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Opelousas:
SATURDAY, 22nd JANUARY, 1853.

We are authorized to announce that Proposals will be received at the Office of the Recorder for the collection of the State Taxes due by this Parish, for the years 1851 and 1852.

One of the finest property of the Town of Washington will be sold to-day. The property consists in a very spacious Hotel, a good building, the rent of which is very productive, and other improvements, all which is situated in the centre and most commercial part of that town.

On Thursday next, will also be sold, on Bayou Petite Prairie, one plantation, 11 slaves, 40 bales of cotton, and other property belonging to the succession of the late James M. Woods.

For the condition and other particulars, we refer our readers to the advertisements in another column.

WHAT'S IN THE WIND?—About three or four weeks ago, we announced, under the authority of a letter, received by a gentleman of this town, from New Orleans, that it was decided by the Direction, that the Opelousas Rail Road would start from Washington, pass near the limit of our town, thence in a straight line, leaving Grand Coteau a few miles East, passing by Vermillionville, in a straight line to New Iberia and thence following the Teche.

Second—A few days afterwards, one of the country Directors came to our office, and informed us that the road was to pass at about six miles East of our village.

Third—To-day, we learn from St. Mary, that the road will really pass at six miles from Opelousas, and that a depot will be established on our limits.

Fourth—Through we have not seen the deliberations of the last meeting of the Board, we are informed that that body have decided that the road would pass by Opelousas and Lafayette and thence to New Iberia.

Fifth—That this road should be subject to a new survey.

Now, we can but give it up: We don't understand any thing about that matter any more: it is impossible for us to conciliate these various rumors, that can but come from good authority. Until further news we'll pause.

Once more: "What's in the wind?"

For the last two months, the public road from Opelousas to Washington, is in such an awful situation, that it is most impossible for travellers to risk themselves in carriages or on horseback. That road is really the worst one of the parish, when it ought to be the best, for hundreds of carriages, wagons, &c. daily pass by that road.

We earnestly call the attention of overseers of that district.

ANOTHER CANDIDATE.—In another column of our paper, under the head of "Candidates," our readers will see that another candidate is before them for the Supreme Bench.

We have received from the publisher, CHARLES B. NORTON, 71 Chambers street, New-York, "Norton's Literary Register & Book Buyers Almanac for 1853." This book has 132 pages of useful reading matter, for the low price of 25 cents. It contains a description of all the American Libraries, an Almanac and a list of all the names and residences of publishers of all the publications issued in 1852 and the cost of each. Such a book ought to be in the hands of every amateur of good reading.

The work can be seen at our office.

Mr. VILLENEUVE JOBERT was unanimously elected by the Police Jury, on the 19th instant, Collector of the Parish and Rail Road Taxes.

We take the following from the Tabouret Memoirs, of the 8th instant:

The Rail Road Tax.—In the hurry and excitement last week, we omitted giving the vote for and against the railroad tax, which was as follows: For the tax, 37; against the tax, 567. This result was long since predicted and takes place and was shortly brought about by the course pursued by the Board of Directors in locating the route, which caused great dissatisfaction among our influential citizens, originally friends of the enterprise. This, together with a general apathy and indifference on the part of the friends of the location, in placing the measure in a neutral light before the property holders, caused the question to be lost by an overwhelming majority.

Removal of the Seal of Government.—We understand, says the Constitution, that and attempt will be made at the next session of the Legislature to remove the seal of the State from the State Department, directing Mr. Rives to acknowledge the Embrace as the Government of France.

LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE.
BATON ROUGE, January 17, 1853.

Both Houses organized at ten o'clock this morning, and proceeded to the election of officers.

In the Senate the following were chosen: Horatio Davis, Secretary; Abraham Levison, Assistant Secretary; Burlin Childress, Sergeant-at-arms; Emile Dros, Doorkeeper; L. C. Dubalin, Alphonse Le Breton and Davigneaud, Translating Clerks; H. B. Griffin, Dawson T. Lucas, John Tremé and J. J. Gutierrez, Enrolling Clerks, and Durant Ja Ponte, Reporter.

And in the House, E. W. Moise, Speaker; J. M. Kennedy, Clerk; J. Peralt, Sergeant-at-Arms; W. A. Bryan, Doorkeeper, and David Martin, of the Alexandria Democrat, Reporter.

About two o'clock an alarm was given that the State House was on fire. The members rushed from the House in consternation and confusion. The alarm proved false.

