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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 Parish, La., Practices in Calcasieu, Cameron and Vernon parishes, and in Orange and Jefferson counties, Texas. July 9, 1881.-sm.

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

A. R. MITCHELL, Attorney and Counselor at Law, Lake Charles, La., will practice in all the parishes of the 14th Judicial District, and the Supreme Court, at Opelousas. Jan. 7 '82.

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.-ly.

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

Can be found at Mrs. Demere's, on Pujoe street.
Dec. 17, 1881.-ly.

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.-ly.

DENTISTRY.

D. R. C. D. CRAIN 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 prices. Artificial teeth inserted, from one to a full set. Teeth extracted skillfully. Oct. 29 '81.

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

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

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

HAIR Cutting, Shaving, Shampooing and Hair Dyeing done in the latest styles.
July 9, 1881.-ly.

JEREMIAH 'BRIEN. JAMES BLAIR.

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

July 9, 1881.-ly.

HAIR WEAVING.

TO the ladies of Lake Charles and vicinity, I would announce that I am prepared to execute all kinds of hair work, such as
Switches, Puffs, Curls and Wrinklets.

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

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.-ly.

SCHINDLER & VALVERDE,

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

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, or any old stoves repaired, you go to **JOS. VOLTZ'S** Tin Shop, back on Ryan street, between Mill and Pine streets, opposite F. A. Gallagher's residence. Sign of the Big Coffee Pot.
July 9, 1881.-ly.

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 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. 18, 1881.-ly.

M. J. ROSTEET,
—DEALER IN—

DRY GOODS,
CLOTHING, BOOTS AND
SHOES, HATS AND
CAPS.

GROCERIES,
WINES, LIQUORS,
—AND—

GENERAL MERCHANDISE,
—ALSO—

Agent for the celebrated
"Roelker Plow,"

manufactured by the Roelker Plow Co., Evansville, Indiana.
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.
Aug. 13, 1881.-ly.

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 edging,
pavements, and artificial stone
work of every description, made to order.
M. J. ROSTEET
Agent for Calcasieu Parish.
Aug. 13, 1881.-ly.

WANTED.—By a man of family,
a situation as Book-Keeper. The
best of references given. Apply at this
office. Feb. 1 '82.

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 American
Poets, Books of History, Travels,
Fiction, Music, and Science;
Gift Books for the old and
young; Sheet Music, Stereoscopes and Stereoscopic Views,
Albums,
Engravings,
Chromos, Blank
Books of all kinds and
sizes, etc., Letter, Commercial,
Note, Legal Cap, Record and Foolscap
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, Notions 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—
OIL STOVES, HOUSEHOLD AND
KITCHEN LAMPS.
November 26, 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. Selected
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.-ly.

NOTICE!
All persons indebted to the late firm
of Moss & Biddick, 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.-ly.

Newspaper Patronage.

[Gardiner Journal.]
Publishers of newspapers and
more particularly local newspapers,
have to depend mainly upon
their advertising columns for their
support. Yet how many are there
who seem not to realize this fact.
Instead of giving their paper a
liberal advertising patronage, they
perhaps give it none; and if a levee
or entertainment is got up in the
place, the paper is expected to notice
it for nothing.

Now if all the patronage that a
paper can expect is that of the
locality for whose interest it works,
it would seem that every one should
give it the advertising that legiti-
mately belongs to it, and not try
to get it without paying for it.
There is a class of people that
seem to begrudge every dollar
that goes to their local papers;
and still borrow it and read it, and
are the severest critics of its short-
comings.

The publisher has to pay for
labor and paper, and every notice
of any kind, in the nature of an
advertisement he ought to have
his pay for. He has got to get his
living out of his advertising col-
umns, and any society or individual
can just wish as much propriety
beg five dollars of any other in-
dividual, as to expect it gratuitously
of a newspaper.

Any man who does not think
enough of his town's paper, and
every trader who does not believe
in advertising, should move into
some town where they have no
paper.

Where Slate Pencils Come From.

