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### Independence.

There is a satisfaction in the exercise of candor and honest independence, unknown to smooth hypocrites and cringing minions. Uprightness always prove to be better in the end than mere expediency. In sacrificing the feelings, and in smothering conscientiousness, honor, just indignation, and even contempt and scorn, in order to secure a present good, a man actually commits a folly in itself, and what is worse, when built upon the ruins of self-respect; or what is bread, even when eaten in slavery, is not the body, at least of the mind and soul, which is the worst slavery? For our own part, we would prefer the satisfaction of expressing our frank opinion of dishonest, mean, or tyrannical men, to their face, even if beggary was the consequence, to climbing into the richest branches of the tree of prosperity, assisted by a hand we loathed, but must pretend to love—a hand we burned to spit upon, but felt compelled to kiss. Wealth is useful, prosperity is sweet, for our few years on earth; but honor, which cannot live without independence, but which we believe some need sacrifice, we place above every worldly blessing.

An editor says ladies wear corsets from a feeling of intimidation, having a natural love for being squeezed.

AN EXTRAORDINARY LAMP.—Among the list of late English patents, is one taken out by Mr. E. Wheeler, for a candle lamp of very novel character. The lamp has a dial or clock face, and, as the candle burns, the hands mark the hours and minutes correctly, and a hammer strikes the time. As a chamber-light for a sick room, it marks the time, and can be set to strike at any given periods, when the patient requires attention.

A French courtier said, among all his acquaintances, he only knew three honest women. "Who are they?" asked the Queen. "Your Majesty is the first, my wife is the second; and, as for the other, your Majesty will excuse my naming her, as I wish to keep open a door for escape by leaving every other woman to think herself the third."

A TEXAS BEAUTY.—The deadliest and most abortive of all our reptiles in Texas, is the centipede. This is a kind of worm, from three to six inches long, exactly like an enormous caterpillar. It is green, or brown or yellow—some being found of each of these colors. As its name denotes, it has along each side a row of feet, horny claws rather. Imagine that you walk some night across your chamber floor with naked feet; you put your foot down upon a soft something, and it instantly coils around your foot in a ring, sticking every claw up to the body in your foot. The poison flows through each claw, and in two minutes you will have fainted with agony, in a few more and you will be dead. The deadly thing cannot be torn away. It has to be cut off, and claw by claw plucked out. Even if it crawls over the naked body of a sleeping person, without sticking in its claws, the place will pain the person for years after—at least so I have been told.

I have seen these things—in which nature corks up her deadliest poisons—often; yet I have heard of few cases, in which they have bitten or killed any one. The kind being who makes the butterflies to be abundant, in the same loving kindness makes all deadly creatures to be scarce.

WATER-SPOILING AS EVIDENCE.—The Liverpool Times contains a particular case of a man sailing in England, the substance of which is as follows: A man sold his wife a parcel of clothing for \$50, but as the husband did not get the "cash down," he returned to deliver his wife. Finally, the wife, getting out of all manner of patience, told her husband she would be soiled with any longer, and that she would go home with the money; and she did so, and the husband, who had been told that she had sold her parcel, and that she had followed her purchases to his residence, whether she was escorted by a train of boys beating tin kettles.

PRESENCE OF MIND.—It is recorded of the late Lord Berkeley that he was suddenly awakened at night in his carriage by a highwayman, who rained his pistol through the window, and presenting it close to his Lordship's breast, demanded his money, explaining at the same time that he had heard that his Lordship had boasted that he never could be robbed by a single highwayman, but that he now should be taught the contrary. His Lordship, putting his hand in his pocket, replied: "Neither would I be robbed, if it was not for that fellow looking over your shoulder." The highwayman turned round his head, when his Lordship, who had drawn a pistol from his pocket, instead of his purse, shot him on the spot.

If you have a friend that will reprove your faults and follies, consider you enjoy a blessing which the President of the United States cannot have.

## PROFESSIONAL NOTICES, &C.

### T. E. 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 waters 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 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.

THE subscriber having purchased the Hotel, formerly owned by F. 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.

U. A. GENIN.

Opelousas, 11th Dec. 1852.—2m.

### FUNERALS!

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

Residence, old Lonsailler'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 Salé, in the Parish of St. Mary, from whom he was taken 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.

CHR. THOMPSON, Jailor.

Opelousas 30 November 1852.

### E. GERARD & Co.,

Commission Merchants.

No. 43, CARONDELET STREET.

NEW-ORLEANS.

11th Dec. 1852.

## EDUCATION & LEGAL NOTICES.

### BOARDING & DAY-SCHOOL FOR YOUNG LADIES.

SUPERINTENDED 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 kinds of needle work.

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 Mne. 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.

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.

Texas, " " \$4 per month.

St. Martinsville, Nov. 6th 1852.

### BOARDING AND DAY-SCHOOL FOR YOUNG LADIES.

SUPERINTENDED BY MRS. RENAUD, (born Traber) in Opelousas.

THE proximity of this institution in the town of Opelousas, 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 superintendance, 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 muslin-hat, one cover, one table knife one tumbler.

UNIFORM.—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, . . . . .	15 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 Mountain 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 GUILLOUPE.

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. 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.

### GOURDAIN & KERR,

COMMISSION MERCHANTS.

No. 25, Conti street, NEW ORLEANS.

14th June 1852.—1y.

### 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 of 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.

### THEODOSE S. ROBIN,

Attorney at Law.

WILL punctually attend to all business entrusted to his 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 R. JACKSON, Administrator of said Estate.

Opelousas, December 25th 1852.

### Sheriff's Sale.

STATE OF LOUISIANA.

N. & W. Office } District Court.

                          } St. Landry.

