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LAKE CHARLES, LA.

SATURDAY, :: :: JULY 16, 1881.

The steamer Willie, passed down
last Wednesday night with a tow of
logs for Burleson Bros.

We are under obligations to
Geo. H. Wells and Capt. J. W.
Bryan, of the Echo, for files date
papers.

The "Jessie," "Oldtime" and
"Optimates," brands of cigars just
received at Haskell's, from the
Times Cigar Co., of Philadelphia.

The stean tug Alert, No. 1, com-
manded by Modore Horn, commanding, put
up Main River Wednesday with a
cargo of assorted freight. He
will bring down a tow of logs for
Blattz & Moss.

We have received the June
number of the "St. Landry Real Estate
Journal," published at Opelousas,
La., by Jas. H. Houston & Co.,
real estate agents. It is a
monthly paper, published for
gratis distribution.

The assessment rolls are
completed, and have been placed in
the Clerk's office for revision and
correction, and as the time for
revision and correction expires
the 25th inst., taxpayers have
time to lose in attending to this
important matter.

It is rather a singular co-
incidence that exactly the same
number of marriage licenses were
issued from the Clerk's office of this
parish for each year ending July
1, 1880 and July 1, 1881, that is
150 each year. Not a bad showing
for a parish with something over 1
000 inhabitants.

The Country Visitor's Month-
ly Magazine, published by A. M.
Wester, Jr., of New Orleans, is a
neatly gotten up periodical. The
July number contains about six
pages of very interesting mat-
ter, all relating to travels, sketches
and occurrences in Louisiana.
Price, \$1.25 per annum.

At last we have had rain in the
vicinity. A fine heavy rain fell
Monday. On Tuesday a good show-
er. Thursday and Friday, heavy
rains, and at about 12 o'clock last
night it commenced again, and
continuing as we go to press. The
rains seem to have been profuse,
and we hope everybody will get
enough.

We learn from F. A. Gallagher,
Esq., that the decision of Judge G.
Hudspeth was sustained in the
case of D. H. Lyons, sheriff, vs.
the Parish of Calcasieu. Judge
Hudspeth had given judgment in
favor of D. H. Lyons for the amount
claimed, \$4,404. The parish,
through Hon. A. J. Kenney, ap-
pealed, and so the case finally
decided.

We invite attention to the
columns of Capt. Green Hall, our
advertising columns. He says that
he would like to meet the gentleman
from Barnes' Creek with such
paying qualities, who telling the
truth." The Capt. ticks his car-
diometer about change business, get
the thermometer down to the bot-
tom of a well four feet deep,
and have icicles a foot long hang-
ing from the mouth of the gen-
tleman from Barnes' Creek, if the
moustache would suit it.)

The Sulphur Mines.

This place is every year becom-
ing more and more popular as a
resort for the people of our town
and, indeed, for the people of our
parish generally. It is a great pity
that there are no accommodations
for those living at a distance, who
cannot, or who do not care to take
everything from home and camp
out, as has to be done.

There is an old house or two at
the mines, but they are in a dilap-
idated condition; the briars and
undergrowth are so thick and high
that it is impossible to get the least
air. Those who have gone there
from town, went prepared to camp
out, and did, until the appearance
of rain forced them to move, camp
under some magnificent live-oaks
on the edge of the prairie, about
one and a half miles from the mines.
There it was as pleasant as could
be desired, a fine breeze blowing
all the while, and a pleasant drive,
morning and evening, to take a
bath.

That bath is "just too awfully
nice," just think of it, a stream of
water as clear as crystal coming
through a four-inch pipe, a dis-
tance of 1200 feet below the sur-
face of the ground, and forced
through a curved pipe about six
feet high from the floor, throwing
the stream several feet from the
main pipe. It is fun to jump under
that stream and let it strike you.
One feels like he had been struck
with a sledge-hammer, and can't
keep down a yell to save his life.

