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Opelousas will once more break into the newspaper columns in every portion of the United States when the famous Walters-Dunbar case will come off in this city on April 13th.

Well, we simply cannot expect to have sunshine twelve months out of the year. We need a shower once in a while, and we presume that the few that we have experienced this week will come in handy for the truck farmers in old St. Landry.

Dr. Oscar Dowling is making it hot for the quack doctors in New Orleans. It would be advisable for him to start a crusade against the so-called doctors in other localities, although we are sure, that he would not find any quacks in this section of the state.

Any one who doubts that our town is not right up to the notch let him come here and see for himself. Very few cities in Louisiana can boast of the progress Opelousas has made in the last twelve months. Even the citizens themselves cannot realize the fact that Opelousas is getting so progressive.

THE WALTERS--DUNBAR CASE.

William C. Walters, alleged kidnaper of little Robert Dunbar of this city, who will be tried in the St. Landry District Court on the 13th of April, will most positively get a fair trial. When a court, as distinguished as the local court, appoints an attorney, as noted and as famous as Hon. Edward B. Dubuisson, to assist in defending the accused, there is no doubt in the minds of the citizens of the community that nothing but justice will be meted out to the prisoner.

Every one in Southwest Louisiana, and throughout the state, know that Mr. Dubuisson is an attorney of the highest calibre; the people here are positive that this honorable and distinguished lawyer will do all in his power, by honorable and legal methods to have the accused acquitted. He will fight as hard as he always does, whenever he takes up a case, and Walters will get a fair trial.

There is no danger of suspecting that the alleged kidnaper will get anything but a just trial. The Opelousas court is as honorable a court as there is in the United States and most assuredly the several distinguished and notable lawyers, who will prosecute the accused, will not use any dishonorable methods for convicting Walters. On the contrary every possible means by which Walters can prove his innocence will be tried by the authorities. The police jury has appropriated sufficient money to have several witnesses brought to Louisiana to testify in favor of the alleged kidnaper.

Walters will have a fair and impartial trial and no one knows it better than the accused's lawyers, as well as the prisoner himself.

MUNICIPAL SANITARIUM.

Whilst it is the consensus of opinion in Opelousas that we should have a Municipal Sanitarium no one, thus far, to our regret, has strived to push the movement on forward to success.

We have had occasion to interview several, although not all, of the prominent physicians in this city concerning the advisability of converting the building now being occupied by the St. Landry High School, but which will soon be vacated, into a sanitarium, and thus far no one has, as yet raised any serious objection to the plan. On the contrary they all agree with the Clarion that Opelousas should have a Municipal Sanitarium and that the above building is an ideal place.

This city needs a hospital and should have one immediately. But in these days of high cost of living and taking into consideration the several thousands of dollars being at present expended for public im-

provement the city cannot afford to spend thirty or forty thousand dollars to erect a sanitarium. With about five thousand dollars, which we are confident, could easily be secured from the revenues of the town, the St. Landry High School building, which is the property of the city, can easily be made into an up-to-date and sanitary hospital. We cannot afford thirty thousand dollars, just at present, but we can spare five thousand dollars for the safety of the community. In the course of a few years, then, perhaps Opelousas will be in a position to erect one of the best sanitariums in Louisiana.

Every progressive and thriving town and city boasts of a sanitarium owned either by private individuals or by the municipality. Eunice, the western metropolis of St. Landry has an up-to-date hospital, and surely Opelousas should be able to follow this example of a sister town of many years its junior.

A municipal owned sanitarium is what Opelousas must have in order to make it a success, though individuals might make a great success out of it. But if Opelousas erects a sanitarium the tax-payers here, as well as the people of the surrounding country will feel more assured that it will be an enterprise which will remain here and will be for the sole purpose of assisting the thousands of citizens of this community.

The Clarion would advise the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to look into this matter and to appoint a committee to confer with a committee, composed of doctors of this city. In the next three months the building will lay idle and it is high time that this proposition of establishing a Municipal Sanitarium here be looked into by the authorities, if they are disposed to do what is right towards the people of Opelousas, as we earnestly believe they are.

THE NEW ORLEANS EXPEDITON.

There is a great future in sight for Louisiana; the entire United States concede that fact. The South in General will prosper as soon as the Panama Canal will be opened for navigation. But unless Louisiana reaches out for her share of prosperity we are liable to be forgotten when prosperity comes around after 1915 to distribute its dividends.

