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ROAD IMPROVEMENT.

There is a great deal of complaint on the part of many people in this parish relative to bad roads leading out of this city and it is to be hoped that the police jury will be called upon to better these important St. Landry highways. The roads between here and Eunice, as well as between here and Lawteil, have at some places rather bad mudholes.

Whilst these roads are not in such a terrible condition as they were a few weeks ago they are as yet very disagreeable to the travellers, and should be repaired at once. Drainage is the principal thing to contend with in the betterment of our public roads, and since the police jury has the power to drain the public roads, it is in our mind the duty of this body to grant better roads to the people of St. Landry.

LET'S PUT AWAY OUR HAMMER

Let us, who claim Opelousas as our home, turn over a new leaf for the New Year. The town in which we live should be worth a good word from us once in a while, at least. Let every one of us, who class ourselves as progressive citizens, put aside our little hammers and work in unison for the prosperity of our city.

An organized body of boosters can do more than a "house divided against itself." A representative body of men, who are all bent to do their duty towards their home town, in the boosting line, can accomplish a great deal of good for Opelousas.

Now that the New Year is upon us why not put aside all petty politics and differences and set to work harmoniously for the uplifting of our community? Such intelligent citizens as Opelousas is blessed with should lend a great helping hand to bettering conditions and promoting the town in general.

ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATIONS.

The Clarion does not propose to publish any communication dwelling on the impending mayoralty campaign, which does not bear the signature of the writer in full. In justice to both factions we deem it imperative that those desiring to use the columns of our paper for any political purposes no assumed names should be used.

Personal controversies will not be carried on through this paper and such communications will find their way into the editor's trash basket.

The management of the Clarion has consented to print communications from the friends of the various candidates, provided that there were no mud-slinging. All candidates are highbred gentlemen and an attack on their honesty and integrity or ability by persons, who do so solely through personal grievances and to satisfy personal enmity and selfish desires, will most assuredly not appear in any issue of the Clarion.

Either faction can boost up its candidate through the Clarion on the candidate's individual merits and not on the demerits of his opponent.

Our friend, the Daily States, read the right act in a leading editorial, recently, to Governor Hall, for being partial towards editors, who advocated his cause in the last gubernatorial campaign, when they were convicted for contempt of court. The Governor pardoned an editor in Jefferson parish, after the journalist had been found guilty of insulting the court.

Did you notice the bank statements of this city? Opelousas has more deposits in 1913, we dare say, than any city its size in Louisiana. It is evident from these statements that this country is not so hard up as some believe. Despite this cry the deposits this year surpassed the best records.

THE PROGRESS MADE BY OPELOUSAS.

It has been several years since Opelousas has been on such a boom as at present. In the last twelve months wonderful strides of progressiveness can be noted in the annals of this city, and the Clarion hopes that this historic old place will be seized by the real and true booming fever.

When every one in the town is wearing a smile and talking of the prosperity and progress of Opelousas there is nothing to prevent the old town to assume one of the most important places among the other cities of Louisiana.

Opelousas is surely on the boom these days. It has been on the boom for almost a year and it is to be hoped that the progressive spirit displayed by the enthusiastic citizens will continue increasing each year. With a modern and up-to-date sewerage system erected during the past year, the finest school building in this section of Louisiana, approximately three miles of pavement and several large buildings in the course of completion, Opelousas can boast of as great a progress as any city its size in the State. The power plant has been renovated and made a strong paying business proposition; a standard fire alarm system is to be established here within the next few weeks, is the record set up by the progressive people of this city which is exceedingly difficult to surpass by any city of six thousand inhabitants.

The Iberville South is clamoring for a canning factory for Plaquemine. In an editorial of recent date this paper states facts which are certainly applicable to Opelousas, and the Clarion hopes that some ambitious young men will, in the next year, venture into such a field. The South says:

"What we need now is a canning factory. A live citizen with a small capital could reap a harvest of dollars in this way. We have oft repeated the possibilities of such a move. We raise the fruits and vegetables in immense quantities to be secured at cheap rates and certainly cheap labor can be had. Let's have it."

Opelousas will soon have its long-talked of creosoted wood block pavement and the farmers coming into the city will find it strange not to meet up against numberless mudholes, in the winter season. Why, the town people will actually be able to arrive at the depot in their buggies and automobiles.

We take it for granted that Dr. Dowling does not practice what he preaches when he advises the public that kissing is insubstantial and should be stopped. How can a bachelor keep from experiencing such a pleasing sensation despite the fact that he is running the chances of catching some infectious disease?

Several newspapers in this state have it rumored that Robert S. Landry is seriously considering entering his name in the contest for secretary of state in the next political go-round. We wonder if "it's straight dope" or just plain newspaper talk.

No doubt some of the would-be-voters of St. Landry are very sorry that they did not take the Clarion's advice to pay their poll tax in the early part of the season. Wonder how it feels to be unable to vote for the next two years?

