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TWO DOLLARS PER YEAR

NEW RATES NOW ARE IN EFFECT ON THE RAIL SYSTEMS

REARRANGEMENT MAKES TRAVEL TO NEW ORLEANS MUCH HIGHER THAN FORMERLY

EXTRA CHARGE FOR THE RIVER CROSSING

Many Small Flag Stations are Eliminated from the List and One Must Buy a Ticket for Next Stop Beyond Destination

Those who have nursed a granch against further government control of the railroads after the termination of the war now have a sweet morsel to roll under their tongues and give them more ammunition to fire at the "iniquitous" system of government control of the railroads.

Last Saturday the newly arranged passenger rates went into effect and, like every thing else that one buys, traveling to many points is much higher for a few fancy frills have been hung on to the revised schedule of charges and the fellow who goes to Baton Rouge and returns pays just one dollar and two cents additional for the round trip, and if he goes to New Orleans he pays that addition and a further sum of sixty cents more, for the round trip over the Gulf Coast Lines.

Another beautiful little change which also went into effect and which at the same time affects the pocket-book slightly is the practical abolishment of many small flag stations in the passenger list and now in order to get to one of these places you must buy a ticket to the first regular stop beyond and the conductor will stop the train where you wish to get off.

The government doesn't let the railroads do any advertising these days and whatever creeps into print concerning changes, etc., on the rail lines gets into the newspapers as news matter or free publicity. Hence, the rearrangement of passenger rates came like a thunderclap to the traveling public who have not kept pace with all the doings in rail circles lately. A gentleman came over from Baton Rouge last Saturday. Heretofore he had paid \$1.91 for the fifty-nine miles, including the eight per cent war tax. When he bought his ticket Saturday he paid fifty-one cents more. That neat little sum was stuck on for the privilege of being ferried over the river from the Standard Oil plant to Anchorage.

Gulf Coast Lines trains operate over the Y. & M. V. tracks from Baton Rouge to New Orleans. These tracks are just ten miles longer than the competing L. R. & N. and passenger fares from Baton Rouge to New Orleans were just as cheap over one road as the other. But under the new arrangement one must pay thirty cents and extra war tax on that sum the travels from Baton Rouge to New Orleans over the Y. & M. V. This will cause an awful howl and no doubt many will prefer the Edenborn line on account of its shortness and cheaper fare.

As stated above, the abolishment of certain flag stations in the fare schedules makes travel to these places come higher. For example, Hazelwood, the first station east of Port Barre on the Gulf Coast Lines, has been abolished, yet trains will stop there to take on or discharge passengers. An Opelousan going to Hazelwood must buy a ticket to Courtland. From any point east he must pay his fare to Port Barre. In both cases the train will stop at Hazelwood and let him off. It is just another case of getting a fellow both a-go-in' and a-comin' and the public who use the railroads to travel on will have to pay the higher cost or use an automobile, or walk, or simply stay at home.

The railroad men—those we talked with—don't like the arrangement a bit and those who are opposed to further government control of the lines don't hesitate to use this new stunt as further argument against Uncle Sam dominating the transportation systems of the country any longer. The fellow who don't care a continental whoop under normal circumstances will incline to take their view of the matter the moment he has to dive deeper into his pocketbook to pay for a passenger ticket.

The Clarion Secures the Services of Miss Gertie Fux

The Clarion is pleased to announce that it has secured the services of Miss Gertie Fux for its society and business columns. Miss Fux was formerly connected with Shute's Drugstore, and her gentility and popularity is a guarantee that she will add greatly to this newspaper's prestige in the local field. Miss Fux will greatly appreciate the assistance of all citizens and particularly the ladies, from whom she will gladly receive items of social interest.

NEW SCHEDULE ON TEXAS AND PACIFIC

PASSENGER TRAINS ON OPELOUSAS BRANCH AFFECTED BY TOMORROW'S CHANGE

Announcement is made that beginning tomorrow, Sunday, March 23, a new passenger schedule goes into effect on the Texas and Pacific Railway. The following changes are made by the new schedule: Train No. 28 will be discontinued between Addis and New Orleans; Train No. 30 will be installed between Torras and New Orleans; Train No. 448, on the Opelousas branch, will leave Crowley at 9:30 a. m. and arrive at Melville at 1:00 p. m., making connection with No. 24 for New Orleans, instead of No. 28, as heretofore.

