THE CLARION.

OPELOUSAS, AUG. 6, 1898.

—The newspaper rivalry goes merrily on.

—Mumps are abroad in the land. It is very smell to have them.

—Mayor Davis Bernard, of Arnaudville, was in Opelousas Monday.

—Adelma Guidry, of Coulee Croche, was in Opelousas on Thursday.

—Armand Stagg, of Grand Prairie, spent Wednesday evening in town.

—Marriage often means the selling of one's liberty for a mess of affection.

—Constable Charles Lafleur, of Whiteville, spent a few days in town this week.

—Theo. Hollier and son, Freddy, left last week for a few days' outing on Bayou Rouge.

—Felix Dejean, of Church Point, was in Opelousas Wednesday, and gave us a brief call.

—Homer Barousse, of Church Point, was a business visitor in Opelousas last week.

—J. H. Boutte, of Media, was a business visitor in Opelousas Tuesday, and dropped in to see us.

—Constable J. M. Jackson, of Big Cane, was on official business at the county seat Wednesday.

—M. Vilaseca, who is sojourning at Biloxi, Mss., has our thanks for several local papers of that city.

—Mrs. Wartelle and Prof. Guilbeau will open a private school in the High school building next Monday.

—D. J. Higginbotham, of Arnaudville, was in Opelousas Wednesday, and favored us with an appreciated call.

—Those having prescriptions heretofore filled by L. C. Smith can have them refilled by bringing the the label to Taylor & Taylor.

—Jules Quebedeau, of near Arnaudville, spent a few hours in Opelousas Wednesday, and was a pleasant caller at our office.

—B. F. Perley, the veteran Gin Wright, will be in this parish this summer, and all work given him will be carefully attended to. m21

—LOST.—Between Opelousas and Ville Platte, a boy's saddle. A reward will be given for its return to GILBERT L. DUPRE.

—FOR SALE.—Lot of ground and improvements, fronting the High School building. Apply to MRS. F. F. HALPHEN.

—Miss Lizzie Currie left for her home in Ville Platte Wednesday, after having spent several days here as the guest of Miss Isola Fontenot.

—Miss Celeste Niece, who is teaching school in New Orleans, is spending a part of her vacation in Opelousas with her cousin, Mrs. C. P. Richard.

—Unless you register before August 31st, you will forever be debarred from doing so—that is, if you don't own $300 worth of property and can't read or write.

—A pleasant party of children had a delightful time at the residence of Mr. Laurent Dupre Tuesday evening. Ice-cream and other refreshments were served.

—President Fontenot and Superintendent Guilbeau, returned from Ruston last Friday, where they had been attending the annual convention of School Superintendents.

—NOTICE.—My office is now situated on Court street, next to Shute's Drugstore, where I would be pleased to meet my patrons. DR. J. P. SAIZAN.

—Personals from the Crowley Signal: Miss Annie Andrus, who has been the charming guest of her cousin, Miss Helen Taylor, for the past month, left for her home in Opelousas on Sunday....Miss Winnie Hayes left for Opelousas on Monday to spend a few days with relatives and friends in that city. ....Mrs. J. Kossuth Sandoz and children and Mrs. Foy, of Opelousas, passed through our city on Wednesday for their home from Pointe-aux-Loups springs, where they passed a beneficial and pleasant sojourn of several days.

FARMERS' CLUB.

Permanently Organized Here Tuesday.

The St. Landry Farmers' Club, temporarily organized here on the occasion of the Farmers' Institute held here a few weeks ago, met at the courthouse last Tuesday, and effected permanent organization by the election of the following officers:

M. L. Swords, president; Thos. H. Lewis, vice-president; Jas. O. Chachere, secretary and treasurer.

Executive Board—Wm. Dejean, C. T. Griffith, Ambroise Valin, L. C. Devilliers, A. D. Harmanson.

