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LAKE CHARLES, CALCASIEU PARISH, LA., SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1881.

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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.-ly.

GEORGE H. WELLS, Attorney at
Law, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Par-
ish, La., Practices in Calcasieu, Cam-
eron and Vernon parishes, and in Orange
and Jefferson counties, Texas.
July 9, 1881.-ly.

F. A. GALLAGHER, Attorney at
Law, will practice in this and ad-
joining parishes, and before the Supreme
Court, at Opelousas.
Sept. 3, 1881.-ly.

A. J. KEARNEY, District Attorney,
15th Judicial District, practices in
the general parishes of the District.
Office, in Lake Charles, at the Haskell
House.
Office, in Leesburg, at his residence.
July 9, 1881.-ly.

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

CONTINUES to practice his profes-
sion and can be consulted at his
Drug Store, on Ryan street, at all hours.
Lake Charles, La., July 9, 1881.-ly.

DENTISTRY.

D. R. C. D. CHAIN continues to practice
his profession, and can be consulted at
the residence of Mr. John McCormick.
Gold and Amalgam fillings, at lowest
prices. Artificial teeth inserted, from
one to a full set. Teeth extracted with
facility.
Oct 29 '81.

G. KANN, PHARMACIST.

SUCCESSOR TO
Dr. J. C. Munday.
Physicians' prescriptions carefully pre-
pared, day or night.
Oct. 15, 1881.-ly.

FRANK MAISER, TONSORIAL ARTIST,
Ryan St., Lake Charles.
Hair Cutting, Shaving, Shampoo-
ing and Hair Dyeing done in the
latest styles.
July 9, 1881.-ly.

JEREMIAH GREEN, JAMES BLAIR,

O'BRIEN & BLAIR,
Contractors and Builders,
LAKE CHARLES, LA.,
July 9, 1881.-ly.

Furniture Repaired.

HAVING permanently located in the
town of Lake Charles, I am pre-
pared 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, Tou-
day building. C. H. BRUCE.
Aug. 13, 1881.-ly.

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

O. I. C.

MILLIONS AS IT IS! DON'T GRUMBLE!
BEST TIME TO SAVE MONEY!
At last I have found the right way in the
right place for Good and Cheap Work!

If you want any work done in the line
of Roofing, Gutters, or repairing, or
a good assortment of new or manufac-
tured Tinware, or any old stoves repaired,
you go to JOS. VOLZ'S Tin Shop,
back on Ryan street, between Hill and
Pine streets, opposite F. A. Gallagher's
residence. Sign of the Big Coffee Pot.
July 9, 1881.-ly.

LAKE HOUSE,
Opposite the Court House,
Lake Charles, La.,
Livery, Feed Stable and Sample Room.
Bar Room and Billiard Saloon
Attached.
GREEN HALL, Proprietor.
Sept. 18, '81.

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.-ly.

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.-ly.

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 merchan-
dising 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.

35. Highest market price paid for

Cotton, Wool and Hides.
Give me a call. H. D. NIX.
Aug. 13, 1881.-ly.

M. J. ROSTEET,

-DEALER IN-

DRY GOODS,

CLOTHING, BOOTS AND

SHOES, HATS AND

CAPS.

GROCERIES,

-AND-

GENERAL MERCHANDISE,

Lake Charles, La.

July 9, 1881.-ly.

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.

HAIR WEAVING.

TO the ladies of Lake Charles and vi-
cinity, I would announce that I am
prepared to execute all kinds of hair
work, such as

Switches, Puffs, Curls and
Wringlets.
Hair combings worked into all styles
desired. I will match any and all sam-
ples of hair, sent or brought to me, at
reasonable rates.
MRS. ELIZA MENGES.
Nov. 5, '81.-ly.

A. H. MOSS,
STILL AT THE SQUARE STORE!

MY friends and patrons will find me
at the old stand of Moss & Riddick,
with a very choice selection of merchan-
dise. Thankful for past favors, I hope,
by the courteous attention of clerks, su-
perior quality of goods, and cheap prices,
to retain all old customers and secure
many new ones.
A. H. MOSS.
Oct. 29, '81.-ly.

WANTED. By a man of family,
a situation as Book-Keeper. The
best of references given. Apply at this
office.
Oct 1/81.-ly.

An Obstinate Bride.

