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SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 1882.

Remember A. H. Moss buys for spot cash and sells at very small margins.

Mardi Gras will be celebrated as usual in Lake Charles. See proclamation of Monius.

There are about 15,000 logs against the boom at the mouth of the River where it runs into Lake Charles. Some fell's were entertained, a few days ago, that the boom would not hold, but it has been strengthened and reinforced by large hawsers and anchor chains until now it is considered perfectly secure.

The Baton Rouge *Orpitolian* proposes to equalize taxation by levying the taxes on the products of the land, not on the land itself. It says: "The true method of arriving at the real value of land is through its products. Hence, if the land is not assessed at its market value, the defect can be cured by getting at its product. The same rule will apply to the properties of the city, by getting at its rentals and annuities."

A GREAT OFFER TO NEW SUBSCRIBERS.—We have made arrangements with the old and well known popular weekly *Agricultural, Stock and Family* paper, the *JOURNAL OF AGRICULTURE*, of St. Louis, Mo., to club it with the *LAKE CHARLES COMMERCIAL*, both papers to any address for \$2.50. The *Journal of Agriculture* is as large as any of the two dollar weeklies; it is published every Thursday on extra white paper and with the clearest and best type. It is devoted to the best methods of Agriculture, Stock Raising and Orchard and has a splendid *Woman's and Youth's* Department, and an excellent *Story* with other literary articles makes it the peer of any family weekly in America. Send \$2.50 and get two of the best papers now published.

We respectfully call the attention of the Town Council of Lake Charles, and the Police Jury of Calcasieu, to the following section of Act No. 6, of the Extra Session of the General Assembly, known as the "Printing Bill." This section is identical with the previous existing law, which seemed to have been completely ignored by our authorities. We hope that the mere publication of the law will insure its execution in the future:

"SEC. 20. Be it further enacted, etc., That the police juries and municipal corporations in all parishes, including the parish of Orleans, shall not hereafter order public printing of any kind unless the same is done under contract and adjudication to the lowest responsible bidder, unless such rules and regulations as they may establish after due public notice of at least ten days; and the price therefor shall not in any case exceed the price fixed for judicial advertisements, and for other printing or job work they shall in no case exceed the maximum price fixed for State printing in this Act. The said police juries and municipal corporations shall always have reserved to them the right of rejecting any and all bids, and shall require adequate security in the parish from the lowest responsible bidder for the complete fulfillment of the contract resulting from adjudication."

SALE OF GOVERNMENT LANDS. General Balley this morning completed a sale for 10,000 acres of land in Calcasieu parish, in the pine region. These sales were made to mill men from Michigan. The General states that the profits derived by the purchasers are unlimited, and that the clearing of the lands will realize a handsome profit in addition to the purchase price. —[City Item, 12th inst.]

Taxes Collected in 1881.

We are indebted to the courteous deputies of the Tax Collector's office, for the following exhibit of taxes and licenses, collected during the year 1881:

| Years. | Amount. |
|--------|---------|
| 1872 | \$ 2 00 |
| 1873 | 5 00 |
| 1874 | 5 00 |
| 1875 | 30 00 |
| 1876 | 38 00 |
| 1877 | 61 00 |
| 1878 | 121 00 |
| 1879 | 1 60 |
| 1880 | 363 00 |
| 1881 | 1297 00 |

| Years. | Amount. |
|--------|----------|
| 1871 | \$ 20 08 |
| 1872 | 15 26 |
| 1873 | 35 73 |
| 1874 | 44 45 |
| 1875 | 121 30 |
| 1876 | 109 48 |
| 1877 | 594 49 |
| 1878 | 824 03 |
| 1880 | 1,161 38 |
| 1881 | 7,953 48 |

| Years. | Amount. |
|--------|-----------|
| 1871 | \$ 2 40 |
| 1872 | 2 02 |
| 1873 | 6 44 |
| 1874 | 14 64 |
| 1875 | 50 26 |
| 1876 | 56 16 |
| 1877 | 574 70 |
| 1878 | 960 16 |
| 1880 | 1,556 04 |
| 1881 | 10,857 97 |

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Mr. Scoville's Argument.

