion office—found the outer door unlocked! And how eagerly he pried open the small iron lock-box inside the safe!

Picture this scene of Expectation.

Then go to another. See him scatter the papers—old, musty, dusty, papers, which read, for example:

"New Orleans, La., (date blurred by age.)
The St. Landry Clarion.

"Cr.

"To E. C. Palmer & Co. Dr.
"To bill rendered for paper, etc. \$8000.

"Please remit."

And other kindred documents. Ah! what a poignant pain! What vivid blasting of hope and expectation! What a fake is this world—how empty her promises!

Picture the poor soul crawling back to the same door through which he had come in but a minute ago.

Picture how he dashed back into the iron box the only nickle it contained, as he exclaimed "Trash!"

Really, when an attempt is made to rob a printing office safe, the limit of poverty and want has been reached.

CAN GET INTO MARKET AHEAD OTHER FARMERS

Splendid Advantages Offered Rice Farmers in St. Landry Parish—Means Better Prices.

St. Landry is the coming home of rice production.

Besides the adaptability of the soil, the irrigation facilities are superior to other sections, it has come to the knowledge of planters that St. Landry rice can be gotten to market ahead of other rice, and that means better prices.

The Washington Herald of last week speaks on the subject as follows:

The St. Landry rice farmer can get into the market with his rice several weeks ahead of the rice farmer of Acadia, Vermilion and Calcasieu and that means better prices for his rice. In addition to that, the quality of St. Landry rice is admittedly equalled only by the rice grown in the best of the river parishes.

In other sections of the rice belt farmers are being urged to make other crops auxiliary to rice. Farmers here do not have to be taught diversified farming. Already they raise cotton, corn, cane, potatoes, poultry, vegetables and live stock.

The seasonably planted rice is showing up better than the average, but there is a large percentage of rice that was planted in June and even some planted in July. While the seasonably planted rice is now practically "made" much of it being headed out, the fate of the late planted crop will be problematical for several weeks. Old rice planters prefer to get their crop planted by May 20, and rice put in the ground after June 1 is not usually expected to yield a full crop. Thus far everything has favored the late planted rice, and a late fall might make a normal yield.

Henry Larcade for School Board

Mr. H. D. Larcade, Jr., is a candidate for member of the Board of School Directors from this the first ward.

Mr. Larcade is one of the assistant cashiers of the St. Landry State Bank. Young, energetic, with a thorough conception of duty well-performed, he would make an ideal member of the school board.

His announcement appears in another column.

OFFICER HORN KILLS A RESISTING NEGRO

Will Hammond, Who Several Times Refused to Be Arrested, Meets His Death.

NIGGER JEALOUSY IS CAUSE

Charge of Wife-Beating Was Laid Against Hammond.—Shot in Thigh, Died Next Day.

Will Hammond, a good negro if you will, in that he worked and made money, but absolutely against the principle of permitting an officer to arrest him, was shot by Officer Plais Horn Friday night, and died during the day Saturday.

He was shot in the thigh, and it is said slept on the gallery of a negro cabin all night. Blood poison set in.

Hammond was jealous of his paramour. A week before his death he beat her because a "culled gemmen" from Carencro had come to the house while he (Hammond) was absent. He whispered to his spouse, right after giving her a beating, that if the Carencro "gemmen" ever came there again, he would kill both of them.

The spouse notified Officer Horn. Horn told her to stay at home—that he would be there Friday night (the night that the Carencro nigger was to come), and see that no harm came to the woman.

Mrs. Hammond, however, was afraid of Will Hammond, and went to a neighbor's, in the meantime swearing out an affidavit against Hammond for beating her on the Friday previous.

Horn went to the Hammond home Friday night. He was watching to keep the negro from making trouble. Suddenly Hammond appeared near his (Horn's) buggy, and when he recognized Horn's horse he broke out in a run. Horn told him to stop, but the negro ran on, and Horn shot at his feet to stop him. The bullet entered the thigh, and the negro kept on running until he reached a negro cabin, where he laid on the gallery all night.

He was taken up next morning, but soon died.