Mr. Eli A. Perkins, at Sulphur
Mine Station, on the L. W. R. R.,
has, for the accommodation of
strangers, several very comforta-
ble rooms to rent, and has a hack,
buggy and horses to let to those
wishing to visit the mines, which
is only about one and a half miles
from the station. Mr. Perkins has,
at his own expense, put the road,
from his place to the mines, in ex-
cellent condition.

WATERMELONS!—A. J. Lyons &
Bro. have just received fresh mel-
ons, which they are offering for
sale, by the lot or at retail. Price,
from 5 cents up to 30 cents, each.
They are good and sweet, and don't
you forget it.

We very respectfully suggest to
the members of the Police Jury,
who are to meet next Monday, that
no better nor more profitable in-
vestment of a few dollars of the
people's money could be made,
than in a wise provision for giving
a substantial coat of painting to
our Courthouse. The building is
comparatively a new one; but with
its old paint, nearly washed out, it
looks almost like an old barn.
Painting it anew, both inside and
outside, would add greatly to the
beauty of its appearance, and to
the chances for its preservation.
Whilst at it, they might as well
give a solid white-washing to the
sombre looking monument behind
the Courthouse. Money thus spent
in beautifying and preserving pub-
lic buildings, is money saved for
the people.

The Medical and Law Depart-
ments of the University of New
Orleans, are of long standing and
established reputation. The Aca-
demical Department of the Uni-
versity is now making rapid strides
towards gaining a position among
the first and best institutions of
learning in the United States.
During the session of 1880-81,
there were 265 students in atten-
dance. The University is a State
institution, and is under the direct
control of the Governor, the Chief
Justice of the Supreme Court, the
Mayor of the city of New Orleans,
and other members appointed by
the Governor, with the advice and
consent of the Senate, as a Board
of Administrators. Write for a
catalogue.

"Oldtime" cigar at the Post
Office, 3 for a quarter.

Is It Insanity or Not?

This is a question that the court
will have to determine. It is one
upon which hangs the lives of
many who are leaders or aspiring
to be leaders in the political arena.
On the 2d instant a dastardly, cow-
ardly, malicious and murderous at-
tempt was made upon the Chief
Magistrate of the nation; in broad
daylight, by a fanatic and mono-
maniac named Guiteau, who claim-
ed, and still claims, to be a "stal-
wart of the stalwarts," or, in other
words, "boss thief." (See Webster.)
Thank heaven, his vile work was
not thoroughly done. The Presi-
dent still lives. His relatives, and
some who are not relatives, now
say that he is insane, trying thus
to save him from the extreme pen-
alty of the law.

Away with such folly, say we. If
he is mad, there is method in his
madness.
There is a marked difference be-
tween an insane person and a mono-
maniac. Guiteau is not only a
monomaniac, but a fanatic. His
own words prove this fact. He
claims that he did the deed in obe-
dience to the command of God.
Here is fanaticism. He also claims
that he must do the deed so that a
stalwart might be brought in and
thereby save the Republican party.
Here is irrefutable evidence of a
monomaniac. His mind centered
on that one object. It did not
matter who suffered, nor what be-
fell the country, so the Republican
party was saved.

To accomplish his aim he laid
all his plans adroitly; with too much
method to be the work of an insane
man, and upon his trial for the in-
famous deed, if it is decided that
he is insane, what public officer's
life will be safe hereafter?

There are scores of men who,
were it not for the fear of the law,
would not hesitate to satisfy their
thirst for blood, and at the same
time seek revenge for imaginary
wrongs. Could they but hope to
fully establish a plea of insanity,
our whole land would be shocked
at the bloody deeds that would be
committed; and the cry would be
raised by friends, "O, he is insane.
He was always unsteady in mind."

There is another query arising
here: Was he hired to do the deed?
A great many believe he was. How
true we do not know now, but there
is no doubt we will soon know, for
detectives will assuredly wring the
admission from the culprit. There
are many in New York who believe
that he was employed to murder
the President, and in consequence
are dropping the name stalwart,
and that wing of the party is losing
strength daily.