This change, as will be noted, affects the trains on the Opelousas branch, as follows: Leave Crowley at 9:30 a. m., Rayne 9:55 a. m., Opelousas 11:34 a. m., arrive Melville 1:00 p. m. Returning, Train No. 449 will leave Opelousas at 4:12 p. m., Rayne 5:37 p. m., and arrive at Crowley at 6:00 p. m. Summer visitors to "the lakes" will now have to spend the night there in order to enjoy a real outing as this new arrangement of the time card will only allow about an hour there between trains.

JOS. W. MONTGOMERY PROMINENT VISITOR

Hon. Joseph W. Montgomery, United States district attorney for the eastern district of Louisiana, was in Opelousas several days this week on professional business. He is a member of the law firm of Hall, Monroe and Lehman of New Orleans and a recognized legal luminary of the state. Mr. Montgomery is a living, breathing disputation of the oft-repeated political maxim of our dear old friend, Judge Dupre, that "politicians never resign and seldom die." Mr. Montgomery has recently sent his resignation as United States district attorney and Mr. Mooney of New Orleans is to succeed him.

Local Lumber Company Makes Generous Offer

In a local news article last week the Clarion called attention to the need of more residences in Opelousas. The office phone rang the other day and Manager Danel of the St. Landry Lumber Company stated to us that his organization was willing to help in curing the deficiency in homes in this city. To that end his company would furnish the material and labor for home building if the prospective owner would furnish the lot for a building site and make a small cash payment on the cost of building, the balance to be arranged. This is something new for Opelousas and we are certain there are many here who have heretofore rented homes who can take advantage of the company's offer and thus get in the home-owning class.

Colored School Contest To Close Quite Soon

The contest for six months' subscription to the New Orleans Item, offered by the Jacobs News Depot Company for the benefit of the colored school, will close on March 30. Many have taken advantage of the offer and chipped in their fifteen cents and up to last Thursday more than twenty-five dollars had been raised for the benefit of the school through this means alone. J. H. Deshotel, who has been put in charge of the contest, informs the Clarion that the list will be open for a few days longer for entries. Further, he states that the St. Landry Lumber Company of this city has promised to donate fifteen dollars worth of paint for the school building.

BIG BLOW-OUT AT THE K. OF C. HALL

MEMBERS OF LOCAL COUNCIL ENTERTAIN VISITING BROTHERS WITH FINE GUMBO

Last Tuesday night the Knights of Columbus gave a delicious crayfish gumbo at the order's home on Main street. The gumbo was of the real "Louisiana kind" and was thoroughly enjoyed by the many who were present for the occasion.

State Deputy Mr. Paul Amos of Baton Rouge and Mr. A. L. Andrus of this city delivered two very interesting talks to the members, while Mr. John M. Prescott, ex-district deputy, and Editor "Pete" Andrepoint were "beacons" of the ceremony.

Rev. Father A. B. Colliard, pastor of the local Catholic Church, also addressed the members and Mr. Gaudet gave a few interesting and very authentic remarks on the work of the Knights of Columbus with the army in France during the war and since.

PRESIDENT WILSON LEADS A PARADE IN WASHINGTON



The commander in chief of the army and navy personally led the parade in Washington in honor of the returned heroes of the District of Columbia. The president, indicated by arrow, is carrying a flag.

THE CAMPAIGN TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE MONUMENT

ONE MONTH TO BE DEVOTED TO CANVASS OF ST. LANDRY FOR THE NEEDED MONEY

POOR AND RICH ARE ASKED TO CHIP IN

The Widow's Mite, the Nickle or the Dime of the Little Child, Will be as Thankfully Received as the Dollars of the Wealthy

From time to time the Clarion has published news concerning the raising of funds to erect a monument on the court house square in Opelousas to the memory of those St. Landry soldiers who died in the service and to those who served every field of military activity. The idea of erecting this monument originated with Hon. E. M. Bogard, chairman of the St. Landry council of defense, and who during the war devoted practically his entire activities to furthering the cause of the government.

