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TWO DOLLARS PER YEAR

## PRIEST ARRIVES TO BE INSTALLED FORMALLY SUNDAY

REV. FATHER COLLIARD, LATE OF DELCAMBRE, NEW PASTOR OF LOCAL CHURCH.

## BISHOP JEANMARD WILL BE PRESENT

Comes as Successor to the Late Lamented Father John Engberink, Who Died Here Some Months Ago.

His Grace, Bishop Jules Jeanmard, of the new Catholic diocese of Lafayette, will install Rev. A. R. Colliard as the pastor of St. Landry's Catholic church here tomorrow (Sunday) morning, at the 9:30 o'clock mass. Bishop Jeanmard will arrive at Opelousas at 7 o'clock Sunday morning from Lafayette on the Southern Pacific train due here at that hour, and a number of the members of the clergy and of the congregation will welcome him upon his arrival.

The formal installation of Rev. Colliard as pastor in succession to the lamented Rev. John Engberink will take place just before the high mass, when Bishop Jeanmard will officiate and make an address appropriate to the occasion. The newly-installed pastor will then officiate at mass, assisted by Rev. Wagemans as deacon.

The members of the congregation and the public generally are invited to attend these ceremonies. It is especially desired that there be a good attendance of the people to welcome the new pastor and to prove their loyalty to Bishop Jeanmard, who comes here for the first time since his consecration as bishop of Lafayette.

The Rev. Colliard arrived here from Delcambre, Iberia parish, on last Tuesday, and has already become acquainted with some of the people of Opelousas. He is a young man yet, being under forty years of age, and speaks both English and French fluently. He has been a resident of Louisiana for about twelve years and is well and favorably known among the clergy, and those who have met him here are sure he will make an ideal pastor. He has taken active part in patriotic work in his old parish, expresses a lively interest in public affairs, and says he is here to work for the spiritual and material upbuilding of the community. From our brief acquaintance with Father Colliard we believe Opelousas and St. Landry Catholic church are fortunate to have secured him as citizen and pastor.

The Clarion acknowledges a pleasant call from the new pastor, Rev. Colliard, who was accompanied to the office by Rev. Wagemans, who decided, busy taking the new priest right into the city and introducing him to several local people. Rev. Colliard is a most pleasing gentleman to meet and when reminded by the newspaper man that his work here would be herculean, smilingly replied that he was equal to the task and was ready to face all contingencies.

Rev. Father Wagemans, S. J., who has been the acting pastor here for some months, being supplied by the Jesuit Fathers at Grand Coteau, has made many warm friends here during his brief stay in our city and the members of the church as well as people of other denominations, regret his departure, but as he is to be so near us it is hoped he will visit us often.

## "WINSY" BELIEVES IN ADVERTISING

LOCAL MERCHANT TAKES THIS METHOD OF TELLING OF GOODS AND PRICES

Elsewhere in this issue of The Clarion appears a full-page advertisement of Winsberg, the well-known clothing merchant of this city. Mr. Winsberg is a strong believer in the virtues of newspaper advertising and has been telling his customers and the general public frequently through the columns of this paper the many good things he has on sale in his big mercantile establishment. At this particular time he is offering some remarkable values in the matter of men's clothing. We are all aware that a dollar has either lost its purchasing power or that goods have advanced; but Mr. Winsberg says he is prepared to offer standard makes of men's suits at surprisingly low prices, everything considered, and the buying public is fully cognizant of the fact that he handles the very best lines of goods to be procured in the markets and disposes of them at a living

## PLANTERS BANK ELECTS DIRECTORS

STOCKHOLDERS HOLD ANNUAL MEETING AND SELECT SAME MEN TO HANDLE AFFAIRS.

