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### OUR PROGRESSIVE JURORS.

By adopting the Good Roads ordinance unanimously, at its last meeting, the police jury placed itself among the most progressive public bodies in Louisiana. This ordinance will give \$147,000 for the building of permanent highways in St. Landry. It is the start of the great good roads campaign, which is bound to ensue sooner or later, after which every public road in this parish will be converted into a good substantial highway.

It is not known as yet which roads will be built first, but it is a fact that wherever the start will be made it will be that stretch of road which will render more service to the citizens and tax-payers of St. Landry.

The Clarion hopes that there will be no difficulty in beginning, since some moss-backs might raise a kick, because the money which will be expended on public roads in this parish, will not be used to build a good road before their places. Every one knows that we have not enough funds to build every road in this parish, and consequently wherever the roads will be modernized should please the people of this great progressive parish.

There is no parish in the state which needs good roads more than St. Landry and the people in general, as well as the Clarion in particular, are glad to note that the police jury has been doing its duty towards giving all that it can possibly afford in the way of bettering our highways.

When this parish will have secured good drainage and good roads then the hospitable people of St. Landry will be able to rightfully term their country as "The Garden of Eden" of Louisiana. Not only that, but there will not be one section of Louisiana which would compare with the once "Empire Parish" of the greatest state in the Union, Louisiana. Settlers will not overlook our parish, as is often the case nowadays, for want of travelling facilities and drainage. The farmers living a few miles from Opelousas, who raise large quantities of vegetables and are at present unable to dispose with them on account of the bad roads, will then be in a position to come to town and sell everything they make. The truck farmers will then find a market to dispose of their crop, for surely there will be a great demand for truck products, in Opelousas, when this city will be linked with other towns and the country people with a splendid system of good roads. Besides all of that the greatest asset of good roads is the increasing of property value, which will greatly aid the farmers who have small plantations.

The fundamental principle of good roads is good drainage and if the plans of the committee, appointed by the police jury, and Mr. J. Franklin Schell, materialize, St. Landry will be able to build and maintain the best roads in Louisiana. With all of this accomplished this section of the state will be a new country within the next three or four years.

The police jurors are to be commended most highly for the progressiveness they have shown during the present term. There is probably no similar body in Louisiana so progressive as the present police jury of St. Landry. If these men, who compose this able body of law makers, continue the good work, which they have started, there will be nothing to stop St. Landry from once more assuming the name of the "Empire Parish" of Louisiana.

Good roads are a blessing to any community and the people of St. Landry should feel grateful to the men, who have been striving hard to give them this luxury, which is at the same time a dire necessity, as this country will prosper more rapidly, within the next few years than ever before.

With \$147,000 a parish as large as this one can not expect to build all its highways, but "a good start is better than nothing" and it will not be long before the citizens and tax-payers, themselves will discover some means of obtaining sufficient funds to continue the work of constructing good permanent and substantial highways.

### PAY YOUR POLL TAX NOW

Pay your poll tax now! If you can't do it now, pay it before December 31st, if you care to vote. All men above twenty-one and under sixty years of age are requested by Deputy Sheriff, A. L. Andrus, to pay their poll tax as soon as possible, in order to avoid the rush, when the last day comes. Remember that all the voters in St. Landry can not pay their poll tax on the same day. It requires some time to collect all the poll taxes, and consequently the sooner one pays his the better it is for him and the deputy sheriff, as well.

The Congressional election will be here next year, and it is to be hoped that every citizen in political St. Landry will want to vote, but unless his poll tax is paid he will not have a voice as to whom should be chosen to represent the Seventh Congressional District of Louisiana at Washington, D. C.

Every year there are men who have failed to pay their poll tax for the simple reason because they waited until the last moment, when there were scores of people waiting in line, ahead of them, to pay their taxes. Naturally those who did not succeed to get their receipt before the time appointed by law feel disappointed because they are refused a white man's privilege—the right to vote.

Be sure to pay your poll tax this week, this month or any time you can, just so it is as soon as you can, provided that you do not get there too late.

### FARMERS UNION.

On account of the fact that the Clarion did not publish an account of the meeting which was held at the Courthouse on Saturday, November 1st, at which meeting Mr. Duckworth made an excellent talk in favor of the Farmers Union, the idea has gotten abroad that the Clarion is either against the Farmers Union, or does not care to help out the farmers of St. Landry.