With the signing of the armistice, last November, came thoughts of a return to the pursuits of peace. There was no rehabilitation facing the American people but an overturning of the vast machine created to help wage the war. We got about the preparations for war in a remarkably short time. It remains to be seen if we can get back on a peace basis in as brief a period. But, in getting back to an ante-war status, we must not forget those brave sons who went forth to battle and if necessary to die for the sake of democracy and world freedom.

People too quickly forget their fellows when the excitement of the moment wanes. But Chairman Bogard and his fellow members on the council of defense do not propose to let St. Landrians forget what this old parish's sons did to further the cause. St. Landry sent to the several branches of the service more than two thousand men, the very flower of the old parish's young manhood. Many crossed the sea to help in the battles in France. Many more remained in training camps on this side but they were "just rearing to go." It was not their fault that they were held in this side and perhaps if the war had not ended so soon and so suddenly our boys would have had the chance to show the kind of stuff they are made of.

But of the number who did cross, each with the full intention to do his share and more in the mighty drama, a few suffered the supreme sacrifice on the fields of blood; others felt the biting sting of Hun bullets, and a few, unfortunately, died of illness in that far-off land. Their bones now rest beneath the soil of France and may rest there forever.

It is, then, to the memory of those who died and those who served and were ready to die that the proposed monument is to be erected. St. Landry can not spend too much of its wealth in erecting this fitting testimonial to her sons who served the government and the fund to be collected should reach enormous proportions. So far as the amount to be collected, the "bride" should be taken off and let the sky be the "limit." The rich can and should donate until it

hurts; the poor should give their mite as willingly as the rich, and the nickle and the dime of the little child will be as willingly and gladly received as the dollars of the well-to-do. Ten thousand—yes, a hundred thousand dollars should be easily raised among the more than fifty thousand people of old St. Landry. Thirty days are to be devoted to the drive for monument funds. The campaign starts on Monday, March 31, and will last just one month, or until April 30. There should be no niggardliness in the matter of contribution to the cause. The man who can't give but a dollar or less should cheerfully chip in his share. Let the response be spontaneous so that at the end of the thirty days enough money will be on hand to erect a fitting testimonial to the deeds and valor of St. Landry's sons—a testimonial that will indicate to the world what we think of those who were willing and some who did die that the "world might be a better place to live in."

ALDERMEN DEFER ACTION ON POLICE

NO STEPS TAKEN AT THE SPECIAL MEETING FRIDAY NIGHT OF LAST WEEK

The city council met in adjourned session Friday night of last week to "canvass" the daily reports of the police officers and to also canvass the returns of the special election. That was the cold formality which called the city dads together but the general public was on tip-toe of excitement, thinking a bombshell was about to be exploded in the direction of the police force and perhaps a general shake-up to follow. But all the speculation simply blew itself out for the council did nothing drastic or out of the ordinary and the proceedings were as prosy and uninteresting as one could wish and the watching spectators were disappointed because nothing out of the way happened. After due consideration and some discussion on the momentous questions before the meeting, it was decided to pass up the previous question and wait until the regular meeting the first Tuesday night in April before straightening out the tangle and get everything smooth and to the liking and satisfaction of everybody concerned. So, the cops, their friends and their enemies, if they have any, will have a brief breathing spell before the fireworks start, if we are really due for any such display.

ELKS TO HAVE A BIG MEETING SOON

MEMBERS OF LOCAL LODGE PROPOSE INITIATION AND BANQUET NEXT MONTH

Opelousas Lodge of Elks, one of the most flourishing organizations in this city, proposes to hold a big meeting next month. The local lodge never does things by halves and this time the Billies propose to pull off one of the biggest meetings in the history of the lodge.