[Little Rock Gazette.]
The other night a young man
from northern Arkansas and a
young lady from the southern part
of the state met at a hotel in this
city and were married. After the
ceremony the young man went out
and sat in front of the hotel while
his wife went to the room assigned
as the bridal chamber.

"This thing of getting married is
a lifetime business," he said, ad-
dressing a man who had just been
divorced from his wife. "I reckon
you have found it so," he added,
turning to a single man. "Well, I
reckon I'll go up. Dinged if I
don't sorter hate to go up thar.
But I never was afeerd of a man,
and I don't see why I should be
afeerd of a woman."

He went up and wrapped at the
door.

"Who is there?" demanded the
girl.

"It's me."
"Who is me?"

"Don't you recognize my talk,
honey?"

"No, I don't."
"It is your own wide-awake and
living husband. Let me in."

"Go away from that door; you
shall not come in here. I am not
acquainted with you yet."

"Say, let me in. Them fellers
down stairs are laughing at me.
Open the door, for I'm sleepy,"
and he yawned like a man waiting
for a night train.

"Thought you said that you were
wide awake."

"I was a while ago, but I'm
powerful sleepy now. Say, ain't
you going to open this door?"

"No, I ain't."
"Why did you marry me?"

"Cause I wanted to."
"Well, why don't you let me in?"

"Cause I don't want to."
"All right, old gal. I'll shall out
for home and leave you to pay the
hotel bill. I never seed the woman
that could pull the wool over my
eyes."

The latch clicked and the door
opened. The hotel bill had fright-
ened her.

"It won't do for a woman to
buck agin me, Lemmy tell you, for
I was raised at the crossroads and
went to mill early."

Happy Hours.

An accurate observer says: Man-
kind are always happier for having
been happy; so that if you make
them happy now, you make them
happy twelve years hence by the
memory of it. A childhood passed
away with a mixture of rational
indulgence, under fond and wise
parents, diffuses over the whole of
life a feeling of calm pleasure; and,
in extreme old age, is the last re-
membrance which time can erase
from the mind of a man. No enjoy-
ment, however inconsiderable, is
confined to the present moment.
A man is the happier for life for
having made once an agreeable
tour, or lived for any length of
time with pleasant people, or en-
joyed any considerable interval of
innocent pleasure, which contrib-
utes to render old men so inatten-
tive to the scene before them, and
carries them back to a world that
is past, and to scenes never to be
renewed again.

They had been at masquerade;
she recognized him at once. "Was
it the loud beating of your heart,
my darling, that told you I was
near?" murmured he. "Oh, no," she
replied, "I recognized your crook-
ed legs."

A French physician says tobacco
smoking colors the bones. Not
when in the form of cigarettes, as
the smoker is green at the start,
and no change results from the
continued use of tobacco in this
form.

Tapping Vesuvius for Oil.

[Harrisburg Telegraph.]

It has been reserved for an Ital-
ian citizen of Harrisburg, now per-
fectly Americanized, and therefore
imbued with the Yankee genius, to
conceive the idea of boring at the
side of Vesuvius to ascertain the
source of its volcanic fires, and
utilize the tremendous power
which has for ages produced this
amazing eruption by fire, smoke,
and great streams of lava. Angelo
Possi Ponti is the name of the gen-
tleman who has devoted a long
time to this subject, and who has
now come to the conclusion, after
a study of the peculiar phases of
the petroleum region of Pennsylva-
nia, that the causes of the volcanic
forces in Vesuvius are the same as
those which produce the gases in
the oil region, only that those of
the volcano are the greater and
more powerful in their character.
His idea is to have a shaft on the
land side of the mountain, or a
number of them, and by that means
reach the bed or beds of oil which
he argues flow into a great basin
immediately under the crater of
the volcano, and thus, by currents
of electricity, are made to burn
and overflow in great floods of
lava. By means of the shafts in
question, Angelo Possi Ponti
hopes to attract the oil from the
source of its flames, thereby pre-
venting eruptions and utilizing for
mechanical purposes the vast ac-
cumulation of oil which has for
ages been consumed in the crater.
This is a tremendous project, in
the pursuit of which the inventive
Italian believes the source of
earthquakes will be reached and
controlled, whereby the human
race will be shielded from that
engine of destruction that has
produced such enormous amounts
of loss to mankind. This gives
the affair a philanthropic phase
highly creditable to the humane
feelings of the generous Italian.
Arrangements for a stock com-
pany have been made to take out
a charter with a capital stock of
\$500,000. Mr. Angelo Possi Ponti
has been in consultation for some
time with a number of geologists
and civil engineers in this city,
who, while not able fully to grasp
the tremendous subject, still give
its projector much encouragement.
It is as possible as the Panama
Canal, for which \$50,000,000 has
been subscribed, or the excavations
at Pompeii and the search for the
wonders of Troy, the discov-
eries of which have astounded
the archeologists of the world.

