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GRAND PRAIRIE HIGH DOING GREAT WORK

Citizens and Teachers Pleased With Progress of Grand Prairie School.

The enrollment of pupils in the school continues to steadily increase each day and the work of the principal and co-operation throughout the school is excellent. The school this year, from all reports, is giving better satisfaction, is meeting the wishes and needs of the people, better and in a more thorough manner, than it has done for many years. From all sides are heard expressions of general satisfaction on the part of the leading citizens. The charge which has come over this school, since the opening day, Sept. 8, has been a narrative of much hard work and a determination on the part of the principal and teachers to do a thorough and efficient job. For the first time in many years, the school has been receiving visitors. Trustees, patrons and friends of the school, have been, on several occasions, shown over the school by Prof. R. C. Childs. These gentlemen, the leading and most progressive citizens of one of the most progressive communities in the state, after going over the school, through the high school and grades, and having the whole plan, object, aim and operation of the work outlined and explained by Prof. Childs, expressed themselves as being pleased and satisfied with the work, management, and administration of the school. The literary department, they declared, was especially strong and thorough in its work. Among the many visitors to this school, during the past month, was Congressman L. Lazaro of the Seventh Congressional District. The principal and faculty felt especially the honor conferred on the school by a visitor of so high and distinguished a position—one of the law makers of a mighty nation. He was shown over the school by Prof. Childs; and before leaving the building made a strong and appealing talk to the higher classes on the value of education and the necessity of boys and girls aiding their school. When asked his opinion of the school and the standard and grade of work being done, Congressman Lazaro declared himself as, indeed, well satisfied with the work and general management of the school. The Grand Prairie High School has a staunch and tried friend in Representative Lazaro, and all visits from him are, at all times, appreciated by the principal and faculty. Rep. Lazaro is just back from Washington, D. C., and the fact that he, despite all the pressing demands of a vast amount of work which has accumulated upon him during his absence in the capital city, should take a few hours off to visit the school and shake hands with the pupils and teachers truly speaks well for the school and work being done. Among other distinguished visitors to the school on Tuesday, was Hon. E. B. Dubuison of Opelousas. He, along with a number of the leading citizens of Grand Prairie, was shown over the entire school by the principal. He expressed himself as thoroughly satisfied with the splendid discipline in the school; and, also, went on to say that the work being done was of a high standard of efficiency. At the special request of Prof. Childs, Hon. E. B. Dubuison made an address to the tenth and eleventh grades upon the value of education to boys and girls preparing to engage in the great conflict of life. His talk was stirring and invigorating, and was tinged with personal experiences of Mr. Dubuison himself. All who heard this talk felt exceedingly benefited, and his advice, the result of many years of experience as one of the leading lawyers of the state, was enjoyed and appreciated by all who heard it. It is to be sincerely hoped that the school will be honored by further visits from Mr. Dubuison. On Friday afternoon, October 10, the literary society of the Grand Prairie High School met in open session, in the high school auditorium. The entire school, grades and high school, was invited to be present; and all enjoyed the interesting program rendered. The debates were delivered with a spirit and

OPELOUSAS BOY IS KILLED BY ENGINE

Ashton Close and Three Others Are Killed in New Orleans By Switch Engine on Saturday, October 18th.

One of the saddest deaths, which has occurred in many years, was that of Ashton Close, 19 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Close, of this city. The end came to this son of Opelousas in the Charity Hospital in New Orleans, at about 10 o'clock Saturday night, after he had been mortally wounded by a switch engine of the New Orleans Terminal Co. The accident happened when Mr. Close and the Jorellman family were enjoying an automobile ride in the Jorellman's new Ford car. Mr. Close was acting as demonstrator; he brought the car from the Russell Motor Car Company, where he was employed, and from whom the Jorellmans purchased it, shortly after seven o'clock Saturday night. After going through some of the parks in the city and sight seeing in the surrounding country, the party decided to come back to the crossing of the Terminal Company's track, a switch engine was not noticed, and the bell was ringing so faintly that Mr. Close did not know the danger was lurking so close. One scream and a smash and there was nothing but a heap of wreckage, with three of the party killed instantly and Mr. Close and the owner of the car, seriously injured. Both of the injured men were taken to the Charity Hospital, where one is still confined and Mr. Close expired shortly after ten o'clock on the same night. The body of the dead boy was taken to Opelousas on the evening Southern Pacific train Sunday and was interred in the Ca-

