

THE CLARION

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FOR CONGRESS
 We are authorized to announce the candidacy of
L. LAZARO
 for Congress, Seventh District, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary.

For District Judge
 We are authorized to announce **PEYTON R. SANDOZ** as a candidate for the office of Judge of the Sixteenth Judicial District Court, subject to the action of the Democratic primary on September 12, 1916.

For District Attorney
 We are authorized to announce **JOHN W. LEWIS** as a candidate for the office of District Attorney of the Sixteenth Judicial District Court, subject to the action of the Democratic primary on September 12, 1916.

THE DISTRICT CAMPAIGN

The district campaign opened at Bayou Choctaw on last Tuesday and from present indications promises to be one of the most aggressive and hard-fought the district has witnessed for many years.

All of the candidates are young and full of force and energy and with mudslinging and slander eliminated and the candidates appealing directly to the people, we have every reason to look forward to interesting developments.

Mr. Sandoz has measured lances with both Pavy and Garland, and his showing against such powerful odds was both creditable and satisfactory to his friends, who now claim that the time is ripe for a change in the judgeship.

Mr. Lewis has never held office, but is virile, able and eloquent, and Mr. Garland will unquestionably have the hardest struggle of his political career, extending over twenty years.

Let us hope that these four gentlemen will not themselves, or permit their friends, to descend to personalities, or that character of campaign which has completely disgusted the electorate of this parish in the past years.

The Clarion will in due time present its views to the people on the issues of the campaign, and do as it has always done in the past, advocate the election of those candidates who can and will best serve the whole people.

A PIPE DREAM

Just as we go to press we are shocked with the news that Mr. Robert Ewing of New Orleans has bought up the press of St. Landry and proposes to rip things up politically.

The bold statement to this effect, we learn, has repeatedly been made by our usually conservative friend, District Attorney Garland. They tell us that he has been "no-rating" the news around the streets, and in some other places, with loud acclaim, and blandly states that he controls the police jury of St. Landry and threatens us with all sorts of things.

Our old friend, with his boastful admiration for truth and justice, has evidently been "seeing things," for nothing is further from the fact—certainly as far as the Clarion is concerned.

For his information, and to set him right, we solemnly affirm that neither Col. Ewing nor any one else directly or indirectly connected with the New Orleans organization has contributed one cent to this newspaper, or the stock thereof.

Mr. Yves Andrepoint, desiring to go into the cotton business and give up his newspaper work, disposed of his sixty-six shares of stock out of a total of two hundred shares, and these shares were purchased by non-political investors, whose names appear on the stock books, which we will cheerfully exhibit to Mr. Garland.

If you won't be fair, friend Garland, at least be careful.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Opelousas, La., June 26, 1916.
 To the Members of the Board of Aldermen, City.

Gentlemen: You are hereby notified that there will be a special meeting of the Board held this evening, June 26, 1916, at 8 o'clock for the purpose of discussing the proposition of the purchase of an auto fire truck and to take such action relative to same as the Board deems necessary.

E. L. LOEB, Mayor.
 Attest: H. U. CALLAHAN, City Clerk.

I received the above notice on the 26th day of June, 1916, and on the same day and date I notified each member of the Board in person.

(Sgd) C. L. HAYES, City Marshal.
 The Board of Aldermen met in Special Session pursuant to above

call. Present: E. L. Loeb, Mayor, presiding; Aldermen Gosselin, Fields, Stelly. There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order.

Motion by Mr. Stelly: That this meeting be adjourned to meet Tuesday, June 27th, 1916, at 4 o'clock P. M. Motion duly seconded and carried.

E. L. LOEB, Mayor.
 Attest: H. U. CALLAHAN, City Clerk.

Opelousas, a., June 27th, 1916.
 The Board of Aldermen met pursuant to adjournment. Present: E. L. Loeb, Mayor, presiding; Aldermen Gosselin, Fields, Danel, Stelly and Holler.

Motion by Mr. Fields. That this meeting be adjourned to meet July 5th, 1916 at 8 o'clock P. M. as the regular meeting night will fall on a legal holiday. Motion duly seconded and carried.