Inadvertently The Clarion failed to mention in its last issue the result of the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Planters Bank and Trust Company for the purpose of electing a board of directors to serve for the ensuing twelve months. The meeting was a formal affair and resulted in the re-election of Messrs. Robert Chachere, J. P. Savant, A. W. Dejean, G. H. Cretin, J. A. Perkins, Jno. P. Savant and Dr. G. Richard as directors. The board organized as formerly and elected the same active officials of the banks, namely, Robert Chachere, president; J. P. Saizan, vice-president; J. P. Savant, second vice-president; A. W. Dejean, third vice-president; J. A. Perkins, cashier; Clement Smith, assistant cashier; R. L. Garland, attorney; Louis Guidry, bookkeeper; Miss Stella D. Lambert, stenographer.

## DRIVE FOR FUNDS NETS NICE SUM

ST. LANDRY DONATES SEVERAL THOUSAND DOLLARS TO EUROPEAN JEWS

The campaign for funds to aid the suffering and persecuted Jews in European lands, so far as this parish is concerned, resulted in adding \$2793 as a gift from charitable St. Landrians. Of this sum Opelousas gave the major portion, while Washington, Leonville, Arnaudville and Grand Coteau came across in splendid style, showing that the people of this parish, irrespective of race or creed, are willing to help the needy in other countries. Assessor A. L. Andrus was chairman of the committee of this parish, but owing to illness was unable to attend very much to the work devolving upon him, and the matter was taken up by Mr. H. F. Richard, who made or assisted in several other successful campaigns, and he pushed it through to the limit and with his usual vigor and physical ability to withstand any such campaign, even deserting his own affairs in order to help in this most worthy cause.

## SLIGHT WRECK DELAYS TRAFFIC

FREIGHT JUMPS TRACK AND TIES UP THE O'GEE FOR SEVERAL HOURS.

Traffic on the Opelousas division of the Texas and Pacific was tied up last Tuesday for several hours, caused by a car in a westbound freight jumping the track about two miles west of Melville. The evening passenger train was just behind the freight and it was delayed several hours until the wrecking and track crew could clear the track for it to pass. It arrived in Opelousas in the night, but several passengers who were aboard of it returned to Melville and at least one, Judge L. J. Dossman, went over the main line of the T. and P. eastward and was fortunate enough to catch a train westbound over the Gulf Coast Lines, getting into Opelousas at 2:11 that night. The T. and P. wreck resulted only in the tearing up of a fairly long stretch of track and no one aboard the train suffered any injuries.

## OPELOUSAS BOY IS HEAD OF HIS CLASS

After receiving his discharge from the coast artillery branch of the service, some weeks ago, Lawrence Sandoz, only son of Hon. and Mrs. W. J. Sandoz, returned to Baton Rouge to resume his studies in the law department of the Louisiana State University. The Clarion learns with pleasure that this bright young Opelousean has been chosen as president of the senior class in that department and will graduate at the closing exercises in the early summer. The young man is a member of the chapter of the Kappa Sigma (Greek letter) college fraternity located at the State University and takes a prominent part in that organization. His friends and relatives here will be pleased to learn of his progress at school and hope that he will enter after graduation on a successful career in his chosen profession.

## AMERICA MUST AID IN KEEPING THE ARMENIANS GOING

GREAT REPUBLIC CALLED ON TO ASSIST PERSECUTED PEOPLE FROM STARVING.

## ST. LANDRIANS ASKED TO DONATE \$15,000.00

Governor Issues Proclamation Calling Attention to Opening Date of Campaign, February 3 to 10 Next.

Once again the people of the United States are called upon to extend the helping hand to a down-trodden people and to assist them from annihilation and starvation. We have helped peoples of other countries so frequently of late that another request for aid, and this time from the persecuted Armenians in the Near East, that we can not wonder at the fact that the entire world, it appears, is looking to this nation for food and raiment. Well have we acted the part of a Good Samaritan and the role which we voluntarily assumed can not now be dropped until peace and prosperity reign again over the earth.

