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SAGE DEFINITIONS.

The modern dictionary contains the following sage definitions, which we take it can hardly be disputed.

Gas Manufacturers.—Politicians and showmen.

Solemn Service.—Placing a penny in a contribution box with one hand, and squeezing a pretty girl with the other.

Members of Congress.—Diminished pugilists.

Associate Judges.—Coffins for dead and gone wisdom.

Handicaps.—Individuals too lazy to work, too proud to beg, afraid to steal, and generally useless to themselves or anybody else.

Honest Men.—Supposed to have been a race of beings that existed previous to the decease of Diogenes, senior.

Rogues.—Men of the world with plenty of money.

Brass.—A species of intellect much used by authors and public men.

Thieves.—Formerly considered respectable personages, but now styled defaulter.

Divorce.—A legal operation much in vogue which gives one a chance of obtaining notoriety, and a numerous quantity of wives at the same time.

Marriage.—An interesting ceremony.

Artists.—Whitewashers, singers, and fashionable panderers.

Debt.—A method of forming an intimate and lasting acquaintance with a tailor or landlord.

A GOOD REASON.—A sea-captain about starting on a voyage was requested by a number of ladies of his acquaintances to purchase them some silks. They gave him their memoranda, but upon the exception of one, enclosed him no money. With the exception of one, enclosed him no money. Upon his return, the ladies called on him and enquired whether he had attended to the ladies' rather angrily, "particularly since you managed to purchase for Mrs. — the silk she sent for." "True," said the captain, "I was able to get Mrs. — her silk on account of a very fortunate circumstance. She had the precaution to enclose a number of guineas, which by their weight saved the memorandum from being blown away with the rest."

WHY DO WOMEN'S TEETH DECAY EARLY?—The cause of women's teeth decaying at a much earlier period than those of the other sex, has been usually attributed to the friction produced by the constant use of the tongue. It has, however, been suggested, with more gallantry, and perhaps with equal truth, that it is owing to the sweetness of their breath, as it is a fact well established by popular belief, that sweet things spoil the teeth.

A new kind of mirror has been introduced, which may be considered a kind of labour-saving machine, as with one of these looking-glasses a person need not look out of the window to see what is going on up or down the street. Two mirrors are set at right angles on the window, and in these every individual passing up or down, on either side, is visible to the person sitting inside the window. It is a neat and convenient little affair.

If you have been once in company with an idle person, it is enough. You need never go again. You have heard all he knows. And he has had no opportunity of learning anything new. For idle people make no improvements.

Foreigners arriving in the States of Russia are compelled to make a declaration of the amount of money they have with them.

The spot in which the Duke of Wellington breathed his last, is believed by scholars and antiquaries to be the identical place where Julius Cæsar disembarked with his army nineteen hundred years ago.

One may now take a railroad car in the Scotch Highlands, and with the single interruption of a two hours' water transit from Dover to Calais, ride by rail through London, Paris, Brussels, Berlin, Dresden, Vienna, Trieste, on the Adriatic, and soon Warsaw, St. Petersburg, Moscow, Prague, Geneva, Milan, Rome, Turin, Marseilles, Madrid, Lisbon, etc., at the rate of five hundred miles per day.

No excess of females over males in England is 400,000; Scotland, 150,000, and in Ireland 120,000.

Inquisitive people are the funnels of conversation; they do not take in any thing for their own use, but merely to pass it to another.

Virtue wants more admirers, wisdom more supplicants, truth more real friends, and honesty more practitioners.

A Persian philosopher being asked by what method he acquired so much knowledge, answered, "By not being prevented by shame from asking questions when I am ignorant."

Never offer advice, but where there is some probability of its being followed.

PROFESSIONAL NOTICES, &C.

T. B. COOMBER.

RESPECTFULLY announces 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 furniture*, of every description, *old walters 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.

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 Laque, 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 P. Martel, and more recently by Jas. O. McClelland, 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.

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. *Clothing and Fancy Goods* are offered almost at cost.

C. A. GENIN.
Opelousas, 11th Dec. 1852—2m.

FUNERALS!

The undersigned will furnish Coffins on short notice & at reasonable prices. The use of his *Hearse* will be given without charge to patrons.

Residence, old Louallier's store, near the Catholic Church.

SILAS HARRIS.
Opelousas, December 18th 1852.

OPELOUSAS ACADEMY,

Rev. Thos. RAND Jr., A. M. Principal.

MR. RAND would inform his patrons and the public that he will re-open his School on Tuesday the 4th of January, to continue it without intermission, till the 1st of July.

He is prepared, with a supply of teachers, to give instruction in the English, French, Spanish, German, Latin and Greek languages; also in *Vocal and Instrumental Music*.

Any person wishing for further information concerning the School, is invited to call at the School-Rooms where he may see, and examine for himself the plan of instruction, and the proficiency of the pupils.

Circulars containing a full statement of the course of studies, and of prices, may be had at the office of the *Opelousas Courier*, at the Academy, and at the store of Messrs. T. C. Anderson & Co., Washington.

Opelousas, 25th December 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 Sale, in the Parish of St. Mary.

from whom he ran away 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, Justice.
Opelousas 30 November 1852.

B. Genard. F. J. De Silva.

E. GERARD & Co.,

Commission Merchants.

No. 46, CARONDELET STREET.

NEW-ORLEANS.
11th Dec. 1852.

EDUCATION & LEGAL NOTICES.

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. Fretchow, 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 cater for either language, or both.

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

Trams, " " \$4 per month.
St. Martinsville, Nov. 6th 1852.

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 dormitories, classes, study rooms and of recreations leave nothing to desire.

The students will receive the principles of a good and solid education, based on a religious instruction.

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.

All the french classes are under the direction of Mrs. Renaud, Superintendent of that institution.