E. L. LOEB, Mayor.
 Attest: H. U. CALLAHAN, City Clerk.

ESTRAY Taken up by the undersigned at Mallet as an estray one ball face, four years old, yellow-brown cow, with a four weeks old heifer calf. No ear marks. Brand on left hip about thus:



Said animal has been in neighborhood about 3 years. Owner or owners of said animal are hereby notified to come forward, prove property, pay costs and take same away.

MATHIAS ROUJEAU,
 Opelousas, La., R. F. D. No. 5, Care of Lucien Durousseau.

TAKEN UP A brown mare about 14 hands high, branded on left shoulder about thus:



Been on my place about three weeks or a month. Owner will please come forward, prove property, pay costs and take same away.

CHAS. T. MILSTED,
 Opelousas Route No. 4,
 July 1st

NOTICE FOR SEALED BIDS

Notice is hereby given that bids for the printing of the official proceedings, ordinances, notices, etc., of the town of Melville, La., will be received by the Board of Aldermen of said town, the right being reserved to reject any or all bids. Address all bids to "J. H. Montgomery, Clerk Board of Aldermen, Melville, La."

FOR SALE Four second hand cars, different makes, in good condition. If you want a bargain investigate.
 BORDELON'S GARAGE.
 July 8-11

SUCCESSION SALE

ESTATE OF A. D. MOORE
 No. —, Probate Docket, 16th Judicial District Court, St. Landry Parish, La.

By virtue of an order of the Honorable the Sixteenth Judicial District Court of Louisiana, in and for the Parish of St. Landry, signed by B. H. Pavy, Judge of said Court, and in pursuance of a commission to me directed, there will be sold at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, by the undersigned administrator or any duly qualified auctioneer, at the principal front door of the courthouse at Opelousas, La.,

SATURDAY, JULY 8th, 1916,
 at 11 o'clock A. M., the following described property, to-wit:

A certain lot of ground situated in the City of Opelousas, La., with all the improvements thereon, bounded on the north by Dr. Chas. F. Boagni, south by now or formerly J. J. Healey, east by Oak street and west by Dr. Chas. F. Boagni and lot having about 80 feet on Oak street by about 140 feet in depth.

TERMS: Cash.
 C. W. DUPRE, Administrator.
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CITY MARSHAL SALE

By virtue of an ordinance of the City of Opelousas relative to stock roaming at large within certain limits of said city, I have empanelled and will proceed to sell to the last and highest bidder at the town pound on

MONDAY, JULY 11th, 1916,
 at 11 o'clock A. M., the following described property, to-wit:

One small, poor black sow with two spotted pigs; sow marked with crop and underlip in each ear; pigs not marked.

C. L. HAYES, City Marshal.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC:

Notice is hereby given that I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by my wife,
 HENRY MORNHINVEG,
 July 8th, 1916.

FIRST CLASS ROOM AND BOARD

can be had at 623 Lafayette Street, when in Baton Rouge.
 July-1-3mos

LOST NOTICE The public is hereby notified not to purchase or trade for certificate of deposit No. 359 of the Planters National Bank dated March 13th, 1914, in the name of Jeff and Early Devillier, for \$357.74, payable one year after date. The certificate has been lost and any holder thereof must present same to Planters National Bank within 60 days otherwise same will be cancelled and duplicate certificate issued.

School Board Proceedings
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average attendance for the last month 25. There are 4 pupils above the 5th grade. It is recommended that the Teche school be limited to one teacher and 5 grades; pupils above the 5th grade could attend school either at Washington or at Opelousas.

8. Poplar Grove school is 4 1/2 miles from Opelousas; a one-teacher school; enrollment is 29; teacher's salary \$45. It is recommended in this case that the grades be limited to 5; pupils above the 5th grade should attend school at Opelousas. It is further recommended that the Poplar Grove school be moved some 100 yards west to place it in the Opelousas special school tax district, or, that the narrow strip of territory on which is situated the Poplar Grove school and which lies between the Opelousas and Port Barre districts should pay a special tax to assist in maintaining said school.