The Armenians have for ages been a subject people of the unspcakable Turk and this Christian sect have suffered untold and inhuman horrors from the followers of Mahomet. Murdered by untold thousands, they have been the prey of the Turks so long that even the horrors of the story filtering through from the Near East has made the civilized and near-civilized world shudder at the revolting crimes practiced on these people. Once a powerful people, their numbers have gradually dwindled until unless the crimes against them cease, they may be exterminated as a distinct race. The Turk has practiced on them every deviltry known to man and when fully satisfied for the time with the saturnal of murdering innocents, the Turk has distracted his mind by trying every barbarity imaginable.

But the happy ending of the war means an end of Turkish deviltry for with the turning of the tables the Turk may cease to exist as a nation and with that change will come the final ending of the barbarities on the Armenians. But these people are on the verge of starvation and even though left in peace it will require assistance from outside sources in order that their lives may be saved until they are able to help themselves. So America is called on, and America, giant among nations and with wealth and resources that almost stagger the imagination, must come forward and aid these people who, though not mendicants, can not for the moment help themselves.

The campaign to raise funds to aid the people of the Near East will begin on Monday, February 3, and will last one week. St. Landry parish is asked to furnish enough to take care of a stipulated number of these suffering people, and the drive for funds here will be under the direction of Attorney Oscar J. Mistrie, chairman. He is busy on the job, laying plans which will assure the success of the drive. Governor Pleasant, in connection with this campaign, has issued the following proclamation:

**PROCLAMATION.**  
The American Committee for Relief in the Near East is asking for \$30,000,000.00 to provide food, shelter and medical attention, in the rehabilitation of the races in Western Asia who were victims of the ruthless Turk during the period of the war. Among the sufferers are Armenians, Syrians, Jews, Greeks and Persians. President Wilson has issued a strong proclamation on the subject calling for help, and the movement is warmly endorsed by such eminent men as Cardinal Gibbons, Robert Lansing and Herbert Hoover.

This humanitarian cause is a most worthy one, and the Christian charity of rich America should manifest itself generously by pouring out the millions needed for the alleviation of those unfortunate victims of a cruel war which was not caused by any action or conduct of theirs.

I, therefore, call upon the people of Louisiana to contribute liberally, particularly during the special campaign which will be held from February 3rd to 10th, 1919.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand caused the seal of the State of Louisiana to be affixed this nineteenth (19) day of January, 1919.  
(Signed) RUFFIN G. PLEASANT.  
By the Governor:  
John Marshall,  
Secretary to the Governor.

—Attorney P. R. Sandoz paid a professional visit to New Orleans last Wednesday, returning home on No. 1 that night.

## SGT. LACOMBE AND OTHERS RETURN

Many of the St. Landry boys who crossed the sea as soldiers of Uncle Sam are returning to their native shores and in due course receiving an honorable discharge from the service and coming back home. Several of these boys came home during the week, notably Top Sergeant William Robertson LaCombe, who has been continually in the service since the first declaration of war against Germany, who arrived from Camp Beauregard last Thursday. Bob was a member of the old Crowley company of the state national guard, saw service for several months on the Mexican border and had hardly gotten home from the land of mesquite and cactus before the "rookus" with Germany began and he immediately rejoined his command. For many months he drilled green "rookies" at Camps Nicholls and Beauregard, and when about despairing of going to France, his division, the thirty-ninth, was ordered overseas. His home-coming was a great pleasure to his aged mother, sisters and brother. Willie J. Moreau, Elmer Major and perhaps a few other local boys who crossed the sea are also again with us, all looking hale and hearty from their experiences in the fighting branch of the government service.

## SOUTH COURT TO BE PAVED SOON

MAJORITY OF PROPERTY OWNERS SIGN PETITION ASKING THAT WORK BE DONE.

