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CHANGE IN CHARTER

The Clarion gave prominence last week to an article relative to a change in the charter of this city. It is our firm belief that this matter should be attended to as soon as possible so that when the legislature will meet next May the proposed amendment can be submitted.

It is especially desirable that the date of the municipal election should be changed so that it would not conflict with the parochial election. Worthy young men, who have ventured into politics, seeking a berth on the parish pay-roll as an officer, have suffered on account of complications set in by municipal candidates, and candidates for municipal offices have often felt the iron hand of parish politicians, on account of combinations.

Opelousas should be left to decide for itself who shall govern its affairs and the city politicians should leave the parochial candidates fight their own battle. The only and safest way to do this is to change the date of the municipal election.

There is no denying the fact that it would be best for all concerned and especially for the city, if the mayor and other municipal officials would be elected for a term of four years. An election every two years is considerable worry and burden to the voters and taxpayers of Opelousas; officers would not play politics continually, if they were elected for four years, and consequently could devote much more of their time and attention to the performance of their official duties.

Opelousas has an efficient government; it has capable and industrious officials. That is not the question. If these same officials would be elected for four years they would have more time to attend to the city's affairs and thereby would render better service than under the present system.

The city's charter needs patching; no unprejudiced citizen can deny that fact. The sooner we attend to this matter the better it will be and the more prosperous Opelousas will be.

We would urge the citizens of Opelousas to weigh this matter carefully and dispell all thoughts of politics, no matter who is at the head of the movement, for the movement is a good one and should be given the undivided support of this community.

BEAUTIFY COURT SQUARE
For the last several years it has been the hope, and wish of the people of Opelousas that the courthouse square would eventually be beautified, but as yet very little has been done in that direction, with the exception of the clerk of the police jury, J. J. Healy, having several oak trees transplanted on the square.

The city council and the police jury, it appears to us, could easily compromise on a proposition for putting up cluster lights around the square.

Practically every city of any consequence in Louisiana has beautified its court square; other places take a pride in their public buildings and grounds, why can't we do the same?

Cluster lights around the courthouse square would not only add considerably to the beauty of that place, but would beautify the entire neighborhood; the business houses around the square would be quick to realize the beauty of the lights and naturally it would not be long before the entire town would be full of cluster lights.

Parkerson Avenue in Crowley, for instance, is considerably beautified by the cluster lights along this pretty thoroughfare, Landry, Bellevue, Court and other streets could be made more "civilized" by the installation of extra lights.

We feel certain that the city is willing to co-operate with the parish in this respect and whenever these two able bodies will consider the proposition it is a dead certainty that they will find the people of Opelousas in accord with our views.

By installing cluster lights and by maintaining the square in a general good condition the year round Opelousas and St. Landry would be able to boast of one of the finest courthouse squares in the state.

WILSON A CANDIDATE
President Woodrow Wilson has signified his intention of submitting his name at the Democratic National Convention, when that body meets in St. Louis next June, as a candidate for re-election.

During the three years in which he has occupied the office of president Mr. Wilson has been put through the test of shrewd diplomacy; he has had many trials and hardships, all of which he has overcome with general satisfaction.

From the very beginning of his term of office he was confronted with a serious problem in the Mexi-

can revolutions; like his predecessor William Howard Taft he left matters take their own course and by pursuing a policy of "watchful waiting" contrary to the demands of Teddy Roosevelt and other fire-eaters, has practically accomplished his point.

No sooner had the Mexican situation been cleared in some degree than the European war broke out. Mr. Wilson has maintained America's good name and reputation abroad and has kept this country from going to war by his successful handling of all diplomatic questions.

Despite all that Bryan will do to prevent Mr. Wilson's nomination it is universally believed that the Democratic National Convention will nominate Mr. Wilson without a dissenting voice.

There is no reason to believe that with Wilson as its standard bearer Democracy will be defeated on the contrary it will triumph in November as it did in 1912.

SUNSET LADIES FORM IMPROVEMENT LEAGUE

Big Mardi Gras Ball Will Be Given By the School League for Benefit of Sunset High School

The Sunset Improvement League was organized on last Monday with a large enrollment, at a meeting of a large number of the prominent and influential ladies of Sunset.

The league will give a Mardi Gras dance on March 6th at the Sunset High School auditorium, and the music will be furnished by the Cecilia band. Refreshments will be served free to the maskers.

After organization was perfected the officers of the league were elected with the following result: Mrs. L. C. Landry, president; Mrs. T. C. Guilbeau, vice president; Mrs. Constance G. Clay, treasurer and Mrs. J. B. Sibille, secretary, with the following enrollment: Madames J. B. Sibille, J. D. Bernard, C. Dardeau, G. Horaist, J. A. Sibille, Theo. Smith, Leo Richard, Albert DeValcour, Winn Miller, Frank Dimmick, Constance G. Clay, F. C. Guilbeau, L. C. Landry, Dora Barry, Angéles Durio, Henry Burleigh and Misses Gertrude Barry, Gertrude Simpson, Alice Chachere, M. Kilpatrick, Mary Tarlton, Lillie Durio, Odile Smith, Louise Darby, Elmire Miller, Louise Horaist, Alice Sibille, Bertha Bernard and Mrs. B. H. Guilbeau.

