

THE ST. LANDRY CLARION

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

OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA, SATURDAY, AUGUST 14TH, 1920.

TWO DOLLARS PER YEAR IN ADVANCE

CAN THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DO ANY REAL GOOD?

Should it Be Given the Support of Business Men

JUST A FEW OF THE THINGS TO BE DONE

Secretary Tells of Some of the Calls Which Have Been Received By The Organization Since Organized

Very few people in Opelousas realize what the purpose of the Chamber of Commerce is or what it is called upon to do, in the course of a month. In order that the general public may have a better understanding of the activities of this organization, Secretary Deyo was asked to outline the activities in which the Chamber is now engaged and to explain why there is a need for one, not only here but in every live community.

In the first place a Chamber of Commerce is an organization which is supposed to attend to the affairs which, ordinarily, are the business of everyone and which, therefore, are attended to by no one. In a community of this kind, where the support must come from the agricultural interests, the first big undertaking is to break a hole in the invisible but ever the less always present wall which surrounds the city and separates it from the country. There is a feeling that the interests of town and country are directly opposed. Nothing could be further from the truth.

If a real wall were to be built around Opelousas, separating it from the rest of St. Landry parish, who would be the first to try to break down the wall? Would it be the country people? Most decidedly not.

The country can live without the city but the only reason for the existence of a city is to supply the needs of the country. Therefore, the business men of Opelousas are interested in anything which will benefit the entire parish. They want the farmer to get a good price for his crops because unless the entire parish is prosperous business cannot be good in Opelousas.

Naturally, it is hard for the farmer to realize that business men are sincere when they tell him they are working for his interests. He asks them to prove it. It is up to the Chamber of Commerce to furnish this proof. The question is, how can it be done?

The best market which there is for certain products of St. Landry parish is in St. Landry parish. If a man near Sunset wants a registered bull or pig the place for him to buy it is in this parish. How can he find it? Perhaps a man ten miles the other side of Opelousas has exactly what he wants but does not know that he wants it.

By establishing a "Trade Day" the Chamber of Commerce has made a common meeting place where these men can get together and make their wants known. By offering substantial prizes each month the Chamber has made it worth while for the people to come here and bring their cattle, pigs or anything else of which they desire to dispose. Booths have been erected on the Court House square and arrangements made for taking care of anything which is brought in.

Certain farm produce is grown in quantity so that it can be shipped to advantage. By getting a number of farmers to make a shipment at the same time carloads can be made up and disposed of to advantage. The Chamber offers its services to help in this way.

There are government publications relating to crops and markets which are of advantage to the grower. The Chamber has a number of these on file and will secure others as they are published.

Certain farmers desire to experiment with wheat as a crop. They want to know what kind to plant and whether or not it will pay here. The Chamber has taken the matter up with the Department of Agriculture at Washington and at Baton Rouge and secured the information for them.

The American Cotton Association desires to build a cotton warehouse here and believes it to be for the best interests of the farmers, although it may mean a loss to certain people in town. It is in the best interests of the community as a whole then the Chamber of Commerce is in favor of it and will do all in its power to help them build it.

These are just a few of the things which the Chamber is doing for the people of the parish, which are not of direct benefit to the residents and

SUPERINTENDENT FOR POWER PLANT HERE AUGUST 20

Mr. Aymond Comes With Highest Recommendations From Former Employes

ARKADELPHIA PAPERS REGRET HIS LEAVING

Has Had Considerable Experience in Construction Work—Will Supervise Building of New Plant Here

Walter E. Aymond, who has been selected by Mayor Loeb as the new superintendent of the Opelousas power plant, will be here and ready for duty about August 20, so he informs the Mayor. Mr. Aymond is now in charge of the light and power plant at Arkadelphia, Ark., and has notified that company that he must be relieved by August 15, when he will leave for Opelousas.

Mr. Aymond's ability as a superintendent and the esteem in which he is held in Arkadelphia are set forth in the following clippings from paper of that city:

Walter Aymond to Leave
Walter Aymond, manager of the Arkansas Light and Power Company here, has accepted the place offered him by the city of Opelousas, Louisiana, and will leave here between August 15 and September 1.

Mr. Aymond will have charge of the installing of a new \$250,000 water system of that city.

Arkadelphia wishes Mr. Aymond could stay here as he has proved to be a good light and water man and a sterling good citizen. His family will be greatly missed. We wish for him in his new field nothing but the greatest success.—The Siftings Herald.

Arkadelphia Loses Manager

Walter Aymond returned yesterday from Opelousas, Louisiana and this morning informed a News representative that he had accepted the offer of the Louisiana city of the superintendency of the water and light plant there, at a considerable advance in salary over that paid him by the Arkansas Light & Power Co.

Mr. Aymond wired the Arkansas Light & Power Company his resignation of the Arkadelphia office, and asks for relief by August 15th, the date he is to report at Opelousas for duty.