The five million dollar exposition, which is proposed to take place in the city of New Orleans sometime in the latter part of this year, will greatly increase Louisiana's chances of becoming some day the most powerful export state in the Union.

Louisiana needs to put up only two of the five million dollars, which are to go on the Exposition of Ideas, the other Southern states will contribute the rest. The work for placing the proposed exposition on a sound basis has been started in earnest and the country no doubt will soon be called upon to give all the assistance possible to the metropolis of the South. Yes the country will be asked to contribute to the cause and we should certainly go the limit, as this exposition will boost Louisiana up, not only as one of the most progressive states in the United States, but also as one of the greatest agricultural sections in the world.

Louisiana must not let this opportunity of becoming a powerful factor in the financial world slip by, it cannot afford to do so, and it is up to the New Orleans people to do what they can in promoting this great enterprise, whilst, at the same time it is up to the country citizens of this great state to assist the Crescent City to our utmost capacity.

WHAT WE NEED TO GET IMMIGRANTS.

Now that Southwest Louisiana, in general, is reaching out for immigrants, it would certainly not be out of place to mention the fact that this section of Louisiana, and especially St. Landry parish, which we hope in time to come, will be the leading agricultural as well as financial parish in this state, needs to offer something better than it can show at present, in order to induce the scientific farmers from Northern states to settle in our midst.

It is true that Southwest Louisiana is the Garden of Eden of the United States, and St. Landry the center of it. And it is true that we have everything desirable to make this country the greatest agricultural section in the world. Southwest Louisiana rightfully boasts of the very finest farming lands in the entire United States. The climate is the most agreeable and favorable. All that, we now possess and more, too. But what this country needs, especially St. Landry, is drainage, which is invariably followed by good roads.

Nature, with her generous hand, surely intended to make this the real and true Garden of Eden. It blessed St. Landry, particularly, with the best natural drainage, without doubt in the State of Louisiana. With scores of streams on the east, west, north, south and in the center, this parish is geographically speaking the best drained in the state.

But unhappily, alas! through carelessness, no doubt, these many streams have been clogged up and are now insufficient to carry away the water from off the alluvial farm lands. Through the lack of drainage

the farmers of St. Landry, and particularly those living short distances from Opelousas in the Bayou Mallet and Plaquemine sections lost considerably over a million dollars, during the rainy season of last October and November. The Union Irrigation Company's loss alone amounted to over three hundred thousand dollars. This is money lost, which will never, never, as long as the world rolls on, return to St. Landry parish. The farmers have suffered, so have the bankers, merchants and professional men.

There is but one way to prevent such a heavy loss occurring again, and that way is drainage. With about three hundred thousand dollars, roughly estimating, this parish could be drained thoroughly, from one end to the other, simply by dredging several bayous.

Can the farmers afford to lose millions of dollars each year, simply because they are afraid to invest a few hundred thousand dollars in drainage? The first expense will be the last, whilst if this parish is not well drained the farmers stand the chances of being overflowed any time of the year.

When good roads and good drainage will be secured for St. Landry we will not need to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars each year in an endeavor to interest prospective settlers to come to our section. On the contrary immigrants will be pouring into this section by thousands at the time. The opportunity is at hand and it is up to us to seize it.

A CHANCE TO GET GOOD ROADS

The taxpayers in the two road districts of the sixth police jury ward have a chance to say whether or not they desire to get out of the mud or remain on roads which become impassable for three or four months each year. The two progressive members of the police jury from that ward have called an election to vote a three mill five year tax in both districts. This election is due to come off on the 19th of the present month.

It is beyond the shadow of a doubt that the roads west of Opelousas to Eunice cannot be worked in any condition, whatever, with the money which the sixth ward receives from the police jury as its share of the road fund. Last year, especially, could be noted how difficult this task was. Even until to-day these roads are not in a condition which could be called excellent, though they are very good, on account of the splendid weather which we have been enjoying during the month of January.

Both Dr. Foster and Mr. Gournay are making a hard fight for the tax and are both optimistic, although Dr. Foster admitted that the people were making it hot for the tax in his section, on account of certain restrictions which were not included in the ordinance adopted a few weeks ago by the police jury.

The sixth ward is badly in need of better highways and it is now up to the residents whether or not they will get good roads. The tax will be a small one and in a measure will do unbounded good in that section of St. Landry in the way of bettering the condition of the roads between here and Eunice, and at the same time drain the lands adjacent to the public roads.