Why cannot Opelousas have such public spirited citizens as Alexandria? Who will donate a lot for a new city hall, or any other public improvement?—Please, don't all all rush at the same time.

It is reported that there is a cure for laziness. There is no doubt that a good many of us in this world would not be hurt in the least if we could be cured of this feeling.

Opelousas is on the boom, so boost it up yourself. Don't let it be all talk and no work.

Sheriff Swords Addresses A Letter to the Public.

I hereby call your attention to the following provisions of Act 176, known as the Gay-Shattuck law.

Section 3. Any person selling directly or indirectly, liquor without a license shall be fined not less than one hundred, nor more than five hundred dollars, or be imprisoned in the parish jail, for a term not exceeding two years, or by both, such fine and imprisonment.

Section 4. Provides that all bar-rooms be separated from the grocery by a solid wall reaching from the floor to the ceiling with a double action door between the counter for the use of the proprietor and his male help only. The entrance shall be from the street only. Punishment for violating this section is not less than fifty dollars, nor more than five hundred dollars, or imprisonment for not more than two years, or both.

Section 5. No license shall be allowed women.

Section 6. Liquor shall not be sold to women or girls or minors, and they are not permitted to enter or drink in any such apartment, provided that this does not apply to hotels, boarding houses or restaurants,

where liquors are sold in connection with meals or supplied to guests. This section further provides that liquors shall not be sold for consumption on the premises to whites and negroes. The penalty for violating this section is a fine of not less than fifty, nor more than five hundred dollars, or not more than two years, or both.

Section 7. Provides that no liquors can be sold to women, girls or minors, and no apartments can be set aside for such purposes. This section prohibits any game prohibited by law from being played, dealt or exhibited, and in addition the proprietors shall not rent in the same building for the purpose of selling to whites and negroes, and the license shall be revoked as well as fined the same as in Section 6.

Section 8. Provides that the council or board of aldermen shall revoke any privilege on the petition of a majority of property holders.

Section 9. Provides: Any person convicted of a felony is ineligible for a license.

Section 10. Provides: That gambling with cards, dominoes or any other device, and the exhibiting of obscene pictures are prohibited under the same penalty. No liquors can be sold or given to drunken men.

I have given the salient points of the Gay-Shattuck law, and I am constrained to believe that all saloons throughout the parish will rigidly obey the law. This will satisfy the people as each applicant for a license signed an agreement that he will abide by the law. You will have to comply or prohibition will surely come in St. Landry.

I hereby notify all sworn officers, whose duty it is to vigorously enforce the above law, and any dereliction on their part, will be reported by me when known.

This is done for the good of the parish and towns, and for the saloon keepers as well. All blind tigers will be vigorously prosecuted. The police jury at its meeting on Dec. 1, 1913, passed a resolution asking me to enforce the Gay-Shattuck law, and as that body is behind me in this matter I shall to the best of my ability enforce it.

M. L. SWORDS, Sheriff.

Finds Opelousas Attractive City.

Editor St. Landry Clarion:

Kindly grant me space for a few lines in praise of your beautiful, and healthful little city, and the progressiveness of your people. My natural disposition is to throw bouquets in the paths of the deserving, and I am constrained to believe they are always welcomed when they come in—directly from a disinterested one, but one who appreciates keenly the success of his fellowmen, and the prosperity of any section of our fair "south land," in all of one's travels through Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana.

I must say I never felt more at home than when I reached your hospitable little city and I note so many changes, and improvements in the last few years in Opelousas which convinces me that she is on the right path to become a prosperous city of some twenty thousand inhabitants. Around the circuit there may be cries of hard times, but when one strikes Opelousas there is an air of prosperity; your beautiful shade trees, your natural drainage, your pure drinking water, your superb system of lights, your modern and up-to-date sewerage system, your beautiful sidewalks, paved streets in course of construction, a beautiful modern fire proof high school nearing completion, a large mercantile establishment nearing completion, and in fact, in every direction one casts his eyes, new lumber is in sight, this means that there is something doing. I have always believed that Opelousas would some day become a prominent and substantial little city, with her rich agricultural surroundings and the way the railroads traverse this section running in every direction, with the cry of "go south." The way she is taking on now, I am convinced of the realization of my first impression, and there is nothing, believe me, can prevent it, is why I am prompted to write this article.

I read in this week's Picayune with much interest, a beautiful article in which is mentioned a mammoth irrigation canal to irrigate your western prairie, and you will find that it will do much towards building up this section and inducing immigration. Yes I can take off my hat to Opelousas as being the most progressive people in the south. They have always seemed slow to start, but when they do, they never let up until they reach the goal. At one time one could see an automobile in every town in the state excepting Opelousas, and now I believe they have all come to Opelousas. Mr. Editor, pardon my transgression, I could not refrain from a word of praise to a deserving people. Sincerely P.