Whilst the editor of the Clarion admits that it was a little neglect on his part, it must be understood that in the issue of last week there was very little space, and on account of being so thoroughly occupied with other business the editor unintentionally neglected to write a news article concerning this meeting.

This paper is heartily in favor of helping out the farmers as much as is possible, and whenever it can do anything in the way of assisting them we will tender our services to them.

We hope, however, that the misleading rumor which has been brought to the ears of the Farmers Union people, will no longer exist and that the members of this order will hereafter and as long as the present editor and manager will have anything to do with the Clarion feel assured this paper will always advocate the cause of the tillers of the soil.

The Clarion is not against the Farmers Union, because it is convinced that the farmers in this section have been greatly benefited by this organization.

### FATHERLESS FATHERS.

There seems to be a number of what one may be able to term "fatherless fathers," in this city. Whether it is the fault of the parents or not it is the truth, however, that there are a number of young boys running along the streets at all hours of the night. A boy in short trousers will accomplish nothing by "hanging" around town in the day time, much less at night. His place is at home, in bed.

How fathers and mothers can allow their children to associate in bad company is beyond understanding. Why they do not correct them when they find that their children have done wrong is another incomprehensible thing.

If the word father signifies one that leaves his child do anything, no matter whether it is right or wrong, it is sad but true then, but Opelousas must have many of them.

### OPELOUSAS HAS IT ALL.

The Eunice Star, whilst commenting on an article which appeared in the Clarion of November 1st, with reference to Captain Stewart and Hon. Leon Haas, hints at the fact that since Opelousas has all the representatives from St. Landry in both houses at Baton Rouge, this city has "grabbed the whole pie." Perhaps that is true, and still it is doubtful. If the Eunice Star thinks that people who represent this parish are not competent enough to hold these positions, why does it not get some "more competent men" to run for these various positions?

Ex-Governor Newton C. Blanchard was elected Chairman of the Constitutional Convention. We wonder if the "Goo-Goos" are going to "crow" about another victory for their faction, because the delegates agreed that Mr. Blanchard was the most competent man for this elevated honorable position?

Isn't it sad, fellows, you can't dance the new fangled dances at the Elks Hall? The next question is "What must you do when you see an X-ray gown?"

The farmer is the entity, who is enjoying about the fine weather which they are enjoying, express their sorrow that St. Landry did not experience similar weather during the month of October. "What might have been" and "What really is" are two different things, the consequence of which is that the farmers have suffered heavy losses on account of not being able to harvest their crop at the proper time.

The Grand Jury of Ville Platte has to keep the witnesses in a room next to the jury room. Wonder why take such precautions, when here in St. Landry a witness is allowed to roam all over Opelousas, and in case that he is needed, a deputy sheriff is sent after him.

J. Y. Sanders is still alive, to many of his political enemies' sorrow. "What is worse for them is that they will find him the 'liveliest corpse' they ever saw when the next gubernatorial campaign will be ushered upon us.

We understand that the rural mail carriers get the same kind of blessing as the poor newspaper men. Even the fair young dames "roast" these genial government employees.

If the President were to call for volunteers to go to Mexico we wonder how many would come from this city. Opelousas should be able to furnish many good soldiers.

All eyes are now turned on the election which will be held in this city on November 25th to decide whether Opelousas will be governed by three commissioners.

Isn't it a pity, boys, all the ducks go on the land owned by the Union Irrigation Company, and you are forbidden to hunt on these premises?

An echo from Ville Platte tells us that the patriotic young men of that enterprising town are organizing "Volunteers" to fight the Mexicans.

### Missionary Notes.

A returned missionary in telling of the conditions in China, says, there is no home life in China except among the Christian Chinese. In the heathen home you will find no bath tub nor tooth brush, but you will find an ancestral hall, a family god and a kitchen god. At the end of the year they burn these gods and send them up to give an account of the conduct of the family. Then three days they are without a god and then they can do anything they want to.

In a Christian home you find a large room with a large lamp, a center table with a Bible, hymn book and sometimes magazines on it. In this room all the family assemble in a social way. In a heathen home the girls cannot visit or their characters will be questioned.

A heathen Chinese lady visiting a Christian Chinese lady, after noting the cleanliness of the home, exclaimed, "My, you are clean enough to kill!" The Chinese as a nation know very little of sanitation, therefore it is essential for the mission schools to teach it.

### Moves to Krotz Springs.

The writer last week appreciated a call from one of its old friends, George Mathas, who informs me that he has moved from Melville, where he resided for many years, to Krotz Springs, the new town which is fast springing up in the big woods, where the Frisco crosses the Atchafalaya river.