There will be something of a banquet on April 22 next. They call it a "turkey banquet," but those who are wise to the ways of the Elks know that in this case the name is just a camouflage, for while turkey, that noblest of all American birds, will no doubt be the "piece-de-resistance," there will be "something" else and as a matter of fact the turkey will be really and truly only the trimmings of this monster blow-out.

Of course there is to be an initiation. A large class who propose to ride the Elk billygoat have already asked for admission and the festivities in the matter of initiation will be enjoyed, to be sure, by no one but the Elks themselves. A splendid brass band, composed exclusively of ladies, from Jennings, has been secured, and not only the Elks and their invited guests will have a good time, but the general populace besides.

Farm Work Progressing At Very Rapid Rate

The splendid weather the past couple of weeks has been a material blessing to the farmers and they have lost no time in plowing their fields and beginning the planting of their crops. The season is more than a month late and the agriculturists are rushing things in their line in order to get the corn crop in the ground. Some who got an early start after the rains let up report that they have some corn up to a stand.

COMMERCE CHARTER PUBLISHED TODAY

NEWLY ORGANIZED BODY FORMALLY INCORPORATED AS A REAL GOING CONCERN

In another column of this issue of the Clarion appears the act of incorporation of the Opelousas Chamber of Commerce. While there is nothing startling about this document, yet the long list of subscribers to the capital stock bespeaks certain success of the new organization for if these people had not thought the body would be a success they would not have taken stock in it. Notary William Robertson Lacombe, who is more than an accomplished artist in his particular line, drew up the charter strictly in keeping with his usual carefulness and neat style. The Clarion invites its readers to a careful perusal of the act of incorporation of this new concern and in the future to keep their eyes open to what the new body is going to do for the betterment of city and parish.

DR. STUBBS RETURNS FROM BEAUREGARD

CLOSING OF CAMP ENDS ACTIVITIES OF THE RED CROSS WORK THERE

Dr. Geo. W. Stubbs, who for the past month or two has been assistant field director of the Red Cross at Camp Beauregard, returned home the middle of the week, his work at the big cantonment having come to an end with the camp's abandonment and closing. He will rest at home a while until directed to other fields of activity by this great organization which he so well and ably represented at Beauregard. During his brief service at the camp he rose almost from the ranks of the workers until he was at the head of the list, and all of which bespeaks the doctor's eminent fitness for the position which he occupied. Himself a veteran of the Spanish-American war, also having seen service with the British army during the Boer war, it did not take long for him to drop back into service, though this time his field of endeavor was in helping to spread the doctrine of humanity and helping of the needy. His many friends in Opelousas and in his old home up in Indiana will be pleased to learn of the success he made as field director of the Red Cross at Camp Beauregard and hope that his activities in that line will not end because the big camp has been abandoned by the government.

Veterans Ask for an Increase of Pension

Opelousas, La., March 11, 1919. To His Excellency R. G. Pleasant, Governor of the State of Louisiana, and Members of the State Board of Pensions:

Joint resolution offered by James O. Chachere and Ozeme Fontenot, approved by members of R. E. Lee Camp No. 14, U. C. V.:

Be it resolved, that the pressing need of so many pensioners without any means and unable to earn a living on account of the infirmities of old age and with no hope that their pension will increase soon to the full limit voted in 1916. We suggest that the pension law be enforced to the point that the pensioner be a resident of this state of Louisiana and does not own more than two thousand dollars worth of property. It is just that each state care for its own pensioners. The roll of pensioners is dotted with the names of Confederate soldiers from other states lawfully receiving a pension from this state. Rightfully other states should pension soldiers from their states residing in their state. Several hundred of both classes are getting pensions from this state. We also suggest and petition your excellency to borrow enough money to pay each pensioner the full \$25 limit voted by the generous people of this state. This was done in 1912 by the governor when the one-fifth of a mill was voted. The governor borrowed two hundred and fifty thousand dollars and this raised the pension from \$11 a quarter to \$17 a quarter. By so doing you will be fulfilling the patriotic wish of the people expressed by their ballots at the election in 1916.

As the proceeds of the 1-2 mill pension tax by act of the legislature was made a part of the state budget, it seems to us you would be able to borrow on the tax. In a couple of years the pension list will be reduced by the deaths of pensioners so the amount borrowed can be repaid.

