

Lake Charles Commercial.

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PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

GABRIEL A. FOURNET, Attorney at Law, Lake Charles, La., office formerly occupied by Louis Leveque, on Court House Square.
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.-3m.

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

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, Shampooing and Hair Dyeing done in the latest styles.
July 9, 1881.-4f.

PETER FASSOLD, PRACTICAL Watchmaker and Jeweler, Ryan St., Lake Charles, La.

Watches and Jewelry Skillfully Repaired and Warranted.
A Fine Stock of Jewelry Always on Hand.
Oct. 12, '81.-4f.

FRANK MAISER, 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.

G. KANN, PHARMACIST, SUCCESSOR TO Dr. J. C. Munday.

Physicians' prescriptions carefully prepared, day or night.
Oct. 15, 1881.-4f.

NOTICE I hereby give to my former patrons that I have sold my entire stock of Drugs and Medicines to G. KANN, a thoroughly competent Druggist and Apothecary, who will continue the business, at all its details, at my stand on Ryan street.

Speak for Mr. Kann the very liberal patronage heretofore extended to me by the citizens of Calcasieu Parish.
J. C. MUNDAY, M. D.
Lake Charles, Oct. 15, 1881.-3f.

Furniture Repaired. I have 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 continuance of the same. Furniture revarnished at the house of the owner.
Shopy on Kirby street, near Ryan. T. A. BRUCE.
Aug. 18, 1881.-1y.

O. I. C. MILLIONS IN IT!—DON'T GRUMBLE! JUST IN TIME TO SAVE MONEY! I lost 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 want assortment of his own manufactured Tinware, or any old stoves repaired, you go to J. O. S. VOLZ'S Tin Shop, on Ryan street, between Hill and Pine streets, opposite F. A. Gallaugher's residence. Sign of the Big Coffee Pot.
July 9, 1881.-1y.

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.

NEW ORLEANS

CHEAP CASH STORE.

E. KAISER & CO.,

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. 18, 1881.-4f.

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, Lessee.
aug 20, '81.-4f.

LAKE HOUSE, Opposite the Court House, Lake Charles, La., Livery, Feed Stable and Sample Room.

Bar Room and Billiard Saloon Attached. GREEN HALL, Sept. 18, '81. Proprietor.

KING'S RESTAURANT, Ryan St., Lake Charles.

MEALS at all hours, and customers may rest assured that their appetites will be satisfied.
July 9, 1881.-1y.

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.

Man and Wife.

[Country Visitor.]

A house is divided into two halves, the outside and the inside. To man belongs the former, to woman the latter. Whether this be a law of nature or a law of custom, none have disputed; but we think there can be little doubt about it. Were it not a law of nature, it would have been resisted by some people. Its universal adoption and prevalence, proves it to be an established natural fact—a law which neither act of Parliament nor custom has power to repeal. The outside of the house consists of all such productive labor as supplies the materials for domestic comfort, and the inside consists of the preparation, arrangement and distribution of such material for the good of the family; two very distinct offices; and nature has very kindly and very wisely provided a sex for each. The two sexes are only in their proper sphere when respectively superintending these two departments, and each is evidently out of place and somewhat uncomfortable when trespassing on the other's ground. But there is a natural tendency to trespass notwithstanding. Wives are proverbially fond of giving advice and doing a little business in the masculine department, and men are no less proverbially tempted to belie their sex, and take upon themselves such authority in the house-keeping line as reminds us not a little of the bull in the china shop. A kitchen man is a very troublesome fellow, more especially if he sits all day in the arm-chair by the fireside, advising, directing, grumbling, criticising and commanding. His wife must be possessed of a remarkable passivity of nature to endure it with patience, and he himself gains little by it, except, perhaps, it may be the dish-cloth pinned to his coat tail by some wag of a girl, who has courage and impudence of spirit to beard the lion in his den. A wife who interferes with her husband's workmen is equally insufferable, or who comes between the husband and his customers to show her own talent for business, and the incapacity of her lord and master. There may at times be a necessity for both these exchanges of relationship, but they are always accompanied by disagreeable feelings, and discreditable to no one party or both.

Varnished Watermelons.

[Poughkeepsie Eagle.]

The startling assertion that a watermelon may be varnished and keep till Christmas, is still going around.

The watermelon is our favorite fruit, and we thought last fall that we would varnish one and surprise our friends with it Christmas. The surprise was alright, but the melon didn't pan out. After the turkey and cranberry sauce had been demolished, we remarked as we sharpened the carving-knife on our bootleg that we would now deal out the fruit.

When we shovled the glittering blade through the varnished shell of the watermelon about a quart of melon juice in a bad state of preservation squirted around the festive board and stopped the flow of conversation.

"Yes, you can varnish a watermelon and keep it till next fall; but when you hold the autopsy you want to have nobody around but the coroner and the embalmer."

One of a Cincinnati judges reason for refusing to grant a divorce to a man was that he had taken his wife "from the domestic circle and launched her into the midst of iniquities which surround the path of a comely and youthful female in a business life requiring travel and frequent contact with worldly people." In other words, he sent her out as a book agent.

A Story of Daniel Webster.