Hammond had been shot at by Sheriff Swords, and Officer Anslom, on previous occasions. It was his boast that no officer could take him alive.

OLD ST. CHARLES TO OPEN SEPTEMBER 4.

Historical Educational Center Will Start On Its Seventy-Fifth Session.

St. Charles College, located at Grand Coteau, St. Landry parish, and established seventy-five years ago, will open its session, in its new building, on September 4th.

This college, renowned throughout the country, was established in 1837, by the Society of Jesus. In 1852 it was incorporated by the State of Louisiana and endowed with the full power and privileges of a University.

Two buildings, making up the college, were destroyed successively by fire, one of them in 1900, the other in 1907.

But the indomitable energy of the Jesuit Order built a new college building almost on the ruins of the destroyed one.

The present new building is a model of architecture and comfort.

Chataignier Notes.

Chataignier, La., August 7.—Chataignier was visited by a severe electric and rain storm last Saturday. The rain did much good to growing cotton, but the boll weevil has set in and are doing much damage.

Mrs. Doremus Laffeur and little daughter, Agnes, of Jennings are visitors to Chataignier this week.

Dr. Ardoin and Mr. Theogene Manuel made a business trip to Eunice last Thursday.

Miss May Roberts, of Crowley, is visiting friends here.

Hon. J. A. Hardy went to Opelousas Saturday to attend a meeting of the Democratic Executive Committee.

Jim Sanders, of Opelousas, was here Monday talking insurance.

J. Myers and A. Hank, of Eunice, were here last week talking insurance.

NO NEWS FROM MISSING A. H. GARLAND

Young St. Landry Representative Supposed to Have Gone to Some Central American Point.

RETURNED ENGAGEMENT RING

Said to Be A Factor in Disappearance of Law-Maker.—His Uncle Visits Baton Rouge.

It is now believed that Augustus H. Garland, one of the three members of the lower house of the General Assembly of the state of Louisiana, from this parish, who mysteriously disappeared the day after the adjournment of the Legislature, is in Central America.

His family here, and his friends, have come to conclusion that he has left the country.

"Gussie" Garland was an erratic young man—a student, and prone to sentimental outbursts. It is said that an engagement ring, returned to him by his fiancée, a few days before the adjournment of the Legislature, made a visible impression on him. He was morose, dejected, for the following days.

This, added to bruited financial troubles, is supposed to have caused him to seek other climes.

His board bill in Baton Rouge had not been settled, and District Attorney R. Lee Garland, who was at the capital Saturday, liquidated the account. Young Garland's baggage was left at the hotel.

A friend of young Garland says that he saw him in New Orleans a week after his supposed disappearance, but this statement is doubted, it being apparent that Mr. Garland left Baton Rouge for his mysterious trip immediately after the adjournment.

PROF. LASTRAPES PERRAULT IS HIGHLY HONORED.

Opelousas Young Man Named On State Examining Board.—Full Board Selected.

The Clarion wishes to felicitate Prof. Lastrapes L. Perrault upon his selection, by the State Board of Education, as a member of the State Board of Examiners of Teachers.

Prof. Perrault is the eldest son of the late Judge W. C. Perrault, and a young man of high attainments and capacity.

The dispatch announcing his appointment, as well as the appointment of the entire Board, follows:

Baton Rouge, La., Aug. 3, 1912.—The following special committee named by the State Board of Education to select an examining committee, held a session this morning: Governor Hall, J. Zach Spearing, and T. H. Harris, state superintendent of education. The committee, after a conference in the governor's office, announced the following appointments:

Ward Anderson, De Ridder, English and history; I. D. Denham, Bastrop, science; L. L. Perrault, Bunkie, Latin and French; A. J. Caldwell, Hammond, mathematics; Miss L. H. Martin, Gueydan, music and art. The first four named are high school principals.

The committee is selected in compliance with the Scarborough resolution of the State Board of Education, which provided for the naming of a committee of five composed of school teachers of Louisiana, who are to examine all papers of teachers who stand the examination for teachers' license or certificates. They are to meet in Baton Rouge and announce their decisions. They are to be paid \$25 a month and their expenses while in Baton Rouge.