The Opelousas Courier.

Vol. 1. Opelousas, (Louisiana) 18th December 1852. No. 2.

THE COURIER,

PUBLISHED ON SATURDAY BY
JOEL H. SANDOZ & ANDREW MEYNIER.

CONDITIONS:

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 arrearages.

Advertising:—For one square not exceeding the space of ten lines, one dollar for the first insertion, and fifty cents for each subsequent insertion. Longer advertisements will be charged accordingly.

All the advertisements will be inserted in french and english until ordered out, or until the editors shall judge it convenient to discontinue the publication.

A liberal deduction made on advertisements inserted for long period.

No advertisement or subscription will be stopped until all the arrearages are paid, unless at the option of the publishers.

No election tickets or other jobs printed without the money, or the person ordering them to be printed is a responsible person.

Ten dollars in advance will invariably be required for the announcement of candidates for office.

The Proposed Purchase of Cuba.

The *National Intelligencer* contains another voluminous batch of official letters touching the proposed acquisition of Cuba by purchase. The correspondence commences as far back as the year 1822, in a letter from Mr. Forsyth, then minister in Spain, to Mr. J. Q. Adams, in which he points to the fact that England desires the possession of Cuba to give her the command of the Gulf of Mexico, and that she also desires the communication of the Atlantic and the Pacific oceans over the Isthmus of Darien, &c.

Mr. J. Q. Adams, as Secretary of State, in a letter dated December 17th, 1822, to Mr. Forsyth, states that "from various sources intimation have been received here that the British government have it in contemplation to obtain possession of the Island of Cuba." He says it is rumored that she has long been in negotiation to obtain a cession of it, and that Spain was reluctant to surrender it, and would be still more so, if she (Spain) could obtain the joint guarantee of the United States and France securing it to herself. Hereupon he makes known to the Spanish goverment, through the Minister, the sentiments of the government of the United States, which are favorable to the continuance of Cuba in its connexion with Spain.

The next letter of Mr. Adams dated the 28th April, 1822, is adressed to Mr. Nelson, Minister of the United States at Madrid. This is a long letter, and goes fully into to subject of our interests in regard to Cuba and Porto Rico. Here in this letter, is declared, for the first time, the actual necessity of the *annexation of Cuba to our Federal Republic, as indispensable to the continuance and integrity of the Union itself!!* This remarkable and prophetic declaration, from a far-seeing Statesman like Mr. Adams, cannot fail to have some influence, at this time, on the public mind. Mr. Adams dwells not only on the importance of the possession of Cuba by the United States, but on the strong motives of Great Britan for desiring the possession of Cuba. The transfer of Cuba to Great Britan would be, he says, an event unpropitious to the interests of this Union, and the question of our right and power to prevent it, even by force, already, he says, obtrudes itself upon our minds. He disclaims all disposition on the part of this Government to take Cuba, or aid in its separation from Spain, and repeats the assurance that this Government wishes it to remain in the hands of Spain, and will not consent to its transfer to any other power.

Telegraph Lines.—The immense importance of telegraph lines to a business community—indeed to all classes of the people, is so apparent, that, like railroads, every portion of the country, ere long, will have them. By the Thibodeaux Minerva we notice that subscriptions are now being taken up, in that section of the New Orleans, Opelousas and Western telegraph. The stock is rated at two hundred dollars a mile, which is considered, very moderate, and is expected to yield large dividends, as the route is regarded as a felicitous one.

The paper cited says of it, that it is the pioneer line connecting the east with the great and rapidly growing south-west, and traversing one hundred and seventy-five miles of a region which, as it will not admit of any opposition or rival lines, must become the great telegraphic highway, over which the futurlines penetrating further west and south, must sel their despatches to the east and the north, vice versa, thus being tributaries to this main line. The local business of the line must be large of itself, and when all its branches and extensions are complete and in operation, its total business must rival that of many of the most successful and prosperous lines in the country.

Capt. L. M. Cody, the proprietor of the above line, is agent for the contractors, Messrs Brown & Co., and contemplates forming a telegraphic line from Galveston to Texas. His letter, addressed to the Galveston News, is interesting, as showing the route to be used and means to be undertaken.

We intend to cross the Mississippi here, *under* water, thence across the Berwick's Bay and along the Opelousas railroad route, through St. Martin's to New Orleans, &c., by direct route, of the Cadeo country. The stock is laid at one hundred and fifty dollars per mile, which will be about the *actual* cost per mile, including the patent (Morse's) right. The entire length of wire of the New Orleans, Opelousas and Western telegraph, as near as I can *now* calculate, will be not far from 650 miles. We expect to raise about $40,000 in Louisiana, including New Orleans, and if we can depend upon $20,000 in Galveston and Houston, I can guarantee you will, in six months from the 1st of November, be in telegraphic communication with all the eastern cities of the Union.

