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PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

GABRIEL A. FOURNET, Attorney at Law, Lake Charles, La., office formerly occupied by Louis Leveque, on Court House Snare.
July 9, 1881.–1y.

GEORGE H. WELLS, Attorney at Law, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, La. Practices in Calcasieu, Cameron and Vernon parishes, and in Orange and Jefferson counties, Texas.
July 9, 1881.–6m.

F. A. GALLAUGHER, Attorney at Law, will practice in this and adjoining parishes, and before the Supreme Court, at Opelousas.
Sep., 3, 1881.–1y.

A. J. KEARNEY, District Attorney, 14th Judicial District, practices in the several parishes of the District.
Office, in Lake Charles, at the Haskell House.
Office, in Leesburg, at his residence.
July 9, 1881.–1y.

J. C. MUNDAY, M. D.,
Surgeon, Physician and Obstetrician,

CONTINUES to practice his profession and can be consulted at his Drug Store, on Ryan street, at all hours.
Lake Charles, La., July 9, 1881.–1y.

FRANK MAISER,
TONSORIAL ARTIST,
Ryan St., Lake Charles.
HAIR Cutting, Shaving, Shampooning and Hair Dyeing done in the latest styles.
July 9, 1881.–tf.

JEREMIAH O'BRIEN. JAMES BLAIR.
O'BRIEN & BLAIR,
Contractors and Builders,
LAKE CHARLES, LA.
July 9, 1881.–1y.

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

Furniture Repaired.
HAVING permanently located in the town of Lake Charles, I am prepared to repair all kinds of furniture, at short notice, and on reasonable terms.
Thankful for past patronage, I solicit a continuance of the same.
Furniture revarnished at the house of the owner.
Shop on Kirby street, near Ryan, Touchy building. C. H. BRUCE.
Aug. 13, 1881.–1y.

D. B. LYONS.
DEALER in Fresh and Pickled Beef, Pork, Mutton, &c., west side of the public square, on the Lake shore.
FREE DELIVERY to regular customers throughout the town.
Thanks for the liberal patronage heretofore extended to him, he solicits a continuance of the same.
July 9, 1881.–1y.

O. I. C.
MILLIONS IN IT!—DON'T GRUMBLE!
JUST IN TIME TO SAVE MONEY!
At last I have found the right man in the right place for Good and Cheap Work!
IF you want any work done in the line of Roofing, Guttering or repairing, or a good assortment of his own manufactured Tinware, of any old stoves repaired, you go to JOS. VOLTZ'S Tin Shop, back on Ryan street, between Hill and Pine streets, opposite F. A. Gallaugher's residence. Sign of the Big Coffee Pot.
July 9, 1881.–1y.

FELIX BELLOCQ,
—WITH—
Schmidt & Ziegler,
WHOLESALE GROCERS
—AND—
IMPORTERS,
Nos. 49, 51 & 55 Peters St., 39, 41, 43 & 45 Fulton St., New Orleans.
July 9, 1881.–1y.

SCHEDULE
—OF THE—
STEAMER NETTIE.
FROM and after July 1, 1881, the Steamer Nettie will make regular trips between 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 ..... [illegible]
At ..... 3 ..... [illegible]
Leaves West Lake Charles for Lake [illegible]
At ..... 7 ..... about two [illegible]
At ..... 11.45 ..... [illegible] the car[illegible]
At ..... 1.45 ..... [illegible] and sun[illegible]
At ..... 6 ..... [illegible]
Leaves Bagdad for Lake [illegible]
At ..... 9.45 ..... one-half [illegible]
At ..... 4.15 ..... [illegible]ather contin[illegible]
E. H. MCHO[illegible] dry and stock [illegible]
July 16, 1881.–tf.

NEW ORLEANS
CHEAP CASH STORE.

E. KAISER & CO.,
—DEALERS IN—
DRY GOODS,
CLOTHING,
BOOTS, SHOES, HATS, CAPS,
CROCKERY AND TIN-
WARE.
ALL KINDS OF STAPLE GROCERIES.

We are also Agents for the
New Home Sewing Machine
—AND—
Waltham Watches.

In order to make room for our Fall Stock, we will close out our Summer stock of goods at ten per cent. less than our former prices.

NOW IS YOUR TIME TO SECURE
BARGAINS!
Come and see for yourself!
LAKE CHARLES, LA.
Aug. 13, 1881.–tf.

HASKELL HOUSE,
Ryan Street, Lake Charles, La.
HAVING leased the above named House, I propose to run it in first class style. The table will be kept on the Restaurant plan, and no exertion will be considered too great, to render guests comfortable.
THOS. R. REYNOLDS,
aug 20, '81.–tf. Lessee.

Referring to the above, in retiring from the Hotel, I desire to return my thanks to those who have so liberally patronized me in the past, and confidently recommend my friends to my successor, knowing that he will give ample satisfaction, as a caterer to the traveling public. W. H. HASKELL.