Hebert F. Richard, prominent cotton buyer and one of the leaders in several successful war drives, getting tired of some of the beautiful, loud-smelling "snipe bogs" on South Court street, got busy yesterday (Friday), drew up a petition addressed to the city council, asking that four blocks of that street be graveled at once. Without any exertion Mr. Richard secured the signatures of a majority of the property owners in the limits named and the city authorities stated they were willing to call a special meeting of the council for last night to put the matter over, but Mr. Richard stated that he was willing to wait until a later date as he was well satisfied with the progress of affairs as the paving of the street was now assured in spite of previous opposition.

This move is to be heartily commended as the street, subjected to heavy traffic, has become an eye-sore to drivers and pedestrians alike and it was only a question of time when it had to be done anyway and the sooner the better. Mr. Richard says he came from a "one-horse town" but that little burg is progressing and he is bound to keep procession with the spirit of his native heath, to all of which we say amen. The Clarion is certainly tickled that the street will be thoroughly graveled and paved at an early date, for it is self-evident that that is the only way its unsightliness and several beautiful snipe bogs can be eliminated once and for all. There are a number of these mud holes on the street in question and graveled is the cheapest method of eliminating them. Mr. Richard and his fellow signers on the petition are to be congratulated on their quick success in putting the "ball over the plate."

## THEATRE OWNERS REPAIR BUILDING

OLD STRUCTURE BEING REMODELED FOR SHOW FOR THE COLORED PEOPLE

The old picture show building located on South Court street and owned by the Princess theatre is being overhauled and repainted and as soon as this work is completed will be operated as a moving picture show for the colored people by the Princess management. Manager Dietlein, speaking of the improvements which his company is installing, stated that the show would be operated not every night but several nights a week and that the colored people would be given splendid service in this line. The building was formerly leased by a colored man and operated once or twice a week as a show for the colored people, but recently, the lease having expired, he gave it up and the owners concluded to operate it on their account rather than allow the property to remain idle.

—After spending some time in New Orleans receiving medical treatment, Arthur Voltin is back home again much improved in health.

## FOUR-MINUTE MEN GET A DISCHARGE FROM THE SERVICE

UNIQUE BODY THAT PREACHED LOYALTY IN PUBLIC PLACES OF THE NATION

## EACH IS AWARDED AN HONOR CERTIFICATE

Patriotic Labors Consisted in Everlastingly Hammering Facts and Figures into the Minds of the American People

Perhaps one of the most unique organizations born of the war was the "Four-Minute Men" appointed in each locality to preach the doctrine of loyalty and Americanism to the people. These men, without fee or reward, appeared several times each week in the moving picture shows of every city, town and village of the country and in short plithy addresses told the people facts which brought home to them just what the war and its outcome meant. Their labor was one of love and loyalty and never once did they shirk the responsibility placed upon them by the governing authorities at the national capital.

The war is over—has passed into history, and the need of these men to preach the doctrine of Americanism for the time has ceased, hence it was only correct that they, like the soldiers in the fighting army, should receive their discharge—an honorable discharge. A resume covering their activities here and a description of the certificates sent each by an appreciative government was prepared by a friend of The Clarion and is as follows:

The Four-Minute Men, organized by the government to speak in theatres and public places during the war on subjects intimately connected with the government's activities, and numbering seventy-five thousand speakers in the United States, has been formally discharged, and certificates issued to them in the following form, neatly engraved:

"This Certificate of Honor is presented to (name of speaker) on the occasion of his honorable discharge from the service of the United States, and in recognition of loyal and devoted service as a Four-Minute Man of the Committee on Public Information during the war of 1917-1918."

"Committee on Public Information: Secretary of State, Secretary of War, Secretary of Navy, George Creel, chairman; given under our hand and seal this 24th day of December, 1918, in the one hundred and forty-fifth year of the independence of the United States. Wm. H. Ingersoll, National Director. Countersigned by Local Chairman W. J. Sandoz."

On the opposite side of the certificate is an autograph letter of President Wilson taking note of the service rendered by the Four-Minute Men, at the conclusion of which he says: "I shall always keep in memory the patriotic co-operation and assistance accorded us throughout this period and shall remain deeply and sincerely grateful to all who, like yourselves, have aided so nobly in the achievement of our aims."