The committee on by-laws reported as follows:

"The undersigned agree to form an agricultural association, to be styled, "The St. Landry Farmers' Club" the object of which will be to promote the welfare of the classes of people devoted to agricultural pursuits; and we have adopted the following articles as a Constitution for said Club:

1st.—All farmers or persons interested in agricultural or industrial pursuits can become members upon agreeing to abide by these articles and such by-laws as may be adopted fron time to time, and upon the payment of $——.

2nd.—The organization shall be governed by a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer and an Executive Board, consisting of five members, and of the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer; the President, and in his absense the Vice-President, to be ex-officio chairman of the Board.

The first Executive Board and officers shall serve until August 1st, 1899, at which time and annually thereafter the members of the organization shall elect a new board and officers.

3rd.—This organization shall be strictly non-political, and no political discussion shall be allowed at its sessions, and all members without regard to their politics shall be entitled to equal privilages and consideration.

4th.—The Executive Board shall provide such by-laws and regulations for the government of the organization as may be deemed necessary.

5th.—The Club shall meet at such places as the Executive Board shall appoint ahd at least every three months, and it shall be the duty of the members as far as practicable to attend said meetings.

6th.—Auxillary Clubs may be formed by the Executive Board at any point in the parish where it is desired."

The first general meeting will be held at the courthouse, in Opelousas, on Saturday, September 3, at 3 p. m., and all farmers are urgently requested to attend.

A programme has been arranged for the occasion, features of which are as follows:

Good music.

Papers on the following subjects; and by the following persons:

"How to Raise Corn in St. Landry," M. G. Wilkins.

"Value of Cotton Seed Meal, Hulls, etc., for fattening stock, and as a fertilizer," J. R. Norman.

"Hog; his diseases and their Cure," Wm. Dejean and J. W. Moore.

"Big Cane Cotton Growers' Association and What it Has accomplished," C. W. Ward.

"Profits of Raising Jersey Milch Cattle for sale and for Dairy Product," R. S. Wilkins.

This organization is an important one to the farmers of St. Landry, and every man engaged in agricultural pursuit should join. The Association contemplate having parish fairs, exhibits, etc.

How To Look Good.

Good looks are really more than skin deep, depending entirely on a healthy condition of all the vital organs. If the liver is inactive, you have a bilious look, if your stomach is disordered, you have a dyspeptic look, if your kidneys are affected, you have a pinched look. Secure good health, and you will surely have good looks. "Electric Bitters" is a good Alterative and Tonic. Acts directly on the stomach, liver and kidneys, purifies the blood, cures pimples, blotches and boils, and gives a good complexion Every bottle guaranteed. Sold at Taylor & Taylor's Drug Store. 50¢ per bottle. 5

—W. W. Bailey, Esq., left for Abbeville Monday, where he will in future reside. Mr. Bailey is a promising young lawyer, and will doubtless do well in his new home. The Clarion wishes him Godspeed.

BIG FIRE.

Lawler & Philips' Livery Stable And Sandoz's And Dardeau's Warehouse Destroyed.

Tuesday morning at about three o'clock fire was discovered in the loft of Lawler & Philips' livery stables, one of the most modern and largest stables in town. The fire had made considerable headway when discovered, and was spreading like fury in the inflamable stuff. The alarm was quickly given, but when aid arrived all that could be done was to save the horses and vehicles, which was done with the exception of one horse belonging to Judge Dejean, of Plaquemine, and four single buggies, one double buggy, and two carriages, belonging to the stables. Judge Dejean also lost his buggy, so did Mr. Raoul LeBourgeois and Mr. Voorhies. A drummer lost his sample case of shoes, valued at $450.

The fire burned fiercely, and it looked for a while as if that portion of town was in danger of being burned. The waterworks hose was attached and played on the endangered buildings, and it is agreed that had it not been for the waterworks, a disastrous conflagration would have resulted.

