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ROAD MAINTENANCE

We have repeatedly called the attention of our worthy police jurors to the necessity of appropriating some money for the maintenance of the gravel roads built in St. Landry during the past two years. We again reiterate our statement that unless the roads are kept in thorough condition at all times the parish will be called upon at some future date to spend thousands of dollars for work which, if taken in time, could be done for a few hundred dollars.

The taxpayers of this parish have come to realize the benefits of good roads and there is no question as to the popularity of the good roads in St. Landry. It would therefore, be pleasing to the people if the police jury would attend to the repairs of the gravel roads immediately.

We are told that five hundred dollars would repair every gravel road in the parish, provided that the repair work would be started at present; whereas, if it is delayed the parish would have to spend several thousand dollars in a year or two to place the road in good condition.

THE OPENING OF THE SCHOLS

The record attendance of the St. Landry High School on opening day last Monday, proves beyond a doubt that Opelousas is set upon stamping out illiteracy. Pupils from every portion of the parish were enrolled at the school.

The country schools, too, it is said, have increased their first day attendance and promise of large numbers of children taking advantage of the educational facilities afforded in this parish is a practical certainty.

St. Landry, we all know, is very much backwards in education; the percentage of illiteracy is too great and every means to stamp out the illiterates will be placed in use this season. A fight for education for every child in this parish should be made in earnest.

High percentage of illiteracy, as we have been informed by eminent authorities, has kept the best class of immigrants out of this territory; the lack of school facilities was at one time a great drawback, but now that this parish can boast of a splendid system of public schools, with modern school buildings beautifying every town and village in the parish, it looks forward to the time when illiteracy will be an unknown quantity in St. Landry.

North Louisiana started preaching against illiteracy several years ago, with the result that only 4 per cent of the population is unable to read and write, while in Southwest Louisiana the percentage runs from 40 to 48 per cent. Surely this high per cent can be materially reduced this year.

If every father and mother of Southwest Louisiana would busy themselves to attend to the educational wants of their offspring it would not be many years before this section would be in the same category as the North Louisiana parishes. It can be done and should be done; it is the duty of the citizens of this parish to promote and encourage education.

LOUISIANA'S BACKWARDNESS

Nine years ago a strenuous fight was begun throughout the South for the eradication of the cattle tick; Louisiana's nearest neighbor took up the work in earnest, while, we across the Mississippi river, gave little thought to the importance of doing away with this costly pest. Other states in Dixie followed in the footsteps of Mississippi and a systematic fight against the cattle tick has been made ever since, with the result that one-third of the infected area is now free of the cattle tick.

All this time Louisiana paid little attention to tick eradication and the same government report that shows the progress made in the South, also shows that this splendid cattle state has only 4 per cent of its area free from Federal quarantine.

Wherever money was spent for the improvement of cattle, such as doing away with the tick, splendid profits have been derived. Our cattle raisers are told repeatedly that they are losing from \$5 to \$20 on every head of cattle shipped out of Louisiana, because of the tick, and yet we are very slow in making any progress towards lifting the Federal quarantine from off the entire state.

The praises of Louisiana as a cattle state have been sung for years past; we are told that no where in the world can a better state for the profitable raising of cattle be found. Here we have short winters, fine pastures, on which cattle can graze for ten months each year and the cold weather is never dangerous for any animal.

When Louisiana will be freed of the cattle tick our cattle will demand prices which we never dreamed could be possible. The sooner we do something in the direction of tick eradication the quicker we will begin to reap the benefits of our cattle. The fight should be kept up in the state and every cattle owner should make use of the dipping vats, in order that we can free the state of the pest.

DR. DUMBA

Dr. Dumba, the old fussy Austro-Hungarian ambassador, who has been creating so much scandal in diplomatic circles, severely criticized the United States for having asked his recall, and states that he will leave this country at his pleasure.

The Austro-Hungarian diplomat has been the cause of much disturbance in the United States in recent weeks; he caused the Austro-Hungarian employees of a munition factory at Chicago to strike, and then watch the factory so that no one else could operate it, to show their disrespect for the United States, because munitions are being shipped to the Allies.

A strike in such an instance is not for the purpose of forcing a private corporation to come to terms but it is a direct blow at the United States Government.

THE PLAQUEMINE WAVES

One of the cleanest and best edited and printed newspapers to begin its career in Louisiana in recent years is the Plaquemine Waves, published and edited at Plaquemine, by James Bailey, eldest son of George W. Bailey, well known editor and owner of the Evangeline Banner of Ville Platte.

The Clarion acknowledges receipt of the second issue of the Plaquemine Waves and in turn exchanges with young Bailey's paper with pleasure. For the Waves we wish continued success educationally, morally and financially.

Mr. Justice O'Neil, who has been prominently mentioned as a probable candidate for governor for the past two years acted wisely when he refused to submit his name to the voters of Louisiana in the January election. Occupying such a position as Justice O'Neil should guide every serene judge to steer clear of politics; the dignity of the office should not be stained by politics and by declining to be a candidate for the governorship has placed Judge O'Neil among the politicians who think of the state first.

Judge O'Neil enjoys a large number of personal and intimate friends in St. Landry, where he served on the bench during the illness of the late illustrious Judge W. C. Perrault, but very few of those friends were inclined to plunge their friend from St. Mary in a bitter political battle, as is sure to follow during the next ensuing five month, consequently they glory in the unselfishness of the distinguished St. Mary justice.