Having the partner and assistance of the contractors, I am going upon the ground alone, to put under contract and complete subscriptions for the first section from New Orleans to Opelousas, 185 miles; this done we shall make immediate arrangements to connect two lines from Opelousas at the same time, viz to Shreveport and to Galveston. Experiments in recovered wire for crossing the rivers have proved successful, and the New York house *warrants* the lines which they lay down for us."—*Orleanian.*

☞ "Trust to providence for assistance," exclaimed a lazy husband, while his affectionate spouse was endeavoring to roll a barrel of flour up stairs. "Trust to providence, eh! you lazy shape of a man. Do you suppose that providence will come and assist to roll this barrel of flour up stairs, while the devil is loafing on?"

PROFESSIONAL NOTICES, &C.

T. B. COOMBER.

RESPECTFULLY announce the citizens of St. Landry and surrounding country, that he has permanently located himself in Opelousas, where he is ready to receive orders for *varnishing and ornamenting old furnitures*, of every description, *old waiters made equal to new, paper hanging, fire screens, painted in flowers, fans, &c. &c.*

For orders or more particulars, apply to the Editors of the Opelousas Courier.

Opelousas, February 21st 1852—1y.

NOTICE.

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

This Swingletree 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.

Just received an assortment of fine Watches, and Jewelry, consisting in: Gold and Silver Watches, Spectacles, Thimbles and Pencils, Gold Breast Pins, Chains, Rings and Keys.

Also an assortment of Silverware.

Particular attention given to repairing Clocks, Watches and Jewelry.

☞ Old Gold and Silver bought.

CHARLES N. EALER.

Opelousas, December 27th 1851.

Courtois & Didier,

COOKS & PASTRY COOKS.

RESPECTFULLY announce to the public that they have established themselves in Opelousas, and that they offer their services as Cooks and Pastry-Cooks to the citizens of Opelousas.

They will receive orders for Wedding Entertainments complete, Banquets, also for Cakes and Bonbons for evening parties. They solicit a share of public patronage.

Opelousas, 11th Dec. 1852.—1y.

Blacksmith's Shop.

THE undersigned having rented the shop, lately occupied by Alexis Lague, where he is ready to execute all orders concerning the blacksmith trade. He respectfully solicits a share of public patronage.

THOMAS MURRELS.

Grand Coteau, 11th December—3m.

UNION HOTEL, OPELOUSAS.

THE subscriber having purchased the Hotel, formerly owned by F. Martel, and more recently by Jas. O. McCleland, in Opelousas, respectfully informs the public that he is now prepared to receive boarders and travellers who may patronize this establishment.

The long experience of the subscriber in this line of business, as well as the care and attention with which he will conduct his house, and the moderate charges he will exact will entitle him, he hopes, to a share of the public patronage. *Call and try me!*

CHRISTOPHER STEEL.

Opelousas, 11th December 1852—3m.

NOTICE.

THE undersigned having received his commission as a Public Auctioneer, for this Parish, offers his services to the public and to his friends.

He takes the opportunity to offer to all administrators of successions who shall employ him as Auctioneer, to make for them, without extra charges all the necessary tableaux to render their accounts.

ROBERT BENGUEREL.

Opelousas, February 7th 1852—1y.

Fenelon Cannon. Theodose S. Robin.

CANNON & 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—☞

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—1y.

RALLY! RALLY! RALLY!

THE undersigned heretofore agent of Mr. W. W. Thompson, of New Orleans, informs his friends & the public that he has become his partner, and, in consequence, offers his whole stock at great reduced prices. Persons wishing bargains are requested to visit his establishment.

Positively no *humbug*, and goods are offered cheaper than can ever be purchased here. Clothings and Fancy Goods are offered almost at cost.

C. A. GENIN.

Opelousas, 11th Dec. 1852—2m.

EDUCATION & LEGAL NOTICES.

BOARDING AND DAY-SCHOOL, FOR YOUNG LADIES.

Superintend by Mrs. Renaud, (born Traber,) in Opelousas.

THE proximity of this institution in the Town of Opelousas, (late residence of Mr. Labiche) 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 instructions will embrace lectures adapted to the advancement of the students, Writing, the study of the French Language, and more particularly the English, Geography, the Sphere, 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 1rst Quarter will begin 1st May 1852.

Opelousas, March 13th 1852—1y.

BOARDING & DAY-SCHOOL FOR YOUNG LADIES.

SUPERINTEND BY MISS BERCIER.

THE proximity of this Institution to the town, offers all the advantages desirable for a house of education.

The students will be the object of constant and assiduous care and solicitude. Miss Bercier will exert herself to develop in her students the qualities of the heart, as well as to form and cultivate the faculties of the mind. She is convinced that any instruction to be fructuous and solid, must rest on moral and religious basis. The English language will be taught by a lady, attached to the institution.