9. The South Bellevue school, now a two-teacher school, should have grades limited from 1-7. Pupils above the 7th grade can attend school at Opelousas though the distance is 7 1/2 miles. The enrollment is now 50.

10. The Plaquemine school is 2 1/2 miles from the Lewisburg school; Plaquemine is a one-teacher school, Lewisburg, a two-teacher school; Plaquemine has enrollment of 45, Lewisburg, 76. In this case it is recommended that the grades at Plaquemine be limited from 1-5; at Lewisburg, 1-7; that pupils above the 5th grade from the Plaquemine school be required to attend at Lewisburg; that an additional room be built at Lewisburg as soon as the enrollment there justifies this improvement.

11. It is further recommended that the following schools limit their grades from 1-5: Pitteville, Swords, Leger, Savoie, Beauch, Prairie Des Femmes, Krotz Springs, Nottleyville, Bayou Jack, Bayou, Current, Meyer, Barbeck, Whiteville, Richard and Trahan. Prairie Basse should likewise be limited in its grades to 5 unless it should be decided by the school board that it can be consolidated with Sunset.

12. The Johnson school employs one teacher, has an enrollment of 51, grades from 1-4 and is 2 miles from Bristol. Bristol is a three-teacher school, has an enrollment of 82, grades run from 1-8. In this case it is recommended that the Johnson school be consolidated with Bristol, or, that it be limited in grades from 1-5 and that pupils above the 5th grade be required to attend Bristol. Bristol should have its grades limited from 1-9, and pupils above the 9th grade should attend the Sunset school above 4 1/2 or 7 miles.

13. The Miller school now has three teachers. It is recommended in this case that the grades be limited from 1-9 and that pupils above the 9th grade be required to attend at Sunset about 5 or 6 miles distant.

14. In the case of the Sunset school it is recommended that the work be better distributed among the teachers in order that some overworked teachers may have less to do, and some underworked teachers may have more work to do. It is further recommended that the grades be limited from 1-10.

15. It is recommended that the Leonville school be limited in grades from 1-9; that the work be better distributed among the teaching force; that it care for the children above the 5th grade which will come in from the Nottleyville school. It is further recommended that a special tax be voted in the Leonville-Badeau district to improve school conditions in said district.

16. The Arnaudville school has an enrollment of 115; grades run from 1-10; 4 teachers are employed; there are 2 pupils in the 8th grade, 1 in the 9th and 2 in the 10th. Under the circumstances, this school should be limited to 3 teachers and grades from 1-9; at least, until a larger attendance justifies the employment of additional teaching force at which time grades may be made to run, from 1-10. It is further recommended that a special tax be voted in this district to provide a suitable schoolhouse and equipment.

17. The Palmetto school is now a three-teacher school; has an enrollment of 67; grades run from 1-8; there is one pupil in the 8th grade, 6 in the 7th grade. In this case it is recommended that Meyer, 4 miles off, be consolidated with the Palmetto school; that the teaching force be reduced to two teachers; that the grade limit be fixed from 1-7 until the enrollment justifies the employment of additional teaching force.

18. Morrow is a three-teacher school with an enrollment of 90 pupils; grades run from 1-9. In this case it is recommended that the grade

limit be fixed at from 1-9; that a school district embracing Morrow, Rosa and Big Cane be formed; that a special tax be voted for the purpose of building a suitable schoolhouse at Morrow, to transfer pupils from Rosa and Big Cane to Morrow and to extend the term to 9 months. Failing this, Rosa and Big Cane should be limited in grades from 1-5.

19. Waxia has enrolled 29 pupils; grades from 1-7. Lower Waxia has enrolled 26 pupils; grades from 1-6; the distance between the two schools is about 4 miles. In this case it is recommended that Waxia be made a two-teacher school; that grades be limited from 1-7; that Lower Waxia should be consolidated with Waxia and a transfer be operated for the Lower Waxia pupils. A special tax has already been voted in this district making it possible to carry out the above recommendation.