The Democratic members of the House met at six o'clock, P. M., to nominate enrollees, and are still in session.

It is presumed that they will go into caucus for State Printer to-morrow.

The democratic caucus put in nomination eight enrolling clerks—Easton, of St. Martin; Whitson of Claiborne; Mitchell, of DeSoto; Agazie and Meehan of New Orleans; Roberts, Washington and Bell. Three translating clerks were nominated, viz: Turgeau, Caire and Foygnet of New Orleans.

The organization being effected, the Message of the Governor, was received and read. It is in substance as follows:

The Governor's Message.

The Governor commences by congratulating the Legislature on the prosperous condition of the State and of the nation. Then referring in appropriate terms to the death of Calhoun, Clay, Webster and Woodbury, he proceeded to speak of the result of the late Presidential election, as the overthrow of sectional legislation. He then referred to the late State Convention, and the Constitution which was the result of its labors. He recommends that the Constitution be amended with respect to the representative basis, considering the principle of the negro basis contrary to the spirit of our institutions and injurious to a large portion of the State.

He recommends the establishment of a system of Probate Courts, suggests that much caution should be used in pledging the faith of the State, and in creating Banking institutions, but if it be found that we must have more banks, he recommends that they be instituted on the Free Banking system.

The Governor represents the finances of the State as not being in a favorable condition. During the year, he says, the Treasurer has been unable to meet many just demands. The public works have, however, been prosecuted with success, as far as means were provided, and he recommends increased appropriations for this department.

He suggests that prompt action be taken on the subject of preventing overflows from the Mississippi, and states that the Internal Improvement fund will soon be exhausted. The Common School system, he represents as needing a thorough revision, and he thinks that the salary of the Superintendent should be increased. He then refers to the Asylums for the Deaf, the dumb and the blind, which is located in temporary buildings.

The amount of money received during the year for grant and overdrawn hands is one hundred and twelve thousand dollars.

After referring to several important matters, Governor Walker states that he has received a letter from Hiram Powers, the sculptor, respecting the statue of Washington, and suggests that further appropriations be made for completing that work.

The Governor represents the banks of the State to be in sound condition. The circulation on the 30th December was five million four hundred dollars, while the specie in their vaults amounted to eight million two hundred thousand dollars.

Referring to the State library, the Governor says that the French and Spanish historical documents belonging to it, ought to be published. He speaks of the present militia system as in a state of disorganization, and suggests that all proper encouragement be given for the formation of volunteer companies.

The message concludes with a few remarks concerning his retirement from office, &c.

CRIME AND DISSENT IN LONDON.—We find in the National Temperance Chronicle, the following statistics of vice in London, and in a second column, an estimate for New York City:

Children trained to crime,	16,000	3,000
Receivers of stolen goods,	5,000	1,000
Gamblers by profession,	15,000	2,000
Beggars,	25,000	2,000
Drunkards,	30,000	10,000
Habitual Drunkards,	180,000	80,000
Persons subsisting on prodigality,	150,000	80,000
Thieves,	50,000	5,000
Total,	471,000	153,000

Notwithstanding the extreme attachment to titles, civil and military, among the "plain republicans" of this country, it is a fact that the Chief Magistrate of the United States has no title except that of "President," which indicates his official character. There was indeed some objection to the establishment of our government, an attempt on the part of the highest branch of Congress to annex to the name of the President a high-sounding appellation, but the good sense of the popular branch set the matter at rest. The following is the second opinion of this matter by Mr. Jefferson, in a letter written at Paris, soon after the adoption of the federal constitution:

"The Senate and Representatives differed about the title of the President. The former wanted to style him, His Highness George Washington, President of the United States and Protector of their Liberties. The latter insisted and prevailed to give no title but that of office, to-wit: George Washington, President of the United States. I hope the terms of Excellency, Honor, Worship, Empire, will forever disappear from among us from that moment. I wish that posterity would follow them."

Also, the people did not all say Amen.

INTERESTING TOOLD PEOPLE.—We find in an old paper, the following method recommended to aged people, on a season of smothering, them to preserve their eyesight, or to recover it after it has failed.

"By morning when waking yourself, dip your face into the water, open your eyes and keep them under the water as long as you can hold your breath, this strengthens the eye and cleanses it from the reason which causes the sight, considerably before the fall. A gentleman in Maryland, by the name of James Cahler, after suffering spectacles for 25 years, followed this plan, and at the age of seventy removed his sight as to see without them. Dipping the crown of the head into cold water, every morning, both winter and summer, is a preservation against the heat of the sun, and will materially assist the other operations in its effects upon the eyes."