The course of instruction will embrace a progressive course of reading, writing, the study of the French and English languages, arithmetic, geography, history and all kind of needle works.

The terms per quarter are as follows:

Instruction, - - - -	$ 9 00
Boarding, - - - -	24 00
Music, - - - -	18 00

Opelousas, 11th Dec. 1852.—3m.

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. Fretchou, 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.

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.

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.

Sheriff's Sale.

STATE OF LOUISIANA.

Joel M. Bell tutor &c. vs. Thomas A. Cook.	District Court, St. Landry, No. 4261.

BY virtue of a writ of plu 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 first 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, in 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 Vine street, on the South by South street and on the West by Bayou Tesson.

HARRISON ROGERS, *Sheriff.*

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

Sheriff's Sale.

STATE OF LOUISIANA.

Marie A. Boudreau & als. vs. George Miller.	District Court. St. Landry. No. 5581.

BY virtue of a writ of 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, at the Court House of this parish, on Saturday, the 1st day of January, A. D., 1853, at twelve months' credit, being the second and last exposure, purchasers giving bond with security, all the right, title, interest and demand of George Miller, in and to the following property, seized to satisfy said writ, to wit:

A certain NEGRO-MAN, named Jacques, aged about fifty-one or two years.

HARRISON ROGERS, *Sheriff.*

Sheriff's Office, St. Landry, 11th December 1852.

BUSINESS CARDS, &C.

MILINERY STORE.

MRS. PIGEON, having just returned from New-Orleans, has the honor to inform the ladies of Opelousas and its vicinity, that she has now on hand a fine assortment of SILK BONNETS CAPOTES and others. RIBBONS, EMBROIDERIES, sundries, &c., and in general all kind of goods belonging to a Millinery Shop.

She hopes a continuance of public patronage.

Opelousas, October 30th 1852.

TAKE NOTICE.

Call to see Myer & Alexanders.

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 Merchandize, 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, Go'd 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.

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 accomodation of gentlemen.

J. J. BEAUCHAMP.

Opelousas, January 4th 1852—1y.

T. M. WATKINS, SADDLER.

ANNOUNCE respectfully to the citizens of St. Landry, that he has just re-opened, corner of Main and Carrière 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—1y.

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. GENIN,

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

Opelousas, Sept. 25th 1852.—3m.

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 MEDECINES, 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.

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—1y.

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, *CARRIAGES, 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—1y.

J. V. Gourdain. Charles Kerr.

GOURDAIN & KERR, COMMISSION MERCHANTS.

No. 25, Conti street,

NEW ORLEANS.

May June 1852—1y.

G. Frierson. Robt. Conway.

FRIERSON, FOWLER & Co.

Cotton and Sugar Factors.

59 Carondelet st. 59,

NEW ORLEANS.

July 3rd 1852—1y.

JUDICIAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

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 Dupré, 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 Lafleur, 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: Adéline, 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, Luci, aged 6 years and Adèle, 2 years.

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

One mulatto Boy, named Cadet, aged 10 years.

One mulatto Girl, named Hortance, aged 12 years.

One negro Girl, named Marianne, 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.

☞ CONDITIONS:—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 22d 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 1853, for the purpose of voting for one Governor and Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Treasurer, Superintendant 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 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 Gros Chevreuil.

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

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

6th. —At the house of Carrol & Keough at Lower Plaquemine, and at the house of Eugène Valette on Queue Tortue.

7th —At the house of Joseph E. Daigle at Upper Plaquemine, and at the house of Alexandre Daigle pere, on Bayou Des Cannes or Point-aux-Loups.

8th. —At the house of Ulysse Gaberel, on Bayou Mallet, and at the house of John McGee on Faketaique.

9th. —At the house of William Reed in Flat town, and at the house of Alexandre Rougeot in Prairie Chataignier.

10th. —At the store of James Akenhead at Bayou Chicot.

11th. —At the house of Philippe Stagg in Old Grand Prairie.

12th. —At the house of Thomas McRory on Bayou Bœuf, and at the house of William Irwin at Mountville.

13th. —At the house of —— Borroughs on the Atchafalaya.

14th. —At the Plantation of James M. Moore on Bayou Waxia.

15th. —At the house of Thomas Stapleton on Bayou Rouge.

16th. —At the house of Joseph Landerneau at Prairie Mamouth.

17th. —At the house of François Dupré fils in Prairie Plaisance.

18th. —At the house of John Wright at Mermento.

19th. —At the house of Symphorien Mèche at Coulée Croche.

The Commissioners of Election of the Parish of St. Landry will superintend said election without further notice, and make due return to me according to law, the commissioners of the aforesaid election Wards, not having boxes to hold the same will notify me of that fact.

