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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 Par-  
ish, La. Practices in Calcasieu, Camer-  
on 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 ad-  
joining parishes, and before the Supreme  
Court, at Opelousas.  
Sep., 3, 1881.-1y.

**A. R. MITCHELL, Attorney and Coun-  
sellor at Law, Lake Charles, La.**  
will practice in all the parishes of the  
14th Judicial District, and the Supreme  
Court, at Opelousas. [Jan 782.]

**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.

**Wm. M. Flowers, M. D.**  
**LAKE CHARLES, LA.**

Can be found at Mrs. Demere's, on  
Pujo street.  
Dec. 17, 1881.-1y.

**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.-1y.

**DENTISTRY.**

**D. R. C. D. CHAIN** continues to practice  
his profession, and can be consulted at  
his office, in the "Commercial" office  
building, on Ryan street.  
Gold and Amalgam fillings, at lowest  
price. Artificial teeth inserted, from  
one to a full set. Teeth extracted skill-  
fully. [Oct 29'81.]

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

Physicians' prescriptions carefully pre-  
pared, day or night.  
Oct. 15, 1881.-1y.

**FRANK MAISER, TONSORIAL ARTIST,**  
**Ryan St., Lake Charles.**

HAIR Cutting, Shaving, Shampoo-  
ing and Hair Dyeing done in the  
latest styles.  
July 9, 1881.-1y.

**SEBASTIAN O'BRIEN, JAMES BLAIR,**  
**O'BRIEN & BLAIR,**  
**Contractors and Builders,**  
**LAKE CHARLES, LA.**

July 9, 1881.-1y.

**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.-1y.

**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-  
chy building. C. H. BRUCE.  
Aug. 13, 1881.-1y.

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

**W. O. I. C.**

MILLIONS IN IT!—DON'T GRIEVE!  
**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, Gutting or repairing, or  
a good assortment of his own manufac-  
tured Tinware, or any old stoves repaired,  
you go to J. A. GALLAUGHER. He shop,  
back on Ryan street, between Mill and  
Pine streets, opposite J. A. Gallaugher's  
residence. Sign of the Big Coffee Pot.  
July 9, 1881.-1y.

Job work of all descriptions done with  
neatness and despatch at this office  
Give us a call.

**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.

Es. Highest market price paid for  
**Cotton, Wool and Hides.**  
Give me a call. H. D. NIX.  
Aug. 13, 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.

**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.**

—AND—

We are also Agents for the

**New Home Sewing Machine**

—AND—

**Waltham Watches.**

—AND—

**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.-1y.

**St. Louis Type Foundry,**  
N. E. Corner of Third & Vine Sts.  
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.

**GALVESTON**  
**ARTIFICIAL STONE WORKS.**  
ORNAMENTAL Chimneys, Water,  
Sewer and Drain Pipes, Well Pipes,  
A full supply of ornamental door and  
window caps, sills, steps, key-stones,  
water-tables, curb stones, cemetery  
vaults, garden-walk and flower-bed ed-  
gings, pavements, and artificial stone  
work of every description, made to order.  
M. J. ROSTEET,  
Agent for Calcasieu Parish,  
Aug. 13, 1881.-1y.

**WANTED.**—By a man of family,  
a situation as Book-keeper. The  
best of references given. Apply at this  
office. [Oct 1881.]

**HASKELL'S**  
**VARIETY STORE,**  
**Lake Charles, La.,**  
On Ryan Street, first door below the  
Haskell House.

Will keep constantly on hand a choice  
and carefully selected assortment of

**BOOKS AND STATIONERY,**  
Including Books of English and Ameri-  
can Poets, Books of History, Trav-  
els, Fiction, Music, and Science;  
Gift Books for the old and  
young; Sheet Music, Stere-  
oscopes and Stere-  
oscopic Views,  
Albums,  
Engravings,  
Chromos, Blank  
Books of all kinds and  
sizes, etc., Letter, Commercial,  
Note, Legal Cap, Record and Fool-  
cap Paper; Ink of all kinds and colors;  
Pens, Penholders, Pencils,  
Erasers, Paper Cutters,  
Paper Weights,  
etc., etc.

**General News Depot,**  
For the sale of the latest Newspapers,  
Magazines, Novels, etc.

**CHOICE CONFECTIONERY AND**  
**FRUITS.**  
Nuts, Jellies, Fresh, Preserved, Dried  
and Canned Fruits, Standard Canned  
Meats and Vegetables.