No one knows better than the people living in the sixth ward how difficult it was to make it to town during the months of September, October, November and December. In some places on the road it was nothing but one continuous mile of mud-holes. What could twelve dollars a mile do in improving such highways, when the farmers had to wade to the axle in order to come to Opelousas, as well as to go to Eunice? Surely good roads will not impoverish those already prosperous farmers.

The question of levying a three mill tax for five years in the sixth ward for the purpose of improving the public roads should be given due consideration, as that section of the parish is in dire need of good highways.

Morals And Manners Not In Education Now.

Boston, Feb. 10—"The public school is not producing good morals or good manners," declared Bishop John W. Hamilton, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in an address last night before the Eastern alumni of Wilbraham Academy.

"The respect that your fathers used to have for womanhood is not apparent in the present output of our public schools. The Roman Catholic Church has better educated in manners and morals, the children in the Latin countries than have the public schools we have today. The greatest problem for this country is the necessity for an ethical education."

Mr. Editor: The above clipping contains much food for thought. Are the conditions hinted at by the New England bishop not unfortunately too prevalent in Louisiana, in St. Landry? For one thing, are not most of our young people sadly lacking in good manners? Are a majority even civil? Can they be expected to respect anybody when they are not even civil? And who is to blame? The parents, the teachers or the system? Society, as well as the highest school authorities, should look carefully into the question.

Proclamation.

State of Louisiana, Parish of St. Landry.

By virtue of the authority vested in us by law, and in accordance with the ordinance of the Police Jury of the Parish of St. Landry, La., of date Jan'y. 5th, A. D. 1914, calling for an election to be held throughout the limits of Road District No. One of the Sixth Police Jury Ward of the Parish of St. Landry, La., for the purpose of voting a 3 mill tax for five years beginning with the year 1914, to be levied on all taxable property, for the purpose of constructing and maintaining the public roads and bridges in said Ward and Road District, and to that end we hereby order an election to be held throughout the limits of the First Road District of the Sixth Police Jury Ward of the Parish of St. Landry, La., on the 19th day of February, A. D. 1914, and appoint the following named persons to serve as commissioners and clerks of election at the several precincts in said First Road District of said Sixth Police Jury ward of the Parish of St. Landry, La., to-wit: Eunice: Commissioners, Mayo Miller, H. E. King, A. B. Picou; clerk, J. J. Lewis. Faguetaque: Commissioners, Martin Mc'Ge, Benj. Courville, Pete Brown; clerk, Oscar B. Co-meau.

Witness our hands, this 21st day of Jan'y. A. D. 1914. HENRY LASTRAPES, JR., C. P. DUNBAR, L. A. GOSSELIN, Board of Supervisors of Election. Jan 24 4t

Proclamation.

State of Louisiana, Parish of St. Landry.

By virtue of the authority vested in us by law, and in accordance with the ordinance of the Police Jury of the Parish of St. Landry, La., of date Jan'y. 5th, A. D. 1914, calling for an election to be held throughout the limits of the Road District Number Two, of the Sixth Police Jury Ward of the Parish of St. Landry, La., for the purpose of voting a three mill tax for five years, beginning with the year 1914, to be levied on all taxable property for the purpose of constructing and maintaining the public roads and bridges in said ward and road district, we hereby order an election to be held throughout the limits of the Second Road District of the Sixth Police Jury Ward of the Parish of St. Landry, La., on the 21st day of the month of February, A. D. 1914, and to that end we have appointed the following named persons to serve as commissioners and clerks of election at the several voting precincts in said Second Road District of said Sixth Police Jury Ward of the Parish of St. Landry, La., to-wit: Mallet: Commissioners, Allen McCoy, C. N. Bertrand, C. T. Bihm; clerk, J. N. Andrepoint. Plaquemine Point: Commissioners, A. W. Dejeon, Denis Hargroder, Joe Boone; clerk, A. M. Young.

Witness our hands, this 21st day of the month of Jan'y. A. D. 1914. HENRY LASTRAPES, JR., C. P. DUNBAR, L. A. GOSSELIN, Board of Supervisors of Election. Jan 24 5t

Proclamation.

State of Louisiana, Parish of St. Landry.