[Galveston News, 19th inst.]

Mr. Scoville continued his argument yesterday in defense of Guiteau, and it is fair to give him credit for presenting the cause of his unlucky client with force and eloquence. If his judgment was at fault in assailing the stalwart tri-ty, his convictions of duty, moral courage and fearless bearing under the weight of terrible responsibility must win for him the respect of the nation and the regard of sympathetic men everywhere. His arraignment of Arthur, Conkling and Grant as the moral agents of this great crime created a sensation that will continue to be felt long after this trial shall have passed into history, and it is not improbable that the boulder he has thrown on the great ocean of public opinion put in motion a wave of thought and inquiry that may roll on perhaps and wreck the ambitious crafts of the three "culpable ones," whom the bold speaker so fearfully denounced as "morally responsible for the crime," and who are to "go down to posterity with a stigma upon their names, and with the detestation of their countrymen fastened upon their memories." Mr. Scoville but gives utterance to what every thinking American thought and felt at the time of the assassination, and which they may come again to regard as the true theory of the case. Mr. Scoville reasons most plausibly, and the logic of his conclusions is compact and decidedly damaging to the reputations of the trio of stalwartism whom he accuses. He has, at least, formulated an indictment against the three foremost politicians in the country, and has submitted it to the grand inquest of popular opinion. The charges and specifications will take hold of the public mind, and sooner or later the verdict will be rendered.

Danger of an Inundation.

[Times-Democrat]

Memphis, January 15.—The floods that are now pouring out of the lower Ohio, Tennessee and Cumberland rivers, are causing grave apprehensions to planters below here. The Mississippi is already bank full, and in some instances has flooded the low lands, and a disastrous overflow is now threatening the entire valley. Farmers have been moving their stock to the high lands, and are making every preparation for the flood that is almost upon them. The Mississippi river at this point is only five feet below the extreme high water mark, and is rising rapidly.

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Orth's Method of Choosing House Committees.

Washington, Jan. 15.—Representative Orth has prepared the following measure relating to the selection of the House committees, and will submit it in the House at the earliest opportunity.

The House after its organization at the commencement of each Congress shall proceed to constitute a "Board to select Committees," to consist of 11 members, to serve during such Congress. The board shall be selected and constituted as follows: The rolls of members shall be called. Each member shall thereupon, by a viva voce vote, designate some one member to serve as chairman of such board, and the person receiving the highest number of votes given, of a majority of the whole House, shall be such chairman, and at the same roll-call each member shall name five members to serve on said board, and the 10 persons having the highest number of votes shall, with such chairman, constitute such board; provided, however, if no person shall have received a majority of the votes for chairman, there shall be immediately a subsequent vote, until a chairman is elected as aforesaid.

Second.—It shall be the duty of said board within a reasonable time to report to the House the standing, select and joint committees provided for by the rules or ordered by the House, the names of the members of each committee to be reported in the order of their length of service in Congress, and when two or more are equal in length of service the names of such shall be reported in alphabetical order, and where such report is agreed to by the House, with or without amendment, the committees they constituted shall be the permanent committees of the House during such Congress. Vacancies occurring in any committee shall be filled by said board, subject to the action of the House.

Third.—At the first or subsequent meeting of any committee of the House, two-thirds at least of its members being present, it shall proceed to designate some one of its members to act as chairman during such Congress, and shall also have power to fill any permanent or temporary vacancies in such chairmanship.

Senator Jones has opened his batteries against the Hawaiian reciprocity treaty, and he introduced a resolution in the senate, similar to that of General Gibson in the house, requesting the president to give notice to terminate the treaty in the manner and at the time provided for in the fifth article of that treaty. This article is to the effect that "the convention shall remain in force for seven years from the date at which it may come into operation, and further until the expiration of twelve months after either of the high contracting parties shall give notice to the other of its wish to terminate the same, either being at liberty to give such notice to the other at the end of said term of seven years, or at any time thereafter." Many senators are of the opinion that the treaty can not be terminated under this article, by diplomatic methods, until August, 1884. Senator Hill, however, thinks that circumstances justify more summary action on the part of congress to get rid of it, and therefore has introduced a bill to repeal the above article of the treaty. —[N. O. Daily States.]