Philip Carroll } No. 5233.

BY virtue of a writ of alias 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 fifth day of February 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 Philip Carroll in 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 a store.

### HARRISON ROGERS, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office St. Landry, January 1st. 1853.

### 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.

### T. E. GARDINER,

ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW.

BEING permanently located in Grand Coteau (St. Landry) will exercise his profession in the Courts of 14th and 15th Judicial Districts.

Grand Coteau, December 25th 1852.—1y.

### Sheriff's Sale.

STATE OF LOUISIANA.

Lucius J. Dupré, admr. } District Court.

                                  } St. Landry.

Jean Duboudeau } No. 2992.

BY virtue of an order of seizure and sale, 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 fifth day of February 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 Jean Duboudeau, in and to the following property, seized to satisfy said writ, to wit:

A certain Tract of Land, purchased by said Duboudeau, from the deceased, by act before Yves Duboudeau, notary public, on the 2d day of October 1850, and being described as situated in the Parish of St. Landry, in the town of Opelousas, having 41 feet front, more or less, on the principal street, bounded North by the lots belonging to Stephen Ducl, East by the principal or Main street, South by the lots belonging to Magdelaine Lafave, T. W. C., and West by Road street, together with all the Buildings and Improvements thereon.

### HARRISON ROGERS, Sheriff.

Sheriff's office, St. Landry, January 1st. 1853.

### House for Sale.

THE undersigned offers his property for sale, situated on Main street corner of Vine, in Opelousas. Said property consists of half a lot of ground fronting on Main, Vine and Union streets, most in the centre of the village, with a dwelling house, kitchen, &c.

JOHN FRANCISCO.

Opelousas, January 8th, 1853.—3m.

## JUDICIAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

### Public Sale.

BY virtue of an order from the Honorable the District Court, in and for the Parish of Vermillion, will be offered for sale, at public auction, to the highest and last bidder, through the ministry of a public auctioneer, on Monday, 7th February, 1853, at the Court-House, in the town of Opelousas, the following described property, situated in the Parish of St. Landry, belonging to the succession of Robert Perry, deceased, late of the Parish of Vermillion, to wit:

### A Certain Tract of Land,

containing 5 arpents front by forty in depth, situated on Bayou Chicot, together with all THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS thereon.

A TRACT OF LAND, adjoining the above, containing about 50 acres, commonly called the Steven's place.

A TRACT OF LAND, being the North part of Lots Nos. 1 and 2, of Section 10, Township 3 South, Range 1 East, containing 40 acres.

### A Lot of Ground,

in the village of Bayou Chicot, being the same now occupied by Jas. Akenhead as a store, containing 14 acre, more or less, with all the BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS thereon.

The North-West quarter of Section 26, Township 3 South, Range 4 East, containing 162 7/8 acres.

The East half of North-East quarter Section 23, Township 4 South, Range 5 East. Also, the West half of North-West quarter Section 24, Township 4 South, Range 5 East containing together 168 01/2 acres.

The North-East quarter of Section 32, Township 2 South, Range 4 East, and so much of the East half of the South-East quarter of Section 31, in Township 2 South, Range 4 East, as is within the Parish of Saint Landry, containing together 177 3/8 acres.

The South-West quarter of Section 32, in Township 2 South, Range 4 East, containing about 247 65 acres, more or less.

The North-West quarter of Section 33, Township 2 South, Range 4 East, containing about 169 44 acres.

The North-East quarter of Section 33, Township 2 South, Range 4 East, containing about 160 44 acres.

The North-West quarter of Section 34, Township 2 South, Range 4 East, containing about 160 16.

The South-West quarter of Section 34, in Township 2 South, Range 4 East, containing about 160 16 acres.

The North-West quarter of Section 32, in Township 3 South, Range 4 East, containing about 162 62 acres.

### The Whole of a Tract or Parcel of LAND,

situated in Grande Prairie, and known by the name of Hanchett's Tan Yard, containing about 195 arpents.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—All sums of ten dollars and under payable Cash, on the day of sale, and all sums over ten dollars on a credit of one, two and three years, from the day of sale, in equal annual payments, purchasers to give their notes with approved security in solid to the satisfaction of the Administrator; property to remain specially mortgaged and hypothecated until the full and final payment of said notes, with the interest which may accrue thereon, at the rate of eight per cent per annum, from maturity.

Vermillion, January 1st, 1853.

### Sheriff's Sale.

STATE OF LOUISIANA.

Auguste Donato, exr. &c. } District Court.

                                  } St. Landry.

Josephine Tesson, f. v. c. } No. 5962.

BY virtue of an order of seizure and sale, issued in the above entitled suit, by the District Court, in and for the parish of Saint Landry, 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 Jean Duboudeau, in and to the following property, seized to satisfy said writ, to wit:

A certain Lot of Ground, situated in the town of Opelousas, having one half arpent front by one hundred and sixty-nine feet in depth, adjoining on the South to the land of J. B. Isabelle, on the North to land formerly belonging to Louis Louailher Senr., on the East to land belonging to Joseph Hardy and on the West to the twenty feet which the said Joseph Hardy, her vendor, has reserved between the line of P. Calanin for a passage for the said lot, with all the Buildings and Improvements thereon.

### HARRISON ROGERS, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, St. Landry, 1st. January 1853.

### Estate of George W. Addison.

ALL persons holding claims against the late George W. Addison or his estate, are requested to present them duly authenticated to the undersigned. And all those indebted to said Geo. W. Addison or to the firm of Addison & Sandoz, are also requested to come forward and settle their accounts, if they wish to save costs.

JOEL H. SANDOZ, Administrator.

Opelousas, Dec. 25th, 1852.