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WATER-WORKS.

We read in the Enterprise that the City Council of New Iberia will shortly entertain a proposition from Mr. W. L. Scovel, of Mississippi, to put up a water-works plant in that town. The question of water-works was discussed several times in Lafayette and some fifteen months ago an election was held to obtain the sense of the property holders in regard to the levying of a tax to raise funds for that purpose, but the majority was against the proposed tax and the movement was defeated. The advantages to be derived from the erection of a system of water-works are manifold; that of fire protection alone is of sufficient importance to enlist the support of all in a movement that will result in the establishment of a plant in this town. The Gazette believes that our councilmen should give their attention to this matter and try to devise means to procure this much needed improvement. With protection from fire the present exorbitant insurance rates would undoubtedly ce reduced. The following is an outline of Mr. Scovel's proposition to the Council of New Iberia:

Mr. Scovel proposes to put down a wrought iron plant containing 44,000 feet of mains of suitable size to afford fire protection to the entire town, when used with a sufficient amount of hose. Along this plant, at such points as may be designated by a committee, he proposes to place fire hydrants, together with all necessary appliances, such as gate-valves, ties, crosses, unions, expansion joints, etc., that may be necessary to perfect the plant. He proposes to place two steam duplex pumps of first class make, together with two boilers of suitable size for running the pumps. He will put down an 8-inch well 275 feet deep, or as deep as may be necessary for a supply of wholesome water, to which the pumps will be connected, for the perfect service. He will erect an iron tower 60 feet high on a lot to be furnished by the city authorities and place thereon two iron tanks with a capacity of 30,000 gallons of water. In case of large fires he will have one main connected with the bayou, so as to use the bayou water in case the well failed to supply. He will tap the mains and lay the service pipe to the water box complete for all consumers to take water or who give their orders for same, before the pipes are laid. The conditions he stipulates are as follows:

"Put down the plant complete for the sum of $23.000, and take your bonds at a cash valuation, bearing 8 per cent interest. Or, if you will grant me an exclusive franchise for twenty-five years, free from corporation taxes for five years I will erect the plant myself, and furnish water for whatever fire hydrants you may wish to take, at $50 each per year, said water to be furnished under 100 pounds pressure to the square inch for fire purposes. You to have the right to take as many fire hydrants as you may wish on the completion of the plant, at $50 each per year, and have the right to increase the number at any time by giving sixty days notice of your desire. You to have the right to purchase the plant every fifth year at cost of same."

It will be noticed that Mr. Scovel says that it is only in cases of large fires that it might be necessary to have recource to the bayou for water. In all ordinary cases the well will furnish a sufficient quantity. Lafayette cannot afford to remain without fire protection and the question will have to be solved sooner or later. Why not solve it now?

Governor Waite, of Colorado, has called an extra session of the Legislature of that State for the purpose of making Mexican and South American dollars legal tender, dollar for dollar, with American money. The Denver News protests very strenuously against this, and speaks of the Governor in these terms: "If he honestly urges so asinine a claim, then he is an honest fool; if he does so dishonestly, and for some ulterior purposes, then he is a knave, and the danger he is to a community is measured only by his power for harm." Before the repeal of the Sherman bill Governor Waite gained some notoriety by saying in a speech that he would ride in blood to his horse's bridle before submitting to the repeal of the bill.

Our sister town, Rayne, can boast of one thing and that is of having a good local paper. The Ranger has entered upon its third year with evidences of continued prosperity. The Ranger is a bright, newsy paper, and deserves the support of the people of Rayne.

Carencro News.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

—The members of the Carencro Brass Band, wish your correspondent to state that they had absolutely nothing to do with, and were not prsent at the so called "bazaar" given in town last Saturday. The name of their organization was shown on the posters without their authority.

—The holidays have been made brighter and happier, by the return home from the joyous season, of a number of young gentlemen and ladies, who have been away attending college and school. Among these may be mentioned Misses. Graziella and Adele Francez, Miss Lea Couret and Cadet Sam P. Brown.

—A large number of our people took advantage of the holiday rates offered by the Southern Pacific Co. to visit relatives and friends at different places.