HARRISON ROGERS, *Sheriff.*

Sheriff's office St. Landry, December 4th. 1852.

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.

JUDICIAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

Public Sale.

BY virtue of an order of the District Court, in and for the parish of St. Landry, will be sold at public Auction, to the last and highest bidder, on

Monday, 3rd. January 1853,

the following described property surrendered by George N. Rogers to his creditors:

A Tract of Land,

situated in Prairie Bellevue containing 800 arpens, with the Sugar House; dwelling and all the other improvements thereon, said land being bounded on the North by the lands of Widow Pierre Thibodeaux, on the East by the lands belonging to the inhabitants of Bellevue, on the South by Benjamin R. Rogers, and on the West by public land.

2. A negroman named Bacchus, aged about 50 years.

Washington, a negro man aged thirty years.

Nathaniel, a negro man aged twenty five years.

Elijah, a negro man aged twenty five years.

Presly, a negro man aged twenty three years.

Jerry, a negro man aged thirty five years, rough carpenter.

Louis, a negro man aged twenty years.

William, a negro man aged thirty three years.

Henry, a negro man aged thirty five years.

Kessire, a negro woman aged fifty years.

Jim, a negro boy aged sixteen years.

Harriet, a negro girl agod fourteen years.

Henderson, a negro boy aged ten years.

Anderson, a negro boy aged thirteen years.

Martha, a negro woman aged twenty two years, and her three children, Tom aged seven years, Jacob four years Sam one year.

Eveline, a negro woman aged twenty four years, and her three children, Mathilda aged eight years, Bob five years and Betsy three years.

Four yoke of oxen, about fifteen head of gentle cattle, one brand figuring thus ɥR, twelve head of mules, three horses, geldings, three American blooded mares, three American blooded colts, one 2 year old and the others of this spring, a few head of hogs, four ox carts, one horse cart, one four horse waggon, other farming utensils, household furniture not reserved by law.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:—So much of the property to be sold for cash, as will pay the mortgage creditors and the remainder on a credit of one two years, purchasers giving personal security to the satisfaction of the syndic and the lands and slaves remaining specially mortgaged until the full and entire payment of purchase money and the interest which may accrue thereon at the rate of eight per cent per annum from maturity until paid.

C. L. SWAYZE, *Syndic.*

Opelousas, November 27th. 1852.

BELL-CHENEY SPRINGS FOR SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION.

WILL be sold, at public sale, by James Akenhead, administrator of the estate of Gilbert Sloan, deceased, or by a duly commissioned auctioneer, in and for the Parish of St. Landry, on the

first day of January 1853,

at the Court House at Opelousas, the Bell Cheney Springs, by virtue of a written agreement between Edmund H. Martin and the late Gilbert Sloan, and by virtue of an order of the District Court.

This property is situated thirty six miles North of Opelousas, and the same distance South of Alexandria in the Pine Woods, and beside the Mineral Springs and baths consists of one hundred and sixty acres of land.

There are on the premises seven double cottages and three large houses for the accommodation of families, twelve cottages for gentlemen, a large tavern house to which is annexed a commodious Ball Room, a large Coffee House, Stable and Store house with other necessary buildings.

Besides which there is belonging to the establishment, good and substantial furniture worth between fifteen hundred and two thousand dollars.

This property is situated mid way between the Red River and Attakapas Parishes, and if it should not be upon the line, it cannot be further than ten miles from the Opelousas Rail Road in its extension to Texas.

The Springs have been liberally patronised since owned by the present proprietor and the medecinal qualities of the waters are being more appreciated every year.

This property offers to a joint stock company of planters a most pleasant and healthy retreat during summer, for their families and for the Hotel Keeper the most profitable investment in Louisiana.

All persons desirous of purchasing, are invited to inspect the premises before the day of sale.

The property will be sold on a credit of one two three and four years, in equal annual installments, with eight per cent interest at the expiration of one year on the amount unpaid at that time.

Purchasers giving bond with approved security, and the property to remain specially mortgaged until final payment of principal and interest. Act of sale passed before H. L. Garland, Notary, at the expense of the purchaser.

E. H. MARTIN,
JAMES AKENHEAD,
Administrator of the estate of Gilbert Sloan.

Opelousas, November 13th 1852.

A RUN AWAY IN JAIL.

WAS COMMITTED into the Jail of the Parish of St. Landry, on the 7th of November 1852, a runaway negro calling himself HENRY, and saying he belongs to a certain John H. Harris, residing on Bayou Salé, in the Parish of St. Mary, from whom he ranaway about the 20th of October last.

Henry is about 35 years old, five feet 6 inches high, of a copper color, and speaks english.

The owner is hereby requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take him away, otherwise he will be disposed of according to law.

CHS. THOMPSON, *Jailor.*

Opelousas 30 Novembre 1852.