Any one who has children and
who, about forty times during a
term, hears complaints about them,
their breaking or loss, will perhaps
be glad to know that the supply
is just about inexhaustible. There
is not the slightest danger that
the world will ever want for slate
pencils. The hard, black German
ones have been superseded of late
years by the round white ones of
clay slate. At the quarry, near
Castleton, Vermont, about thirty-
five workmen produce 50,000 pen-
cils daily, and it is proposed to
increase the daily output to 100-
000. The blocks when quarried,
are sawed into pieces seven by
twelve inches, split to the thick-
ness of a half inch and smoothed
by a planer, the block is placed
under a semi-circular knife and, after
having been turned over, the pro-
cess is repeated. A particle of
quartz in the block would break
all the pencils. They are pointed
by a grindstone, turned, assorted,
and sent to market in boxes of a
hundred.

A correspondent of the North-
western Lumberman, who has been
visiting the Mississippi coast,
makes the following suggestion:
"The investment which would pay
best, and offers splendid inducements,
is a well-equipped lumber
railway; iron rails, locomotive and
suitable cars. The road to extend
from tide-water to the timber,
away from the bank of the creeks,
where it has never been touched,
and where it is of best quality and
greatest quantity. Logs, then, in
ten days from time of cutting
could be delivered at the mills and
turned into cash. This would be
an advantage over the present
system of waiting over a year and
losing 15 per cent of the logs be-
sides. A road complete, costing
\$50,000, would pay from \$15,000 to
\$20,000 per year."

If we work upon marble, it will
perish; if we work upon brass,
time will efface it; if we rear tem-
ples, they will crumble into dust;
but if we work upon immortal
minds, if we imbue them with prin-
ciples, with the just fear of God
and love of our fellow men, we en-
grave on those tablets something
which will brighten to all eternity.
—Daniel Webster.

Served Him Right.

[St. Louis Republican.]

A couple of years ago a young
woman's body was fished out of
the Detroit river. As the body
had been tied into the girl's mouth,
it was evident a murder had been
committed. No suspicion attached
to any one, however, and the
crime might have passed into ob-
livion had it not been that a reporter
for the Evening News struck a
clue a year afterwards. By investi-
gating, a chain of circumstantial
evidence was developed and pub-
lished, all pointing towards a well
known citizen as the murderer.

No name was mentioned in the
article, but a Mr. Peoples felt that
the description fitted him, and he
boldly brought suit for libel. The
case was decided against him yes-
terday, and at the close Mr. Peoples
was arrested on a charge of
murder in the first degree. As he
had never been mentioned in con-
nection with the case until he
brought his damage suit, and as
there is an excellent prospect that
he will find the greatest difficulty
in explaining away the evidence
now more fully elaborated against
him, his example may be taken as
a warning to all undiscovered
murderers, who feel tempted to
claim damages from newspapers
for hinting at their villainy.

Two Frank Men.

[Detroit Free Press.]

"Mr. Blank," began a citizen as
he entered an office near the City
Hall, "just one year ago to-day I
came in here and called you a liar.
I believed what I said, and for one
year we have not spoken to each
other. Within a week past I have
found out that I was mistaken, and
I now apologize for my harsh
words and express my sorrow that
I was ever led to indulge in such
language."

"Mr. G.," replied the other, as he
extended his hand, "your frankness
begots frankness. During the past
year but one you and I were friends.
You borrowed upwards of \$70 of
me in small sums, and never re-
paid a dollar. This year we have
been enemies, and I am ahead fi-
nancially. While I may long to
forgive you, I must look out for
the interests of my growing family.
Let us compromise by nodding to
each other in Sunday school, pay-
ing our own way outside."

"Sir, I shall never nod to you in
Sunday school or elsewhere!" said
Mr. G., and he walked out as stiff
as a ramrod and left the door
wide open.

A Notable Bridge.

[Scientific American.]

An iron bridge now building
across Murderer's Creek, near
Newburg, N. Y.; for the New York,
Ontario and Western Railroad,
will be one of the notable bridges
of the country. It will be 1,200
feet long, and 150 feet high, or 680
feet longer than the Niagara Sus-
pension Bridge, and 232 feet longer
than the new London Bridge over
the Thames. Its height exceeds
that of the New York and Brook-
lyn Bridge by 16 feet, and that of
High Bridge, over the Harlem
River, by about 25 feet.

The following is the concluding
sentence of a marriage ceremony
as performed by one of our Magis-
trates, living not a thousand miles
from Marksville: "And by the au-
thority vested in me by law and
the Constitution, and provided the
fees of the Justice of the Peace are
paid on the spot, I hereby declare
you husband and wife, for better
or worse, through thick and thin,
and for the sum of three dollars, so
help you God."—[Marksville Bul-
letin.]