

THE ST. LANDRY CLARION

"Here Shall the Press the People's Rights Maintain, Unawed by Influence and Unbribed by Gain."

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TWO DOLLARS PER YEAR

CAMPAIGN FOR VICTORY LOAN IS LAUNCHED

REGIONAL DIRECTOR DIMMICK CALLS MEETING AT ELKS HOME.

JNO. W. LEWIS IS ELECTED CHAIRMAN

Committee in Charge of the Loan is Composed of Men Whose Ability Assures an Over-the-Top Subscription for This Parish.

Regional Director, Frank A. Dimmick, of the Victory Loan Campaign, called a meeting of a number of professional and business men for last Thursday at 11 o'clock a. m. The meeting was held at the Elks Home, was well attended and enthusiastic. It was the belief and hope of all present that in this campaign St. Landry parish would go over the top and show the world that the spirit of patriotism and readiness of cooperation still exists here. After considerable discussion and exchange of views John W. Lewis was unanimously elected chairman of the Victory Loan Committee for the parish of St. Landry with the following Executive Committee: E. M. Boagni, J. A. Haas, J. A. Perkins, A. Leon Dupre, Dr. Chas. F. Boagni, F. Cliff Allen, L. A. Andrepoint, Henry D. Larcade, Jr., Leon Wolff and E. K. Eastham.

The matter of the organization of the drive will rest entirely in the hands of the chairman of this Executive Committee, and it is expected that vigorous steps will be taken at once to perfect a thorough organization of the parish. Eunice and that portion of the Sixth Ward exclusive of Plaquemine Point and Mallet will probably be under separate management, and J. Leer Lacombe, cashier of the American Bank & Trust Company will probably lead the campaign there.

It goes without saying that Eunice can be expected to do her full part in this patriotic work as she has always done in the past. Without much fuss or feathers Eunice and the Eunice neighborhood have uniformly surpassed her quota allotted to them, and it is one section of St. Landry that should feel a just pride in its war work achievements.

This is the last flotation of war bonds and the quota of St. Landry parish will be comparatively small; so that, there is no reason or excuse why there should be any lagging in our midst. Quick and ready response

OPELOUSAS GIVES LIBERALLY TO THE MONUMENT FUND

We are informed by Mr. E. M. Boagni, Chairman of the St. Landry Council of Defense, who has in charge the raising of funds that will be used to erect a monument on the court house square, that the people of Opelousas have met the solicitors in a liberal manner, all giving of their means, some in large and others in small sums, but all in keeping with their financial ability.

Mr. Boagni also said that it was not the intention of those in charge to force any one to subscribe to this fund, but that everyone should make a subscription even though it be but a few cents.

The ladies mentioned below have been appointed in teams to solicit in Opelousas:

- Mrs. W. T. Stewart, Mrs. J. F. Green, Mrs. Bert Edwards.
Mrs. E. Bercier, Mrs. F. J. Dietlien, Mr. H. Lastraps, Jr.
Mrs. Leon Dupre, Miss Belle Dupre.
Miss Mary O. Littell, Miss Marie Meginley.
Mrs. Geo. Edwards, Mrs. W. M. Hughes, Miss Yeola Richard.
We give below the names and amounts of the first eight donors:
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| E. M. Boagni | \$250.00 |
| Dr. Chas. F. Boagni | 100.00 |
| J. M. Boagni | 100.00 |
| J. A. Haas | 100.00 |
| Op. Nat. Bank | 100.00 |
| St. Landry Bk. & Trust Co. | 100.00 |
| Planters Bank & Trust Co. | 100.00 |
| St. Landry Lbr. Co. | 25.00 |

should be made by the citizenry, and it is the expectation of those in charge of the campaign that ten days will be amply sufficient to fill the quota of this parish.

The Clarion takes this occasion to appeal to every man, woman and child within the confines of the parish to come forward generously and at once, and meet the assessments which will be levied against them in the matter of this Victory Loan. After this accomplishment, the people here will not be further importuned on account of government loans or war work, and for this reason, if for no other, the response should be generous and prompt. The war has been won, the hope of our people and the peace of the world has been established and made permanent, and we cannot afford at this time to hang back or adopt the theory that the other fellow will do our part for us.

