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Agents for the Commercial.
J. H. Poe, Bagdad.
W. Harrison, West Lake Charles.
M. Mayo, Opelousas.

Subscribers who fail to receive their paper, will please notify us of the fact.

Don't fail to attend the "Lawn Party," next Tuesday evening. Lots of fun.

Read the new advertisement of Schindler & Valverde, contractors, ship-builders, etc., in another column of this issue.

See the law card of F. A. Gallagher, Esq. Mr. Gallagher is too well known as a lawyer to need any recommendation from us.

TOWN LOTS FOR SALE.—In another column will be seen the advertisement of several town lots for sale. This is a fair opportunity to new settlers.

Messrs. Rostect and Fournet offer for sale, on liberal and easy terms, the old Mark Lee place, near town. See advertisement in another column.

The Ladies' Aid Association, as usual, have started something new for the enjoyment of the good people of our town. We feel sure their "Lawn Party" will be liberally patronized.

We have received Vol. 4, No. 2, of "The Texas Printer," published at Houston, Texas, by Mr. Wm. M. Hauberge. It is neatly printed and contains items of interest to the craft generally.

FATAL RAILROAD ACCIDENT.—Last Wednesday morning the eastern bound freight train on the La. W. Railroad ran over a cow, about seventeen miles east of Lake Charles, ditched several cars, killing the fireman and wounding the engineer. No others hurt.

Thanks to Mrs. Wm. Meyer for a subscription to the COMMERCIAL, also to Messrs. Jas. T. Kent, W. T. Whitley, C. Schindler, R. J. Egan, James Blair, J. B. Goodhue, David Morgan, Jos. Goodman, and A. J. Perkins and A. J. Kearney, each for two subscriptions.

The Fair for the benefit of the Catholic Church was a grand and complete success. Owing to the presence of Father Kelly, who was called away immediately after the fair, we are unable to give full particulars of the financial result, this week. The large building was filled with people from 7 p. m. to 10 p. m., every night, from Monday to Thursday, and all seemed to enjoy themselves to their heart's content. We congratulate Father Kelly and his congregation on their success.

A special telegram from Opelousas to the N. O. Democrat, says that a destructive fire occurred at Characero, in the parish of Lafayette, on the Morgan railroad, on Friday evening, the 29th ult. The Catholic church, the residence of the priest and all adjacent buildings were entirely consumed. No particulars as to the origin of the fire. The same dispatch says that on last Sunday evening, a son of Mr. C. C. Devilliers, living on Bayou Teche, about five miles from Opelousas, was thrown by an unbroken horse and instantly killed.

District Court met last Monday, Hon. S. D. Read presiding. The Grand Jury was impaneled with Hon. G. W. Richardson as Foreman. They immediately went to work and, as will be seen by their special report published in another column, they found ten true bills, ignored eight cases, and referred several cases to the District Attorney for future action. They finished their labors and adjourned Thursday evening.

On Thursday Judge Read ordered the Jury Commissioners to draw thirty jurors, to serve for the second week of this term of court.

Three civil cases have been disposed of. In the case of the State vs. Edmund Sam, for selling liquor without license, on motion of A. R. Mitchell, Esq., the bill of information was quashed.

State vs. Guy Thomas, shooting and wounding, with intent to kill, tried by jury and found guilty, with a recommendation to the mercy of the Court. Motion in arrest of judgment, filed by his counsel, Geo. H. Wells, Esq.

Two parties brought up for minor offences pleaded guilty; one for assault and battery, was fined \$2.50 and costs, and the other for carrying concealed weapons, was fined \$20, and costs.

Last Tuesday, in the pine woods, about twenty miles above Lake Charles, W. H. Thompson, of West Lake Charles, was struck over the head by a colored man named Allgood. Thompson remained unconscious for an hour. Dr. A. H. Moss, of our town, was called, and he says that the skull is not fractured, and that Thompson will probably recover. Allgood came in and offered to surrender himself to the sheriff, saying that he acted in self-defence. No charge has yet been made against him.

Lawn Party.—Something New.

Come to the Lawn Party on Tuesday evening, September, 6th, to be held on the green near the Masonic Hall, under the auspices of L. A. A. Charades, Tableaux, Croquet, etc., free to all. Refreshments at reasonable rates. A prominent feature of the evening will be the voting of many articles (both handsome and useful) to the prettiest Miss, ugliest Man, and most popular folks generally. A horse to be given to the most popular little Gent.

Come and have your future unraveled, bring all your friends and have an enjoyable time at little expense.

The R. K. R. Cornet Band will furnish music for the occasion.