The removal of Mr. Aymond will be greatly regretted here, as during his few months residence here he has made a host of friends who had hoped that he was a "fixture" of Arkadelphia. However, they will be glad to know that he has obtained a better position and that in the move he will be going to the home of Mrs. Aymond, whose father and other relatives live at Opelousas.—Arkadelphia (Ark.) Daily News.

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"Pick out the average of the field, step off ten yards and count the number of three-quarter grown bolls on the ten yards. Divide this by ten to get the average number per yard. For average sized bolls, 35 bolls per yard on 3-foot rows will make a bale per acre. On 3 1/2 foot rows, 40 bolls per yard will make a bale and on 4-foot rows 45 bolls to the yard will make a good bale, or at least 1500 pounds of seed cotton.

Mr. Pryor has estimated crops all over the South and found that this method usually gives a close approximation to the final yield. It is a conservative method of making cotton estimates.

Judge Laurent Domengeaux and Octave and Adolphe Savoie, prominent residents of Coulee Croche returned Friday morning after a ten days stay at Coopers Well, Miss. All three report that they are much improved by the trip. They say that the crops are very poor in the sections of Mississippi planters and farmers, eight buyers, four wholesale concerns, nine insurance, four printers and publishers, three real estate, three salesmen and twenty-seven miscellaneous members.

With this membership the Chamber is in a position to secure expert advice on any proposition which may come up and handle it to the best interests of all concerned. This is the best answer to the question "Can the Chamber of Commerce do any real good?"

Miss Lena Loeb attended a dance in Crowley Friday night.

MRS. AYMOND ENTERTAINED AS SHE PREPARES TO LEAVE

Mrs. Walter E. Aymond was at home yesterday afternoon from four to six o'clock to half a hundred friends. The little bungalow on Pine street, so very charming in its furnishings was further beautified by flowers and ferns. Guests were received by the attractive hostess, assisted by Mrs. Dwight Crawford, and were served in the dining room by a bevy of pretty girls. A clever idea was carried out in the "favors." A map of Louisiana in which Opelousas was marked was traced on Mrs. Aymond's calling card, showing she would be "at home" next in that town. It is sincerely regretted that Mr. and Mrs. Aymond have decided to leave Arkadelphia, as they have made many friends while here.—Arkadelphia (Ark.) Daily News.

FARMERS SLOW IN AFFILIATING WITH COTTON ASSOCIATION

LOCAL PEOPLE SHOULD ACT PROMPTLY IF THEY WANT BRANCH ORGANIZATION

The American Cotton Association has done much for farmers of the South, and it is the purpose of the organization to eventually reach all the producers. It seems strange though that the producer is so slow in taking advantage of the opportunity that confronts him. He has consumed most of his time for a year to get his crop, and will spend only a few days to try and give it to someone.

This practice has made it hard on the farmer, and as the cost of labor grows higher it will continue to be a problem for him to make ends meet.

The question of organizing the American Cotton Association is up to the people of St. Landry. The merits of the Association have been discussed. It is now up to the people to say whether or not they want it. People who know tell us that we are sure to receive tenuous prices for the present crop of cotton, if we do not market it slowly. We are in a position to do this if we only take advantage of the opportunity.

Only a few weeks remain for the parish to get in line with the organization. The membership has been clearly explained, and as stated above we must soon take advantage of it, or we will allow the opportunity to pass.

We will be glad to receive memberships at the office of A. A. Mendoza. Membership cards will be sent out in due time, and we will soon be in position to form the various branches throughout the parish.

SPECIALIST TELLS HOW TO ESTIMATE COTTON PRODUCTION

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'MIGHTY' TOBE EVENS UP WITH ANCIENT RIVALS

Hurls Arnaudville Tigers to Shutout Victory Over Eunice Colts

INVINCIBLE AT EVERY STAGE OF THE GAME

Lets Opponents Down With Three Hits and Strikes out Fourteen Batsmen—Lewis and Clary Hlep the Victors

"Revenge is sweeter than the fruits of victory," mused the "Mighty" Tobe Veltin as he sent back Eunice, his ancient rival, in a game Sunday afternoon that racked the nerves. Pitching as he never flung the old apple before, he cut 'em down one by one with the accuracy of the scythe and when his daily toll was done Eunice was still as far from the home plate as they had been the day before. He had shut them out, giving up but two hits and a scratch, and fanned fourteen of their batsmen, while his Arnaudville team-mates piled up five runs in one inning and put a clincher on the game.

The game was the second between the two teams and the result makes the series thus far a tie. Eunice having shut out Arnaudville the Sunday before by the score 1-0. Weather permitting, the tie will be played off in Opelousas on Thursday, August 19, during the big Masonic celebration here. Score 5 in Sixth.