20. Port Barre now has a good building and good equipment; the enrollment is 177; five teachers are employed. It is recommended that this district vote a special tax to operate the school a longer time than at present.

21. The Garland school employs 3 teachers; the enrollment is 52; grades run from 1-8. In this case it is recommended that the grades be limited from 1-7, at least until the enrollment justifies the employment of more teachers and the organization of higher grades. A special tax should be voted in this district to extend the term to 9 months.

22. The Grand Prairie high school employ 4 teachers in the high school department and 5 teachers in the elementary grades; the enrollment in the high school department is 21; in the elementary grades, 190. The per capita cost per month for pupils in the high school department is \$11.89. It is recommended that one of the teachers in the high school department be discontinued. It is further recommended that, the tax having expired, a special tax of 5 mills be voted on the district in aid of this school.

23. The Washington high school employ 4 teachers in the high school department and 5 teachers in the elementary grades; the enrollment in the high school department is 41; in the elementary grades, 181 pupils. The per capita cost per month for pupils in the high school department is \$6.50. In this case it is recommended that the services of one of the high school department teachers be dispensed with. It is further recommended that a maintenance tax of 4 mills be voted in lieu of the 2 mill tax originally voted.

24. The Melville high school employ 4 teachers in the high school department and 5 teachers in the elementary grades; the enrollment in the high school department is 26. In the elementary grades, 175. The per capita cost per month for pupils in the high school department is \$11.61. In this case it is recommended that the services of one of the high school teachers be dispensed with and that a maintenance tax be voted in this district to take care of this school.

25. There are several schools where the small number of pupils taught by the principals, who, by the way, receive much larger salaries than the assistant teachers, runs the per capita cost too high to be considered good business policy. Financial condition of the parish school board and the great many improvements needed in the parish would require, it seems, that some changes be made in this matter. For instance, the principal of the Bristol school receives a salary of \$75, and we understand, teaches TWO pupils—a per capita cost per month of \$37.50. The principal and one assistant in the Arnaudville school whose combined salaries amount to \$135.00, teach 12 pupils in the 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th grades—a per capita cost per month of \$11.25. The principal of the Badeau school teaches 8 pupils; the salary is \$50—the per capita cost per month is, therefore, \$6.25. At Sunset the principal and assistant teach 14 pupils; their combined salaries are \$135.00; the per capita cost per month is, therefore, \$9.64 plus. At Leonville, the principal teaches 14 pupils; the salary is \$80; therefore, the per capita cost is something more than \$5.71 per month. At Port Barre, the principal and one assistant teach 18 pupils; their combined salaries amount to \$135.00 per month; therefore, the per capita cost per month is \$7.50. At Prairie Ronde, the principal teaches 10 pupils; the salary is \$60 per month; therefore, the per capita cost per month is \$6.00.

26. As many pupils who work in the field or have other work to do cannot or do not enter school at the usual time of opening—some not for a month or two after schools have opened—it is recommended that the school board consider carefully the conditions responsible for this loss of time in entering school and that the opening and closing of schools be determined, as far as practicable, by said conditions. This will do away, to a large extent, with the multiplication of classes, save time for the teachers and pupils, permit of better grading in the schools, equalize school opportunities, and get more and better school work for the money invested in the school system.

27. It is further recommended, in the light of the above recommendation, that the school board fix a limit

The St. Landry State Bank

OF OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA

REPORT FURNISHED TO THE STATE EXAMINER OF STATE BANKS BY THE ABOVE BANK AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON JUNE 30TH, 1916.

RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Loans secured by mortgage \$240,032.81	Capital stock, paid in \$ 50,000.00
Other loans and discounts.. 222,343.30	Surplus,
Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc. 68,967.00—\$531,350.15	Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid.... 27,715.70—\$292,715.70
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	Dividends unpaid
7.04—\$531,350.45	20.00
Banking house, furniture and fixtures.... 5,800.00	Due to other banks & bankers 49,886.91
Other real estate owned..... 54,608.39	Time certificates of deposit.. 85,705.95
Due from banks & bankers.. 83,187.51	Individual deposits subject to check
Checks and other cash items 8,619.72	288,300.20—\$423,893.06
Gold coin	\$716,628.76
Silver, nickel and copper coin 7,336.03	
National bank notes and all issues of U. S. government. 16,109.00—\$121,872.25	
	\$716,628.76

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
 Parish of St. Landry.
 I, J. A. Haas, President, and I, L. T. Castille, Cashier, of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
 J. A. HAAS, President.
 L. T. CASTILLE, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of July, 1916.
 H. D. LARCADE, Jr., Notary Public.

of the time within which pupils will be allowed to enroll in school, both at the beginning of the first term and the beginning of the second term. It seems that two weeks would be sufficient margin unless, always, the child has a good and valid reason for not entering within the time specified.

28. As there are small strips of territory, scattered here and there, between lines of school districts already established, and, as it is now impossible to create new districts out of these remnants or left-overs, and, as it is often the case that children coming from said left-over strips attend school located in districts which pay a special school tax, therefore, it is recommended that the school board look into this matter with the view of either annexing to already created districts such portions of the parish not now in any district and cause said annexed territory to pay its just share of special school tax, or, if this be found to be impracticable, that special school districts be formed to embrace such unattached strips wherever there is a sufficient number of children from said strips who attend schools in neighboring districts to justify such a tax.

The recommendations above submitted are made in the hope that they may be of service to the school authorities and people, generally, of St. Landry parish in the upbuilding of their school system. We have not tried to exhaust the subject of possible school improvement in this parish; but, we have tried to point to a sufficient number of items to indicate, clearly, the line of activity which the board may pursue.

Respectfully submitted,
 CHAS. F. LOUDEAU,
 State Supervisor of Rural Schools.

Dr. Guidry, duly seconded, moved that the Board go on record as approving the recommendations of Mr. Trudeau, and authorizing the Parish Superintendent to use his best efforts to carry out said recommendations, and further that any complaints must be filed in writing with the Superintendent before the next meeting of the Board on July 26th, 1916. Carried.

Opelousas, La., July 3rd, 1916.

To the President and Members of the Board of School Directors of the Parish of St. Landry:

Gentlemen: We, your finance committee, beg leave to report the following budget of estimated revenues for the fiscal year beginning July 1st, 1916 and ending June 30th, 1917:

Current school fund	\$341,077.72
High School Appropriation from State	790.00
Agricultural School Appropriation from State	800.00
Domestic Science Appropriation from State	675.00
Interest on 16th Sections	1915.00
Parish tax, 3 mills	23,137.53
Pool taxes	5100.00
Rent on School Lands	31.00
Total	\$664,563.95

Respectfully submitted,
 W. B. PRESCOTT,
 J. G. CARRIERE,
 J. A. PERKINS,
 Finance Committee.

Mr. Lyman, duly seconded, moved that the committee's report be accepted and adopted. Carried.

Mr. Lyman reported that the committee appointed to look into the location of the Prairie Ronde Colored School be prepared to make its report at the next meeting of the Board. Carried.

Mr. Hawkins reported that he had turned over to the School Treasurer check for \$159.95 from sale of timber on school land and that he had deducted \$10.00 expenses from the purchase price of the timber.

Dr. Williams, duly seconded, moved that the action of Mr. Hawkins in deducting \$10.00 for his expenses in the sale of timber be approved. Carried.

Mr. Hawkins, duly seconded, moved that \$40.00 or as much thereof as necessary be appropriated from the general fund to repair the Port Barre School Building. Carried.

Mr. Larcade, duly seconded, moved that the President appoint a committee to investigate the matter of placing fire and storm insurance on the Opelousas High School Building and report at the next meeting of the Board. Sealed bids for this insurance are invited. Carried.

The president appointed on this committee Mr. Larcade, Dr. Guidry and Superintendent Prescott.

Mr. Larcade, duly seconded, moved that a Commercial Department be established in the Eunice and Melville High Schools and the Superintendent be authorized to employ a teacher of Commerce for each of these schools. Carried.

Mr. Fogleman, duly seconded, moved that the school session of the Morrow Colored School be divided between the Morrow and the Richard Schools. Carried.