The Beaumont (Texas) Enterprise, in speaking of the new Catholic Church of that town, says:

"The dimensions are 54x28 feet. The spire will be, when completed, 65 feet in height, covered with round-headed shingles of uniform size, and surmounted by a cross six feet in height. The design of the eastern end is very tasteful, and the effect on the eye is altogether pleasing; every detail being in proportion and harmony. In fact, from an architectural point of view, the building is perfect; it looks like a church all over. The inside is not nearly completed and will not be for some time to come, though every effort will be made by the ever-working priest, Father Quinon, to perfect all the requisite requirements. Those of our citizens who like to look at handsome buildings, should certainly inspect the St. Louis Church."

Frank Walworth, the young man who killed his father, Chancellor Walworth, some years ago, in New York, and served a short term in the penitentiary in consequence, is one of the most popular young men of Saratoga Springs and is soon to marry a rich heiress.

The eggs sold in Cincinnati will this year reach the figure of 5,000,000 dozen, or 60,000,000 eggs.

PERSONAL.

A. J. Perkins left again for Galveston, Thursday night.

C. T. Perkins and wife, from Vermilionville, are in town, visiting relatives.

Judge John D. Stark, from Orange, Texas, is in attendance on our District Court.

D. J. Reid, our efficient Assessor and Registrar, returned last Wednesday, from Galveston.

Mrs. M. A. Duffy and two little daughters, from New Orleans, arrived here last Sunday night.

We had the pleasure of meeting J. B. Suttles, Esq., from Cameron, who is attending our District Court.

Alderman B. H. Harmon returned, from a flying trip to St. Landry, last Monday, where he had gone after his family.

C. Miller, representing Simon & Kohn, of New Orleans, and Chas. Stith, representing Marx & Kemper, of Galveston, are in town.

Laurent Dupre, Esq., of Opelousas, honored us with a call last Monday. Mr. Dupre is one of the visiting attorneys at the present term of our District Court.

Rev. Robt. J. Harp, editor of the New Orleans Independent, held service and preached at the M. E. Church, in our town last Sunday morning, and again at night.

We note in town this week, Messrs. C. Hiram Andrus and D. D. Andrus, from Mermentau, Siméon Vincent and Hon. Wm. Vincent, from Rose Bluff, and Demcy Des, from Sugar Town.

Rev. V. Quinon, the able Catholic priest of Beaumont, Texas, honored our sanctuary with a visit last Tuesday. He informed us that he celebrated High Mass, in his new church building, last Sunday, at Beaumont, for the first time.

Can Calcasieu be Made an Agricultural Parish?

No. 5. Having tried to give a description of the parish of Calcasieu, its area, the fertility of soil, its prairie and timber, I will in conclusion speak of its hidden wealth and also of the health of the parish.

Some fifteen miles west of Lake Charles, near the La. W. R. R. is located the Sulphur Mines which is said to be inexhaustible, and will prove a source of untold wealth to the owners. A company has been formed to work the mines, and there is no doubt will be in full operation before long. These mines will have to furnish all the sulphur for future use, there being but one other mine known to the world, and it is almost exhausted; so this mine will be the main dependence for sulphur, consequently it is as good or perhaps a better investment than the Silver Mines of Colorado. In working these mines a great many persons will be employed, opening a market for all kinds of vegetables and cereals that can be raised in abundance near by.

A few words about the towns in the parish and I am done. Lake Charles, the parish seat, is situated on the east shore of the lake on high rolling ground, and it is a place of business, as a lumber mart and shipping point, doing a heavy business in lumber, goods and groceries. The town has a beautiful location and is improving fast. There are five churches, and on the first of September there will be four schools open with the prospects of a fifth soon after. West Lake Charles, on the west bank of the lake, is a thriving place, and a great shipping point for lumber. Bagdad, Goosport, Sugar-town and Ederly, are small but lively towns; then there is Welsh's station, on the railroad, is growing very fast.

Hoping that what I have written may meet the eye of some who are looking for locations, and induce them to come and see for themselves, and ascertain that what has been said is true.

HEBDOMADAL.

The minister became eloquent upon the subject of souls that are saved. Turning to a Sunday school class he said: "What kind of boys go to heaven?" "Dead ones!" screamed the little fellow at the foot of the class.

When a New Orleans man wants his picture in a heroic attitude, the artist paints him in the act of refusing to drink.—Boston Transcript.

[Communicated.]

JENNINGS, CALCASIEU PARISH, LA., August, 30, 1881.