Pleasant supporters, after defeating the convention plan by shouting against the ward bosses, come out with the announcement that New Orleans will give the Attorney General an overwhelming majority at the polls next November. Funny things are recorded every day, anyway, so our friend from Caddo may be right in his "dope."

Wilson's diplomacy has won for him an enviable reputation among all aspirants for the presidency of the United States. His popularity at the Democratic National Convention will no doubt be shown very explicitly, when he will be nominated without opposition by the party which placed him in power three years ago.

The Opelousas power plant must be a splendid one for an Arkansas mayor to travel all the way from Warren to this city to view the electric light and water system here. Evidently we are going right along and Opelousas is destined to be one of the most progressive little cities in the South.

St. Landry is evidently getting in the state political limelight. Caddo, St. Mary and East Baton Rouge certainly will not get all the high positions in the gift of the voters of Louisiana. This parish has three men running for state offices and surely Louisiana people cannot complain, since St. Landry rarely ever calls upon the voters of the state for help.

Letters dishers will be in Opelousas next month for the annual convention of the Louisiana State League of Presidential Postmasters. If any letters are delayed during the week that the postmasters will be having a jolly good time in the most hospitable city in Louisiana no blame should be attached to these distinguished gentlemen.

The Acadia police jury does not believe in mingling prohibition talk with politics; for which reason the lawmakers of our neighboring parish promptly tabled an ordinance calling an election. The prohibitionists of Acadia can now make up their minds to wait one year longer before urging another election.

The State Democratic Executive Committee is expected to meet next month for the purpose of threshing out the primary law. So many flaws in the laws of the state and yet there is no need of a constitutional convention, say the majority of the voters of Louisiana.

Some people actually took that "ghost story" which appeared in the Chicago Blade as the real "dope." Things are moving so rapidly in Opelousas that the people do not have time to worry over yellow journal stories like the one from Opelousas in the Saturday Blade.

State Press Opinion

NEAR-BEER EGGNOGG

Mississippi prohibitionists threaten to introduce a bill to prohibit the delivery of any liquor shipment in the state within ten days of the Christmas holiday season. The need of a recipe for making the Christmas eggnog out of near-beer is becoming a crying one in this section of the South.—Lake Charles-American Press.

OH, PIFFLE!

Young man, when you are courting your best girl, don't get soft. Don't say: "These little hands will not do a stroke of work when you are mine, and you shall have nothing to do in our house but sit all day long and chirp to the canaries." As if any sensible woman could be happy fooling-away her time in that sort of style. A girl has a retentive memory of the soft things and silly promises of courtship, and occasionally, in after years, when she is bending over the washtub or patching the west end of your trousers, she will remind you of them in the cold sarcastical tone of voice.—Winnfield Times.

THE STATE'S NEED

Candidates come, go, look into the door, or pass on. We wait in vain for any of these gentlemen now coquetting with the fortunes of politics to enunciate any forward-looking plan, intelligible proposals for the betterment of conditions here in Louisiana.

Messrs. Barret, Pleasant, Pierson have long been in public life.

They know, or should know, why we have too much illiteracy, not enough good roads, not enough territory cleared of the tick, too much pellagra, too much hookworm, not enough students in our colleges or pupils in our schools, why we do not win to our lands increasing numbers of land-seeking American farmers.

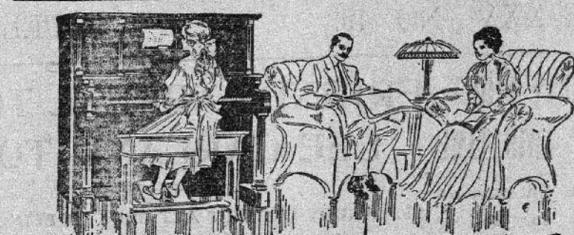
What does each of them propose to do, if fortune picks him for governor? Generalities are not wanted.—Baton Rouge States-Times.

LOOKING ON THE BRIGHT SIDE

Rice Belt Journal: The way to avoid making enemies is to say nothing, do nothing, be nothing. The Journal lost a valuable subscriber last week, because it had said something. If the Journal were to lose a subscriber every time it said something, its lists of subscribers wouldn't last long. But such is not our anticipation. For every reader who quits on that account two more will be anxious to know what we are going to say next. Thus do we grow.

A TRAVESTY ON JUSTICE

Rayne Tribune: Our present method of accepting assessments upon unsupported statements of many property owners is farcical and a travesty upon all just demands of the statutes regulating the levying of taxes. While the poor man or small farmer gives in all his property and pays his just quota of taxes the large land owner, merchant, stockman, or corporation withhold the larger part of their assets and give less than one-tenth of the value of the same in the market of the country.



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We are authorized to announce the candidacy of **E. S. KERR** for re-election to the office of City Judge at the primary election to be held in January, 1916.

We are authorized to announce **J. M. SANDERS** as a candidate for member of the Lower House of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, from St. Landry parish, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

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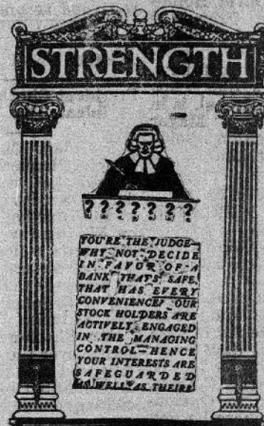
By virtue of a writ of seizure and sale, issued out of the Honorable Sixteenth Judicial District Court, in and for the parish of St. Landry, in the above entitled and numbered suit, and to me directed, I have seized and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder, at the front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

SATURDAY, OCT. 16th, 1915, at 11 o'clock, a. m., the following described property, to-wit:

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