The next time that President Wilson decides to spend a vacation in the "Sunny South," it would be a good idea to invite him to Southwest Louisiana. Here in this section of our state we feel assured that the President would find the real and true "Sunny South."

Sugar planters throughout the sugar belt are beginning to understand that the free sugar bill will not kill the industry in Louisiana. It is about time that they become true Democrats, anyway.

Mayor Loeb's Answer to "Citizen."

Opelousas, La., Jan. 4, 1914.
To the Voters of the City of Opelousas:

A communication appeared in the last issue of the Clarion signed "Citizen" urging you to vote against me. When you know who "Citizen" is and the cause of his grievance, you will not be governed by an advice which he proffers you under an assumed name.

Newspaper communications to which the author fails to affix his name, except from modesty, rarely merit attention, and never when couched in intemperate and vicious terms. I therefore intend to give scant attention to the letter signed "Citizen" which was published in last Saturday's issue of the Clarion. Its father was either ashamed of its creation, or knew that to identify himself with it would destroy any possible force it could have with the intelligent voters of this city. A sufficient reply to the letter will be to remove the cloak with which the author chose to hide his identity, and to state that it was written by none other than Mr. L. A. Sandoz, who is ever ready and eager to hurl invectives at those who differ with him and who try to advance our beloved city.

"Citizen" pretends to appeal to the voters, under the guise of a disinterested patriot, to repudiate a progressive and fruitful administration, on the ground of alleged extravagance. Mr. Sandoz, the uncloaked "Citizen," is in reality, as many of you already know, merely attempting to satisfy an imagined private grievance by an anonymous attack on me as an official and citizen because in the course of my duty I declined to sanction the illegal payment to him of money to which he had neither equitable nor legal claim. It is not patriotism, but unsatisfied avarice, that gave moment to his bitter pen. The "flagrant and atrocious turpitude" that hurts him, was my stand against his attempted invasion of the city's finances; the fact that I have performed my duty, not that I have in any way neglected it.

To the end that the record may be kept straight, I shall briefly review the facts at the bottom of my attack on me. Several years ago Mr. Sandoz, who owned a piece of land in this city, decided that he could get better prices for it by subdividing it into city lots. He subdivided his property, laid out streets, and sold lots bounded by these streets, all in order to satisfy his private ends, to make his property more marketable for building lots. After selling the lots, and plainly dedicating the streets thus created to the public, as has been finally decided by the Court of Appeal, he by some clever method of reasoning decided that he still owned the streets, and that the city had taken them without authority and owed him compensation. After failing to get the City Council to humor him by handing him out some \$600.00 of the peoples' money which was not lawfully due him, he tried to make a forced collection of his claim, first in the District Court and then in the Court of Appeal. Both courts dismissed his suit because the City authorities had properly refused his demands. For all of this he persistently blamed me.

Not content with a final defeat in the courts, he hid himself about town with a personal appeal to the citizens set out in the petition form, claiming compensation for fencing, that he made no claim for before. Finally under the pressure of support obtained by certain influences, and in the face of my opposition and over my veto, he obtained \$200.36 from the Board of Aldermen, who apparently paid him simply to end his persistence because a committee which investigated the matter decided that the fencing for which he

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LOST

one bay mare, three years old with a little white in her forehead, and down on her nose; she is not branded but is marked by a very bad cut that she has had on her left foot. She weighs 800 lbs. and was real fat when she got out of my lot on the night of Jan. 25th, 1913. Finder will please notify

LOUIS HOFFPAUR,

Gold Dust, La.

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Notice.

There will be a meeting of the stockholders of the A. C. Skiles Lumber Co., Ltd., at their office, on Saturday, Jan. 17th, 1914, at 10:30 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year.

A. C. SKILES, Treas.-Mgr.

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Notice

Rural carrier examination will be held at the Federal Court Room at 9 a. m., January 24th, 1914.

J. MORGAN SANDOZ,

Local Secretary.

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NOTICE is hereby given that we will apply to the police jury of the parish of St. Landry for a license to operate a saloon for whites in the Morrow building, Morrow, La., for the year 1914.

W. P. BALDRIDGE,

U. S. FISHER.

NOTICE OF TABLEAU.

EDMOND DEVILLE

In Receivership, Opelousas Sugar Co., Ltd.

No. 19,666 Civil Docket, 16th Judicial District Court, St. Landry Parish, La.

Whereas M. J. Tiernan, Receiver for the Opelousas Sugar Company Ltd., in the above named suit, files a partial tableau and account of the said suit, accompanied by his petition praying for the homologation of the same.

And whereas, the prayer of said petition has been granted by an order of court bearing date

1917.

Now, therefore, notice is hereby given to all parties interested to make opposition to said tableau, to file same in writing in my office, within the time required by law, why said tableau should not be homologated and confirmed.

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HENRY LASTRAPES, JR., Clerk of Court.

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