**Tobacco, Cigars, Cigarettes,**  
Pipes and all smoking articles, and  
**Toys, Novelties and Varieties,**  
too numerous to mention.

This is the place to get your  
**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PRESENTS.**  
The proprietor buys the best and sells  
the best of everything in his line, and  
his motto will be "Quick sales and small  
profits."

**Genuine Singer and Peerless Sewing**  
**Machines.**  
At the lowest possible prices.

—ALSO—  
**CIL STOVES, HOUSEHOLD AND**  
**KITCHEN LAMPS.**  
November 29, 1881.

**PROCLAMATION!**

**LEWIS COOPER & CO.,**  
**Bagdad, La.,**

—DEALERS IN—  
**DRY GOODS,**  
**GROCERIES,**  
**HARDWARE,**  
**CLOTHING,**  
**SADDLERY,**

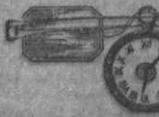
—AND—  
**General Merchandise,**

—OF—  
**EVERY KIND!**

Our stock is large and complete. Se-  
lected more especially to meet the re-  
quirements of timber and tie men, who  
will find it to their advantage to call on  
us before purchasing elsewhere.

**COME ONE! COME ALL!!**  
Oct. 22, 1881.-3m.

**PETER FASSOLD,**  
—PRACTICAL—

  
Ryan St., Lake Charles, La.

Watches and Jewelry Skillfully Repaired  
and Warranted.

**A Fine Stock of Jewelry Always on**  
**Hand.**

Oct. 12, '81.-1y.

**NOTICE!**

All persons indebted to the late firm  
of Moss & Riddick, will please come  
forward and settle, as I must have money  
to pay the debts of that firm, and close  
up its business. A. H. MOSS.  
Oct. 29, '81.-1y.

**A Real Boy-Hero.**

[Tax-Payers' Organ.]

A thrilling story comes to us from  
over the sea, a story that is worth  
repeating. The events referred to  
took place several years ago, but  
we never before heard of them.  
Carl Springel, a poor crippled  
boy of 14, has made his name im-  
mortal by the voluntary sacrifice  
of his youthful life to save from a  
horrible fate a railroad train con-  
taining 200 passengers, which was  
dashing on in the darkness to in-  
stant and certain destruction. We  
find the long and exciting narra-  
tive credited to a Vermont paper,  
which we condense and give in  
our own language. Half of Ger-  
many, it is said, is filled with his  
fame.

There is a great gorge, known  
as the Devil's Gulch, in a moun-  
tain in Germany, and over this  
gulch a bridge had been thrown  
for the passage of railroad trains.  
The bridge was built as massive  
and as strong as science, skill and  
money could make it, and was be-  
lieved to be impregnable to any  
storm that might ever beat against  
it. At the bottom of the gorge  
runs a deep and rapid stream. The  
bridge had a watchman to give sig-  
nals to the trains that every thing  
was right. At night he might not  
leave his station under any circum-  
stances; and it was the duty of his  
poor crippled son Carl to bring  
every evening his supper from the  
watchman's home, some distance  
away. A severe storm arose, and  
continued for several days. The  
floods came down as if the upper  
deep were broken up, and the  
winds swept a tornado. The gale  
was terrific and the waters unpre-  
cedented. More and more blind-  
ing was the tempest. Terrible as  
were the elements, Carl ventured  
out as the darkness grew apace  
with his father's supper. Before  
he could get within sight of the  
bridge, it became pitch darkness,  
but he struggled on. Hark! there  
is a tremendous crash as if the  
heavens and the earth were to be  
rolled up as a scroll and disappear  
together. Carl exerted all his  
strength to keep upon his feet,  
and reaching at last the gulch he  
shouted, "My father, my father!"  
Alas! that father had gone down  
with the bridge into the river be-  
low with a crash which had almost  
frozen with fear the blood of Carl,  
and nothing was to be heard but  
the howling of the terrible tempest  
and the turbulent roar of the tor-  
rent below as it dashed in mad  
fury over the rocks, as if the very  
genii of the mountains were mak-  
ing havoc with mundane affairs.  
Carl stood an instant paralyzed  
with horror in the drenching rain  
and the blinding blasts. But the  
train, the train! It is almost time  
for the train. Carl—the poor  
cripple in that awful night, what  
could he do? But desperation  
lends magical powers of genius  
and heroism to occasion. He  
mounts his father's hand car,  
switches it upon the track, and by  
 dint of almost superhuman efforts  
starts it to meet the expected train.  
Slowly at first the wheels move;  
but faster, as Carl strains every  
nerve. The train is coming. He  
catches the rumbling of the wheels,  
and pushes as if his own life were  
at stake to put as great a distance  
as possible between the point of  
meeting and the now bridgeless  
Devil's Gulch. A sharp curve in  
the road and the train is in full  
view of the poor cripple. On  
thunder the cars. Carl nerves  
himself for the dreadful ordeal,  
standing erect, swinging his red  
lantern and shouting with all the  
power of his lungs, "The bridge is  
down, the bridge is down." Year-  
er and nearer dashes on the engine  
with its train of human freight.  
Carl continues to swing his lantern  
and to shout. The engineer dis-