Affairs in this, the Southeast corner of the parish are about as usual. We seldom have an occurrence of any kind, to even create a mild sensation; and just now the state of the weather is such, that a very unusual event, would produce only a mere ripple of excitement. The corn crops have done about all that can be expected of them. Peas and sweet potatoes will continue to make until checked by frost. Those who planted rice early are now harvesting and the indications are that the yield will be satisfactory. The late rice, where a supply of water has been kept, looks fine, and will, it is claimed, produce twelve to eighteen barrels per acre. The implements used in harvesting and threshing are about the style of those in use several thousand years ago. But ere many years instead of patches of a few acres, we will have large rice farms, and modern machinery for harvesting the grain raised thereon. The general health is good in this immediate neighborhood; a fact no one who knows anything of the character of this parish, will be surprised to hear.

The Electoral Commission.

The Secret History Likely to be Sooner or Later Divulged.

[Utica (N. Y.) Herald.]

It is current belief that the Electoral Commission, by whose final vote the Presidency was stolen from the people, has a secret history. There exists ample ground for the belief that at one time the Republican justices in the body had decided to throw out the vote of Florida entirely, and that one of them (Bradley) reached the determination to give it to Tilden and Hendricks. It has been generally understood that Bradley assured Justice Clifford of his intention to do this. Our readers, or some of them, may remember that, after the arguments, and before any votes had been taken, rumors appeared in Washington correspondence to the effect that Bradley had confessed to Clifford the justice of the Democratic position, and stated that he would vote to declare Tilden elected. The report went so far as to assert that Bradley had written out his opinion, and would present it when he voted with the Democrats.

As soon as these stories leaked out the eminent Republicans who were engineering the steal visited Bradley en masse. The result of their persuasion we know. Bradley tore up his old opinion and wrote another, in which he sprung his historic "allude" upon the public. As we have said, all of this has been a part of understood history for years, but it has never been given the weight of authoritative statement. At last we are promised proofs which, although posthumous, will generally be accepted as positive.

Gov. Crittenden, of Missouri, says that Justice Clifford told him several years ago that he had prepared a complete and detailed history of the proceedings of the electoral commission, and that it would be published after his death, unless his wife decided otherwise. The justice furthermore hinted that when the history was published, developments would be made of a startling nature and damaging to reputations now good.

From another source comes the later statement that the volume will very soon be given to the public, and that Bradley's duplicity will not only be proved, but accounted for. We await the appearance of the history with interest. The people cannot know too much of the inner history of the fraud.

The Janesville Recorder has got it on a Milwaukee traveling man. The man was telling about going into the grand stand of a church at Fond du Lac, and seeing a time board hung out over the judges' stand which read, "Christ came into the world to save sinners;—Tim. 1:15," and said he didn't believe any such time as 1:15 had ever been made. When the good editor told the bad Milwaukee man that what he took for "Time 1:15" was Timothy, 1st chapter, fifteenth verse, the bold man seemed crushed, and asked the crowd to go down to Todd's and take something. O, we have wicked men even here in Milwaukee.—[Peck's Sun.

Most Remarkable Eyes.

Miraculous Recovery of Sight—One Eye a Telescope, the Other a Microscope.

[New York Times.]

Last Winter a gentleman living near Litchfield took his daughter, 16 years of age, on a sleigh ride. The day was cold, but very sunny. On their return the girl complained of her eyes. The trouble grew worse, and finally the girl was kept in a dark room and there remained with no ray of light until a few days ago, when she experienced a peculiar sensation which she described as follows:

"It seemed as if my eyes were running out, or part of them. Putting my hand to my eyes I could feel something coming out over my lower eyelids which I took hold of and pulled out. It gave me some pain to do so, but almost immediately my eyes felt better. Instead of a smarting sensation when I winked they felt cool and natural and it was a pleasure to wink them. Then came the thought, 'why my eyes are better, and I believe I could bear the light,' which thought was so impressed upon my mind that I was determined to try. Hesitatingly I opened the door, when to my great joy I found that I was able to bear the light as well as I ever could. The feeling that came over me at the moment that I found out that I could once more leave the dark, dismal room and see the glorious sunlight again was so overpowering that I gave one scream for joy and fainted away."