The following St. Landry men have been awarded certificates: Dudley L. Guilbeau, John W. Lewis, E. K. Eastham, G. L. Dupre, L. A. Fontenot, B. H. Pavy, Jas. J. Lewis, J. W. Bassett and W. J. Sandoz. Certificates in recognition of loyal co-operation with the Four-Minute Men have also been awarded to the following managers of local theatres: F. J. Dietlein, W. C. Perrault, Jr., and to Manager Keller of the Eunice Theatre.

## NEW MAN IS NOW WITH THE CLARION

The management of The Clarion is pleased to mention the fact that it has secured the services of Mr. D. D. Nuckolls, a native Louisianian, who has had many years' experience as a newspaper man, being qualified and competent to handle every branch of the business. Mr. Nuckolls is not a stranger to this city, having worked at his profession here on the old Opelousas Courier under the late Leonce Sandoz, some ten or a dozen years ago. Since then he has traveled extensively, gaining knowledge of the profession and applying it in a practical way. For the past several years he has been located at Brownsville, Texas, and it was from this city that he came to Opelousas. He began his work with the Clarion the first of the present week and it is with pleasure that we commend him to the business men and advertisers of Opelousas.

## COMMITTEE CALLS PRIMARY ELECTION

PARTY NOMINEE TO BE CHOSEN NEXT MONTH FOR POSITION OF POLICE CHIEF.

The Clarion prints today the proceedings of the City Democratic Executive Committee which met this week, formally organized, elected Mr. H. F. Richard to the vacancy existing in it from the Third municipal ward, and then called a nominating primary election for Tuesday, February 11, for the purpose of selecting a man as the party choice for chief of police to fill the vacancy created by the recent death of Clarence L. Hayes. The committee will meet again on February 5 at which time commissioners, clerk and watchers will be drawn for holding the primary. So far there are only two candidates, Messrs. Prudhomme and Goodloe, and it appears reasonably certain that they will make the race alone. The regular election has been called by the city council for Tuesday, March 11, and commissioners, clerks, etc., have already been chosen.

## JOHN CLARK WILL EXTEND BUSINESS

LOCAL JEWELER LEASES OLD BANK BUILDING AND WILL INCREASE HIS STOCK

John W. Clark, the Bellevue street jeweller, says it is "make or break," but while John will undoubtedly "make" there isn't a chance of his "breaking." This week Mr. Clark leased for a term of years the building located at the corner of Landry and Court streets and formerly occupied by the Planters National Bank. The building is centrally located and on one of the best business corners in the city. It will be remodeled on the interior and Mr. Clark states that he will install the very latest fixtures and purchase a much larger stock of goods than he has ever carried before. The rental of the building also gives him the use of the splendid vault which is located therein and which was used by the Planters Bank during its occupancy.

## TOTAL NUMBER IS CRAWLING UPWARD

LAST REPORT OF DEPARTMENT SHOWS ST. LANDRY PRODUCED SOME COTTON AFTER ALL.

The last report of the cotton ginned in St. Landry parish of the crop of 1918 prior to January 1 shows that the total has finally reached the unexpected mark of 26,414 bales as compared with 30,728 of the 1917 crop ginned prior to January 1, 1918. This report, as usual, was furnished to The Clarion by I. R. Guidry of this city. It shows that notwithstanding the bad growing season and the scarcity of labor during harvest the production has been somewhat phenomenal. The figures, however, can hardly go much beyond these last totals, for, as stated in The Clarion some weeks ago, the cotton remaining unginned in the parish at present is almost a negligible quantity.

## FUEL REGULATIONS NOTABLY CHANGED

ADMINISTRATION NOTIFIES PUBLIC OF SUSPENSION TO TAKE EFFECT FEBRUARY 1.

