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You should urge your farmer patrons themselves to join and receive the full benefit of the marketing service this office can give, so, by self-help, helping you to the betterment of conditions rapidly approaching the unbearable.

Every farmer in St. Landry parish should take advantage of this opportunity to join in a movement to better the business in which they are most intimately concerned. Look for the \$ Sign of Progress when in town and drop in. If you can't come, write.

RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Last week we cut off our mailing list approximately four hundred names; next week we will again use the hatchet on several who will have become delinquents. We are unable to carry delinquent subscribers on our list, because we have to swear to our bona fide subscription list four times a year; the Government compels us to send our paper to only those who PAY IN ADVANCE. Consequently if your paper is stamped "Dec 14" you will have to renew immediately if you desire to receive the Clarion any longer.

Many of those who were cut off last week inquired as to our reason for having chopped the list so unmercifully. Our reason is as plain as day—the law compels us to do so and we are firmly convinced that a firm wishing to prosper must abide by the laws of our country.

No one will be spared, not even our closest friends and much less our relatives. We will show no partiality, no matter if one of our subscribers is numbered among the richest people in the state, EVERYBODY must PAY IN ADVANCE to receive the Clarion henceforth and for all times.

ARCHBISHOP BLENK.

The venerable and well beloved Archbishop Blenk of the New Orleans Archdiocese has recovered from his desperate illness in Chicago, under the care of Dr. Points, and has returned.

His Grace is now at Hammond, where he will spend a couple of weeks with his sister, Mr. Georger Boos. He sent the following cheerful and affectionate message to his thousands of subjects:

"I am feeling my old self again; am very glad to get back to Louisiana and am deeply grateful to the people of New Orleans for their many kindnesses and remembrances during my illness. I will be back in harness in a couple of weeks."

Nothing perhaps shows the hold which this honored prelate has on the diocese than the solicitude expressed by friends during his illness, friends from all walks of life and all denominations.

WHAT TO DO WITH SCHOOL BUILDING.

Editor Clarion:

The matter has been several times brought before the City Council of attempting to dispose of the old High School building and grounds. At the request of the Board, the City Attorney drew up an ordinance designed to meet the legal phases of the question. By this ordinance, as originally drawn, the Board of Aldermen were to set a minimum price on the property and same to be sold or offered for sale at public auction after due advertisement for cash or on such terms as the Mayor of Opelousas together with the School Board of the Parish should find advantageous. The proceeds of the sale to be used first to defray the cost of the furnishings of our New High School building and any balance to be used by the School Board for the use of the Public Schools of Opelousas. A portion of your Board felt this to be not the proper time to sell real estate in Opelousas and to go to the cost of advertising and offering this particular property unless some purchaser were at least prospectively in sight. The matter was therefore laid over. Also the Board was, I believe, unanimously of the opinion that even in case a sale could be made at an advantageous price, the proceeds should NOT be turned over to the School Board but its administration and expenditure be controlled by the City direct either through referendum to the voters or thro your Board of Aldermen, but in any event for Opelousas school purposes, according to the original dedication of the property in question. In view of this uncertainty rather than any disagreement among the members of the Board, I for one should like to have the views of the citizens of Opelousas, who paid for the old High School, as to the proper course to pursue at this time in the matter.

I may add that personally, I hope to see shortly the launching of a movement which will result in the separation of the schools of Opelousas from those of the remainder of the Parish, particularly with reference to their alimony. As I feel sure such a result would forever prevent such catastrophes, and I do not regard the word as too strong, as the curtailment of the length of our term thro a shortage of the general school funds of the Parish. This separation of City and Parish schools has been done with splendid results, I am told, in Monroe, Lake Charles, Shreveport and possibly other cities of the State. And if we accomplish the same, the holding in reserve of the City's ownership of the old High School property will provide a splendid nest egg for the new system.

Let us hear from you.

E. K. EASTHAM.

Resents Criticism by Roberts.

Editor Clarion:

In last week's issue of your valuable paper appeared a letter or communication from Mr. Herschel Roberts, headed "School Boys' Scuffles," wherein he takes a side shot at me, in as much as I was the arresting officer referred to, I therefore beg leave to reply thereto.

I wish to state that he certainly has failed to give a full and concise statement of the facts as they really existed, he has caused the readers of this paper, or some of them at least, to believe that these school pupils were kiddies only fifteen years of age, possibly in knee trousers, which is not a fact.

Now I venture the assertion that if one of these pupils had happened not to be the brother of Mr. Roberts, he would have remained as mum as an oyster and would not have acted so hastily and rushed into print about their arrest and the subsequent imposition of a fine of which the minimum was imposed by the City Judge, upon their own admissions and plea of guilty made in open Court, out of which fine I received as cost the sum of seventy-five cents each, aggregating one dollar and fifty cents, instead of fifty cents as quoted by him. For the further information of Mr. Roberts I desire to say, (notwithstanding the fact that he may still be under the impression that I was actuated solely with a desire to make this fee), that I intend to do the same thing in similar cases and do my sworn duty as I see it, lending my official assistance in promoting peace in this City wherever it may be necessary, and particularly when a violation of the law is called to my attention, or by chance it actually occurs in my presence which is a fact in the instant case, when these young men twice the same day engaged in a fight the later by consent, and over the protest of Professor Prescott, their Principal, and still these young men are immune from arrest. "A sorrowful aspect, indeed." I use the term "young men" advisedly as both of them are donning long trousers; one of them in particular smoking the pipe of peace and skylarking with the girls, rapidly approaching his eighteenth birthday as his brother so informed the Mayor of this City in my presence, and the other through his father to myself, the Judge and others.