Chairman Lewis has called a meeting of the Executive Committee to meet Monday at his office at 11 o'clock a. m., and the full membership is requested.

STATE RAIL BOARD ROMPS HARD ON SEVERAL LINES

GETS BEHIND T. & P. AND EDEN-BORN SYSTEMS BECAUSE OF POOR SERVICE.

FERRY CHARGE BRINGS INQUIRY

Opinion is Commission's Hands are Tied Because of Federal Administration and Control of Railways.

The state railroad commission is not sleeping on the job these days, despite the fact that all railroad lines with a few exceptions are under government control and regulation. The commission may lose out in the long run, because the general impression is that state control gives way to federal control when it comes to a contest about regulation and orders to the different systems of public carriers operating throughout the state.

There has been much complaint of the poor service, poor equipment and horrible and dangerous condition of the tracks of several roads in the state, notably the Texas and Pacific and the Louisiana Railway and Navigation Company, (Edenborn Line), both running from New Orleans to Shreveport and through the most fertile and populous section of the state. The poor service, unsatisfactory schedules and antiquated motive power and rolling stock of these two lines have been the cause of much criticism and complaint and the traveling public has complained bitterly about the methods used by these companies in operating both passenger and freight trains over their main lines and branches. Both roads have been "up on the carpet" before the commission quite a number of times of late and both have been ordered to do better, but somehow they have simply laughed at the commission and kept on doing just as they pleased. The Texas and Pacific is bolstered up by federal control and may dodge responsibility of flagrantly violating the commission's orders, but the L. R. & N. is not being operated under government control and the state commission can get at it just as well now as formerly and judging from the tone of the commission's proceedings that body proposes to make the L. R. & N. come clean this time or know the reason why.

Three weeks ago the Texas and Pacific, the Southern Pacific and the Gulf Coast Lines added an extra charge of fifty cents for the river transfer. They did this without the authorization of the state commission and now they are cited to appear and answer why they should not be fined for violating the commission's orders. About two years ago these three roads asked authority to make an extra charge of twenty-five cents for the river transfer but their request was refused by the commission. That was before federal control and they may claim in order to escape prosecution that they had nothing to do with the added charge but that it was instituted by orders of the federal administration. The matter, however, will bear investigation and as soon as federal control ceases the traveling public can look for a change for the better in the matter of service and the elimination of these extra charges and the restoration of competitive rates between given points.

"Hot Shot" to Resume.
Mayor J. M. Corell has been officially notified that the train known as the "Hot Shot" will resume operation on April 20th approximately on same schedule.—Villette Banner.

H. P. Hebert of Chicago was in this city transacting business.

PLAN DAIRY CLUBS FOR ST. LANDRY

WANTS TO PLACE HIGH-BRED DAIRY COWS ON EVERY FARM.

Mrs. Virginia Eaton, a special agent of the U. S. department of agriculture, working with the extension department of the state university, is in this parish looking over the field with a view to organizing among the women, boys and girls dairy clubs whose prime object will be to place upon every farm at least one high-bred cow. If there is enough interest taken in this important matter St. Landry parish will be one of the few selected parishes in this state that will be extended the help and co-operation of the U. S. department of agriculture in improving their dairy stock.

Mrs. Eaton is working with Mrs. Eaton, our local agent, and either one will be glad to give information on this subject to any person that may apply.

COUNCIL GIVES \$150 TO U. D. C.

LOCAL CHAPTER HAVE FUNDS TO ERECT STATUE TO VALIANT CONFEDERATES

At the session of the city council Tuesday night there was appropriated the sum of \$150 to the ladies of the Gordon Chapter, U. D. C., to be used in erecting a Confederate monument on the court house grounds. This amount added to the generous appropriation made by the police jury recently and the sum raised by the ladies in the past several years, we are informed, will be sufficient to guarantee the erection of this deserved testimonial to those who served in the armies of the Confederate States of America.

The ladies in charge of this work have been untiring in their efforts and no doubt feel a just pride in the successful culmination of their efforts.

Cattle Should Bring Good Prices.
Louisiana farmers should be warned against selling their cattle too cheaply, with the expectation of replacing the animals at low prices later, says J. A. Simms, beef cattle specialist, extension division, Louisiana State University.