MANAGER HOLLIER SAYS HE HAS A REAL SHOW COMING
Manager David Hollier, manager of the Sandoz Opera House, is elated over the fact that he has secured Gilson and Bradford's Whirlwind Success "The Broken Rosary" for Sunday, Feb. 20. This play is considered by those who should know to be the biggest dramatic success of the present season, and the theatergoers of Opelousas will make a big mistake if they do not attend this excellent performance. Better get your seats early at the Ditelein's Jewelry Store.

DAUGHTERS ENTERTAIN
On Monday night the Daughters of Isabella entertained at a dance and card party at the Knights of Columbus Hall. The entertainment proved to be a distinct success, both socially and financially. The entertainments which have been given at the Knights of Columbus Hall during the past season have proven great favorites and a large number of the society people attended.

Sheriff Latiolais of Lafayette and daughter Esther and sister Miss I. E. Latiolais of Lafayette were the guests of Mrs. I. C. Latiolais and family during the week.

Mr. Louis Landry of Broussard was a business visitor to Opelousas Wednesday.

Miss Alice Chachere, a teacher at the Sunset High School visited her parents here during the later part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Ledoux and little daughter Pearl of Eunice were the guests of Dr. Theo. Chachere Wednesday.

THE MORROW SCHOOL
Morrow, La., Feb. 16.—The Morrow School put itself on the athletic map Saturday by its initial appearance on the basket ball courts in two match games. The girls' and boys' teams have been organized for the first time this term, and a double-header was played by the girls' team vs. Bunkie H. S. second team; and the boys' team vs. a team from the Burn School neighborhood. Scores were 23-9, and 18-14, both in favor of the visitors. While neither home team was victorious, both showed up very creditably against seasoned players.

Return games have been scheduled with encouraging prospects of receiving the scores.

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LOUISIANA STATE NEWS

H. B. Prewitt, of Hughes Springs, Texas, shipped two car loads of cattle from Grayson, La., last week. Six cars have already been shipped from there this season.

B. A. Bascue, president of the Evangeline Oil and Mineral Co., president of the Glennora Merchants' Exchange, rent collector and insurance agent, left Glennora three weeks ago on a business trip to DeQuincy. \$600 is also missing.

John Dunkin, known as "Pap" Burnet, was robbed of between \$800 and \$900 at his Port Hudson residence last Saturday night.

The Ville Platte town council is considering operating an electric light and water plant.

Dr. R. H. Von Ezdorf has arrived at Monroe to make a special study of malaria. Fine location.

The farmers about Pointe-a-la-Much of the spring plowing has been done.

Dr. R. C. Kemp of Baton Rouge has recovered \$261 from a patient, who brought a reconventional demand for \$1,400, alleging unskillful treatment.

The Louisiana Irrigation and Mill system of canals in Acadia will be operated this year by J. W. Billingsley, of New Orleans, receiver.

The Crowley civic league is promoting a city wide movement to plant palms.

A fire at Monroe Thursday put 500 phones out of commission and did \$5,000 damage.

The hardwood mill at Winnfield has resumed in its new plant, replacing one destroyed three months ago.

Slidell proudly exhibits a clean bill of health for the past year.

Eunice is anticipating the building of a mill for the manufacture of automobile spokes.

A new jail is to be one of Glennora's improvements.

Dr. Heintz has quit the race for coroner of St. Tammany parish, leaving the office to Dr. Bulloch.

Walter Stewart is in jail at Natchitoches, charged with cutting the throat of Albert Brewton, at Goldouna. Both men were white.

A chemical engine has been ordered for the Colfax fire department.

Joseph Leiter and party are on a hunting trip near Morgan City.

The material for the new box factory is being received at Morgan City.

W. T. McBride gets the Acadia nomination for assessor by default, Churchill Skinner withdrawing.

A white man posing as an officer pinched Arthur Foster, a negro, at Alexandria, and relieved him of \$146. Thomas Milligan is under arrest.

TEXAS & PACIFIC NEW TERMINAL IS DEDICATED

Magnificent New Structure In New Orleans Considered The Most Up-to-Date in the South

The Texas & Pacific Railway announces that, effective Feb. 15, 1916, their passenger trains and freight trains arrived at and departed from the Trans-Mississippi Terminals in New Orleans. This magnificent new station, just completed, located at Thalia and Annunciation Streets, is one of the finest Railway Terminals in the South, and in general beauty and adaptability for the purpose constructed, will far exceed any other station in the city of New Orleans.

Following is a brief description of the new station: The gigantic passenger station, which fronts on Annunciation street at Thalia, with concourse, is 231 feet by 120 feet. The frame work is of steel, with outside finish in granite and limestone, while the inside is elaborately finished in marble. The baggage, mail and express departments, or annex, is 40 by 162 feet. There are two train sheds of the butterfly type, with ten tracks leading to the station proper.

The building is of classic design, carried out with a granite base and rough stone dado, and, above this, tool limestone facing with ornamental cornice and balustrade parapet.