tholic cemetery. There was a large concourse of friends and relatives present at the interment. The news of the death of this promising youngster was a shock not only to his parents but also to the community at large. He had left Opelousas a little over a year ago to go to the Russell Motor Car Company, where he hoped one day to become an expert automobilist. He was to come back to Opelousas and open up a garage with Bordelon and Sons. But the Russell people discovered that he was one of the best in their employ and readily made him an offer to remain with them. This he did, and at the time of his death he was considered one of the best automobilists in New Orleans, beside being numbered among the most careful drivers in the Crescent City. Death is sad news at all times, but it is by far sadder when the news arrives most unexpectedly. No one in Opelousas dreamed that such a terrible accident would snatch the life of one so promising and so energetic and young as Ashton Close. No one suspected that the loving heart of a devoted mother would literally be crushed by the sad end of her "idol"—her own dear boy—so unexpectedly. We mortals have to travel over this same road of death, no matter if it is by a lingering illness or by the quick action of an artificial monster. To the grief stricken father and mother, as well as the friends and relatives of the Close family the Clarion extends its deepest sympathies.

vim which was, indeed, pleasing; and the orations, recitations and essays were unusually good and well delivered. The society, during this session, was honored by the presence of a visitor—one of the leading merchants of the community. The program was, for the most part, southern; but certain features of it entailed vital and important questions of the day. The program was as follows:
1. Pity-Pat and Tippy-Toes, by Soyce Doucet.
2. Sketch: Jefferson Davis, by Georgiana Fontenot.
3. Debate: Resolved, That Capital Be Abolished. Affirmative: Milburn Guillory and Melvin Fontenot; negative: Ozeme Fontenot and Leonard Dewet.
4. Essay: Admiral Raphael Semmes, by Florence Deshotels.
5. Chorus: Dixie, by High School girls.
6. Recitation: Christmas Treasures, by Beatrice Lafleur.
7. Oration: Stonewall Jackson, by Ferdinand Lafleur.
8. Recitation: Wynken, Blynken and Nod, by Edith Fontenot.
9. Debate: Resolved, That the Philippines Be Given Independence. Affirmative: Thelma Fontenot and Luke Lafleur; negative: Adolphe Lafleur and Alcin Fontenot.
10. Talk: Education—A Training and Preparation for Life, by Prof. Childs.
11. Essay: What A Girl Can Do to Make Her Home Better, by Odette Deshotels.
12. Recitation: Anabel Lee, by Linear Lafosse.

Opelousas Boy to Wed Alexandria Girl.

The engagement of Dr. Isaac F. Littell to Miss Elizabeth Luckett, of Alexandria, has been announced. The wedding will take place on Monday, Nov. 3, 1913, at 7:30 a. m., at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, Alexandria. Dr. Littell is an Opelousas boy, he was born and raised here and enjoys a large number of friends. He went to Alexandria several months ago after completing his studies as a specialist, and has been doing remarkably well there. The bride-to-be is a charming young lady of accomplishment and refinement. It is expected that several of the Littell friends from this city will be on hand at Alexandria to see him "step off."

Mr. Loeb's Reasons for Protesting Fire Alarm Contract.