The Texas ranges are exceedingly short of cattle, he says, and the grazing promises to be exceptionally good. This means that buyers will probably be in the market looking for bargain stuff. But better profits can very likely be made by Louisiana farmers if they will keep their cattle at home for grazing, thinks Mr. Simms.

However, where it is desirable to sell cattle, Mr. Simms' services will be available to farmers in helping them find good buyers. Outside speculators should not be allowed to come in and pick up the cattle at low prices.

Abdalla Store Puts on Big Spring and Easter Sale

In another part of this paper will be found the announcement of the Abdalla store announcing the opening of a sale of standard and seasonable goods at reduced prices.

A careful reading of his advertisement will convince prospective buyers of this kind of merchandise that the Abdalla store should be visited during this sale.

Those who attended the big K. of C. initiation in Baton Rouge were Grand Knight L. A. Andrepoint, A. A. Mendoza, Alfred Vidrine, Lawrence Lassaile and Louis Guidry.

Our old friend, Harvey Weir, of Dallas, Texas, was here for a few days, shaking hands with old friends.

CLARION READER GIVES ORIGIN OF PAPER'S MOTTO

AUTHORSHIP OF FAMILIAR LINES HAS PROVED DEEP PUZZLE TO MANY.

ATTRIBUTES SAME TO JUDGE JOSEPH STORY

Evidently Selected by Late Thomas H. Lewis, Who, With Number of Others, Was Instrumental in Clarion's Founding.

For nearly twenty-nine years the Clarion has carried on its title page the familiar lines "Here Shall the Press the People's Rights Maintain, Unawed by Influence and Unbribed by Gain." In fact, this couplet has been on the front page ever since the Clarion was established in October, 1890, when the great campaign against the further existence of the Louisiana state lottery was about to get under full swing.

There has been in the past a good deal of conjecture as to who was the author of these lines. Evidently the motto was selected by the late Thos. H. Lewis, one of the founders and original stockholders in the Clarion. We remember hearing once that Mr. Lewis' mother-in-law, the late Mrs. Marie B. Williams, herself something of a writer and literary genius, had originated the couplet. We never heard this assertion disputed and generally thought Mrs. Williams was the author and had written the lines especially to grace the front page of the Clarion.

However, in conversation some time ago with one of our readers the fact was casually mentioned and the reader inquired of us who the author was and we stated that while we were not positive still we had been told that it was Mrs. Williams. He corrected our impression in this matter and some days since we received from him a written communication about the subject of our previous conversation. Concerning the authorship of the Clarion's motto, he had this to say:

"The author is Judge Joseph Story, the great lawyer, jurist, writer and teacher, who died in 1845. It was printed on the masthead of the Salem (Mass.) Register for years, as follows:

"Here shall the press the people's right maintain,
Unaw'd by influence and unbrib'd by gain;
Here patriot Truth her glorious precepts draw,
Pledg'd to Religion, Liberty and Law."

"The quotation in question is found in the Life of Story, Volume I, page 127, and in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations."

This interesting information settles a long vexed question among several classes of Clarion readers. A few have thought that the lines were by Alexander Pope, but as the real authorship is now made known there can be no question in the future.

The Clarion was born in a period of political strife in Louisiana. The lottery had apparently the state in its grasp and had corrupted many men and institutions. It let its millions flow like water in order to keep its place and continue to reap a rich harvest of wealth not only from the people of the state but from the people of every state and many foreign countries. The brave band of free-born Louisianians who got together with the unselfish thought of ending the lottery's reign forever did so without hope of fee or reward. Their fight was successful, seemingly against overwhelming odds and the lottery went out of existence and with it a vast pension roll for "services rendered."

Those St. Landrians who founded the Clarion as strictly an anti-lottery newspaper have all joined the silent majority and while they sleep the sleep that knows no waking the paper continues in existence and bids fair to live for years and years to come. Every reader in this and Evangeline parishes knows the Clarion and when one thinks of a St. Landry paper his thoughts naturally turn to the Clarion.

DIES AT THE AGE OF 115.

Marceline Brady, Born Near Opelousas, Outlives All Kin.