It is not publicly intimated that
Conkling and Arthur had anything
to do with the attempted assas-
sination, yet there are thousands
who believe they had; the words
of Guiteau point that way. Suspi-
cion has fastened upon them,
whether right or not we do not
say, but it is even so, and it will
hang to them as long as they live,
let them try ever so hard to shake
it off. We hope for the honor of
our common country that they had
nothing to do with it; but people
will think, and citizens of New
York think louder than any one
else.

When the culprit is put upon his
trial, the mystery will be solved
and the tangled skein unraveled,
until then let us give them the
shelter of our mantle of charity.

Lake Charles stands sorely in
need of a good and permanent
institution where we could send our
girls to school. The little girls
about town are growing up fast in
number and in size. A well re-
commended lady principal could
make herself both rich and useful
by the establishment here of a
first-class female school.

PERSONAL.

Mr. J. F. Merriman, of the lum-
ber firm of W. F. Stewart & Co.,
of Galveston, was in town this
week. He wants lumber, more
lumber.

Capt. B. R. Stoddard, of the
schooner Inez Huston, is back
from a trip to Indianola. The
schooner has gone to Morgan City
to load with railroad ties.

Mr. Jno. McNeese, having closed
his school for the summer, has
gone up in the pine woods for rest
and recreation.

Mr. S. H. Clement and family
are at the Sulphur Mines, in search
of health. We hope they will re-
turn all right.

Mr. James Nevil, who lives near
Phillip's Bluff, on the Calcasieu
river, called on us last Wednesday,
and, after subscribing for the COM-
MERCIAL, informed us that the rain
of last Monday did not reach his
place, and that he has had no rain
since the 6th of June.

A. J. Kearney, Esq., our District
Attorney, returned last Sunday
night from Opelousas, where he
had been attending the Supreme
Court, and left for his home, in
Cameron parish, early last Monday
morning.

Mr. C. E. Sampson, representing
the firm of Harriss, Sampson &
Co., Manufacturers of Tobaccos,
Reidsville, N. C., visited our town
this week.

F. A. Gallagher, Esq., returned
Tuesday night from Opelousas,
where he had been attending the
Supreme Court.

A. R. Mitchell, Esq., left Thurs-
day morning for Cameron parish,
to prepare his business for the
District Court, which convenes
there next Monday.

Prof. Eli McDaniel, of Opelousas,
visited our town this week with
a view of locating.

W. B. Norris, Esq., returned,
Thursday morning, from a flying
trip on business to Galveston. He
reports the boom in lumber as
heavy as ever.

Our enterprising fellow-town-
man, Robt. Landry, made a trip to
New Orleans this week. He made
it in a hop, skip and a jump.

Jerry Broussard, from Rose
Bluff, was in town this week. The
cares and toils of a merchant do
not reduce him much.

We notice in town this week our
old-time friend, W. Morel, Esq.,
representing the dry goods house
of W. H. Letchford, of New Or-
leans.

Charley Stith, the genial, is
around among Marx & Kempner's
numerous customers in town and
country. If any one can beat Char-
ley selling "groceries and sich," he
must get up early, and stay up late.

Up to latest accounts from Cam- eron parish there has been no rain.

Crops are a total loss, and great
distress prevails, for want of water,
for both man and beast. The cat-
tle are frantic from suffering; they
move about in herds, lowing and
bellowing; running into the Gulf,
half-sides deep to find that they
cannot drink the water, then rush-
ing out to the ponds and marshes
where they were in the habit of
finding water. Every man owning
stock on the Cheniere, and ridge
between the Calcasieu and Mermen-
tau rivers, is hard at work dig-
ging wells and reservoirs to try
and keep the cattle from famishing.

Notice new schedule of steamer
Nettie. With Ned at the wheel,
and Bill at the throttle valve, ev-
erybody feels safe.