Mayor E. L. Loeb, in order to justify his protest against the Council letting out a contract to the highest bidder for an electric fire alarm system, has handed the Clarion these telegrams and letter to be published:
E. L. Loeb, Mayor, Opelousas, La.
Yes, in every respect we have thirty thousand dollars of Star equipment.
CHAS. F. GALL, Chief Operator of Louisville, Ky.
E. L. Loeb, Mayor, Opelousas, La.
This department has over 100 Star Electric Co. boxes in use for over one year. They give no trouble and operate on circuits containing Gamewell and other type boxes confirmation follows by mail.
LEONARD DAY, Chief, Bureau of Fire Alarm Telegraph, Fire Department, New York.
Mayor E. L. Loeb, Opelousas, La.
We purchased twenty-five boxes two years ago. Service satisfactory so far. No trouble so far.
C. W. RINGER, Chief Engineer of Minneapolis, Minn.
Oct. 14, 1913.
Hon. E. L. Loeb, Mayor, Opelousas, La.
Sir—Your day letter, arriving on a holiday, reached me this morning and I have immediately dispatched a day letter as follows:
"E. L. Loeb, Mayor, Opelousas, La.
This Department has over 100 Star Electric Co. boxes in use for over one year. They give no trouble and operate on circuits containing Gamewell and other type boxes. Confirmation follows by mail."
This department purchased 150 Star fire alarm boxes about two years ago and placed them in service gradually as requirement called for. Over 100 of these boxes have been in service for over a year and have given no trouble. The boxes work perfectly with boxes of other makes on the same circuit, for instance, Gamewell boxes and the circuits upon which they are now connected terminate in our Brooklyn

CENSUS BUREAU TO GIVE EXTRA REPORT

Director Harris Wants Statistics on Cotton Published More Frequently.

Director Harris, of the Bureau of the Census, finds that there is great demand for the publication at more frequent intervals of statistics concerning the consumption of cotton seed. It has been the practice of the Bureau of the Census to compile statistics for this important part of the cotton crop only twice during the ginning season. The first report for the crop of 1912 related to the quantity of cotton seed crushed prior to January 1, 1913. The second report showed the quantity crushed prior to March 1, 1913, with an estimate of the quantity remaining to be crushed from the crop. The statistics of cotton seed are collected in connection with those for the production of cotton as reported by the ginners. This is necessary because the quantity of linters is constantly increasing and forms a much larger percentage of the total crop than heretofore. Mr. Harris believes that an additional report showing the quantity of seed crushed and linters obtained should relate to the date between October 31 and January 1. He is not certain as to the most desirable date, and is accordingly corresponding with the farmers and cotton seed oil mills in order to establish it. It is hoped that all will agree upon a fixed date, so that the work can be inaugurated the present season. This additional report will be of great value to the farmers, as well as to the oil mills and the public generally.

BOUDIER IS BACK WITH THE CLARION

Mr. Price Resigned As Foreman And Mr. Boudier To Take His Place On Monday.

Mr. George Boudier, who was connected with the St. Landry Clarion, from its organization to 1908, will once more be in the employ of this paper. On next Monday Mr. Boudier will assume the foremanship of the Clarion, since Mr. Richard Price, who has been filling that position creditably since last November, has resigned. Mr. Boudier came into Opelousas in 1890 from Rayne and was engaged as a printer with the St. Landry Clarion when the first issue of that paper was published. He was at one time half owner of the paper, later selling his share to Mr. J. G. Lawler of this city. In 1910 Mr. Boudier went with the St. Landry Commoner, which was later bought out by the Clarion; after this he went with the Saturday Call, which also went defunct. He could not resist returning to his first love, and next to his religion comes the Clarion with him. The many friends of Mr. Boudier will no doubt be pleased to hear that he is back with his old friend once more, and expects to be here as long as possible.

WASHINGTON ON ROAD TO PROGRESSIVENESS.

The town of Washington is now on the good road to progressiveness. Everything is now in readiness for the laying of concrete sidewalks and it is expected that it will not be long before Opelousas' sister town will have the convenience and service of good sidewalks. It is reported that the people of Washington will soon start agitating good roads between that place and Opelousas. This is a good move and it is hoped the people living on the Opelousas-Washington road will take steps to make the move materialize. Washington and Opelousas should co-operate on the good roads question and it would not be such a difficulty to secure better highways between these two important commercial towns of St. Landry. The following cases have been tried before the District Court this week, up to Friday evening with the following results: Sullivan Albert, attempt to rape, not guilty. Edgar Sam, cow stealing, guilty. William Sam and Memphis Booker, cow stealing, not guilty. Adam Sam and Louis Sam, cow stealing, guilty. Mr. J. V. Pledge and family moved from their residence on Main street to Mr. Jno. M. Mornhivig's place, on the east end of town. Mr. Pledge will be glad to see his old customers in his new home.