For the five innings the game was anybody's, but in Arnaudville's half of the sixth the crash came and the result was no longer in doubt. Martin, Arnaudville's crack second sacker, first up singled. With Smith up next, Hudeck anticipated a bunt and tried for one close into the batter, but the ball got away from him and struck Smith on the arm. He was sent to first over the protest of the Eunice players who contended that the batter had attempted to bunt as the ball hit him. Angered at the decision, Shortstop Gullory of the Eunice team quit the game. He was replaced by Mersch. With the two men on "Lolo" Stelly, the Tigers' hard hitter, connected with one of Hudeck's fast ones and sent it sizzling to deep center. Hammers let the ball get through him and when it was returned to the diamond both runners had scored and Stelly was on second. Then base hits began to rain, one each from the bat of Veltin, Johnny Lewis and Albert Clary, Opelousas boys who were playing with Arnaudville, and wild throws became numerous. When the smoke had cleared away the count was five—more than were needed to win, for as the contest went on Veltin's grip on the situation tightened and he refused to give up another hit.

The fielding features of the game were catchers by Martin Arnaudville second baseman and Platt, backstop of the same aggregation. Besides several fine stops of hard hit grounders, Martin went over behind first and pulled down a Texas leaguer that looked like a safety. Platt brought the game to an unexpected end when he went up against the grand stand with two out in the ninth inning and pulled down a low foul.

Moore Fails to Come
Kitty Knight, who held Eunice to one run in the first game, was on the sick list and unable to be here for the game. The management of the Arnaudville team had secured Moore of the Lake Charles Athletics, but he failed to put in his appearance. Veltin was the emergency twirler. As Frankie Dietlein over at the Princess says, 'he had more curves than the Mississippi and more smoke than a coal furnace.'

The lineup-up of the two teams follows:
Eunice:—Hammers, cf; Derbes, F. 1b; Gullory, ss; Mersch, ss; Kouch, c; McKinney, 3b; Derbes, G. 1f; Derber, C. 2b; Hudeck, p.
Arnaudville:—Lewis, ss; Clary, rf; Martin, 2b; Smith, 3b; Stelly, 1b; Platt, c; Gullibeau, 1f; Roy, cf; Veltin, pitcher.

LADIES TO SEEK MEMBERS PERSHING WAY ASSOCIATION
A committee of ladies has been formed to put over the necessary memberships in the Pershing Way Association in order that this highway may not go around Opelousas.

This committee consists of Mrs. A. A. Anding, Mrs. Will T. Stewart, Miss Sing Littell, Mrs. Frank Dietlein and Mrs. G. L. Dupre. They will work in Opelousas first and then spend some time along the route of the highway outside of the city.

If you don't want to lose the Pershing Way take out a membership. Call at the Chamber of Commerce office or see the committee. It's up to you.

AMENDMENTS WILL BE PUBLISHED BY THE OLD CLARION

SECRETARY OF STATE BAILEY SENDS PROPOSED CHANGES TO CONSTITUTION HERE

The Clarion has been selected by Secretary of State James J. Bailey as the journal in which the proposed changes to the state's constitution are to be published. The amendments, eight in number, will appear first in the issue of August 28 and will run for a period of ten weeks. They will be voted on at the Congressional election to be held on November 2.

The number includes additional state aid for the public schools, increase in pensions for Confederate veterans to \$30 per month, changes in the election laws and others which deal with the board of commissioners of the Port of New Orleans.

BOYS RETURNED THURSDAY FROM BIG FARM TOUR

Intensive Cultivation and Industrial Plants are a Revelation to Them

ENTIRE TRIP WAS CAREFULLY PLANNED

No Time Lost as Big Crowd Makes Its Way From City to City Through Several States in a Week's Time

St. Landry's fourteen representatives on the farm observation tour through the Middle West returned Thursday afternoon after completing a most successful trip through some of the foremost agricultural states of the nation. The tour was a revelation to the boys and its educational value is indelible, said Mr. Mendoza, who was in charge of the boys.

Nearly three hundred representatives from the state made the trip on a special train of four Pullmans, a diner and baggage car. A carefully planned and executed itinerary carried them through agricultural universities, dairies, beef cattle herds, swine herds, creameries, a number of farms, Armour and Co.'s big packing plant at Chicago, Lincoln Park and the zoo in that city, tractor factories, publishing establishments, one of which was "Successful Farming," published by Mr. Meredith, secretary of agricultural and on sight seeing trips through some of the largest cities of the Middle West.

The following boys made the trip. Upon their return they were examined on their observations and experiences. The marks read by them are opposite their names:
Marrion Coles 91; Benny Andrepoint 86; Ben Mendoza, 85; Opie Dimmick, 81; Marshal Landreneau, 76; Warren Berwick, Jr., 69; Dave Foley, 67; Chapman Mills, 36; Austin Savoie, 33; Patrick Fontenot, 25.