By the way, the Nettie has been
laid up for repairs for several days,
to the serious annoyance of habit-
ual travelers between Bagdad,
West Lake Charles and Lake
Charles. Mrs. Partington said,
"Nobody knows the blessings of
good health until they get sick." So
with the Nettie, one does not
realize the convenience of the ferry
until it stops.

Note the card of Amede Farque
this week. He means what he
says, and he says this "thermome-
ter down in the gutter and frosty
breath" business is too thin. If the
gentleman from Barnes' Creek will
give him a call the next time he
comes to town, he will make B. C.
feel like he had swallowed a quar-
ter-section of the north-west cor-
ner of the iceberg around the
north-pole, for fifteen cents, and
he will not need a reflector to bring
him back to temperate either.

Record Book of Conveyances
and Miscellaneous Acts, for this
parish, show the following augmen-
tation of business from January 1,
1877 to July 1, 1881. There were
recorded from

Jan. 1, 1877 to Jan. 1, 1878,	142 acts.
Jan. 1, 1878 to Jan. 1, 1879,	154 "
Jan. 1, 1879 to Jan. 1, 1880,	212 "
Jan. 1, 1880 to Jan. 1, 1881,	215 "
Jan. 1, 1881 to July 1, 1881,	205 "

It will be seen that the business
of the last six months is almost
equal to that of either of the two
previous years.

KICKED TO DEATH.—We learn
that Mr. Alonzo A. Henderson was
kicked in the breast, near the
throat, by his horse, and died from
internal hemorrhage. This occur-
red last Sunday morning, near Sugar
Town, in this parish.

The latest reports from the bed-
side of President Garfield are very
favorable, and his physicians now
entertain no doubt of his ultimate
recovery.

Call at the Post Office and invest
a nickel in two of Haskell's "Queen
of the Turf" cigars.

COMPLIMENTARY.
We are glad to place on our exchange
list the LAKE CHARLES COMMERCIAL, ed-
ited by Mr. John McCormick. From
the appearance of the initial number
the paper is destined to be placed in the
first rank of our State exchanges.—(New Or-
leans Times.)

We find upon our table to-day,
the LAKE CHARLES COMMERCIAL, a new paper
published at Lake Charles by John Mc-
Cormick. This new candidate for public
favor is very neat in typographical ap-
pearance, and its editorials evince intelli-
gence and ability. It has our best wishes
for success.—(Baton Rouge Capitollian.)

Vol. 1, No. 1 of the Lake Charles Com-
mercial, by John McCormick, is before
us. It is a handsomely printed and care-
fully edited 24-column newspaper, and
we trust, will meet the liberal patronage
which it seems to deserve. We X with
our new contemporary with pleasure.—
(Orange (Texas) Tribune.)

The Lake Charles Commercial, Vol. 1,
No. 1, is before us. It is a handsome and
well edited sheet and a credit to Lake
Charles. We wish it a happy and pros-
perous career.—(Beaumont (Texas) En-
terprise.)

Marine News.

ARRIVALS.
Schr. Cleopatra arrived last Saturday
with about 255 bbls. assorted merchan-
dise on freight.
Schr. Adelia arrived Wednesday with
about 300 bbls. assorted merchandise on
freight.
Schr. Lehman No. 3, John Albert,
Rebecca, Lizy, Agnes, Fury, Eva, Catha
Minerva, Dread Naught.