Now comes the strangest part of the story. Six months ago the girl's eyes were straight and natural; now she is cross-eyed, but she says no attention to that. She sees things just the same as she always did, but let her close her right eye, and she can see a distance of eight or ten miles, and distinguish things as an ordinary person only 60 rods away. She is able to look clear to the lake, a distance of three and a-half miles, and identify any one describing their dress even. The distant hills are brought close to her, and she can see the farmers getting in their hay, even counting the number of heaps which, in an air line, are seven miles from her. To test her, a field glass was used, and her sight would far outreach any object that could be seen with the glass. If she closes her left eye and looks out of the right, then she cannot see anything except close to her, but that eye is a perfect microscope. She is able to distinguish things that the natural eye cannot see. The point of a needle looks as blunt as a crowbar, and it is wonderful to hear her describe the beautiful colors of flies and other insects. To her the hairs of a person's head look as large as darning needles, and in the finest piece of linen she counts the threads as easily as anyone can count bean-poles. The moment she opens both eyes they assume the cross-eyed expression or shape, and then she sees again as any other person. It is the intention of the father to take her to New York at no distant day and to let some of the celebrated physicians see this wonderful phenomenon. The girl herself is a very bright, pretty girl, but very timid.

IS THIS SO?—An old Kentuckian says: "In all my life I have never seen two genuine negro women kiss, and I have often heard my father remark the same thing. He was over 60 years old, and frequently told us it was a tradition through all his family that the negro women never kissed. A friend of mine, who has been a great traveler, has visited Africa and Hayti, has remarked to me the strange fact that negro women never kiss." Why is it so?

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DIED:

SECENDORF.—At the residence of her parents in the town of Lake Charles, on Monday, August 29, 1881, at 12 o'clock P. M., after a long and painful illness, BESSIE TRENDS, daughter of August Secendorf and Pauline P. Hendricks, aged 1 year, 10 months and 23 days. "The beam of morn was on the stream, But sullen clouds the day deform; Thou wert, indeed, that morning beam, And, death, alas, that sullen storm." "Thou wert not formed for living here, For thou wert kindred with the sky; Yet, yet we hold thee all so dear, We thought thou wert not formed to die." SWEENEY.—In this town, on Thursday, September 1, 1881, John Sweeney, eldest son of Bernard Sweeney and Mary Dillon, aged about 12 years.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

F. A. GALLAUGHER, Attorney at Law, will practice in this and adjoining parishes, and before the Supreme Court, at Opelousas. Sep., 3, 1881-ly.

SCHINDLER & VALVERDE,

SHIP BUILDING AND REPAIRING, Contractors, &c. On South Bank of Lake Charles. Sept. 3, 1881.

DESIRABLE FARM FOR SALE.

THE old Mark Lee place, about two miles from Lake Charles, containing 120 acres, partly cleared and fenced, and partly timbered land, with house and out-houses, and ground cistern, ready for use. Terms liberal and easy. Apply to M. J. ROSTECT, or G. A. FOURNET, Lake Charles, La. Sept. 3, 1881.

FOR SALE.

FIVE Town Lots, in Lake Charles, three squares from the Lake, advantageously situated. Also, about six acres of land, south of Railroad line, about 700 yards from the Railroad depot, east of Calcasieu river. To be sold in lots to suit purchasers. Very liberal terms will be given to any party purchasing with intention to build. Apply to GABRIEL A. FOURNET, Lake Charles, La. Sept. 3, 1881.

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Succession Sale.

Fourteenth Judicial District Court, Calcasieu Parish, La.

SUCCESSION OF JOSEPH BOURGEOIS, Dec'd.

BY virtue of an order, dated August 24th, 1881, from the Hon. 14th Judicial District Court, in and for the parish of Calcasieu, La., will be sold by M. Octavie Hebert, administratrix of said succession, at the last residence of Joseph Bourgeois, deceased, in this parish, on Thursday, October 6, 1881, all the following described property, belonging to said succession, to-wit:

1. A certain piece or parcel of land, containing 41 and 1/100 acres, and described as being the north-east quarter of south-east quarter of section No. 26, in township No. 10, south of range No. 5 west, as per patent No. 1948.

2. Another tract of land, containing 131 and 2/100 acres, described as being the west half of north-east quarter and south-east quarter of north-west quarter of section No. 27, in township No. 10, south of range No. 5 west, as per patent No. 1782.

3. Eleven head of gentle cattle, one gentle horse, one wagon, one gentle mare, seventeen head of sheep, nine head of hogs, fencing, household and kitchen furniture, &c., &c.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—Ten per cent. of the price of each adjudication, cash, on the day of sale, and for the balance, at one, two and three years credit, from the day of sale; purchasers to execute their promissory notes for the credit portion of their purchases, payable to the order of the administratrix, with good and solvent security, to her satisfaction in three equal annual instalments, bearing eight per cent. per annum interest from maturity until paid, and the real property to remain specially mortgaged with vendor's privilege, in favor of said succession, until full and final satisfaction of the notes given for the purchase thereof.

Clerk's Office, Lake Charles, La., September, 3, 1881.

THAD. MAYO, Clerk.

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