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Subscription for one year, payable in advance, three dollars if paid at the end of the year, four dollars. No subscription will be received for a period less than one year. A subscriber wishing to discontinue, must give a written notice to that effect, and settle up all arrears.

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THE VALUE OF MONEY.—In an article on money matters, the *North American Review* speaks of the anticipated decline in the value of money, and thinks it but the exercise of ordinary caution to assume that the annual supply of the precious metals will not fall below a hundred millions of dollars for many years, and that in a quarter of a century this supply will depreciate money to one-half or one-third its present value. The *Commercial Gazette* commenting upon this remark, is of the opinion, that the operation will be very gradual, and must continue for many years. A decline in the value of money will increase wages, and the price of agricultural and manufacturing products, as well as real estate. In this general and gradual change there will be no revolution to produce general distress.—*Review and Republic*, 20th.

CASEY IN THE ACT.—It is stated that there is one judge of the courts of Vermont, who was indicted for selling liquor, acknowledged the crime, and was fined at the very session of the court where he was on the bench.

FIFTY YEARS.—Fifty years ago, on the 21st instant, Ohio had 75,000 inhabitants. It has now two millions. Who can predict the future of Illinois, fifty years hence?

Henry L. Garland. Louis Lastrapes.

GARLAND & LASTRAPES,

ATTORNEYS AT LAW.

WILL exercise their profession in the different Courts of the 15th Judicial District. Their office is in Opelousas, February 23d, 1852—ly.

HOME MANUFACTURE!

The undersigned beg leave to inform the public in general that he is now prepared to furnish to order, at the shortest notice and on reasonable terms, CARTRIDGES, BUGGIES, &c. Also, carriages repaired as usual at the shortest notice, and on reasonable terms.

The undersigned is also ready to execute all orders in the Blacksmith Business, Horse Shoeing &c. A share of public patronage is respectfully solicited.

JOSEPH GIBBS.

Opelousas, February 2d 1852—ly.

G. Frierson. Robt. Conway.

FRIERSON, FOWLER & Co.

Cotton and Sugar Factors.

59 Carondelet st. 59,

NEW ORLEANS.

July 3rd 1852—ly.

SURVEYING.

JOHN McDONALD, will promptly attend to any Surveying confided to him. Office at Charles N. Ealer's Main Street Opelousas.

Opelousas, May 8th, 1852—ly.

NEW GOODS.

JUST received, a fine assortment of fancy Goods, clothing, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, &c. &c., for sale at very low prices for cash. Also, always on hand an assortment of Groceries, wines, cognacs, &c.

CHS. A. GERIN.

Agent for W. W. Thompson, N. O.

Opelousas, Sept. 25th 1852—3m.

DANIEL SHEUBLE,

FASHIONABLE TAILOR.

IS always ready to execute all orders concerning his trade, in the latest, quickest and neatest style, at very moderate prices to suit the times, for cash or to payment and good customers.

He has constantly on hand a fine assortment of fancy silk, cloth, merinos, &c.

His residence is on Main st., between Bellevue and Laundry streets, north house next to the Opelousas Courier Office.

Opelousas, December 14th 1852—ly.

WASHINGTON DRUG STORE.

THE undersigned would inform his friends and the Public that he is now receiving from New Orleans, a fresh and complete stock of DRUGS and MEDICINES, and will continue the business at the store lately occupied by Dr. Hardy, next to the store of T. C. Anderson & Co. He has employed a competent Druggist and Chemist to attend to putting up prescriptions, &c., and will take pleasure in waiting upon those who will favor him with their patronage.

S. D. ALLIS.

Washington, (La.) August 7th 1852—3m.

CHEAP! CHEAP! VERY CHEAP!

BUT FOR CASH, AND ONLY FOR CASH.

GOLDMAN & KAUFFMAN, of Washington, respectfully inform the public of this community, that having bought Mr. J. Goldman's Store at Opelousas, they will offer their fine stock of Goods under cost prices. Ladies and Gentlemen are invited to come and see, and they will be astonished at the low prices they will ask for those fine goods.

The new purchasers of that establishment, who will continue at the same time to keep their store at Washington, well known as a Cheap Store, intend to continue to have the finest assortment of all kind of goods at very low prices, for they will receive their assortment directly from the best houses in the North.

Confiding in their efforts to indulge the patronage of the public, they will not neglect anything in their power to satisfy those who will come and visit their Store.

Opelousas, June 19th 1852—ly.

TO HUNTERS.

FROM this date, I give notice to the public in general, that I forbid positively any from shooting or hunting in my field, and that I am decided to sue any one I will find in contravention with this notice.

HENRY L. GARLAND.

Opelousas, November 20th 1852.

NOTICE.

THE undersigned having become the agent for Pylon's Patent, Disengaging Swindler, is now ready to furnish the same, being appointed sole agent to make and sell for the Parish of St. Landry.