The plan of the building is particularly simple, and, for this reason, will more economically and efficiently handle any crowd that may enter same. In the center is the main waiting room, 65 feet wide by 100 feet long, with ticket office, checking room, cigar and news stand and ladies' waiting room, with a retiring room containing also every convenience for the care of children, including a private bath, opening into same. On the opposite side of the ticket office from the main waiting room is a commodious colored waiting room, 65 feet long by 47 feet wide.

These large waiting rooms give out directly on a concourse, which is 234 feet long and 60 feet wide. The concourse extends the whole length of the building and all vehicles will come to this point to deposit the passengers or to receive incoming travelers. From the concourse are five gates leading out to the train sheds.

The interior treatment of the main rooms consists of light grey marble wainscot, with verde antique bases, and, above this point, ornamental plaster treatments so as to carry out a complete decorative scheme. All woodwork in the principal rooms is of selected mahogany and all grilles are of bronze.

The building itself is entirely fireproof, consisting of steel and reinforced concrete throughout; is heated by steam, and is provided with self-cooled drinking fountains.

No pains or money have been spared to make the station commodious, efficient and comfortable and a monument in architectural and engineering accomplishments.

The inbound freight station is 70 feet wide by 600 feet long, with platform eight feet wide on track side the entire length of the building. Two hundred and twelve feet of this structure has second-story space to be used for offices.

The outbound freight house is 40 feet wide by 818 feet long, with an eight-foot platform on its rear side running the entire length of the building, both warehouses, being constructed of concrete, steel and brick.

The new incline at the foot of Terpsichore street, connecting the network of tracks with the transfer boats, is 325 feet long and has six 50 foot steel girders.

J. W. Jordan of this city was in New Orleans for the dedication of the new structure and was present at the banquet of railroad officials.

"THE BROKEN ROSARY"
No play of the present season has attracted the tremendous interest that has attended Gilson & Bradford's production of "The Broken Rosary," by Kirkpatrick Bosse, the remarkable comedy-drama of love and sacrifice which comes to the Sandoz Opera House on Sunday Feb. 20.

The play has to do with the attempt of a priest, Father O'Day, to frustrate a deep laid plot to sell a young girl to a millionaire, and a divorced man, against her will. The conspiracy is hatched between the girl's mother and the millionaire, the latter holding the trump card by reason of his possession of worthless checks issued by the mother. The Priest tries in every way to prevent the unholy wedding, and when in despair at his inability to stop it, invokes the aid of the Almighty. His prayer is answered in a most wonderful manner, the scene in which this is shown being described as one of the most startling on the American stage, all special scenery and a wealth of electrical effects being used in a most realistic manner.

TAKEN UP by the undersigned at A-nauville one dark brown bull about 3 years old. No brand. No ear mark. The said animal has been in the neighborhood over 12 months.

The owner is hereby notified to come forward, prove property, pay costs and take same away or the said animal will be sold according to the police jury ordinance relative to strays.

L. DARBY.

SHERIFF'S SALE

COMMERCIAL BANK OF CHURCH POINT, LA. VERSUS SIDNEY V. RICHARD

No. 20, 437, Civil Docket, 16th Judicial District Court, Parish of St. Landry, La.

By virtue of a writ of fieri facias, 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 cash, at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, at the front door of the courthouse of St. Landry parish, at Opelousas, La., on SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 1916, at 11 o'clock A. M., the following described property, to-wit:

One black mare named Delsie. One red bay mare named Blaze. One brown horse named Royal. One Weber wagon. One Deering Binder. One drag Section Harrow. One Gang Plow. Two walking plows. One buggy.

Terms: Cash, to pay and satisfy the sum of \$600.00 with 8 per cent interest from Feb. 6th, 1915 and att'y's fees, debt, with costs, unless the same is immediately paid.

M. L. SWORDS, Sheriff. feb 19-3t

U. S. Post Office (Building) Opelousas, La. (City) Office of Custodian, Feb. 7th, 1916. Sealed proposals will be received at this building until 2 o'clock p. m., February 21, 1916, and then opened, for furnishing electric current, water, ice, and miscellaneous supplies, removing rubbish, and washing towels during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1917. Sealed proposals will also be received until 2 o'clock p. m., April 21, 1916, and then opened, for 25 tons bituminous coal and 1 cord wood. The right to reject any and all bids is reserved by the Treasury Department. Joseph P. Troclair, Custodian. feb 12 4t

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Bonds mature in from two to thirteen years, one-twelfth of total amount of issue annually, on the 1st of January of each year and bear 5 per cent interest payable annually, the first maturing bonds being due and payable on the 1st of January, 1918.

Bonds are of the denomination of \$500.00 each and two of the bonds of said denomination, constituting one-twelfth of the total issue, will be retired each year.

The principal and interest payable at the office of the Parish Board of School Directors at Opelousas, La.

All bids must be accompanied by a certified check for one per cent of the amount bid.

All bids must be superscribed with the words "Bids for School Bonds." Bids will be opened at a meeting of the Board on February, 23rd, 1916.

Privilege reserved to reject any and all bids. Opelousas, La., Jan. 20th, 1916.

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