A Selfish Editor.

The most short-sighted, selfish
editor we know of lives in Missouri.
He talks in this way: A doctor
will sit down and write; time, five
seconds; paper and ink one fourth
of a cent, and the patient pays one,
two, three, five or ten dollars, as
the case may be. A lawyer writes
ten or twenty words of advice and
gets from ten to twenty from his
client. An editor writes a half
column puff for a man, pays a man
a dollar for putting it in type,
prints it on several dollars worth
of paper, sends it to several thou-
sand people, and then surprises
the puffed man if he makes any
charge.—[Exchange.]

Charity is the winter angel of the world.

Charity is the winter angel of the
world, and about the only one that
stayed behind to keep Hope com-
pany, when they moved on that sad
first of May, from Eden back to
Heaven. But if ever any body,
human or divine, was slandered
and belied, it is Charity. Her ap-
propriate altar is not a hat lined
with a bandanna, to muffle the fall
of coin, but the open, empty palm
of Poverty, the cold and broken
heart of Want—these are the con-
secrated places where accepted
offerings should be laid.

Temperance Item: First gentle

man with nasal flush—"I tell you,
sir, it's this drinkin' in business
hours that's ruinin' our populace.
Why, see me. I ain't drunk in busi-
ness hours in twenty years. I re-
member the date because I retired
permanently from commercial life
in 1881; and that kinder fixed it in
my memory."

We presume that Arsene Hous-

sage referred to talk, when he said:
"Women always give more than
they receive."

Facts About Women.

Moslem ladies can scarcely be
said to have much liberty. By or-
der of the Sultan and following a
formal request of the "Sheikhul-
Islam," the Ministry of Police, act-
ing in concert with the Council of
State, has drawn up a code of rules
prescribing the dress which wo-
men of the Moslem faith are to
wear, and the general manner in
which they are to conduct them-
selves. According to these laws,
women are prohibited from appear-
ing in public places and frequented
streets wearing only the "tehar-
shaf," a narrow veil. They are
only allowed to wear this light
covering while walking on quiet
roads and in paying friendly visits.
The officers of police have strict
orders to watch the women closely,
and to report whenever they ob-
serve one daring to appear in the
thin veil under circumstances not
sanctioned by the regulations.
Their report must give the full
name and address of the offending
lady, and the particulars of the
breach of rule, and is submitted to
the Minister of Police, Mussul-
man ladies are also forbidden from
driving or walking round the ma-
jority of the thoroughfares and the
centres of interest. They are not
allowed to promenade in the
Great Bazaar, nor to sit down in
the shops. In the event of any of
these rules being broken, if the of-
fenders are "carriage people," the
drivers of the vehicles are held
responsible as well as the ladies.
If a party of women gather in a
group for a friendly chat they are
at once dispersed by an officer of
the law, who addresses himself to
the oldest lady in the company,
and at once puts an end to the
gossip. The men, too, are under
certain restrictions. Rules are set
down for their behavior to women,
and any one who should be so in-
discreet as to speak to a woman,
is punishable, under an article in
the criminal code.

A Sleeping Tree.

A tree, was lately brought from
Australia to Nevada, has been in
the habit of going to roost like
the chickens. The leaves fold together
and the end of the tender twigs
coil themselves up like the tail of
a well conditioned pig. After one
of the twigs has been stroked or
handled, the leaves move uneasily
and are in a sort of wild commo-
tion for a minute or more. Indig-
nant at having been transplanted
the other day, it had hardly been
placed in its new quarters before
the leaves began to stand up like
the hair on the tail of an angry cat,
and soon the plant was in a quiver.
It gave a most pungent odor, which
was so sickening that it was found
necessary to open the doors and
windows. It was fully an hour be-
fore the plant calmed down. It
probably would not have given up
the fight, even then, had it not
been time for going to roost. The
whole household now stands in
awe of that tree.

There are said to be 2750 lan-

guages. Could we command them
all, we could tackle an essay on the
subject of "The Contemptibility of
the Masher." In that case we
might, possibly, do him justice.