PARISH OFFICIALS IN A FERMMENT.

—Since the return of Senator Robertson many of our parish officials have been seriously exercised on account of a case recently decided by the Supreme Court in New Orleans, where an officer, failing to qualify according to law within thirty days from the date of his commission, was snatched by the Governor—the court sustaining the appointee. Most of our officials, it seems, failed to qualify within the thirty days, and they are liable to be ousted from office. They are walking on thorns, and having applied for appointments to the offices to which they were elected by the people, they await the Governor's action with fear and trembling. —[St. Landry Democrat.]

We are told that Governor McEnery refused to entertain a petition numerously signed by members of the Legislature, to call the second extra session for the 15th of January, for the reason—that if he called it on the day following the adjournment of the first session, he would thereby save to the State the entire mileage of the members. How he succeeded in his economical plan, the books of the Chairman of the Committee on contingent expenses as well as those of the State Treasurer will show. —[Marksville Review.]

"If Louisiana Legislatures were selling for a dollar apiece, and peanuts were two dollars a bushel, we would take our dollar and buy half a bushel of peanuts." —[St. Tammany Farmer.]

Another Railroad.

[St. Landry Democrat.]

Messrs. MacDougal and Dunsant, advance agents we may call them, arrived here last week, to prepare the way for the building of another railroad. Their particular business is, we believe, to secure the right of way on the land through which the road is to pass. It is to begin at Opelousas, and go almost due west to Dallas, Texas, thence to Albuquerque in New Mexico, about 1130 miles from here, where it will intersect the Southern Pacific road. It will pass through Chataignier, or the upper part of Paquetaine prairie, cross the Nezpique at Chaumeaux' ferry, or a little north of there, cross the Darbonne or east fork of the Calcasieu river at Mrs. Isaac Reeves' or higher up about Runion's ferry, and pass through the splendid timbered region of the northern part of Calcasieu parish, near Sugar Town. This road, if built, and the agents seem to be confident that it will be, will be not only of great importance to the back country of this parish and Calcasieu through which it is to pass, but also to Opelousas. It will develop prairies Chataignier, Paquetaine, Mammoth and Soileau, and give access and outlet to the enormous timber region of northern Calcasieu. The most of the cotton of Calcasieu parish is raised in that section, about Sugar Town, and the market for it is Alexandria, about sixty miles distant, by wagon. With the Morgan road already built, this other road, starting at Opelousas, would increase the business and importance of Opelousas. Then we would have four railroads running through the parish: the Louisiana Western running east and west through the southern part of the parish, the Morgan road running north and south through the richest and most populous part of the parish, the Southern or Texas Pacific running northwest and southeast through the northern part of the parish, and this proposed road which would go westward through the middle of the parish. These roads, with steamboat navigation along the entire eastern boundary of the parish, by means of the Atchafalaya river, and into the very heart of the parish by means of the Bayou Courtableau, would furnish all parts of this immense parish with all the facilities that could be desired for transportation and travel. We do not think that the agents will have any trouble in securing the right of way for the new road, for everybody in that direction need a railroad; for now they are cut off by long distance both from navigation and railroads.

Great Flood at Nashville.

[Special to the Daily States.]

Nashville, Jan. 18.—The river reached last night the highest water mark ever recorded here, and one inch higher than the standard flood of 1847.

The greater parts of the southern and northern portions of the city are under water, and there is great suffering among the poor people.

The damage amounts to many thousands of dollars.

The northern pier of the suspension bridge, usually high and dry on shore, is now in the midst of the raging current and is weighted with a vast drift of wood. The same is true of the central and subpiers of the L. & N. railroad bridge below.

The river continues rising this morning, and great uneasiness is felt for the safety of these bridges.

A large portion of East Nashville—Edgefield—is submerged.

\$500 Reward.