Certainly we have the wobbling drunk men in our town as well as the wobbling sober ones, and we also have thieves that break through at night and steal occasion-

ally, who are strong and carry guns no doubt. Every City in this broad land of ours is unfortunately blessed with the same. Look at Shreveport, and Baton Rouge the Capital of our state, lately honored with these undesirable gentlemen and no doubt there is an open field for some strong, brave and fearless person to get on the Police Force, somewhere, somehow, at some time, and when he does he may expect to be subject to unjust criticism, and my advice to him is, just grind along and do his duty, hew to the line and let the chips fall where they may, someone may be struck, sympathize with him, but keep on chopping, chopping, and everything will come out all right.

JOSEPH ANSELM.

FROM CARNIVAL CONVENT.

From carnival to convent is a far cry and yet the beautiful Odelle Lapeyre, last year's queen of the Antlanians has entered the convent of the Sacred Heart in New York.

The parents of this charming girl did everything to dissuade her, even sending her to Europe, but the trip only strengthened her resolution to consecrate her life to God and on her return she decided to make her calling and election sure and changed the frivolous gowns of the society girl for the black robes of the vestal virgin.

A LUCLY NEGRO NURSE.

Chas. J. Gauthreaux, late second recorder of New Orleans, in his will says:—"As my relatives have known me only when they needed me, I desire that should the said Mrs. Juliette Victor die before me, my estate as above described, be divided between her daughter, Georgiana, and the Little Sisters of the Poor, one half, each."

Mrs. Victor was a negro nurse who attended Gauthreaux.

Our attention has been called to the fact that the Weekly Gazette of Ville Platte in reproducing our comment on the new paper failed to insert the following paragraph: "Ville Platte people are now served with two first class newspapers, which goes to show how rapidly that town has grown up in recent years."

Some of our readers, as well as some of the readers of the popular Gazette seem to think that in complimenting the new paper in Ville Platte we discriminated against the Banner. On the contrary we praised both, as we believe that Ville Platte should be proud of its two papers. The Gazette in reproducing our article had perfect right in leaving the paragraph out and we only make this statement to show that we are friendly to both Mr. Ashlock and Mr. Bailey.

The citrus fruit growers have had an important conference with Gov. Hall on the subject of a quarantine against Florida, on account of the canker, a contagious disease of oranges. The Louisiana orange industry is now in its infancy and this bids fair to be the chief orange growing state in the Union. All precautions should be taken to prevent diseases and insects from taking a firm hold in the orange sections of Louisiana.

A New Orleans dealer, Louis P. Rice, has secured a quarter of a million dollar contract for saddles and harness from England and France, being a part of the million dollar contract divided between New York, St. Louis and New Orleans. This goes to show that New Orleans can hold her own if her citizens would only fight for their rights.

Dr. J. S. York of Rayville, was elected Secretary of the Probe Commission, succeeding Thomas Harris, resigned. York is an administration man and landed by a vote of 4 to 3. Senators Smith and Amacker and Representative Bouanchaud having supported Howell.

Louisiana Press Opinion.

WHY DOC'S HAIR DIDN'T STAND UP. Abbeville Meridional: Only this week we received a hulky envelop, branded in red ink, "Unity, Opportunity, Alexandria." It was a modest demand for about a column of free space to boost Alexandria. No Florida or California land grafter and boomer could embellish the advantages, present and passible of the aspiring "Hub of Louisiana." It was one of those things that would make your hair enrl. But the hirsute covering of our noble dome of thought is a trifle thin and coarse, so ours did not curl.

FOR A STATE LIVE STOCK ASSOCIATION.

Shreveport Journal: The Alexandria Chamber of Commerce has taken the initiative in a movement to organize a State live stock association, and has called a convention of stock raisers and others interested to be held in Alexandria Dec. 9 and 11. There can be no sort of doubt about the need for an association of this character—Louisiana is going to get away from cotton planting as an exclusive business proposition, and the wise farmers are going to turn their attention to raising cattle and hogs for market. To do this intelligently and successfully they will require just such an organization as it is proposed to establish at the Alexandria convention, and it is certainly to be hoped that every parish in the State will be represented.



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dec 5 4t V. WYBLE.

NOTICE is hereby given that I will apply to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the town of Melville, La. for a license to operate a saloon for negroes, for the year 1915 in the building on Front Street near Church Street, at present occupied by me as a saloon.
dec 5 4t PAUL ARTALL.

NOTICE is hereby given that I will apply to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the town of Washington for a license to operate a saloon for colored people, for the year 1915, at my former place of business, in the building known as the Old Dupre Building, on Water Street. JOHN LEER. dec 5 4t

Notice The Annual meeting of R. Lee Camp No. 14 U. D. C., will be held on Dec. 5, 1914, at Judge A. Simon's office, at 11 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year.

Taken up by the undersigned— one black calf, about 2 years old; not branded. This calf has been on my place about one year. The owner will please come forward, prove property, pay costs and take the same away. MARTIN ANDREPONT, Sr. Nov. 28, 2t

Taken up on my place near the town of Washington, La.—one cream colored cow, descendant from the Jersey stock, about 8 or 9 years old, unbranded; and her calf, now about 18 months old, brindle colored. Have been on my premises for one year. The owner is hereby notified to come forward, prove property, pay costs and take the same away. —EMILE RICHARD, Washington, La. Nov. 28, 2t

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BEN RISEMAN