The adjutant was instructed to send a copy of the resolution to the governor, one to the board of pensions and one to Geo. H. Tichenor, major general Louisiana division, U. C. V.

C. P. RICHARD, Adjutant.

LAZARO LEAVES HOME SHORES FOR EUROPEAN TRIP

CONGRESSMAN WITH SECRETARY DANIELS ON MONTH'S VISIT TO FRANCE

GOES ACROSS ON THE HUGE "LEVIATHAN"

Expects to be Back in Time for the Extra Session of the New Congress if That Body is Called Together by President

Congressman Lazaro left New York last Saturday, in company with other members of congress and Secretary Daniels of the navy department for a brief trip to Europe, but principally to France. The party left the metropolis aboard the giant passenger liner Leviathan, which, on its return journey, will bring back more than thirteen thousand American boys who have been serving in the army on the other side.

In a letter dated at Washington, on March 13, and addressed to his personal friend here, Postmaster Troscclair, Dr. Lazaro tells of his trip briefly:

"I am very anxious to make this trip while the army is being demobilized and while congress is not in session. I expect to spend a month 'over there.' We do not know when the president will call the extra session, but I will be back in time for it, and may be before. If I get back before the extra session is called, I will go home for a few days. My office will remain open and I will give notice in the papers that any one desiring to take up any matter with me should write to me here and my secretary will attend to it."

Writing later to Mr. Troscclair, Dr. Lazaro asked for the address of the former's son, who is with the occupational forces at Coblenz, Germany, and the addresses of other Opelousas boys who are on the other side and serving in the army, as it is the intention of the congressman to call on these boys if such a thing be possible.

This is Dr. Lazaro's first trip across the great herring pond. He might have had opportunities before to go over but he has been kept too busy in Washington to think about making a visit to France and no matter how keenly he desired to go over his inner self told him that his place was in the national capital and he wouldn't abandon duty in order to indulge in a visit to Europe until congress adjourned and he saw the opportunity of slipping away for a brief time and taking a much-needed and well-earned rest. His constituents in the seventh district wish him "bon voyage" and a safe return to his native shores.

The Clarion during the week received the following letter from the congressman:

Washington, March 12. Editor of The Clarion: I am availing myself of the present congressional recess to join some of my colleagues in a visit to France and other countries allied with us in the recent war. I will sail from New York on the Leviathan on the 15th instant, with Secretary Daniels and his party.

I feel that the information that I will derive from such a visit will prove of the greatest assistance, especially at this time when many of our troops are still "over there" and that I will be in a position, after personal observation, to assist more effectively in their demobilization and return home.

I shall be absent for about a month, returning in ample time for the extra session, whenever President Wilson calls same. During my absence my office here in Washington will remain open and any one desiring to take up with me matters affecting the district, and especially matters pertaining to soldiers, their discharge, allowance, etc., should address me at my office in Washington, D. C., in the customary manner, and my secretary will give all such matters prompt and careful attention.

Sincerely yours, L. LAZARO.

Former Opelousean Has Received Promotion

Dr. Geo. Ellis Sandoz, former Opelousean, a son of the late L. A. Sandoz and brother of Attorney W. J. Sandoz, and who has been on duty with Base Hospital Unit No. 24, A. E. F., has just been promoted to the rank of captain. He is still in France but may be ordered home within the next few months.

Columbian Woodmen Pay Recent Death Claim

Opelousas Household No. 109, Columbian Woodmen, last Thursday paid to Edward Mornhinveg, beneficiary, one thousand dollars covering the policy held by his deceased wife, Mrs. Josephine Mornhinveg, who died on February 12, last. The payment, as is usual with this young and vigorous order, was made in record time.

GEORGE P. HAMPTON



George P. Hampton, national director of farmers' national headquarters, heads a delegation selected by the farmers' national conference to attend the peace conference. The purpose of the trip, according to a resolution adopted by the conference, is to support President Wilson in his efforts to form a league of nations for the prevention of future wars.