Rome, Ga., January 13.—Five hundred dollars reward is offered by the City Marshal of Rome, Ga., for delivery of a man filling the following description: Height, five feet six or seven inches; form rather stooping, slightly round shoulders, fair beard and features full; complexion, slightly sallow; eyes spotted hazel, rather small; eyelids drawn close down, rather squint in expression, "crow foot" in each corner, has a scar about half an inch long upon his upper lip, near center; teeth irregular, with upper lip slightly projecting. When talking, voice low and hesitating. Nose rather flat, and included as if the cartilage had been taken out, making his face dissipated in appearance, perhaps from effects of scrofula. Manner restless and uneasy exhibiting ignorance and simplicity, asking many questions and a peculiar way of answering with mouth closed. Gutteral! Ha! Ha! had on while here slightly broad-brimmed, drab-colored hat, greenish blue frock coat, rather short in the skirt, with velvet collar; coat rather worn in appearance and faded. Did small cotton business in Oxford, Ala., under the name of B. H. Clymer.

Orange peel is very dangerous, the least bit of it brings on physical prostration.

TO ASSESSORS.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
State of Louisiana,
New Orleans, Jan. 16, 1882.)

To —, Esq., Assessor in and for the parish of —:

Sir—Your attention is called to article 207 of the constitution of this State, declaring what property is exempt from taxation. All property, movable or immovable, not exempt, must be placed on the assessment rolls. The annexed list of property is submitted for your guidance. You are instructed, if necessary, to interrogate each taxpayer, under oath, with reference to this specific property.

You will also, at your earliest convenience, report accurately to the Auditor the average assessment of the value per acre of the land in your parish, and the average valuation placed upon each specific kind of personal property.

S. D. McENERY, Governor.

TAXABLE PROPERTY.

All real estate, with the buildings and all the improvements thereon or thereto attached; all improvements on public lands and other untaxed land; all ships, vessels, boats, barges and other water-craft; all railroads and other roads; all canals and other ways of communication, travel or transportation; all locomotives, dummies or other motive powers; all engines, boilers and other apparatus, appurtenances, appliances and attachments for steam, electric and other engines; all cars, carriages, wagons and other vehicles; all patents, copyrights, trade marks, privileges, charters and franchises; all rafts, logs, lumber, bricks and other building material; all live stock; all dogs; all movable property and chattels; all personal property; all goods, wares and merchandise; all alcoholic, vinous and malt liquors; all diamonds, pearl and precious stones; all watches, clocks and other time-pieces; all gold, silver and plated ware; all household, kitchen and other furniture and furnishings goods; all guns, pistols, firearms and weapons; all statuary, paintings, engravings, chromos, engravings and other works of art; all jewels and jewelry, whether of gold or other metals or composition, and all judgments. You will assess all other articles or things not included in the foregoing list, possessing a money value.

Governor Wiltz's Residence.

[Times-Democrat.]

The announcement that on February 11 the handsome residence of the late Gov. Wiltz would be sold at auction by Messrs. Girardey & Macon, auctioneers, was the topic of conversation on the streets yesterday, and called to mind the fact that while Gov. Wiltz was alive he was so wrapped up in the affairs of the State, that he devoted no time to the accumulation of wealth, his chief aim being to guard the interests of the people and the State beloved so well. His friends, realizing his condition, subscribed sums of money sufficient to purchase him an elegant mansion on Prytanis street. His family were not left with sufficient means to keep up the style belonging to that of a Governor of a great State. His friends came nobly to the front and endeavored to get up a subscription to prevent the sacrifice of the Governor's homestead. The effort, however, proved to be only partially successful, hence the necessity of the sale, which is soon to be made. The property has a frontage of 158 feet on Prytanis street, and consists of a two-story frame house, built in the modern style, and having every convenience that architectural skill can afford. The residence stands in the centre of a large lawn, the walks of which are paved with stone shaded by stately trees.

The Galveston Fire.