DEPARTURES.
From Ryan & Geary's Mill—
Schr. Rosina with 24,000 ft. lumber to
A. J. Perkins & Co., Galveston.
Schr. Alice with 15,000 ft. lumber to
same.
Schr. Let Me Go, 14,000 ft. lumber to
owner, Bayou Vermilion, La.
Schr. Julia, 10,000 ft. lumber to owner,
Caney Creek, Texas.
From Lock & Co.'s Mill—
Schr. Lehman No. 3, 56,000 ft. lumber
to A. J. Perkins & Co., Galveston.
Schr. John Albert, 24,000 ft. lumber to
same.
Schr. Lizy, 21,517 ft. lumber to same.
Schr. Rebecca, 20,357 ft. lumber to
same.
Schr. Agnes, 21,000 ft. lumber to same.
Schr. Eva, 12,778 ft. lumber to same.
Schr. Dread Naught, 8,400 ft. lumber
to same.
Schr. Fury, 12,138 ft. lumber to owner.
Schr. Catha Minerva, 41,842 ft. lumber
to H. J. Huck, Indianola.
From Goosport Mills—
Schr. Livonia Perkins, 38,506 ft. lum-
ber for Galveston.
Schr. Caroline, 41,142 ft. lumber, same.
Schr. Susana, 33,940 ft. lumber, same.

Stationery, Tobacco, Cigars.

I SHALL keep constantly on hand, at
the Post Office, a complete assortment
of Stationery, Blank Books, Pens, Ink,
A fine assortment of superior Chewing
and Smoking Tobacco.
A large stock of choice Cigars & Pipes,
Daily, Weekly and Monthly Papers and
Periodicals.
W. H. HASKELL.
July 16, 1881.-tf.

SCHEDULE —OF THE— STEAMER NETTIE.

FROM and after July 1, 1881, the Steam-
er Nettie will make regular trips be-
tween Lake Charles, West Lake Charles
and Bagdad, viz:

Leaves Lake Charles for West Lake Charles,	At 6.15	A. M.
At 11	A. M.	
At 1.30	P. M.	
At 5.15	P. M.	

Leaves Lake Charles for Bagdad.

At 8.30	A. M.
At 3	P. M.

Leaves West Lake Charles for Lake Charles.

At 7	A. M.
At 11.45	A. M.
At 1.45	P. M.
At 6	P. M.

Leaves Bagdad for Lake Charles.

At 9.45	A. M.
At 4.15	P. M.

E. H. NICHOLS, Master.
July 16, 1881.-tf.

Lake House Saloon.

GREEN HALL, Proprietor.

A FULL line of choice Liquors and su-
perior Cigars, always on hand.
A Good Billiard Table, with out-fit for
playing "Pin Pool."
MAGALE'S SOUR-MASH WHISKY,
A Specialty.
If you want a quiet drink, in a quiet
place, give me a call.
GREEN HALL.
July 16, 1881.-ly.

Lake Charles Saloon.

AMEDE FARQUE, Proprietor.

A CHOICE stock of the finest Wines,
Liquors and Cigars, that the market
affords, always on hand.
THE ONLY PIGEONHOLE TABLE
IN TOWN.
By assiduous attention to the wants of
my customers, I hope to merit a share of
the public patronage.
AMEDE FARQUE.
July 16, 1881.-ly.

NOTICE.

LAND OFFICE at New Orleans, La.,
July 12, 1881.—Notice is hereby given
that the following named settler has filed
notice of his intention to make final
proof in support of his claim, and that
said proof will be made before the Judge
or Clerk of Court, at Lake Charles, La.,
on the 13th of August, 1881, viz:
Andrew Ryan, Homestead No. 3292,
for the N 1 of N E 1 of Sec. 11, Tp. 11, S
10 W, Louisiana Meridian. He names
the following witnesses to prove his resi-
dence upon, and cultivation of, said land,
viz: Simeon Vincent, Wm. Vincent, O.
F. Lyons and Isaac Vincent, all of Calcasieu
parish, Louisiana.
GEO. BALDEY, Register.
July 16, 1881.-6t.

St. Louis Type Foundry,

115 & 117 Pine St.,
DEALERS IN
PRINTING AND WRITING PAPERS,
CARDS AND CARD BOARD,
TAGS, ENVELOPES,
Printing Inks, Bronzes, &c.
Programme Cards, Wedding Envelopes,
Wedding Papers, &c.
July 9, 1881.