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.

M. J. ROSTEET,
—DEALER IN—
DRY GOODS,
CLOTHING, BOOTS AND
SHOES, HATS AND
CAPS.
GROCERIES,
—AND—
GENERAL MERCHANDISE,
Lake Charles, La.
July 9, 1881.–1y.

H. D. NIX,
GENERAL DEALER,
Nix's Ferry, Calcasieu River, La.

I HAVE constantly on hand a large and varied assortment of
STAPLE AND FANCY DRY GOODS, AND READY-MADE CLOTHING.

My stock of Boots, Shoes and Hats, is not excelled by any in the country.
My stock of Groceries is as complete as can be, and being replenished weekly.
From my long experience in merchandising in this parish, I feel confident of being able to satisfy all who will do me the favor to give me a call.

First class, hand made
CYPRESS SHINGLES,
always on hand, in any quantities.

Prompt and assiduous attention to the
FERRY,
day and night. I am specially prepared for crossing droves of horses and cattle, and for taking care of them, having just completed a
LARGE PASTURE,
in which are plenty of grass, water and shade.

☞ Highest market price paid for
Cotton, Wool and Hides.
Give me a call. H. D. NIX.
Aug. 13, 1881.–1y.

EDUCATION.

[For the Commercial, by Mose.]

"Culture's hand
Has scattered verdure o'er the land;
And smiles and fragrance rule serene,
Where barren wild usurp'd the scene.
And such is man—a soil which breeds
Of sweetest flowers, or vilest weeds;
Flowers lovely as the morning's light,
Weeds deadly as an aconite;
Just as his heart is trained to bear
The poisonous weed, or floweret fair."

Education becomes day by day an imperative necessity. Emile Zola, writing of the French education, holds up a mirror, reflecting that of America, when he asserts:

"There is not a concierge who does not dream of having her 'demoiselle' taught the piano. Children are sent to the piano in these days, as at Sparta they used to be sent to the gymnasium."

Solid information is the exception instead of the rule. Ye of the minority do not array yourselves against me, unless ye have pitched your tents outside of cities of education. It has been the misfortune of the writer to have dwelt in communities, where parents and guardians have urged the necessity of Greek, Latin and Algebra, also music, when the children scarcely knew the alphabet of their own language, and could not calculate a simple sum in addition. It may be a strange anomaly to advocate compulsory educational laws for Republics to adopt, nevertheless, the Prussians are, in this respect, worthy of imitation. The masses being educated, demagogues would not be so powerful, and crime less prevalent. Education, alone, is able to make the people thoroughly appreciate our glorious Republic, the land of promise, where cities are built without walls.

The Hebrews, during the Mosaic Period, not being educated, were incapable of appreciating their republican form of government. The invisible King was not sufficient for minds that required the accessories of pomp and worldly splendor, therefore they considered an earthly king an actual necessity. Saul must have been a wise politician and sent his demagogues to stir up the people and make them dissatisfied with the existing state of affairs. We all know the sequel. The world has grown much wiser since then, many centuries ago, yet it has not arrived at the acme of wisdom, since the world still contains so many ignoramuses. Farmers ought to be among the most intellectual of the world's inhabitants, because they have Nature's great book, opened for their daily inspection. The evidence to the contrary is given in this anecdote, the truth of which can be proven by witnesses of unimpeachable veracity:

There is a beautiful island in one of the states of the Union, its trees being principally composed of grand old oaks. The broad branches of these trees have cast their shadows centuries before the pale faces knew of their proximity, the Indians shot the deer in these majestic forests, and wild game in the marshes. The red man's successors are farmers, but, being white, has not made them more educated, or half as intelligent. Scarcely an individual in this community can read. A gentleman went there with the intention of establishing a school. The almost universal reply received, when soliciting patronage, was:

"We want no schools. Our parents lived, like us, without them, and so must our children, after us. We don't want to make grand rascals of the children just now, but when we do, we will educate them. The priest reads and writes our letters and we want nothing more."

No place being exempt from disease, the people of this island was visited by sickness, occasioned by ignorance of hygienic laws. Several of the farmers were attacked by slow fevers, caused from exposure, fatigue and innutritious food. The regular practitioner affording them no relief from their disobedience, they sought the advice of faith-doctor. An uneducated negro-man proved to be the faith-doctor, who informed his equally intelligent white brothers, that they were bewitched by voudous. The witch or wizard would be discovered in the first visitor, after their return home. Their doctor mumbled some unintelligible jargon over them, and dismissed them with the assurance of being cured for seven years. The invalids returned to their homes and work, turning ignominiously out of their houses, their first visitors that inquired about their health.