Believed to be 115 years old, Marceline Brady, nee, died at the Lafour Old Folks Home, on Tonti street, New Orleans, Wednesday night. The old woman had outlived all of her own and many of her succeeding generation and it was not until her death that many recalled what an interesting history she must have carried in her mind.

Very little is known of the early life of the old woman. She was said to have been born in St. Landry parish, near Opelousas, but lived most of her life in Algiers.

Mrs. J. E. Wilson is spending some time in Crowley. While there she will be the guest of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Littlelle. Mr. Phil Savant of Whiteville spent several days here the guest of friends and relatives.

WOODMEN ELECT SEN. LEON HAAS SOV. DELEGATE

Senator Leon S. Haas was elected sovereign delegate of the Louisiana Jurisdiction at the state convention held in Alexandria last week to the supreme convention of the Woodmen of the World to be held sometime in July this year.

Senator Haas has been at the head of the local camp for many years and through his untiring efforts has brought the camp forward to a place among the largest in Louisiana.

M. W. Childs accompanied Senator Haas to Alexandria as associate delegate from the local camp.

Red Cross Makes Big Shipment to Headquarters

The Home Service of the American Red Cross, with office in the Federal Building, has information for the following: Julia Fort, Mary Carville, Elise David, Vina Gardner, Elizabeth Gardon, Valsant Savant, Doncet Gastain, John Odyer Hollier, Mary or Leon Chenevert, Lavined Ned, Ones Peckney, Lena Pickney, Harriet Johnson, Letha Cooper, Luberta Ivan, Box 4, Cavilla or Cecilia Irvings, Celestine Guery Henry, Egane Clitment, Corine Fontenot, T. S. Fontenot, all of Opelousas; Sam Cheffeld, Edna Sizor, Lizze, Malhor Poragosee, Frances Jacquoux, Grand Coteau; Jannilleste Guidry, Palmetto, R. I.; Ida Piedmond, Leenville; Alice Louise Landau, R. 3; Donit Lavine, Ella Lafleur, Louisa Lafleur, Amy Deshotels, Gladys Shaw, Eunice; Hilda Lewis, Leenville; Lucinda Walker Richard, Opelousas; Ella Lafleur, Deshotels; Fanny B. Lewis, Washington; Omere Molmire, Port Barre; Dan Buddy, Whiteville.

The local Red Cross made the following shipment on April 1:

- Sixty-two comfort robes.
- Eighty-two sweaters.
- One helmet.
- One muffler.
- Nineteen pairs of socks.
- Fifteen pajamas.
- Five crocheted shawls.
- Two quilts.
- Seventeen men's shirts.
- Fifteen Petticoats.
- Four hospital shirts.

YOUNG LADY KILLED; RESULT OF A JOKE

The death of Miss Germaine Lapine, which occurred on the 21st inst., and was briefly referred to in these columns last Saturday was caused by the accidental discharge of a shotgun in the hands of Isaac Fontenot a neighbor and friend of the young lady.

In company with a party of friends, Miss Fontenot went to the Fontenot home about 8 o'clock Friday evening, and knowing the young man to be at home the party endeavored to frighten by rattling on the window of his room. The young man thought it was neighbor boys playing pranks and slipped to the door with a shotgun intending to fire it in the air and return the fright. While in the act of raising the gun Miss Lapine advanced to the door and premature discharge of the weapon sent the full load of shot into her head, causing instant death. The accident occurred in Lafayette parish, but only a few miles south of Rayne. An inquest was held Saturday morning, and after hearing testimony the coroner's jury returned a verdict of accidental death, and exonerated the young man from blame. The funeral of the young lady was held here Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock, and interment was made in St. Joseph cemetery. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vicot Lapine, and the young man a son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fontenot.—Rayne Tribune.

Will Erect Hitching Posts on City Streets

The city council at its session Tuesday night instructed the street commissioner to erect hitching posts for the accommodation of visitors from the country on the following streets:

- On north side of Landry from Main to Market;
- on the west side of Court from Landry to Bellevue;
- on the east side of Market from Landry to Bellevue;
- on the south side of Bellevue from Market to Main;
- on the west side of Main from Bellevue to Landry.