The English language, to which a particular care will be granted, will be taught by a special mistress.

Moreover, an under-mistress, speaking the french and english languages, is expressly charged of the continual superintendence, required in a Young Ladies' institution. In their recreations, their dormitories and at study, and in all their occupations, they shall never be alone.

Every thing concerning the personal service of the students is confided to a white servant.

Each student must be furnished with one mattress and bolster, one red counterpane, one mosquito-bar, one cover, one table knife one tumbler.

UNIFORMS.—A straw hat trimmed in white. For Winter.—A grey merino dress, trimmed with black velvet.

For Summer.—A rose and white dress. The bed cloth and dresses is left to the choice of the parents.

The terms per quarter are as follows, to wit:

Institution, —1st class, \$ 12 00
" " 2d class, 10 00
Music, 18 00
Boarding, 25 00

Opelousas, December 18th 1852.—3m.

PUBLIC SALE.

THE subscriber will sell on SATURDAY the 22d January next, 1853, on the premises, through the medium of a public auctioneer, the property known as the

Washington Hotel,

situated in the town of Washington, parish of St. Landry, being Lot No. 26, as represented on the plan of said town, bounded on the North by Carriere street, East by Washington street, South by Montville street and West by Main street, together with all the BUILDINGS and IMPROVEMENTS thereon, and the Hotel's Furniture and Kitchen Utensils.

Also.—AN OMNIBUS.
Sale to commence at 1 o'clock, P. M.

TERMS.—CASH.
ISRAEL GULLORY.
Washington, Dec. 18th. 1852.

B. A. MARTEL,

ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW.

RESPECTFULLY offers his professional services to his friends and to the public of the 14th and 15th Judicial Districts.

His office is in Opelousas.

Opelousas, 25th Dec. 1852.—1y.

BUSINESS CARDS, &C.

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 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.

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.—1y.

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.

SURVEYING.

JOHN McDONALD, will promptly attend to any Surveying confided to him.

Office at Charles N. Baier'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.

14th June 1852.—1y.

G. Frierson. Robt. Conway.

FRIERSON, FOWLER & Co.

Cotton and Sugar Factors.

59 Carondelet st. 59,

NEW ORLEANS.

July 3rd 1852.—1y.

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.

Notice to the Public.

THE undersigned, merchants in Washington, wishing to close their business, in that town, and dissolve the partnership, announce to the public in general that they will sell off their large stock of Goods at cost, but only for cash.

Persons indebted to them are requested to come and settle in the shortest delay.

GOLDMAN & KAUFMAN.
Washington, 11th Dec. 1852.—1y.

Facelon Cannon. Theodose B. 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.—1y.

JUDICIAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

Public Sale.

Succession of James M. Woods.

THE public is hereby informed that there will be sold, at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, through the ministry of a public Auctioneer, at the last residence of the late James M. Woods, on Bayou Petite Prairie, in the Parish of St. Landry, on

Thursday, 27th January 1853,

the following described property belonging to the Estate of James M. Woods, deceased, late of the Parish of St. Landry, to wit:

The Plantation,

on which the deceased last resided, situated on Bayou Petite Prairie, in the Parish of St. Landry, containing 393 acres of land, together with the buildings and improvements thereon:

ELEVEN

LIKELY

SLAVES,

Of different ages and both sexes.

Forty bales of cotton, sixty barrels of corn, six gentle horses, six head of wild horses, one lot of hogs, work oxen, one lot of horned cattle, one old carriage, one barouche, one silver watch, one double barreled gun, plantation utensils &c. &c.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The plantation and slaves to be sold on a credit of one and two years, from the first day of April 1853; the personal property on a credit of one and two years from the first of April 1853. All sums under \$25, to be paid cash, personal security required on all the property, and the property subject to mortgages be specially mortgaged to said estate until full payment of the purchase money and the interests which may accrue thereon. All sums not punctually paid at maturity to bear eight per cent interest from the time due until final settlement.

ISAAC B. JACKSON,
Administrator of said Estate.

Opelousas, December 25th 1852.

Sale at Auction.

THE public is hereby informed that there will be sold at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, by the undersigned, public auctioneer for the Parish of St. Landry, on

Monday the 10th January next,

the following described property, belonging to Mrs. Adrienne Deshotels, Widow of the late Alexandre Fontenot pere, to-wit:

13 SLAVES,

of different ages and both sexes, the greatest part of whom are creoles.

Three gentle horses, a lot of corn and fodder.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The purchase money payable in one and two years credit, from the day of sale; purchasers furnishing security to the satisfaction of the vendor; and all sums not punctually paid at maturity, to bear 8 per cent interest per annum from time due. And moreover, the slaves remaining mortgaged by privilege until final payment of the principal and interests.

Acts of sale to be passed by O. A. Guidry, notary public, at the costs of purchasers.

The sale will take place on the plantation, last residence of late Alexandre Baptiste Fontenot, at Old Grande Prairie.

SIMEON FONTENOT,
Auctioneer.

Opelousas 24 December 1852.

Sheriff's Sale.

STATE OF LOUISIANA.

N. & W. Offutt } District Court.
vs. } St. Landry.
Philip Carroll } No. 5233.

BY virtue of a writ of alias f. fa. issued in the above entitled suit, by the District Court, and to me directed, will be exposed to public sale, for Cash, at the Court House of this parish, on Saturday, the fifth day of February, A. D. 1853, commencing at the hour of 11 o'clock A. M., and continued from day to day, if necessary, all the right, title, interest and demand of and to the following property, seized to satisfy said writ, to wit:

The part of a House and Lot of ground situated in the Town of Opelousas, on the Corner of Court street and Landry street, formerly occupied by Lewis and Abraham Andrus as