In accordance with the proclamation of the Hon. L. E. Hall, Governor of the State of Louisiana, of date Jan'y. 3d, 1914, calling for a special election to be held on Tuesday, the 24th day of the month of February, A. D. 1914, for the purpose of voting for a Police Juror in and for the Fourth Police Jury Ward of the Parish of St. Landry, La., and by virtue of the authority in us vested by law, we the undersigned Board of Supervisors of Election in and for the Parish of St. Landry, La., do hereby order an election to be held throughout the limits of the Fourth Police Jury Ward, for the purpose of electing a Police Juror to fill the unexpired term of the Hon. W. F. Clopton, deceased, and to that end we have appointed the following named persons to serve as Commissioners and Clerks at the several voting precincts in said Fourth Police Jury Ward, to-wit: Bayou Current, Commissioners: E. F. Berger, W. B. Rogers, S. W. Kelley; Clerk, James B. Babbington. Melville, Commissioners, F. M. Able, C. W. Stone, C. C. Johnson; Clerk, Ira Westbrook. Waxia, Commissioners, R. Lee Hawkins, Carl Woods, Edgar Dejean; Clerk, Lee Duckworth.

Palmetto, Commissioners, B. C. Taylor, A. D. Hawkins, Jake Mayer; Clerk, Wesley Budden. Big Cane, Commissioners, L. A. Havard, W. C. Jackson, Chas. E. Mixer; Clerk, J. E. Hicks.

Morrow, Commissioners, Arthur Fogleman, H. E. Lowrey,

Luther Beldridge; Clerk, B. W. Clopton.

Port Barre, Commissioners, A. J. Cormier, O. B. Thompson, Oscar Robin; Clerk Chas Dejean. Witness our hands this 21st day of Jan. A. D. 1914.

HENRY LASTRAPES, C. P. DUNBAR, L. A. GOSSELIN, Board of Supervisors of Election.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

VINCENT W. BOAGNI ALLEN MCCOY No. 19888, 16th Judicial District Court, Parish of St. Landry, La.

By virtue of a writ of seizure and sale issued out of the Hon. 16th Judicial District Court of Louisiana, in and for the Parish of St. Landry, in the above numbered and entitled suit, and to me directed, I have seized and will offer for sale, for cash, at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, the front door of the Court House at St. Landry Parish, at Opelousas, La., on

Saturday, Feb. 28, 1914, at 11 o'clock a. m., the following described property, to-wit: A certain tract or parcel of land situated at Mallet in this parish of St. Landry, with all the buildings and improvements thereon, containing seventy-five (75) arpents bounded north by St. Guillory, south by public road leading to Prud'homme City, east by J. B. Guillory and west by Allen McCoy or last leading street of Mallet. Terms: Cash to pay and satisfy the sum of \$200, debt, with interest and cost, unless the same is immediately paid. Jan 24 6t M. L. SWORDS, Sheriff.

SUCCESSION SALE.

ESTATE OF ADELINE WRIGHT, Wid. Julien Zachery. No. 6864, Probate Docket, 16th Judicial District Court, Parish of St. Landry, La.

By virtue of an order of the Hon. B. H. Pavy, Judge of the 16th Judicial District Court of Louisiana, in and for the Parish of St. Landry, La., there will be sold, for cash, at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, the premises, in Prairie Blanche, near Oulou's bridge, on

Saturday, Feb. 28, 1914, at 11 o'clock a. m. the following described property, to-wit: A certain tract or parcel of land with all the buildings and improvements situated thereon, in Prairie Blanche near Oulou's bridge in this parish of St. Landry, containing about one hundred acres, more or less, and bounded north by Little Ferrault, west by Dr. Charles B. Boagni, east by Bayou Teche and south by public road, and being same property acquired by the deceased at partition suit as appears by act duly recorded in Conveyance Book B 4, pages 63 and 68 of the Clerk's office of this parish.

24. One heifer, one milch cow, two colts, one mule, five head of hogs, about six head of chickens, lot of geese, two beds and bedding, two rockers and two chairs, one toilet, one washstand, two armchairs, two small tables, one bureau, one dresser, one kitchen utensils, one large pot, one tub, one small bed, one bowl and pitcher, one wagon, one barrel shot gun, one plow, one set of harness, four barrels potatoes, one small table, two clocks, lamp and glasses, one double barrel shot gun, one corn planter, row, and disk, three hoes and a lot of old plows, two mosquito bars, two wooden blankets, one stove, about forty bushels of corn, one ton hay, one corn planter, about 50 posts.

Land to be subdivided into 4 lots as appears by plat annexed to the petition praying for the sale and to be exhibited to the purchasers on the day of sale. Terms: Cash. J. B. PAVY, Auctioneer. Jan 24 6t

SUCCESSION SALE

ESTATE OF REBECCA JONES. No. 6857, Probate Docket, 16th Judicial District Court, Parish of St. Landry, La.