Charles Borchers and family, of Opelousas, spent the day Sunday in Lafayette as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Duberand and family.—Lafayette Advertiser.

Mayor Jas. A. Going of Washington was a business visitor to Opelousas Monday and while here gave the Clarion a call.

POULTRY DEMONSTRATION AT COMMUNITY KITCHEN

Mrs. M. B. Giesen, parish demonstration agent, informs the Clarion that on next Tuesday at 2 p. m. she will begin a series of lectures and demonstration of the products of the poultry yard such as the preservation in water glass and canning of eggs, culling of flocks, the care of baby chicks and canning.

In these demonstrations Mrs. Giesen will be assisted by Miss Caroline Bondreau, a demonstration agent from Lafayette parish.

There is no better country on earth

PIONEER CITIZEN GOES TO REWARD AFTER USEFUL LIFE

DR. THEOGENE CHACHERRE DIES AT THE ADVANCED AGE OF 93 YEARS.

WAS SURGEON IN CONFEDERATE ARMY

Dr. Chachere Was Known Widely for His Charitable and Kindly Character—Had Reared Several Orphan Children.

On April 1st, at 11 o'clock a. m., the body of this venerable veteran was consigned to its last resting place in the Catholic cemetery of this town followed by an enormous concourse of friends and relatives.

Dr. Chachere was born on the 19th of December, 1825, and died at a ripe old age March 31st, 1919. Dr. Chachere was one of the 13 children of the late Veillard Chachere who died at the venerable age of 93 years and 8 months in 1895. All except one of the 13 reached adult age, among them being L. Veillard Chachere, who was sheriff of old St. Landry when it was the Empire Parish of the State, filling two terms, ending in 1856. The widow of the sheriff afterwards married the late lamented Judge Amede Martel, one of the unique Chacheres of this interesting family.

Dr. Theogene Chachere was united in the bonds of wedlock to Mary O. Guidry, having no issue. She preceded him on the long journey from whose bourne no traveler has yet returned by two years.

Dr. Chachere studied medicine at the old University of Louisiana, under the late Dr. Felix Formento. As his early education was limited the ambitious young man, under an assumed name, attended a night school, where he acquired a good education. While pursuing his studies the Civil War broke out so he rushed to the front before graduation and was assigned by a committee of doctors at the front and accepted, being assigned to a hospital at Richmond, under Formento, later succeeding him as head of the hospital, remaining there until peace was declared. The amnesty after the war granted him his diploma.

Dr. Chachere and his amiable wife reared several orphans, a Miss Darby, also an orphan from St. Vincent's, Miss Lucy Moore, (his niece who survives him and who ministered to him, especially since his wife's death, with more than a daughter's devotion), also Jos. D. Chachere, now serving his country in Germany. The doctor had expressed the hope that he would live long enough to see Joe, the apple of his eye, but fate willed it otherwise, for while Joe secured his leave and will probably return home in the near future, it will be too late to see his beloved adopted father in life.

After the war Dr. Chachere practiced his profession in Chataignier and Plaquemine Ridge, until his advancing age led him to retire, when he moved to his present home.

Dr. Chachere was frugal and economic, lived well and broadly charitable, not letting his left hand know what his right hand did, totally devoid of the speculative spirit, much of his worldly possession, was due to the foresight and devotion of his brother Hon. James O. Chachere, formerly Clerk of the Court of old St. Landry. Dr. Chachere was one of the most amiable and companionable of men and had a keen sense of humor. Nothing delighted him more than to get a good joke on brother Jim or some close friend, but never a touch of venom in his genial humor. Courtous to women and kindly to children he bore on field and in parlor, the grand old name of gentleman.

Scores of relatives and friends will mourn his loss, among them his adopted children, Miss Lucy and Joseph D., his brothers James O. and Henry D., Sheriff Charles Chachere and the Confederate contingent whose thin gray line is rapidly melting away.

Requiescat in pace.

Electric Shoe Shop Extends Sale 20 Days

In this paper will be found an advertisement of the Electric Shoe Shop announcing an extension of this very successful sale for twenty days or until Easter Sunday.

Mr. Chapman informs us that he has received a new shipment of shoes that he will put on the market at a very reasonable price.