This Swindler can be attached to any carriage, buggy, &c., being very simple and not liable to need repairing.

A Pattern can be seen at the undersigned's Shop.

JOSEPH GIBBS.

Opelousas, January 3d 1852.

NOTICE.

RALF ROBERTSON, of the Parish of St. Landry, having filed his petition for the appointment of administrator of the Estate of the late Elizabeth Hays, wife of Gabriel Robertson, of the parish of St. Landry, deceased.

Any person intending to make opposition to said appointment, will file the same in writing, in my office, in the town of Opelousas, within ten days from the publication of this notice.

A. GARRIGUES, Clerk.

Opelousas, December 4th 1852.

NOTICE.

JOEL H. SANDOZ, of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, having filed his petition to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of the late George W. Addison, deceased, lately of the aforesaid Parish and State.

Therefore, any persons having legal oppositions to make to said appointment will file the same in writing, within ten days from the date of the present notice, at the Office of the Clerk of the District Court, in the town of Opelousas.

A. DEJEAN, Deputy Clerk.

Opelousas, December 4th, 1852.

Fenelon Cannon.

Theodore S. Robin.

GANNON & ROBIN,

Attorneys at Law.

WILL punctually attend to all business entrusted to their care, in the 14th and 15th Judicial Districts.

OFFICE AT Opelousas, La.

Opelousas, October 23d 1852—ly.

J. V. GOURDIN.

Charles Kerr.

GOURDIN & KERR,

COMMISSION MERCHANTS.

No. 25, Conti street.

NEW ORLEANS.

14th June 1852—ly.

NOTICE.

Just received an assortment of the English language, and that, in this quarter, the knowledge of it has now become essential. Mr. Dempster has determined that the classes in English shall be made at both sittings of the school, forenoon and afternoon, and the children (except those learning French exclusively) shall be required to speak only English, as well at recreation as in school.

Pupils may enter for either language, or both.

N. B.—Pupils coming from a distance, can be boarded with an excellent family.

TERMS. \$4 per month.

St. Martinsville, Nov. 6th 1852.

T. M. WATKINS,

SADDLER.

ANNOUNCE respectfully to the citizens of St. Landry, that he has just re-opened, corner of Main and Carriere streets, a new and elegant SADDLERY SHOP, where he will keep constantly on hand every article concerning his trade. In point of workmanship he defies competition. All orders promptly attended to.

His prices will be moderate, for cash or to punctual dealers on a short credit.

Washington, (La.) July 10th 1852—ly.

OPELOUSAS ACADEMY.

Formerly Franklin College.

Rev. THOS. RAND JR., A. M. Principal.

For terms and other particulars, see Prospectus at this office or at the Academy.

Opelousas, January 31st 1852.

ROBERT BENGUEREL.

Opelousas, February 7th 1852—ly.

Sheriff's Sale.

STATE OF LOUISIANA.

Joel M. Bell Trustee &c. District Court, St. Landry, No. 2961.

Thomas A. Cook.

BY virtue of a writ of pl. fi. fa., issued in the above entitled suit, by the District Court, in and for the Parish of St. Landry, and to me directed, will be exposed to Public Sale, for Cash, at the Court House of this Parish, on Saturday, the 1st day of January 1853, commencing at the hour of 11 o'clock, A. M., and from day to day if necessary all the right title, interest and demand of Thomas A. Cook, and to the following property, seized to satisfy said writ, to wit:

A square in the town of Opelousas, containing four lots, bounded on the East by West or Front street, and on the North by Pine street, on the South by South street and on the West by Bayou Teche.

HARRISON ROGERS, Sheriff.

Sheriff's office St. Landry, November 27th, 1852.

TAKE NOTICE.

Call to see Myer & Alcock's.

WASHINGTON.

Wholesale & Retail Establishment for BARGAINS.

M. & A., are now receiving, by every Boat from the Northern markets, a heavy supply of every description of Merchandise, embracing Dry Goods, fine Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps and Ladies fine Dresses.

ALSO—A large supply of jewelry of the latest fashion, embracing Diamonds, fine Gold and Silver Watches, from the best makers in England. Ladies and Gent's fine Gold Chains, Gold Spectacles, &c.

We kindly invite the Ladies and Gentlemen to give us a call.

We offer at Wholesale or Retail, at a very small advance.

Washington, (La.) October 16th 1852.

BOARDING AND DAY-SCHOOL.

FOR YOUNG LADIES.

Superintended by Mrs. Remond, (born Traber), in Opelousas.

THE proximity of this institution in the town of Opelousas, (late residence of Mr. Lafiche) affords a most convenient and healthy situation.

The students will be the object of constant and assiduous care, and solicitude. The principal will exert every effort, in imparting to those who may be placed under her supervision, the rudiments of a good and substantial education, based upon the precepts of religion.