—The Gazette was exactly right in its reference to people taking cane from cars loaded for forwarding. It should be understood that the farmer is the one who suffers the loss of every sugar cane taken from his shipment; as settlements are made on delivery weights. While in the single instance it may seem a very small matter, still in the aggregate it becomes very important, and occasions great loss to those who can illy afford it. It certainly would not be permitted for any one to take cotton from a bale. If such were done it would be considered in the light of a theft, and the party would be held amenable to the law. Why then should not the same rule apply to those who take cane not belonging to them. Now that our people are going extensively into cane culture, they must be protected in this particular matter. Let the parish and corporations pass proper laws affording the necessary protection.

—Thanks brother Cherokee for your kind invitation, for us to again assist in the waste of printers ink; but really we had no idea that our efforts were so much apppreciated.

—We sincerely trust that Royville may succeed in its endeavor to secure the establishment of a sugar mill. It is evident that "Cherokee" knows exactly what he is writing about.

—Our cotton gins are still working to their fullest capacity. There seems to be no "let up" to cotton this year. The shipment this season is already over 800 bales in excess of last year.

—Misses Lucy Bernard, and Madeline Melchior paid a short visit to Lafayette last Saturday.

—Two of our young men are the cause of the Sunset gardens being depleted of their choicest and rarest flowers.

—Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Francez passed Christmas day in Lafayette.

—There are a number of white and colored boys who congregate in the vicinity of the Southern Pacific depot, jumping on and off trains as they pass through town. When some terrible accident occurs it is probable that the parents of these children will put a stop to the reprehensible practice.

—The Teche Railroad now run trains connecting with both passenger trains of the Southern Pacific.

—We are pleased to note the return home of Mr. Theophile Breaux, who was absent in New Orleans for a long time. We extend to him a hearty welcome.

—While extending his sympathy to the readers of the "Carencro News" whose patience has so many times been so sorely tried. Totidem Verbis wishes them one and all a happy and prosperous New Year.

TOTIDEM VERBIS

Royville Items.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

—A happy and prosperous New Year to all. With the coming year let us all entertain new hopes, be brave and courageous, and renew with determination the long needed energy that is required to make this section one of the wealthiest of the state. We are now satisfied that our prayer has been answered, and ere the close of '94 a sugar refinery, railway branch and foundry will be under construction. The capitalist cannot be offered better and safer inducements. We guarantee a 20 to 26 tonnage of sugar cane. Our lands have no equal; they are unparalleled. Invest, gentlemen, and reap the bountiful harvest in store for you.

"Ye correspondent" spent Xmas in one of our neighboring towns. The good old medoc had its effect —similarly to the initiative,

When the wine goes to our head,
And our brain begins to swim
We see pearls and rubies red
Sailing round the breaker's brim.

—Misses Nita and May Scranton, of the Dominican Academy, New Orleans, are spending the holidays with their parents.

—Miss Beulah Young, of the Opelousas Female Institute, is enjoying the holidays at home.

—Mr. P. B. Landry was in Lafayette Friday, and with him returned Misses Leah Landry and S. Broussard, students of Mt. Carmel convent.

—Dr. Young, accompanied by Misses Maud and Effie Young, left for New Orleans Tdesday.

—Mr. Alciatore, of New Orleans, has been visiting Mr. Roy and family.

—Mr. Charlie Young, one of the L. S. U. cadets, dropped amongst us suddenly Sunday and will remain until January 2. Charlie is all right; He is aware that there's no place like home.

—We are sorry to say that our esteemed friend, Dr. Dupleix, has been confined to his bed lately. We trust that his illness will be a short one, and that in a few days he will be up and again be the same smiling "Sid."

—Our boys are O. K. A reform club is to be organized. The "Mysterious Six" assigns on January 1. We congratulate you, friends; do what's right and save your ducats.

CHEROKEE.

Christmas Tree at Duson.

Few people outside of the immediate vicinity of Duson know of the good that has been accomplished by the Bethel Sunday School. Mr. Lastie Hoffpauir, the zealous president of this worthy institution, was in Lafayette Tuesday and informed The Gazette that the membership of the school was steadily increasing and numbered at the present time over sixty. Christmas eve, the public school house which is the place of meeting of the Bethel school, was crowded with people who had assembled to participate in the festivities attending the fitting up of a large Christmas Tree, laden with handsome presents for the little children. The committee of arrangements were Mesdames Indai Clark, John Trahan and Messrs. W. T. Nickles, Lastie Huffpauir and Thomas Huffpauir who deserve a great deal of credit for the thorough manner in which the whole program was carried out.