Mr. Mathas has opened a hotel in the village and is prepared to entertain all visitors to the new health and pleasure resort. He tells us that the hunting and fishing is fine, while the water of the famous deep well is unsurpassed for both drinking and medicinal purposes. The dwellers at Krotz Springs hope to have their community incorporated as a village some time next year.

The railroad company will erect a handsome station soon, and at present there is a large force of men at work repairing and rebuilding the many railroad trestles on each side of the river. A postoffice has been established some time, while four stores are now in operation. The United States Express Company handles all light shipments into and from the settlement. During the remarkably high water of 1912, when much country in the alluvial region was inundated, Krotz Springs stood high and dry. Further levee protection is now being afforded the settlement by the extension of the big embankments.

The soil in the entire surrounding country is just about the finest in the world, from an agricultural standpoint, and the vast open range affords finest free pasturage for innumerable cattle.

As remarked above, the fishing is splendid and Isaac Waltons are not confined to the river in order to operate the barbed hook, but can also seek the finny tribe in numerous bayous nearby where cats, buffaloes, geese, perch and other scaly denizens of the deep abide.

The writer wishes Mr. Mathas much success in his new home. X. X. X.

Be a good roads booster! Do something by which this country will be benefited. Get out and hustle so that you can get your friends interested in good roads and you will never be sorry for exerting yourself to that extent. It is time to look for your parish and not always for yourself.

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### Hunters Should Be Fined.

Opelousas, La., Nov. 12, 1913. Editor Clarion:

On the 22nd. day of May, 1913 Mr. Chas. Thibodeaux reported to me that a party of deer hunters were hunting on the Bayou Courtableau in the third and fourth Police Jury wards, and asked me, as the sheriff, to go with him. We left in an auto next morning and went as far as we could in it, and then walked to the camp.

I arrested nine, two from Allen parish and seven from Evangeline. Two were from St. Landry, but they went to Eunice on the Frisco railroad the day before and took a deer that had been killed by the party. Thibodeaux took down their names and I paroled the nine. I made affidavits against ten of them including the two from St. Landry under Act 127 of 1912, under two charges: Hunting without license and hunting in the closed season. I made affidavit against one for hunting in the closed season as he had a ten dollar license. One of the party told me that he would not tell a lie for fifty or a hundred dollars, which made me think the more of him. These affidavits went before the Grand Jury and that body found true bills against ten on two counts and one for hunting out of season. This was the party that had the ten dollar license.

Warrants were issued and I could have gotten ten cents per mile for going and ten cents a mile for coming on the nine that lived in the parishes of Allen and Evangeline, and five cents per mile to bring them back to St. Landry; but not wishing to be hard, I gave the list of names to the party that told me the truth and told him to have them at Opelousas on the following Wednesday. This he did, and the parties, through counsel, waived arraignment, and pleaded guilty to one charge, hunting without license, although as stated, one had a ten dollar license. The other charge was dropped by the District Attorney. The Judge sentenced them to a fine of five dollars each and costs, which is ten dollars, making fifty-five dollars for the eleven and ten dollars cost each, making a total of one hundred and sixty-five dollars. This sentence was evidently imposed under section 31 of Act 204 of 1912, which relates exclusively to violations of the law relating to game preserves.

We have no game preserves in St. Landry, and under the said act a hunter could poach on another's game preserve in the open season, and could be fined from five to one hundred dollars. This minimum penalty under Act 127 and under which they were indicted is twenty-five dollars each and costs, hence when they plead guilty the collective amount should have been two hundred and seventy-five dollars fine and one hundred and ten dollars costs, making three hundred and eighty-five dollars.

When the Judge was shown this he ordered that the parties be brought before him on November 6th. The District Attorney stated that they would be tried when they had already plead guilty. One of the accused told me before the case was called that he had come to get his twelve and a half bacon, and I told him that I had not the least doubt of it. Most of the parties came into court with their attorneys. There was not a witness that I know of for them. But Mr. Thibodeaux and myself testified as to their having dogs and guns, (shot guns and Winchesters) and of what some of them stated, that they were hunting deer. I asked the District Attorney to have the city judge summoned as he would be bound to testify that those parties had stated that they would plead guilty; but the District Attorney told me that he did not need him, and I am constrained to believe that he did not.

Mr. J. R. Pavy asked "Mr.

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### SUCCESSION SALE.