WOOD BLOCK TO GET PAVING CONTRACT

The City Council Votes In Favor Of Wooden Blocks For Paving Local Streets—Petition of Tax-Payers Ignored.

The City Council, on last Wednesday night, by a three to two vote, decided in favor of the crossot wood block as a pavement for the nine blocks, which are to be paved with permanent pavement. Before the vote was taken on the petition was presented to the Board of Aldermen from the majority of tax-payers of this city, who live on the streets, which were, up to the time of the meeting, proposed to be paved, calling upon the members of the Board to let the contract out to the Bitulithic people. This petition was entirely ignored, and as one of the members said, that it was the people's misfortune if they had elected him, and he would vote in favor of wood block, no matter what the petition called for. As a matter of fact he did vote for wood block, giving as his excuse that he had looked into the paving question thoroughly and knew more about it than the ordinary citizen who had signed the petition. All this is perfectly alright, but why should any one member of the Board of Aldermen, most emphatically ignore the petition of the people whose money will be expended for this pavement? Why should a contract be let to a concern whose bidder was even higher, by eight cents a square yard, than the original petition called for and the highest bid of any material submitted? It is true that the people voted for the members of the Board of Aldermen to take care of their interest, but there is no reason why the voice of the people should not be considered when a question of such vital interest comes before a public body, as the Board of Aldermen. The Council voted for what it thought was best. There is no doubt that they acted conscientiously, but there is such a thing as a public body making a mistake, and it is the opinion of the majority of the tax-payers on the various streets which are to be paved that the Council has made a mistake. Extracts from the Mobile Tribune, in which city considerable wood block has been laid, and which city has about the same climate as Opelousas, with very little difference in its rainfall, treats the subject editorially, in its issue of September 27th., in the following manner: "Why Not 'Boost It.' Mobile has a private aviation meet every time it rains—when the wooden block pavements do the 'Baloon Act.' Why should this not be a good feature for the 'Boosters' to work on to draw crowds to the city?"

Cut Out Wood Block.

Future consideration of paving ventures, in view of Mobile's recent experience, should entirely eliminate wood block which has been amply proven to be unfit material for use in this climate. And Mobile is by no means the only southern city that has been "stung" in this matter, although it may be one of the few to profit by experience purchased at heavy cost. During the heavy rains of the past two weeks the wood block alone suffered, even some of the wooden paving that has been down but a short time is breaking in many places. Wood block may be a "permanent paving," as those who advocated it claim; in that case it is the fault of the contractors that it has given such poor satisfaction. Whatever the trouble, the city will do well to steer clear of it in the future. The Mobile Register, one of the leading newspapers in Alabama, in giving an account of the damage wrought by the September storm, has this to say, in its issue of Sept. 16: "While the damage in the city will not be as great as was feared last Sunday night, it will possibly be two weeks or more before the city can repair the damaged paving on Government Street, Spring Hill Avenue and Hallett Street where the damaged streets are paved with wooden blocks. Some of the paving has been down for a number of years and some only a comparatively short time. On Spring Hill Avenue from Van Rensselaer street out, practically one-half mile of block paving was washed out and in many other places on this street and Hallett and Government Streets the paving buckled to such an extent the blocks have already been or will have to be taken out and reset." While the people in Opelousas are anxious to have a good pavement it is a sure thing that they do not care about going into great expenses for a certain kind of pavement which will buckle in a few weeks after it will have been laid. The climatic condition in this vicinity is the same as that at Mobile, and it is hoped that Opelousas will not have the same difficulty with wooden blocks as Mobile has had, since the Council has decided in favor of the pavement. If the voice of the people is to be ignored in matter of taxing themselves for street improvements, as was done in this case, why then the necessity of consulting them at all, on matter of taxation? We understand that this member gave as one of his reasons for voting to rescind the side-walk ordinance that the people had not petitioned for same. "Consistency thou art a jewel."

BUREAU TO PROMOTE NATIONAL HIGHWAY

Southwest Louisiana Development Bureau to Have Good Roads Convention.