The large warehouse of J. K. Sandoz & Bro., adjoining the stable, next caught fire. If there had been hose to play on this building, it is believed that it could have been saved. The people worked hard to save the goods in the warehouse, and did save considerable. The store, which was jammed to the warehouse, was saved, partly by a fire wall and partly by the hose.

A small warehouse belonging to O. Dardeau was also destroyed.

The stable building belonged to Mrs. Evans, and was valued at $1500. No insurance on stable or contents.

Messrs. Sandoz estimates their loss at something like $10,000, with $2500 insurance.

Mr. Dardeau lost considerable by the rough handling of his goods in taking them out of his store.

Mrs. Evans will rebuild the stable at once.

The cause of the fire is unknown.

The town is sadly in need of a hose company. With a well-organized and drilled hose company, and the splendid system of waterworks we have, the danger of fire will be greatly deminished.

Enterprising Druggists.

There are few men more wide-awake and enterprising than Taylor & Taylor, who spare no pains to secure the best of everything in their line for their many customers. They now have the valuable agency for Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. This is the wonderful remedy that is producing such a furor all over the country by its many startling cures. It absolutely cures Asthma, Bronchitis, Hoarseness and all affections of the throat, Chest and Lungs. Call at above drug store and get a trial bottle free or a regular size for 50¢ and $1.00. Guaranteed to cure or price refunded. 5

Joe In Trouble.

Joe Guidry, of "Yas sah boss" fame, was arrested and jailed on Thursday evening, charged with stealing $7 from Mr. W. L. Delahoussaye. The negro drove Mr. Delahoussaye to Chicot Wednesday, and they returned Thursday morning at about four o'clock, and Mr. Delahoussaye went to bed. When he got up he missed $7 in paper money out of his vest pocket, and he at once suspected Joe and at once had him arrested. Joe denies having stolen the money.

Tetter, Salt-Rheum and Eczema

The intense itching and smarting incident to these diseases, is instantly allayed by applying Chamberlain's Eye and Skin Ointment. Many very bad cases have been permanently cured by it. It is equally efficient for itching piles and a favorite remedy for sore nipples, chapped hands, chilblains, frost bites and chronic sore eyes. 25 cents per box. For sale by J. Lassalle. jy2-1y

Up To Something.

Tuesday night, while on his way home on horsback, District Attorney Garland ran across a fellow disguised with a long false beard. Mr. Garland halted him and inquired what he was doing disguised. The fellow paid no attention, but moved on at an increased gait. Being unarmed, Mr. Garland could not stop him, but went to get a gun and head him off, but when he returned the fellow had vamoosed and could not be found.

—Cris. Dietlein, Jr., infant son of A. Dietlein and Mollie Stokes, died at the family residence on Friday morning, July 30, aged 18 months and 5 days. The Clarion joins the community in extending its condolence to the bereaved parents.

THE RACES.

A Large Crowd And An Interesting Programme.

The races at Stewart's Race Course last Sunday were well attended, about six hundred people being present, the gate receipts amounting to $100.30.

The feature of the day was the race between "Wm. R.," owned by Jeter Stokes, and "Uhlan," owned by Mr. Boutte, for a purse of $100. On account of a trivial misunderstanding between Mr. Stewart and Uhlan's driver, Mr. James Healey, the latter refused to drive the horse, and the race was declared off, Uhlan's backers paying the forfeit, $20. Later in the evening, however, Dr. C. F. Boagni and several other gentlemen borrowed Uhlan from Mr. Boutte and made the race, Mr. E. K. Wallior driving Uhlan and Jeter Stokes driving Wm. R. The bet was $50 aside.

"Wm. R." won the race in three straight heats, as follows:

First heat, 2:26¾; second 2:27; third 2:27.

In the last heat Wm. R. doubly flagged Uhlan, making the mile, according to unofficial time, in 2:22. Mr. Stokes, to keep his horse from marking, stopped before he got to the judge's stand, and walked under the wires; hence his time was officially recorded 2:27.