Galveston, Jan. 14.—The loss by fire yesterday will exceed \$850,000. The principal losses and insurance are as follows: Moody & Jenison, on building \$130,000; insurance \$60,000; Greenleve, Block & Co., wholesale dry goods, \$425,000, insurance \$360,000; C. M. Pearce & Co., wholesale grocers, \$130,000, insurance \$97,500; Miller & English, wholesale grocers, \$130,000, insurance \$65,000; County Library, \$25,000, insurance \$22,500; M. Kopper and J. B. Cole, on building, \$20,000; Miss Wilkins, on building, \$18,000, insurance \$6,000; E. Kaufman, on building, \$20,000, insurance \$10,000; J. S. Brown & Co., wholesale hardware, damaged by removal, \$15,000; E. S. Wood & Son, hardware, damage to building and stock, \$10,000; Thompson, George & Co., wholesale druggists, damaged \$5,000 by removal.

The evidence in Guiteau's case is all in. Arguments have begun.

PERSONAL.

Francis Chauvine, Esq., visited Orange, Texas, last Tuesday.

Sam Kinder took a run over to Houston last week returning Thursday morning.

F. A. Gallagher, Esq., and Joe George, Esq., went to New Orleans last week. They have not yet returned.

Alphonse Levy, of the firm of J. Meyers & Co., after spending several days in town, returned to his home in Opelousas, Wednesday morning.

L. Kaufman, of the firm of Kaufman & Bloch, returned Thursday night from Washington, La., where he had been visiting his brother, who was very ill.

Sheriff D. H. Lyons and Julien Richard, chief Deputy, went to New Orleans last Monday to make the final settlement of taxes with the State Treasurer. They will go to Baton Rouge, Mr. Lyons to place his son, Augustus, in the State University, and Mr. Richard to visit his son, who is already there.

A loafer needs only two pockets in his clothes—one for each hand.

A Card to the Public.

I HEREBY brand George Thielmann, I or his author, as a willful and malicious liar, as far as regards the reports put in circulation about me and my family. THOMAS J. PARKER, Engraver, Calcasieu Parish, La., Dec. 31, 1881-5.

A CARD.

To the Editor of the COMMERCIAL: Thos. J. Parker has undertaken through your columns to denounce me as a liar, "as far as regards the reports put in circulation about me." He is very careful not to specify what reports he has reference to for fear, no doubt, that they are matters of such public notoriety that the truth of them would be generally recognized in his neighborhood. He is so contemptible and low that I would take no notice of his card were it not that your paper is read by persons who are unacquainted with either of us. I will say, however, that I have said nothing concerning said Parker but what can be very easily substantiated whenever he calls upon me in the proper manner and specifies what particular reports he objects to. GEO. THIELEMAN, Jan. 14th 1882.

FERRY! FERRY!

I HAVE re-established the Old Blue Ferry, on the Calcasieu River. New bridges over the gullies, good roads and accommodations for travelers, also a Warehouse, for storing freight. I respectfully solicit a share of the public patronage. JOSEPH CAHILL, January 7, 1882-2m.

The Best Sewing Machine

IN THE MARKET IS "POE'S FAVORITE" They are Standard Singer Style and only \$25 to \$30.

A full stock on hand, and for sale by A. COOPER & CO., Bagdad, Dec. 31, 1881-4f.

A. H. MOSS.

STILL AT THE SQUARE STORE!

MY friends and patrons will find me at the old stand of Moss & Edible, with a very choice selection of merchandise. Thankful for past favors, I hope, by the courteous attention of clerks, superior quality of goods, and cheap prices, to retain all old customers and secure many new ones. A. H. MOSS, Oct. 29, '81-4f.

Lake Charles Academy.

Opposite Judge Forrest's Residence. Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish. Day school, from 9 A. M. to 12 M., and from 1 to 4 P. M. French, English, Latin, Greek and Mathematics will be taught. Terms—Two Dollars, per month. N. B.—Having made the necessary arrangements, I am now prepared to receive boarders. LEWIS L. BOURGES, Principal, aug 20 '81.

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.

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, '81-4f.

KING'S RESTAURANT.

Ryan St., Lake Charles.

MEALS at all hours, and customers may rest assured that their appetites will be satisfied. July 9, 1881-4f.

NEW DEPARTURE!

I, the undersigned respectfully inform the people of Lake Charles and vicinity, that he will run a back regularly to and from the Railroad depot, between the hours of 7 A. M. and 9 P. M. Fare, for the round trip, 25 cents. J. S. DAVIS, Dec. 17, 1881-4f.