The course of instruction will embrace lectures adapted to the advancement of the students, Writing, the study of the French Language, and more particularly the English, Geography, the Sphera, Arithmetic, Sacred History, ancient and modern, and all descriptions of needle work.

The terms per quarter are as follows, to wit: Institution, \$10, 00

Music, 18, 00

Boarding, 25, 00

The 1st Quarter will begin 1st May 1852.

Opelousas, March 13th 1852—ly.

ST. LANDRY COFFEE HOUSE.

Corner of Main and Landry streets.

THE subscriber would respectfully announce to his friends and the public generally, that he has furnished his Bar with the best Liquors that New Orleans can afford. Connected with the Bar is an excellent Billiard Table, to which he would call the attention of those persons who indulge in this innocent amusement. Attached to the Coffee House are private rooms for the accommodation of gentlemen.

J. J. BEAUCHAMP.

Opelousas, January 4th 1852—ly.

PROFESSOR DEMPSTER.

BEGS to inform the parents and guardians of children in St. Martinsville, that on Monday first, the 8th of November, his classes will be transferred to the house formerly occupied by Mme. Fretcheon, Port street—where he will be happy to receive his former pupils.

Having secured the services of a French professor, the classes in that language will be conducted with the same attention as those in English.

But perceiving the peculiar importance of the English language; and that, in this quarter, the knowledge of it has now become essential. Mr. Dempster has determined that the classes in English shall be made at both sittings of the school, forenoon and afternoon, and the children (except those learning French exclusively) shall be required to speak only English, as well at recreation as in school.

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Public Sale.

Estate of Ely Lucas Fontenot, deceased.

WILL be sold, at public sale, to the last and highest bidder, at the last residence of the deceased, in Flat Town Prairie, in this parish, on

Saturday, 18th December next, 1852; by Achille Dupre, public auctioneer, in and for the parish of St. Landry, the following described property, belonging to the estate of the late Ely Lucas Fontenot, deceased, late of the parish of St. Landry, to wit:

A certain Tract or Parcel of Wood Land.

situated in Flat Town Prairie, in this parish, containing eighty superficial acres, more or less, bounded East by Cyprien Fontenot, Joseph Lafour, and North West and South by Public Domain.

A certain Tract or Parcel of Prairie Land.

situated in Flat Town Prairie, in this parish, being the last residence of the deceased, having eighty superficial acres, more or less, bounded North by Widow Cyprien Fontenot, South and East by the Domain and West by Lastie P. Guillory.

One Negro Boy, named Flemming, aged 18 years.

One negro Girl, named Aimée, aged 22 years, with her two children, namely: Adele, aged 6 years and Louisa, aged 2 years.

One negro Boy, named Old Flemming, aged 45 years.

One negro Boy, named Joe, aged 40 years.

One negro Boy, named James, aged 25 years.

One negro Boy, named Onézime, aged 16 years.

One mulatto Girl, named Zile, aged 40 years, with her three children, namely: Léandre, aged 8 years, Lucie, aged 6 years and Adèle, 2 years.

One mulatto Girl, named Manette, aged 40 years, with her three children, namely: Alcide, aged 7 years, Sydalée, aged 5 years and one infant child.

One mulatto Boy, named Cadet, aged 10 years.

One mulatto Girl, named Hortense, aged 12 years.

One negro Girl, named Mariette, aged 60 years.

Nine ploughs, one horse cart, two ox carts, one calash, one corn mill, one lot kitchen utensils, one gold watch, two double barreled guns, household furniture, plantation utensils, four pairs work oxen, horses, mares, stallions, &c. &c.

CONVEYERS.—On the day of sale, ACHILLE DUPRE, Auctioneer.

Opelousas, November 13th 1852.

ELECTION.

WHEREAS, his Excellency, Joseph Walker, Governor of the State of Louisiana, has issued his proclamation dated the 23d day of November, A. D. 1852, ordering an Election to be held at the several Election precincts of this Parish, on the fourth Monday the 27th of December next 1852, for the purpose of voting for one Governor and Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Treasurer, Superintendent of Public Education and for members of the General Assembly.

Now, therefore, I, Harrison Rogers, Sheriff of the Parish of St. Landry, in conformity with law and the said proclamation do hereby give notice to the said Commissioners of Election of the Parish of St. Landry, that the said Election will be held in said Parish on Monday the 27th day of December 1852, between the hours of nine o'clock A. M., and four o'clock P. M., at the following Police Jury Wards, to wit:

1st. Ward.—At the Court House in the town of Opelousas.

2d. —At the house of Francis Trainer in the town of Washington.

3d. —At the house of Michel Emonet in Prairie Grove Chevreuil.

4th. —At the house of Edmond Estillete in Grand Coteau.

5th. —At the Lower School House in Bellevue.