Mr. Hawkins, duly seconded, moved the closing of the Lower Waxia School and its consolidation with the Upper Waxia School, and that a transfer be established and operated from the special tax of that district. Carried.

Dr. Guidry, duly seconded, moved the closing of the Prairie Basse School, as per recommendation of the Rural School Inspector, and consolidated with the Sunset Graded School and that a transfer be established and operated between Prairie Basse and Sunset. Cost of the wagonette to be paid out of the special fund of the Sunset district and later reimbursed from the general fund. Carried.

A petition from the people of Hebert Cove asking for the opening of a school was read.

Dr. Durio, duly seconded, moved that a school be established at Hebert Cove for next session. Lost.

Dr. Guidry moved that the petition of the colored people of Garland asking the Board to establish a school at that place be tabled. Carried.

Mr. Larcade moved that a colored school be opened on the Coteau. Dr. Williams moved that the motion of Mr. Larcade to open a colored school on the Coteau be tabled. Carried.

Dr. Williams, duly seconded, moved that a committee consisting of Mr. Larcade, Mr. Perkins, and Suplt. Prescott be elected to investigate the proposition of the colored people of Opelousas relative to a school building and report to the Board at its next meeting. Carried.

Dr. Williams, duly seconded, moved that the request of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Melville for the bonds paid by the School Board on the Melville School Building be refused, for the reason that the School Board paid said bonds and properly hold them as vouchers. Carried.

Mr. Lyman moved that the public be invited to visit the School Board Office and examine the School District map of St. Landry Parish and become acquainted with the necessity of creating school districts and voting special improvement and maintenance taxes where none now exist. Carried.

On motion of Mr. Fontenot, duly seconded, the following ordinance was offered and adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 12.
 An Ordinance

Repealing a resolution creating School District No. 3 of the 5th Police Jury Ward, passed May 8th, 1911; and also creating School District No. 3 of the 5th and 1st Police Jury Wards in its stead.

Whereas, the special school tax in School District No. 3 of the 5th Police Jury Ward of the Parish of

St. Landry, La., has expired, and whereas, it is desired to enlarge and change the boundaries of said school district, therefore,

Be it resolved, by the Parish Board of Directors of the Parish of St. Landry, La., that the resolution creating School District No. 3 of the 5th Police Jury Ward, passed May 8th, 1911, be and the same is hereby repealed, and be it further resolved, that a new district be created in its stead to be known and designated as School District No. 3 of the 5th and 1st Police Jury Wards, and to be defined and bounded as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a point one and one-half miles south of the Northeast corner of T. 5 S R 3 E, thence running due west about five and one-half miles to Bayou Petit Passe which is the line between the parishes of Evangeline and St. Landry thence north along said parish line for about nine and one-half miles to a point where said Parish line intersects Bayou Cocodrie, thence down said Bayou Cocodrie for about ten and one-half miles to the south line of section 71, T. 4, S-R 4 E, thence west for about one and one quarter miles to the range line between T. 4 S R 3 E and T. 4 S R 4 E, thence south two and one half miles to the point of beginning, and containing an area of about 18240 acres (eighteen thousand two hundred and forty acres).

Mr. Fontenot, duly seconded, moved the adoption of the following ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 13.
 An Ordinance.

Ordering a special election to be held in School District No. 3 of the 5th and 1st Police Jury Wards of the Parish of St. Landry, La., for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of said school district the question of the levy of a special tax of five mills (.005) for the purpose of providing additional aid to the public schools of said school district.

Section 1. Be it ordained by the Parish Board of School Directors of the Parish of St. Landry, La., That a special election be, and is hereby ordered to be held in School District No. 3 of the 5th and 1st Police Jury Wards of the Parish of St. Landry, La., on the 22nd day of August, 1916, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the said school district entitled to vote thereat the question of a levy of a special school tax of five mills (.005) on the dollar on all property subject to State taxation, for a period of 5 years, beginning with the year 1916, the proceeds of said tax to be used in giving additional aid to the public schools of the said school district.