In the early part of the professional life of Daniel Webster, a blacksmith called upon him for advice concerning the title to a small estate bequeathed to him. As the terms of the will were peculiar, and the kind of estate transmitted doubtful, an attempt had been made to annul the will. After Mr. Webster had examined the case he was unable to give a definite opinion on it for want of legal authorities. He therefore, at considerable expense, purchased a number of extra law books from Boston, and spent his leisure hours of several weeks in referring to them. He successfully argued the case on its trial, when it was decided in his favor. On account of the poverty of the blacksmith, Mr. Webster only charged him \$15, intending not only to suffer the loss of money paid out, but the time occupied in securing the verdict. After a long period had elapsed the case was forgotten; but not to the knowledge by which it was won. On one of his journeys to Washington Mr. Webster spent a few days in New York city, when the celebrated Aaron Burr sought his advice in a very important case then pending in the State court. Having heard the facts on which it was founded, Mr. Webster perceived at once that it exactly corresponded with the blacksmith's will case. On being asked if he could mention the law applicable to such he immediately replied that he could, and then began to quote decisions bearing upon the case from the time of Charles II. As he went on citing his array of principles and authorities with great precision, Mr. Burr arose in astonishment, and asked with some warmth, "Mr. Webster, have you been consulted before in this case?" "Most certainly not," he replied. "I never heard of your case until this evening." "Very well," said Mr. Burr, "proceed." Mr. Webster concluded the quotation of his authorities, and received from Mr. Burr the highest praise for his profound legal knowledge, and a fee sufficiently large to remunerate him for all the time and trouble he had devoted and the expense incurred in the blacksmith's will case.

A fashionable young lady visited a cooking school the other afternoon, where her attention was equally divided between a new dress worn by an acquaintance and the directions for making a cake. Upon returning home she undertook to write down the recipe for the cake for her mother, and the old lady was paralyzed when she read: "Take two pounds of flour; ten rows of pleating down the front; the whites of two eggs cut bias; a pint of milk ruffled around the neck; half pound currents with seven yards of head trimming; grated lemon peel with Spanish slichu; stir well and add a semi-fitting patelot with visite sleeves; butter the pan with Brazilian topaz necklace; garnish with icing and jetted passementerie; bake in a moderately hot oven until the overskirt is tucked from the waist down on either side, and finish with large satin bows." Her mother said she wouldn't eat such a cake, and she thought these new-fangled ideas in cooking ought to be frowned down.

Judging from the quantity of freight received as well as cotton and country produce shipped, the number of buildings going up and the unusual demand for lumber, Opelousas certainly presents the most solid business front that it has for several years past. The fact too, that none of our merchants have become bankrupt or failed and that several new stores have been put in operation during the last year, and others are being built, argues strongly for brighter prospects.—[St. Landry Democrat.]

Thrilling Scene.

The Pittsburg Dispatch thus describes the wonderful performance of Mme. Zulla, the famous Parisienne, who out-rivals Blondin in her mad freaks upon the high wire:

"The famous Blondin, in all his eventful career, never performed a more thrilling or more inspiring feat than was accomplished by Ella Zulla last night under the canvas of Forepaugh's show. A slender wire was stretched across the large tent at a dizzy height from the ground, and here the dauntless little woman, without a tremor, rode back and forth on a velocipede, while the terrified audience gazed in breathless expectation, every nerve strained to its utmost tension, even the pulsation of their hearts almost stilled, as they watched the mad course of the frail vehicle and its intrepid rider on the almost invisible aerial roadway. As the velocipede stopped, the perilous undertaking accomplished, one hearty, prolonged cheer of mingled relief, admiration and congratulation echoed through the tent, thousands of throats rising with each other to swell the chorus, which Mme. Zulla acknowledged gracefully and prettily before dismounting from her giddy steed. This is only one of the many blood-curdling exploits of this queen of the air. With all the grace and carelessness of Morlacchi, or Rigi leading a favorite ballet, she tripped across the dizzy path, repeating her trip with feet clogged by baskets, again blindfolded, carrying a chair which she deliberately placed on the rope when midway, and seating herself in it moved her handkerchief over the heads of her delighted spectators. Another of her performance is the balancing of a table on the rope and diving from it, suspending in mid-air. This was never undertaken by any woman before, is probably one of the strongest tests of the woman's nerve and coolness which she is called upon to undergo."

In the classic shades of Deadwood the average native is not very choicely in selecting the language used in advertising a runaway wife. The notices are usually written and posted in the post-offices and saloons, where they will catch the eyes of the majority of the population. A recent one reads as follows: "My wife Sarah has Shook my ranche, When I diddnt Doo a darned thing Too hur, and I want it destintly Understood that any man That takes her In and keers for hur On my account Will git himself pumped so Full of lead that Sum tenderfoot will locate him for a Mineral clame. If she runs Hur face fur goods I wont Put up fur hur, and I'll lick the son-of-a-tornado that talks hur stand-off even fur the drux. A word To the wise is sufficient an order work on fools too."

A New Hampshire man got up to light a lamp and fell down dead. Our readers will bear witness that we have always pointed out that this getting up at night is a man's wife's business. Behold the terrible justification of our course!

"Henry," said his wife, with chilling severity, "I saw you coming out of a saloon this afternoon." "Well, my darling," replied the heartless man, "you wouldn't have your husband staying in a saloon all day, would you?"

An old Long Island sportsman says that horses frequently die of broken hearts because they travel the same roads every day and become tired of seeing the same objects. He says the best way to restore a horse to health is to take him off on a new road and let him shy a little.