Hon. E. M. Boagni of Opelousas, advisory member of the United States fuel administration for the Seventh congressional district, has received the following self-explanatory telegram from Hon. John G. O'Kelley, state fuel administrator, under date of New Orleans, January 18: "All zone and price regulations on coke and coal, except Pennsylvania anthracite, will be suspended February 1. This refers to mine prices, wholesale margins and prices."

**OSCAR M. WAY.**  
Died, at his home near Port Barre, on last Thursday morning, January 21, Oscar M. Way, aged 40 years, two months and eighteen days. The deceased was a victim of the influenza. Interment took place in the public cemetery at Opelousas. He leaves a wife, eight children and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his untimely end. Mr. Way was a member of the Woodmen of the World.

## TWO BIG BANKS WILL CONSOLIDATE ON MARCH FIRST

ST. LANDRY STATE AND PEOPLES STATE TO MERGE THEIR LARGE INTERESTS

## FORM NEW COMPANY TO TAKE OVER BOTH

St. Landry Bank & Trust Company Will Start Out With the Largest Paid-in Capital Stock of Any Bank in the Parish

Elsewhere in this issue of The Clarion appears the charter of "The St. Landry Bank and Trust Company," a banking corporation recently organized in this city, which, according to notices also appearing in this issue, will purchase the holdings of both the St. Landry State Bank and the Peoples State Bank, the two oldest banking institutions in this parish, and merge such business under the new name and title.

This move in local banking circles has been predicted for a number of years by the lay public, but the fruition of the idea has heretofore never been brought about. Some of the heaviest holders of stock in one bank are also heavy holders in the stock of the other, and as both banks have worked along pretty much the same lines, the consolidation is but the natural sequence of plans mapped out perhaps long ago.

The new institution to be born from the consolidation will have a much larger capital stock than either of the banks it succeeds, or of both combined, as that important item has been fixed at one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars, and it is reliably stated that there was a veritable rush to get the shares of the new institution, so confident were people that the success of the concern was insured even before it got into working shape. It is also said, in this connection, that a committee had to be appointed to apportion the stock among the eighty odd subscribers as the total wants of these gentlemen far exceeded the authorized capital of the concern and the lucky men had to content themselves with a less number of shares than they wanted.

The recent financial statements of the two banks, the St. Landry State and the Peoples State, show that both have heavy deposits, combining a total of nearly a million and three-quarters. The annual dividends of both have been for a number of years twenty per cent on their capital, and if the big successor of the two does equally as well—and there is not the least doubt of that—the stockholders will receive a splendid return for the money which they have invested in its shares.

The officials of the new corporation have been selected from the official families of the St. Landry State and the Peoples State, and we note with pleasure that such men as Dr. Jno. A. Haas, who has been president of the St. Landry State for many years, will hold the same position with the new corporation. Dr. Chas. F. Boagni, a vice president of the St. Landry, will occupy a similar position with the new bank. Lucius T. Castillo, cashier of the St. Landry and a heavy stockholder in the St. Landry Bank and Trust Company, advances to the position of an active vice president, while Lawrence J. Larcade, for the past six or seven years the efficient cashier of the Peoples State, becomes cashier of the new bank. The board of directors is composed of twelve of the most prominent men of this city and parish, and with such a splendid body of men at its head the St. Landry Bank and Trust Company is absolutely certain to be a business success right from the start, and unquestionably will be one of the leading banking institutions in southwest Louisiana within a very short space of time.

As will be noted by the charter, which, by the way, was drawn up by Hon. W. J. Sandoz, notary public, the assistant cashiers will be selected at another meeting of the new board of directors. A provision of the charter, it will also be noted, provides that branch banks can be opened in other localities of this parish. While this does not necessarily spell anything right now, still it indicates that the business men at the head of this new bank are looking forward to the future and the conservation of the interests of the stockholders of the new enterprise. It is understood that the pre-building of the St. Landry State Bank will house the newly organized institution. This building is centrally located and while erected quite a number of years ago, it is considered one of the best structures in this city and

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