The Southwest Development Bureau at its last meeting, held at Lafayette, on Wednesday of this week, adopted a resolution calling for a convention to be held at some point in this section of Louisiana for the purpose of discussing the proposed national highway between Washington, D. C., and the Pacific coast, through Atlanta, New Orleans and other Southern cities. It is proposed that a convention be held at some point along the proposed route of the National highway, and that representatives from all along the route be invited to meet for the purpose of forming an association the principal object of which will be the promotion of this great highway. Nothing could give a greater impetus to the building of better highways in this section than the meeting of men from all over the country who are well posted on this all important subject. The Boosters Bureau, as the Southwest Louisiana Development Bureau was formerly called, has been doing great work in the way of upbuilding this country, and if it puts through everything which it proposes this section of Louisiana will not look the same within the next three or four years. J. B. Ficks, a graduate of the Illinois Agricultural College and a Post Graduate of the University of Berlin, was elected manager of the Bureau, at a salary of \$3600. He is at present a member of the Police Jury of Winnfield and is auditor and commercial agent of the Tremont and Gulf Railroad. It is said that he is a real good roads "crank"—the best kind of cranks to be—and is one of the best "boosters" in Louisiana. Great things are expected from him.

A. L. Andrus is Made Head of N. C. E. L.

The members of the local Lodge 1173 of the Knights of Columbus met at their beautiful home on last Sunday morning and elected their officers. The member awarded the most honorable position was Mr. A. L. Andrus, popular deputy sheriff of St. Landry, who is an ardent admirer of his order and a hard worker. Mr. Andrus will have, to assist him in the work of uplifting the local lodge, officers who are worthy of the honor conferred upon them. The Knights of Columbus of Opelousas expect great things from the officers who were elected recently, and who will be installed in a short time, and it is thought that the realization will come up to the expectation, if not surpass it. There are over one hundred and fifty members in this city and it is hoped, by Mr. Andrus and the other newly elected officials, that it will not be long before the number will swell up to over two hundred. This lodge has been honored by the recent convention of the Knights of Columbus held in the city of New Orleans, when the retiring Grand Knight, John M. Prescott, was appointed District Grand Deputy. This evidently signifies that the local lodge is esteemed very highly by the Knights of Columbus in Louisiana. As soon as Mr. Andrus will be installed, it is his idea to call a special meeting for the purpose of deciding upon the best possible plans to pursue the good of the order and to make Council 1173 one of the most formidable in Louisiana. The following officers have been elected for the ensuing term by Opelousas Council, No. 1173, Knights of Columbus: A. L. Andrus, grand knight; F. J. Dietlein, deputy grand knight; A. J. Claverie, chancellor; W. J. Sandoz, recorder; M. A. Fields, financial secretary; H. D. Larcade, treasurer; Abraham Boudreau, advocate; Dave Hollier, warden; L. A. Dominique, I. G.; Preston Hollier, O. G.; L. Bienvenu, trustee. Mr. N. L. White transacted business in Basile this week, spending two or three days in the Evangeline town. Messrs. Arnold Rougeau, of Mamou, and Ernest Fontenot of Acadia parish, attended court here the forepart of the week.

An Accident Befalls George Wilson.

Mr. George Wilson, who lives in Bellevue, had the ill-luck of being struck by a falling shed on last Sunday. He was somewhat painfully, but not altogether seriously injured. On Sunday evening at about 8 o'clock Mr. Wilson had occasion to pass under the shed on the back of White & Chachere's and he was struck by a wire. On returning he again encountered the wire, so getting a little aggravated thought that he would pull the thing down. But with the wire came the roof, which fell upon his stomach. Luckily there were several men around in a short while and Mr. Wilson was soon being carried to bed. He was unconscious for awhile, but soon recovered. He is now confined at the Christmas hotel, and it is the hope of his many friends that it will not be very long before he will have completely recovered. Judge Emar Stelly and Constable Boudreau, of Arnaudville, transacted business in Opelousas the first of the week and gave our office a brief call. Miss Marie Barry, after remaining in this city for a week, as the guest of Miss Carmen Voorhies, returned to her home in Grand Coteau, on Monday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Jas. H. Lewis, of Whiteville, were welcomed visitors in our city last Saturday, and favored the Clarion with an appreciated visit.