covers the red light, but alas! too  
late to save the young hero. A  
dull thud is heard and Carl upon  
his car is hurled into the air to  
come down a shapeless mass of  
flesh and bones!

Down go the brakes with all the  
strength which the engineer can  
apply. Slower and slower goes  
the train, and at last stops a few  
feet from the horrible, yawning,  
seething, raging black abyss.  
Saved, the train saved! Two hun-  
dred passengers, as soon as they  
become aware of what has happen-  
ed, moan and weep like infants  
not less at the fate of the young  
hero cripple, than at their own es-  
cape from a fate too awful for  
contemplation.

In a cemetery near by, upon a  
tombstone, may be seen this  
epitaph:

**CARL SPRINGEL,**  
Aged 14.  
"He died the death of a hero  
and martyr, and saved  
200 persons."

Whatever cynics and misanthro-  
pes may say to the contrary, the  
poetry of action and heroism of  
life have not fled the earth. They  
are as abundant as they ever were.  
There are heroes and heroines  
all about us, and in the humblest  
as in the highest walks of life.  
Occasion every now and then is  
the proof of it.

**Marching Through Georgia.**

[Times-Democrat.]

General Sherman wept the other  
day, after hearing "March through  
Georgia" played at a banquet. His  
neighbor, General Grant, asked  
him: "Wherefore dost thou weep?"  
The General answered: "I never  
was so all-fired sorry I marched  
through Georgia as I have been in  
the last five years. Georgia be-  
darned. The people are good  
enough, but I'm listening to that  
tune for the 3,465,857th time. How  
would you like, Ulysses," he con-  
tinued, "to hear that infernal melo-  
dy over three million times? They  
have socked it to me from Maine to  
Texas, and from Florida to Toron-  
to," and here he wept afresh. But  
General Grant quietly patted the  
little hero on the shoulder, and  
said, "Sherry, it is only one of the  
penalties of greatness. I suffer  
worse than you do—I've had seven  
million cigars given to me because  
people think I like to smoke, 824  
bull pups, and more horses than I  
can count. "Sherry," continued  
the General, "whenever I see a  
horse, a cigar, a bull pup, I feel  
just as badly as you do, but I never  
give way to my feelings. I—I sell  
'em." "Yes," answered Sherman  
between his sobs, "you can sell  
cigars, bull pups and horses, but I  
can't sell that d—d tune for five  
cents."

**Not Used to Him.**

The other evening a Detroit pol-  
ice-man heard a whistle shrilly  
blown, and a female voice calling for  
help, and after a short run he reach-  
ed the scene of the commotion. A  
man was getting up and falling  
down again on the doorsteps, and  
a female had her head out of an  
upper window and seemed to be  
half-acred to death.  
"What's the matter?" asked the  
officer.  
"A man has been kicking on the  
door," she answered.  
"This man here?"  
"Yes. I thought he'd tear the  
whole house down."  
The officer reached out for the  
man, and made two discoveries at  
once. It was the woman's husband,  
and he was fighting drunk.  
"Why this man wouldn't hurt  
you—he's your husband," he called  
out.  
"Is that so? Charles is that you?"  
"Bet yer life's sweet," muttered  
Charles.  
"Then you really must excuse  
me, Mr. Officer. You see, we have  
only been married six weeks and  
I do not readily recognize him yet.  
I'll be down in a minute, darling."