DR. PAUL FOSTER WRITES OF HIS TRIP TO FLORIDA

Mr. Editor:
If agreeable to you, we will now start where we left off in my article as published in your issue of March 22, and continue on to Florida.

Leaving Tifton, in central south Georgia, we proceeded to Jacksonville, Fla., thence over the Florida East Coast Line to Sebastian, Fla., where reside my two brothers, Ernest and Abraham and their families and my sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Groves. The next day we had a family reunion. Needless to say this was a happy meeting, since we had not seen each other for years. Sebastian is on the Atlantic coast, about half way between Titusville and Palm Beach, located on what is called Indian river; it is not a river, however, but simply an inlet of the Atlantic ocean. The water is salty and ebbs and flows with the ocean tide. This beautiful body of water is cut off from the ocean by a long narrow island, so to speak, averaging about three-quarters of a mile wide by about 15 miles long, covered with a growth of palms and palmetto. Indian river is about four miles wide by eighteen long, and said to be so straight that if a rope were stretched from one end to the other it would not touch either bank. The banks or shore on either side being beautiful white sand which nature's lavish hand has set with lovely ferns, interspersed with beautiful palms. These palms presenting the appearance of magnificent columns extending up and down, along the water line, as far as the eye could reach. The occasional ray of sunshine, which perchance stole its way through the canopy of palm leaves, would cause the belated dewdrop, nestling among the ferns, to sparkle and scintillate as the diamond. The scenic beauty being so grand that it seemed to me it was almost sufficient to impart poetic inspiration to even the oyster who lurked hard by beneath the surf. The whole appearing as though a master hand in the art of artistic decoration had just passed that way and completed his task of arranging for a grand exhibition of some kind. The Dixie highway parallels Indian river for quite a distance and large touring cars from northern and eastern states are constantly coming and going, thus making any gathering of people with whom one might meet quite cosmopolitan. Bordering the highway on the opposite side, for many miles, are orange and grape fruit groves, laden with their luscious fruit and evergreen foliage, and twice a year made more attractive by being adorned with the beautiful orange

blossom, symbolic of innocence and purity.

As this branch of the national highway winds its way through this section of country, environed thus on either side, no wonder the northern tourist (so they told me) parts so ready and liberally with his cash in exchange for almost any little thing as a souvenir; they are under the spell of the enchantment. White sand is in evidence everywhere, shoe mouth deep. This makes walking very tiresome to one not accustomed to it, as it seems to bring into action muscles which have not been developed. It takes from six to eight years from the time a grove is set out before it comes into bearing profitably and it should have close attention, such as cultivation, fertilization, spraying and pruning. But there is something fascinating about it all. The sandy soil being so porous it is best to fertilize the trees twice a year, because when there is a heavy rain your fertilizer is gone in the direction of China.

The trees in that sand need more moisture than is furnished by nature and to satisfy that need the more successful orange growers have artesian wells put down in their groves. The trees are set out in most of the groves with a great deal of care. The water from these wells is piped all through the grove. The trees are set out in straight rows twenty feet apart each way, hence any way you look at them they are lined up in symmetrical rows; with the water pipes running down the center of each alternate avenue one way with a hydrant in the center of each alternate avenue both ways, thus each hydrant slakes the thirst of four trees all over the grove. These hydrants have their faucets so adjusted as to allow a constant slow dribbling of water; and it is quite interesting to pull away the sand at one of these hydrants and note the network of rootlets coming in from the four trees after a drink at the fountain. The water from these wells is strongly impregnated with sulphur.

My sister, Mrs. J. A. Groves, placed her Dodge car at my disposal—and as I had never driven a Dodge car I was determined not to have the same fate I had with the Paige car in Georgia—so I made me a diagram of the shifting sands and placed it on the windshield, and we took in the country, frequently at a twenty-five-mile clip without a balk, the hardest lesson for me to learn while motoring there was, when stopping be sure to stop always with two wheels on one side—"the Dixie" (on Dixie Highway) otherwise "you will be adorned with the beautiful orange

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GRAVE OF ONE VICTIM OF THE HUNS



Two Canadian soldiers at the grave of Mme. Delabre Celine, ruthlessly murdered by the invading Germans in 1914.