Mr. Mendoza was accompanied on the trip by his wife, who was the only lady in the party. Mrs. Mendoza reports having had a pleasant trip, notwithstanding it was strenuous at times.

Due to his late arrival, the parish demonstrator was unable to furnish a detailed account of the tour, but next week will commence a series which will cover its every phase.

PRINCESS WILL HAVE FEATURE WEEK SEPT. 5-12

JOINS NATIONAL MOVEMENT AND WILL SHOW ONLY ART-CRAFT AND PARAMOUNT FILMS

The Princess Theatre, in keeping with a national movement, will exhibit only Artcraft and Paramount pictures through the week of September 5-12. Manager Dietlein participated in this movement last year and announces that he has signed up again. During the feature week he will show such pictures as "The Fourteenth Man," with Robert Warwick, "The Toll Gate," with Bill Hart, "Below the Surface," the great Ince special, "Away Goes Prudence," with Billie Burke, and others equally as good.

The feature week has become an annual affair in the movie world and the Princess management, always striving to give its patrons the best, is here too.

Phillips Zernott of Washington attended to business in town Monday.

LOCAL MASONIC LODGE OBSERVES ITS CENTENNIAL

Appropriate Ceremonies on August 19 Will Mark 100th Anniversary

EVENT MEMORABLE IN FRATERNAL HISTORY

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Wynne G. Rogers, of New Orleans And Other Officers Will Be Here for Occasion

Humble Cottage Lodge No. 19, F. & A. M. of Opelousas, will celebrate the hundredth anniversary of its constitution on next Thursday, August 19. It was chartered August 19, 1820 and the centennial milestone in its existence will be marked with ceremonies appropriately befitting the occasion. In fact the members of the lodge have outlined a program which will be memorable in the achievements of local fraternal organizations.

The festivities will commence at the lodge at 10 o'clock in the morning and a round of activities and entertainments will carry local and visiting Masons continuously through the day.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Bro. Wynne G. Rogers, of New Orleans, will be the orator of the day with an address on Free-masonry. Other officers also will be here.

The following is the program for the day:

Program
Invocation....Rev. Bro. J. D. Harper.
Chorus...."America."

Addresses of Welcome on Behalf of Humble Cottage Lodge, No. 19—Worshipful Master... (Rep. by Bro. P. M., B. A. Littlel).
Address of Welcome on Behalf of City of Opelousas—Mayor Bro. Edw. L. Loeb.

Response to Addresses of Welcome—M. W. G. M. Wynne G. Rogers, Chorus...."Old Hundred."

"Our Centennial" Reading of Charter and Historical Resume of Humble Cottage Lodge Bro. P. M. Leon S. Haas.

Responses from Visiting Brethren and Brethren of Humble Cottage Lodge.

Buffet Luncheon, 1 P. M.
To which all Masons are invited

Afternoon
Baseball Game, 5 to 7 p. m. Automobile Ride in and about Opelousas.

Night Program, 8 P. M.
Open air smoker to which all Masons and their ladies are invited.

Invocation...Rev. Bro. A. W. Turner
Chorus...."Star Spangled Banner"
Address...Bro. G. J. W., Jos. Sinaf
Vocal Solo...Mrs. Will T. Stewart
Address, "Free-masonry"...M. W. G. M. Wynne G. Rogers.

Vocal Duet...Mrs. Will T. Stewart and Miss Carmen Voorhies.
Visiting Lodges in Rotation

Committees
Arrangements....All Past Masters
Reception....W. M. and all members
Finance...Bros. Deblieux, Swords, and Stewart.

Music...Bro. J. L. Ballard, Chairman
Decorations....A. J. Perrault
Hotels and Rooms...Bro. R. L. Schuler
Automobiles and Transportation...Leon S. Haas, Frank Garbo, R. L. Schuler, Walter Sanders.
Refreshments...I. Isaac, C. L. Voorhies, Cottam Walker, Frank and Chas. Garbo.

Program...Fred Mayer, Sidney Roos, F. P. Butler, Allen Dezauche.
Tables, Benches, etc...J. L. Ballard.

Appropriate celebration of the centennial anniversary has been a custom with Masonic Lodges since time immemorial.

All local and visiting Master Masons and their families are cordially and fraternally invited to be present and aid in making the celebration of Humble Cottage the biggest event in its history of a hundred years.

OMITS A NAME FROM LIST OF CONTRIBUTORS

St. Landry Clarion, Opelousas, La.,
Dears Sirs,—

I note in your issue of July 31st, that you omitted the name of Mr. E. M. Bogni as a contributor of \$50.00 to the farm boys tour through the Middle West. Please make correction in this week's issue.

Yours very truly,

ALFRED MENDOZA,
County Agent.

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Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lamson were visitors to New Orleans this past week.