By virtue of an order of the Hon. B. H. Pavy, Judge of the 16th Judicial District Court of Louisiana, in and for the Parish of Louisiana, there will be sold, for cash, at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, by the undersigned, administrator, or any duly licensed auctioneer, at the principal front door of the courthouse, at Opelousas, La., on

Saturday, Feb. 21, 1914, at 11 o'clock a. m., the following described property, to-wit: A certain tract of land situated in the Parish of St. Landry, containing forty (40) acres with all the improvements thereon, situated on Bayou Teche, and being same property acquired by the deceased, as appears by act passed before L. G. Dupre, Notary Public, April 24, 1892. Terms: Cash. C. F. BOAGNI, Administrator. Jan 17 6t

SHERIFF'S SALE

BEAUMONT E. BETHO LIGHT CO. EUNICE LIGHT AND POWER CO., LTD. No. 18848, 16th Judicial District Court, Parish of St. Landry, La.

By virtue of a writ of seizure and sale issued out of the Honorable 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, for cash, at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, at the front door of the courthouse at Opelousas, La., on

Saturday, March 21, 1914, at 11 o'clock a. m., the following described property, to-wit: The Electric Light and Power Plant, consisting of an engine, boiler, generator, switch board, exciter, and all appurtenances thereto belonging, situated on the west side of the higher ground, and being same property acquired by the deceased, as appears by act passed before L. G. Dupre, Notary Public, April 24, 1892. Terms: Cash. C. F. BOAGNI, Administrator. Jan 17 6t

SUCCESSION SALE

ESTATE OF JUSTE C. ARSENAU, No. 6824, Probate Docket, 16th Judicial District Court, St. Landry Parish, La.

By virtue of an order of the Hon. the 16th Judicial District Court of Louisiana, in and for the Parish of St. Landry, La., there will be sold at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, by the undersigned administrator, on the banks of the Courthouse, on

Saturday, March 21, 1914, at 11 o'clock a. m., the following described property, to-wit: 37 arpents with improvements bounded north by Bayou Courtableau, south by H. L. Garland, east by P. Moreau and west by J. C. Arsenau, being same land, containing 37 arpents bounded north by Courtableau, south by H. L. Garland, east by J. C. Arsenau, west by Widow A. Beauvais, one mule, one mare, one horse colt, three cows, 2 heifers, house furniture, kitchen utensils, one barrel shot gun, one plow, one set of harness, four barrels potatoes, one small table, two clocks, lamp and glasses, one double barrel shot gun, one corn planter, row, and disk, three hoes and a lot of old plows, two mosquito bars, two wooden blankets, one stove, about forty bushels of corn, one ton hay, one corn planter, about 50 posts.

Terms: Cash. LOUIS MOURET, Administrator. Feb 14 7t

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

JOHN F. BOAGNI vs. ADAM MORRIDE No. 18660, 16th Judicial District Court, Parish of St. Landry, La.

By virtue of a writ of fieri facias issued out of the 16th Judicial District Court of Louisiana, 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, for cash, 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. 21, 1914, at 11 o'clock a. m. the following described property, to-wit: The West Half of the property described as follows, to-wit: One certain plantation situated on Bayou Teche in this Parish, in the neighborhood called "Petit Bois" measuring two hundred and twenty-four (224) arpents (224 1/2), having a superficial arpents (224 1/2), being same property acquired by the deceased, as appears by act passed before L. G. Dupre, Notary Public, April 24, 1892, and being same property acquired by the deceased, as appears by act passed before L. G. Dupre, Notary Public, April 24, 1892.

Terms: Cash. M. L. SWORDS, Sheriff. Jan 17 6t

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Remember that I have a boll weevil machine which is improved and which will help you to make your crop, regardless of bad weather if your crop is well cultivated. It is no longer a question to catch the weevil, the machine does it, and it is easy to operate and will not damage your crop. Our country is a cotton country for a money crop. It is not a cabbage nor a sweet potato, not even a sugar cane country for a money crop. I talk for the people in general; the past has proven what I said. You will hear from me later. Jan 17 G. de KERLEGAND.

IN THE STUD.

On Saturday, Jan. 10, 1914, I purchased of Edmond Buillard, Straight Advice 2:054 weight 1080-lbs at a cost of \$1000. I will stand him at my place, between Lafayette and Crenore, during the 1914 season, fee \$15.00. I will also stand

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