We learn that the horses will trot again shortly.

The other races were: Russelmore, owned by J. J. Thompson, entered by Jeter Stokes; Carencro blue mare, owned by a little negro from Carencro; and Rex, entered by Dr. Boagni. Won by Russelmore as follows:

First heat, Rex, 2:36¾; Blue flagged; second heat, Russelmore, 2:34; third heat, Russelmore, 2:33; fourth heat, Russelmore, 2:36½.

The next race was between Don Caffery, entered by E. K. Wallior; Nel, entered by Leon Dupre, and Wargum, entered by Kelley Andrus.

The race was two best out of three, and Nel lead in the two winning heats easily. But she broke four times in each heat, and the race was awarded by the judges to Wargum. Nel was much the best horse, and while we do not doubt that the decision was in accordance with the rules, it was manifestly the best horse losing. The decision was rendered in accordance with rules 76-77-78-79 of the American Trotting Association.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy Always Proves Effectual.

There are no better medicines on the market than Chamberlain's. We have used the Cough Remedy when all others failed, and in every instance it proved effectual. Almost daily we hear the virtues of Chamberlain's remedies extolled by those who have used them. This is not an empty puff, paid for at so much a line, but is voluntarily given in good faith, in the hope that suffering humanity may try these remedies and, like the writer, be benefited.—From the Glenville (W. Va.) Pathfinder. For sale by J. Lassalle.

Texas Health Resort.

As a health resort, Ft. Davis (Marfa), on the line of the Southern Pacific—Sunset Route—is rapidly coming into prominence. The climate is unexcelled for those ailments where pure and wholesome air is prescribed.

In order to present an opportunity to those wishing to visit this delightfull spot, the Sunset Route has announced a rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip, good to return until Oct. 31st. Call on any local agent of the Company, or addresss L. J. Parks, A. G. P. & T. A., Sou. Pac.—Sunset Route,—Houston, Texas.

Took A Severe Cold After The Big Fire.

After the big fire in Cripple Creek, I took severe cold and tried many remedies without help; the cold only becoming more settled. After using three small bottles of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, both the cold and cough left me, and in this high altitude it takes a meritorious cough remedy to do any good.—G. B. Henderson, Editor Daily Advertiser, Cripple Creek, Colo. Sold by J. Lassalle.

—Personals from Lake Charles Commercial: Mrs. Sam Walker and family, left Tuesday morning for Opelousas, where they will reside in the future....Mrs. McCormick and daughter, Mrs. C. Clerc, returned Tuesday evening from a ten day's visit with relatives in St. Landry parish....Sid J. Hollier returned Sunday morning from a visit with the old folks in Opelousas.

—Mayor Emile Daboval and O. P. Bonnin, of Rayne, were here last Sunday to attend the races. Mr. Daboval is the owner of "Major R.," the celebrated thoroughbred trotting stallion, who was on hand for a race, but could get no one to tackle him.

FISHING FOR SMELTS.

Queer Little Colonies of Movable Huts Along the Maine Coast.

The different enactments for the protection of salmon in Maine waters would fill half a page in the Sun, while all the laws regulating the taking of smelts could be printed in half a column. Though salmon are protected and petted from the time they are in the egg until they are caught or die of old age, the total value of the salmon taken in Maine last year did not exceed $3,000, and half of these were sold to the United States fish hatchery at Orland. During the same time that the aristocratic fishermen were angling for salmon with fishing tackle that was costly and wonderful to look at, the ragged and begrimed girls who fished with cotton lines and cheap hooks caught smelts enough to yield more than $35,000 in cash, and had a whole lot left over for home consumption.