ESTATE OF MARIE LERMA DEVILLE. No. 624, Probate Docket, 18th Judicial District Court, Parish of St. Landry, La.

By virtue of an order of the Hon. B. H. Pavy, Judge of the 18th Judicial District Court, in and for the Parish of St. Landry, Louisiana, there is to be sold, at public auction to the best and highest bidder, by the undersigned administrator, or any duly licensed auctioneer, on the premises in Plaquemine, La., on

**Saturday, Nov. 22, 1913,** at 11 o'clock a. m., the following described property, to-wit:

1st. A certain plantation situated in Plaquemine, Parish of St. Landry, containing one hundred and fifty (150) arpents, more or less, bounded on the north by property of Emile Dupre, south by property of J. F. Schell, east by property belonging to Evrard Dupre, and west by property of J. F. Schell, of the Union Irrigation Co.

2nd. A certain tract of wood land, situated in the same locality, containing one hundred arpents, more or less, bounded north by property of Emile Dupre, south by property of J. F. Schell, east by same and west by Emile Dupre.

One half of Lot 17, of a certain property herein fully described to be subdivided and sold into lots of one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve, thirteen, fourteen, fifteen, sixteen, seventeen, eighteen, nineteen, twenty, twenty-one, twenty-two, twenty-three, twenty-four, twenty-five, twenty-six, twenty-seven, twenty-eight, twenty-nine, thirty, thirty-one, thirty-two, thirty-three, thirty-four, thirty-five, thirty-six, thirty-seven, thirty-eight, thirty-nine, forty, forty-one, forty-two, forty-three, forty-four, forty-five, forty-six, forty-seven, forty-eight, forty-nine, fifty, fifty-one, fifty-two, fifty-three, fifty-four, fifty-five, fifty-six, fifty-seven, fifty-eight, fifty-nine, sixty, sixty-one, sixty-two, sixty-three, sixty-four, sixty-five, sixty-six, sixty-seven, sixty-eight, sixty-nine, seventy, seventy-one, seventy-two, seventy-three, seventy-four, seventy-five, seventy-six, seventy-seven, seventy-eight, seventy-nine, eighty, eighty-one, eighty-two, eighty-three, eighty-four, eighty-five, eighty-six, eighty-seven, eighty-eight, eighty-nine, ninety, ninety-one, ninety-two, ninety-three, ninety-four, ninety-five, ninety-six, ninety-seven, ninety-eight, ninety-nine, one hundred.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS: Available cash on day of sale, the balance in 1-3 cash and balance to be secured by notes of purchaser bearing interest at 6% per annum, payable in blank, payable in one and two years after date, bearing 5% per cent interest from day of maturity to and including the day of payment. The purchaser shall be bound to pay the balance of the purchase price in full on the day of sale, and to execute a promissory note in favor of the undersigned administrator, or any duly licensed auctioneer, on the premises at Deshotels, La., in the Parish of St. Landry, La., on

**Saturday, Nov. 22, 1913,** at 11 o'clock a. m., the following described property, to-wit:

Contents of a store consisting of dry goods, groceries, hardware, glassware, notions, hats, fixtures, etc., one iron safe, thirty-one head of horned cattle, undried one half interest in and to seven head of horned cattle, half interest in branding iron, one branding iron, three head of mules, four head of horses, goats one wagon, one buggy one small hack, mowing machine, stock-cutter, one disk, half interest in a hay rake, contents of blacksmith shop, agricultural implements consisting of plows, harrows, spades, hoes, one armchair, seven bedsteads and beddings, sewing machine, chairs, one toilet, three clocks, lot of quilts and blankets, one double-barrel shot gun, one pistol, one planter, one saddle, set of single harness, kitchen utensils, lot of notions and accounts against divers persons.

TERMS: Cash. J. R. PAVY, Auctioneer.

### SUCCESSION SALE.

ESTATE OF LOUIS A. DESHOTELS. No. 657, Probate Docket, 18th Judicial District Court, Parish of St. Landry, La.

By virtue of an order of the Hon. the 18th Judicial District Court of Louisiana, in and for the Parish of St. Landry, La., signed by B. H. Pavy, Judge of said Court, and bearing date Nov. 7, 1913, and in pursuance of a commission to me directed bearing date Nov. 7, 1913, signed by Henry Lastrapes, Jr., Clerk of said Court, there will be sold at public auction, to the best and highest bidder by the undersigned auctioneer, on the premises at Deshotels, La., in the Parish of St. Landry, La., on

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