Stub Ends of Thought.

To marry for love and miss it hurts more than to marry for money and miss it.

Sensitiveness is emotional inflammation.

People have been known to die for those they love, but not for those who love them.

That labor is sweet is no sign that rest is better.

Fear never carried a soul to heaven.

Sunshine is sugar on the bread of nature.

A little baby babyeth the whole lump.

Every man's cash is a hostage to his credit.

Men may acquire reputation, but character is inherited.

What a woman thinks is a sandwich with words between.

Literary Note.

The second edition of the December World's Fair Cosmopolitan brings the total up to the extraordinary figure of 400,000 copies, an unprecedented result in the history of magazines. Four hundred thousand copies—200 tons—ninety-four million pages—enough to fill 200 wagons with 2000 pounds each—in a single line, in close order, this would be a file of wagons more than a mile an a half long. This means not less than 2,000,000 readers, scattered throughout every town and village in the United States. The course of The Cosmopolitan for the past twelve months may be compared to that of a rolling snowball; more subscribers means more money spent in buying the best articles and best illustrations in the world; better illustrations and better articles mean more subscribers, and so the two things are acting and reacting upon each other until it seems probable that the day is not far distant when the magazine publisher will be able to give so excellent an article that it will claim the attention of every intelligent reader in the country.

HURRAH FOR ST. MARY!

Much difficulty is experienced in prosecuting the case of Prendergast the murderer of Mayor Harrison of Chicago. Mr. James Todd, of this place, who is prosecuting attorney of that city, has shown himself to be not only qualified but a very earnest and vigorous officer in the performance of his duty. The attorneys for the defense are endeavoring to establish a plea of insanity, but when Mr. Todd lets go his batteries everything wlil fall like the leaves of winter.—Attakapas Vindicator.

It is generally conceded that St. Mary has her share of the offices in this State, having furnished to Louisiana our excellent governor, to the United States Senate the eloquent Caffery, to this district the able Judge Allen; our brilliant young district attorney, M. T. Gordy, is originally from St. Mary, and we believe that our honored congressman, Andrew Price, is a native of that parish; but we did not know that a St. Mary man was prosecuting attorney of the World's Fair City.

Notice, Farmers Alliance.

The quarterly parish union meeting will be held at Mr. S. J. Montgomery's, January 13, 1894 at 10 o'clock. Members of the sub unions with their delegates are invited to attend Matters of importance, reorganization etc.

By order
V. E. DUPUIS, President.
J. KING GRIER, Secretary.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

To Attorneys, Administrators and Litigants.

The management of The Gazette desires to call the attention of attorneys, administrators of estates those contemplating litigation, and its friends in general to the exceptional advantages offered by this payer for the publication of their notices of sales etc. The large circulation of the paper, and its increasing popularity in Lafayette and parish is a sufficient guaranty to advertisers that business entrusted to The Gazette will reach a larger circle than can be accomplished through any other medium.

Sheriff's Sale

I. A. Broussard, Sheriff and Tax Collector, vs. Guillaume Broussard.

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of Louisiana, I will sell for cash, at public auction, at the front door of the Court House of the Parish of Lafayette, within the legal hours for judicial sales, on SATURDAY DEC. 30, 1893, the following mentioned and described property, to-wit:

FOURTEEN BARRELS OF CORN.

to euforce collection of poll tax, assessed in 1891, against said Guillaume Broussard and all costs incurred.

I. A. BROUSSARD. Sheriff.
Lafayette, Dec. 16, 1893.

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One PISTOL.

to enforce collection of poll tax, assessed in 1891, against said Isaac Dugas, and all costs incurred.

I. A. BROUSSARD. Sheriff.
Lafayette, Dec. 16 1893.

Notice.

All parties indebted to the undersigned, desiring to avoid costs would do well to call and make a satisfactory settlement before January 1, 1894.

Dec. 7, 1993. J. J. REVILLON.

NOTICE

To Tax-Payers on Immovable Property.

Tax-payers of the parish of Lafayette will take notice that the tax roll for the year 1893 has been deposited in my office, and according to section 34 of act 85 of 1888, the taxes on said immovable property are now due and collectible and unless paid on or before the 31st day of December, the same will be collected as provided by law with costs. I. A. BROUSSARD, Sheriff.
Sheriff's Office. Sept. 20, 1893.