In the winter, when business is dull and no farming operations can be carried on, the entire population of the seaboard towns goes out on the ice and fishes for smelts, using hand lines and hanks that are baited with live minnows that are dipped from deep holes in the inland brooks. Every fisherman has a four by six wooden house upon runners, in which he sits perched upon a shingle block by the side of a hot sheet-iron stove. Having cut a hole in the ice as long as his house is wide, he slides his dwelling over the hole, takes up a floor board, and is ready for business. He sits there smoking and wishing for smelts from sunrise until nearly midnight. Some days he makes good wages, getting as many as 20 pounds of smelts, which, at 14 cents a pound, yields enough money to support his family in comfort. Again, in blowy weather, when the smelts strike offshore to avoid being ground to pumice on the rocks, he may fish for a week and not average over six pounds a day. Whether he gets much or little he keeps on fishing, knowing that he can find nothing else to do, and preferring small wages to no wages at all.

The brackish streams and salt water inlets all along the coast, from Castine to Eastport, are no.. dotted with these little fishing houses that can be moved from place to place by hand. Sometimes five or six members of the same family will group their houses and cook their food before an open fire on the ice. A fisher boy who has a sweetheart engaged in the same calling generally places his house near hers, so they may exchange glances and words of endearment between bites. Old women bring down half finished stockings and sit and knit, counting stitches and making seams and also watching the upper ends of the dangling lines for signs of life below. Pensioners whose trembling hands have to be guided when signing their vouchers meet comrades from other towns, and while fishing for smelts fight over the battles that were lost and won more than 30 years ago. When all other topics of conversation fail, the price paid for smelts in the Boston and New York markets comes up for discussion, and daily papers from the big cities are passed from hand to hand until the page which is devoted to market reports is worn out.

The general impression is that the commission merchants who handle smelts are getting rich faster than Klondike miners. Another deep-rooted conviction which prevails everywhere along the coast is that the crooked and malformed smelts which are sent to the states from New Brunswick and Nova Scotia are unfit to eat. It is argued that if the imported smelts were as good as those caught in Maine the fishermen would take more pains with them, and would straighten them out in shape to put in the frying pan before they were allowed to freeze. As for crooked smelts that are shipped in bulk and pitched out of the hold of a vessel with a fork, the fishermen want none of them.

The older fishermen when talking of years gone by do not give dates and pay no heed to the almanac. One season is spoken of as the "winter when smelts were big and skurce," another is the "winter when two lines caught 80 pounds a day for six weeks," and the most memorable event of all was the "winter when smelts brought 30 cents a pound." The last-named winter brought prosperity to all the coast towns. Scores of couples who had been planning and saving for years got married that winter, and houses that had not known paint for a decade came out in fresh coats of glaring white. As a result of that season of great prosperity the ice is now covered with fat and romping boys and girls, whose parents found marriage possible because smelts were 30 cents a pound.—N. Y. Sun.

This Dog Carried a Watch.

A story is told by Mr. George W. Griffin, of Henderson county, of a shepherd dog owned by him, which certainly demonstrates the superior instinct of this little woolly creature over most species of the canine family. "One day," said that gentleman, "I was driving along the public highway and the dog was following me. I stopped to talk to some friends that I met, and while conversing with them, unknowingly dropped my watch from my vest pocket. The watch had a short piece of leather attached to it, which answered for a fob. As soon as the chat ended I got into my buggy and drove on. I had driven half a mile or more when, to my astonishment, I noticed the dog was trotting along close behind the vehicle with the watch hanging from his mouth by the leather strap, which he held firmly between his teeth. Of course, I made haste to stop and get out of the buggy. As I did so the dog came up to me wagging his tail, seemingly conscious and proud of what he had done. This, though, is just one of the many intelligent acts to that little animal's credit."—Louisville Post.

—It is claimed that Lake Erie produces more fish to the square mile than any body of water in the world.

—To hitch or drive a horse on the courthouse square will now cost you from $2.50 to $5. The town council at last Monday's session passed an ordinance to that effect, and the fact is announced in bold-lettered placards posted on every tree on the square.