RECOGNITION OF THE FRENCH EMPIRE.
A special dispatch of the New York Tribune of the 30th, states that dispatches have gone out from the State Department, directing Mr. Rives to acknowledge the Embrace as the Government of France.

MARRIED.—In this town, on Thursday last, 20th instant, by the Rev. Mr. Frazer, Doctor JAMES RAY to Miss MARGARET HILL, both of this parish.

CANDIDATES.

Supreme Judges.

We are authorized to announce Mr. THOMAS J. COOLEY, of the Parish of Felicite Coupee, as a candidate for the office of Associate Judge of the Supreme Court for the Third District.

Messrs. Editors, Please announce that the Hon. EDWARD SIMON, of St. Martin, late of the Supreme Bench, will be supported as a candidate for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, by the Bar and People.

Messrs. Editors, Please announce that in the event of the adoption of the New Constitution, Mr. THOMAS H. LEWIS, of St. Landry, will be supported as a candidate for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, by the People.

Messrs. Editors, In the event of the adoption of the Constitution now submitted to the approval of the people of this State, we beg to suggest the name of the Hon. C. VOORHIES, of St. Martin, as a candidate for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court.

Town Constable.

We are authorized to announce Mr. HILAIRE DESSEARTS as a candidate for the office of Town Constable, at the next April election.

We are authorized to announce Mr. JAMES D. ISRAEL as a candidate for the office of Town Constable, at the next April election.

NOTICE.

JOHN CLOSE, of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, having filed his petition to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of the late Euphrosine Barré, deceased, lately of the aforesaid Parish and State:

Therefore, any person having legal objections 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. GARRIGUES, Clerk. Opelousas, January 22nd, 1853.

NOTICE.

URBALIN C. LAVERGNE, of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, having filed his petition to be appointed administrator of the estate of the late Eugene Lavergne, deceased, lately of the aforesaid Parish and State:

Therefore, any persons having legal objections 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. GARRIGUES, Clerk. Opelousas, 22d January 1853.

NOTICE.

All persons owing to the estate of Joseph Bercier, late of the Parish of St. Landry, also to steamer *Sydonia*, are invited to come and settle the quickest possible with the undersigned, one of the administrators; and all those to whom said estate is indebted are also invited to present their claims in order to have them classed.

ROBERT BENGUREL, Opelousas, 22d January 1853.

Sheriff's Sale.
STATE OF LOUISIANA.

Lucius J. Dupré & als., District Court, St. Landry, No. 5895.

C. Tolodano, No. 5895.

By virtue of an order of the District Court, in and for the Parish of St. Landry and State of Louisiana, and to me directed in the above entitled suit will be offered at Public Auction at the Court House of this Parish on Saturday the fifth day of March 1853, commencing at the hour of 11 o'clock A. M., and continued from day to day if necessary; upon the Terms and Conditions as may be agreed upon by the aforesaid parties, or which may be required by law, the following described property to-wit:

A certain portion of land situated in the town of Opelousas being part of square or lot No. 9 of the plat of said town, measuring ninety-six feet one inch front by one hundred and sixty feet six inches in depth, facing Main street, bounded East by Main street, on the North and West by lands or lots formerly belonging to André Lastrapes and South by lands formerly belonging to Bignon and Martin, with all the buildings and improvements thereon.

HARRISON ROGERS, Sheriff, Sheriff's Office St. Landry, 22nd January, 1853.

Sheriff's Sale.
STATE OF LOUISIANA.

In matter of Succession of Manette Duplessis, deceased.—Said District Court—Parish of West Baton Rouge—No. 107.

By virtue of an order of the Honorable Sixth District Court, in and for the Parish of West Baton Rouge and State of Louisiana, & to me directed in the above entitled suit, will be offered at public auction at the Court House of this Parish, on Saturday the fifth day of March 1853, commencing at the hour of 11 o'clock A. M., and continued from day to day if necessary, the following described property belonging to the succession of Manette Duplessis, deceased, inventoried and appraised as follows to-wit:

The one sixth share of a Tract of Land, situated in the Parish of St. Landry, said State, on the right descending bank of Bayou Courtableau, containing about three hundred arpents, (superficial) more or less, bounded in the rear by Bayou Courton, and on the one side by land of the heirs of Yvergne, known as McGarry or Yvergne Land, said land is inventoried as being in part to the estate of Manette Duplessis, deceased, wife of Jacques Blanchard.