Why waste time in legislating against drinking and gambling saloons? It is the lopping off of poisonous trees, the roots remain, consequently no death-blow has been given. The Osage orange makes a beautiful hedge, but the gardener must begin pruning almost as soon as the plant appears above the ground; neglect makes it an ungainly and useless tree. Educate the children, and there will be no necessity to enact laws for the suppression of dens of iniquity.

Weak minds require the strength of a thorough education, else they become infidels, atheist, or worse than pagans. Such people reminds one of Pope's lines:

"A little learning is a dangerous thing,
Drink deep, or taste not the Pierian spring,
For shallow draughts intoxicate the brain,
But drinking largely sobers us again."

Weak minds are oddities and they love to attract attention by sounding an unmelodious trumpet. The majority like harmony; the minority, as well as the ignorant fancy discord.

The world would never have heard of Franklin, Morse, Eads or De Lesseps, and many others, if they had been ignorant men. Education enabled them to increase their ten talents an hundred fold, and mankind is benefited and ennobled by their lives. How contemptible are the atheistical lives, whose sole purpose is destruction, when contrasted with the actions of such men.

It is surprising that any intelligent person would condemn education, nevertheless Ouida proves to be such a Rara Avis. There is a Latin maxim "*Ne sutor ultra crepidam*" translated; "Let not the shoemaker go beyond his last" which is applicable to Ouida when writing an appendix to her "Village Commune." Is it right to condemn education because a few people, capable of reading, commit crime? Judas being a traitor is no reason that christianity does not exist. Ouida's Virginia Dumaine would have been a murderess had she never conned her alphabet. "A little learning made her mad" not being sufficient to elevate an ignoble mind, resembling

"The uncultur'd prairie that bears a harvest
Heavy and rank, yet worthless to the world,
So mind and heart, uncultured ran to waste;
These natures serving but show
The denser growth of passion's deadly fruit."

The devil was subtly wise, ages before the creation of our terrestrial sphere, but the world soon detects and exposes his saint-ship.

Ouida asks, "What can schools give us that will equal what Nature offers?" Let us dwell, as she does, face to face with the blue sky, the mountain solitude, the forest freedom and we shall see as she does. Schools develope a more appreciative enjoyment of Nature, flooding the soul with the noble aspirations unknown to the ignorant.

"Wisdom crieth without, she uttereth her voice in the streets; she crieth in the chief place of concourse, in the openings of the gates. In the city she uttereth her words, saying, How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorners delight in their scorning? and fools hate knowledge?"

Where would Ouida be, if there were no education?

Science is the advanced state of education; religion the commencement day upon which we receive our diplomas. Christ's words prove this truth when he bade his apostles to go forth and teach, consequently the truly educated are christians. Eusdeu speaking of the ancients, observes:

"The christian education has the advantage beyond contradiction. Our ideas are so infinitely enlarged by revelations, the eye of reason has so wide a prospect into eternity, the notions of a Deity are so worthy and refined, and the accounts we have of a state of happiness or misery, so clear and evident that contemplation of such objects will give our education a noble vigour, an invincible force, beyond the power of any human consideration."

The secular press, conducted by men of noble minds, is the professor's best coadjutor. It is more powerful than even the religious periodicals, because it has more readers, many of whom are scoffers, therefore the responsibility for the people's salvation is very great. Addison justly observes, when writing of newspapers;

"They are calculated to diffuse good sense through the bulk of the people, to clear up their understandings, animate their minds with virtue, dissipate the sorrows of a heavy heart, or unbend the mind from its more severe employments. Knowledge, instead of being bound up in books and kept in libraries and retirements, is thus obtained upon the public; when it is canvassed in every assembly, and exposed upon every table."

I conclude with a reiteration; good newspapers are the educators most valuable coadjutors.

Level Headed.

A level headed young woman in Montreal found her way out of a dilemma the other day, and the example ought to be of profit to the young and fair elsewhere. She had roused an uncontrollable passion in the breast of a young lawyer, whom, however, she did not care to wed. He grew gloomy and morose, took a trip to Europe, returned to Montreal, fell into lax ways and was going generally to the dogs. Meeting the young woman on the street one day she resumed the old acquaintance with warmth. Encouraged by the smiling reception the young man suggested a drive. This being refused he proposed a walk instead. To this the lady consented. They walked far, he telling the story of his trip, to which she listened with interest. Finally arriving in the limits of Mount Royal Park, where there was no possibility of interference, the lover drew a pistol, grimly informing the astonished girl that unless she consented to go at once with him to a minister and get married he would blow her brains out and then his own. She seems to have been quite equal to the emergency. Assenting to visit the minister they set out at once and on arriving the clever girl placed herself under the minister's protection and the lover retired, embittered and vowing destruction upon himself for trusting a woman's word even at the altar.

A new device for a bride's present is a silver arrow with the initials of the bride and groom in gold.

To know that a thing is right and not do it is weakness.—Confucius.