PUBLIC SALE.
By the undersigned, public Auctioneer in and for the Parish of St. Landry.

The public are hereby informed that there will be sold at public sale, to the last and highest bidder, by the undersigned, before the Court-House door, in the Town of Opelousas, on

Wednesday, 23rd February next, the following described property, belonging to the Succession of Joseph Bercier, late of the Parish of St. Landry, to-wit:

Fraction of Land,

situated in the Town of Washington, measuring three superficial arpents, (more or less) bounded on one side by J. Vial Gérard, and on the other side by Adolphe Garrigues, on the upper side by said Garrigues, and on the lower side by Bayou Courtableau, being the lot No. seventy-one on the plat of the late François Corso, made by Louis Banchoach, Parish Surveyor.

Two Lots of Ground,

situated in said Town of Washington, designated on the plan aforesaid as Lots No. seventy and seventy-one, bounded on one side by Adolphe Garrigues, and on the other side by Corso Street, together with

A TAN YARD,
AND ALL ITS APPURTENANCES.

The undivided sixth part of a certain lot of GROUND and fraction of a Lot, situated in the aforesaid Town of Washington, in the Parish of St. Landry, and being numbers one and eight of the plan of said Town, together with all the

BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS

thereon erected and thereto appertaining.

4 SLAVES,
of both sexes and different ages.

One lot of lumber, one Buggy, one gun, and other articles.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The immovable property payable in one and two years credit from the day of sale. The slaves and movable property payable on a credit of one year. Purchasers furnishing security in solid, to the satisfaction of the Administrators of said estate; and moreover the property subject to mortgage remaining specially hypothecated unto said estate until full and entire payment of principal and interest which may accrue thereon at the rate of 8 per cent per annum from time due.

A. DEJEAN, Auctioneer. Opelousas 22nd January 1853.

AN ORDINANCE
Levying a Tax on the Parish of St. Landry for the service of the year 1852.

Article 1st. The Police Jury of the Parish of St. Landry ORDAINS.

Article 2nd. That for the service of the year One thousand eight hundred and fifty two, (1852) a Parish tax of Twelve thousand Dollars be and the same is hereby imposed on such objects of taxation as are established by law of the state and within the limits of the Parish of St. Landry as per state assessment Roll for the year 1852. The Towns of Opelousas and Washington excepted—as follows.

First. For the ordinary parish purposes of expenditure there shall be added to the Assessment roll of the State for the year 1852, in a proportional addition of one third, to the taxes of each person assessed so as to make the sum of Nine thousand three hundred and forty six Dollars twenty seven cents.

Second. For the payment of existing Debts, the payment of Jurors and the Construction of Public Works, exclusive of public buildings, there shall be, further added to the said assessment Roll, a proportionate addition to the taxes of each person assessed so as to make the sum of Two thousand six hundred and fifty three Dollars seventy three Cents, making in all the sum of Twelve thousand Dollars as the first day of January A. D. 1853.

JOHN P. HUDSON, President. Attest, GUY H. BELM, Clerk.

NOTICE.

All persons having any claims against the estate of Jacob Goldman, or Goldman & Co., will present them duly authenticated to Goldman & Kaufman, in Opelousas, and those indebted will please call and make immediate payment.

J. MARKS, Administrator. 22d January 1853.

SHERIFF'S SALE.
STATE OF LOUISIANA.

William B. Lewis, tutor, &c. & als. re. Clarissa Lewis in her own right and as trustee to her minor children.—District Court—St. Landry—No. 6524.

By virtue of an order of the District Court in and for the Parish of St. Landry and State of Louisiana, and to me directed in the above entitled suit, will be offered at public auction for cash, at the Court House of this Parish, on Saturday the fifth day of March 1853, commencing at the hour of 11 o'clock A. M., and continued from day to day if necessary, the following described property, now in the possession of defendant. Said property being subject to the facts mortgage of plaintiffs, and was purchased by the late John M. Jewell, at Sheriff's sale, on the 10th day of January 1853, to-wit:

The lots Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7, of township No. 4, South of Range 7 East, containing one hundred and fifty-two 5/100 acres.

HARRISON ROGERS, Sheriff, Sheriff's Office, St. Landry, 22d January 1853.

NOTICE.

CELENE GULLORY, Widow of Angelo Sollet, of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, having filed her petition to be appointed Administratrix of the estate heretofore in community between her and her said husband, deceased, lately of the aforesaid Parish and State.

PUBLIC SALE.
By the undersigned, a public Auctioneer, in and for the Parish of St. Landry.

The public are hereby informed that there will be sold, at public sale, to the last and highest bidder, by the undersigned, at the last residence of the late George W. Addison, late of the Parish of St. Landry, in the Town of Opelousas,

On Friday, the 11th February next, and the following day, if necessary, all the property hereinafter described, belonging to the Estate of said late Geo. W. Addison, to-wit:

A LOT OF GROUND,

situated in the Town of Opelousas, fronting on Landry Street, bounded on the North by the property belonging to William Mason, on the West by property belonging to Mrs. Laroquette, on the South by said Landry Street, and on the East by—Street, together with all and singular the

Buildings & Improvements
thereon erected, being the last residence of said deceased.

A FRACTION OF A Lot of Ground,

fronting on Court Street, having twenty feet front by forty-five feet in depth, bounded North by the property of Thomas H. Lewis, and South and East by the property of Jesse Hayes, together with the building thereon, known as the office of the Opelousas Gazette.

A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND,

situate in the Parish of St. Landry, on what is called Elm Bayou, being the East half of the South-East Quarter of Section No. thirty-two, in Township No. one, South of the 31st degree of North latitude of Range No. two East of the basis Meridian, containing seventy-nine acres and 71 hundredths, and also the West half of the South-East Quarter of the aforesaid Section, Township &c. &c. containing also seventy-nine acres & 71 hundredths, making in all one hundred and fifty-nine and 42 hundredths superficial acres.

SIX SLAVES,
of both sexes and different ages.

Two horses, one mule, one old Barrouche, one old Buggy, one horse cart, the printing materials of the Opelousas Gazette, consisting in presses, type, cases, stands &c. one Armour, one clock, bed and bedding, household furniture, kitchen utensils, and great many other articles too tedious to enumerate.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—Payable in three equal annual instalments, from the 1st day of April next; that is to say: one third payable on the first day of April 1854, one third on the 1st day of April 1855, and the last third on the 1st day of April 1856, purchasers furnishing good and sufficient security in solid; and all sums not punctually paid at maturity to bear interest at the rate of 8 per centum per annum from time due until paid. And moreover the property subject to mortgage remaining specially hypothecated unto the Estate, until full and entire payment of the principal and interest which may accrue thereon.

R. BENGUREL, Auctioneer. Opelousas January 8th, 1853.

List of Letters
Remaining in the Post Office at Washington, La., December 31st, 1852, which, if not taken out before the expiration of three months, will be sent to the dead letter office as dead letters.

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FOR NEW ORLEANS, SYDONIA.

WILL leave Washington on Wednesday at 10 A. M., and returning, leave New Orleans on Saturdays at 12 M. The *Sydonia* was built expressly for this trade, is well adapted, being safe and comfortable, also well supplied with the late improvements for the protection of lives and property. Every exertion will be made by the officers to give satisfaction.

P. S.—Consignees will please notice that freights cannot possibly be delivered from the warehouses unless the cash is paid or bills receipted back to shippers for payment.

15th January 1853.

Shingles! Shingles!

THE undersigned has on hand a large quantity of Point aux Loups Shingles, which he will sell low. Call at his store on Plaquemine Brulee or to C. Steel, at the Union Hotel, Opelousas.

Also, 30,000 eight feet fencing pickets, to be delivered at the store of the undersigned.

JESSE B. CLARK, Plaquemine Brulee, January 1st, 1853.

WAGGON FOR SALE.

THE undersigned offers for sale cheap, a new Waggon, with three Horses and six sets of Harnesses. For the terms, apply to Mr. Charles Genin or to Mr. C. Steel, in Opelousas.

S. GARRIGUES, Opelousas, January 8th, 1853.—St.

Public Sale.

THE public is hereby informed that there will be sold, at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, through the ministry of Evariste Debailon, auctioneer in and for the parish of St. Landry, at the Warehouse of Messrs. Bignon and Carriere, at Washington, in this parish, on

Thursday, 27th January 1853, the following described property, to-wit:

A PLANTATION,

late plantation of Lamorandier and Angamare, situated on Bayou Courtableau, in this parish, measuring 326 acres of land, more or less, with all the