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

PLANTATION FOR SALE.

The undersigned offers for sale his Plantation, situated on Bayou Teche, in Petit Bois, in this Parish, measuring 700 arpents, more or less, with all the buildings and improvements thereon erected. There is on said plantation about 250 arpents of wood land. Said plantation has also a right to make wood on a wood land of 960 arpents, situated at about eight arpents from said plantation, ceded by the Spanish Government for the use of the inhabitants of Petit Bois.

For terms or other particulars, apply to Mr. Valere Roy or the undersigned.
BENOIT NEY,
Barre's Landing, 15th Jan. 1853.—3m.

RUN-AWAY

From the undersigned, at Quene Tortue, in this Parish, on the 25th instant, a Mulatto-man, named Peter, aged about 25 or 30 years, 6 feet high, and very stout built, having a scar across the end of the nose, speaking French and English.

I have good reason to believe that said boy runaway with a certain Noe Huffpover, taking with them two creole horses, one a bay horse, blind of the right eye, the other a white face bay, both branded about thus: () with two saddles and bridles.

A reasonable reward will be given for the delivery of said boy and horses to the undersigned, or lodge in one of the jails of this State.

MAXIMILIEN LEBLANC,
The Pointe Coupée Echo and Natchitoches Chronicle will publish the above one month, in French and English, and forward their bills to the Opelousas Courier. M. L.
Opelousas, 29th Jan. 1853.—5t.

NOTICE.

ISAAC R. JACKSON, of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, having filed his petition to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of the late John Woods Sr., 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, 5th February 1853.

1,000 BOOK AGENTS WANTED,

TO SELL PICTORIAL AND USEFUL WORKS FOR THE YEAR 1853.

\$1,000 DOLLARS A YEAR!
WANTED IN EVERY COUNTY OF THE UNITED STATES, active and enterprising men, to engage in the sale of some of the best books published in the country. To men of good address, possessing a small capital, to men of 25 to 30, such inducements will be offered as to enable them to make from \$3 to \$5 a day profit.

The books published by us are all useful in their character, extremely popular, and command large sales wherever they are offered. For further particulars, address (postage paid) ROBERT SEARS, PUBLISHER, 151 William Street, New York, Feb. 5th, 1853.

AN ORDINANCE

Laying 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 Two thousand six hundred and fifty three Dollars seventy-three 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 Nine thousand three hundred and forty six Dollars twenty-seven cents, making in all the sum of Twelve thousand Dollars, as first aforesaid.

Ordained the 18th day of January A. D. 1853.
JOHN P. HUDSON, President.
Attest: GUR H. BELL, Clerk.

PROFESSIONAL NOTICES, &C.

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 MURELS.
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. 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.

FUNERALS!

The undersigned will furnish Coffins on short notice & at reasonable prices. The use of his Horse 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.

M. R. 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.

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.

J. Y. 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.

Sheriff's Sale.

STATE OF LOUISIANA.
Lucius J. Dupré & als. } District Court.
vs. } St. Landry.
C. Toledano. } 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 Bigonon and Martin, with all the buildings and improvements thereon.

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

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 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 Mue. Frochou, 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.

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, 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 musquito-bar, 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:
Instruction.—1st class, \$ 12 00
2d class, 10 00
Music, 18 00
Boarding, 25 00
Opelousas, December 18th 1852.—3m.

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.

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.

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 reopened, 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.

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. All 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.

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.

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.

FOR NEW ORLEANS,

The good safe Steamer,

SYDONIA.

J. JOHNSTON MASTER.

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.

T. H. 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

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.

JUDICIAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

Sheriff's Sale.

STATE OF LOUISIANA.

In matter of Succession of Manette Duplessis, deceased—Sixth District Court—Parish of West Baton Rouge—No. 427.

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 Carrou, and on the one side by land of the heirs of Vedrine, known as McGarry or Vedrine Land, (said land is inventoried as belonging in part to the estate of Manette Duplessis, deceased wife of Jacques Blanchard, & terms of sale—Cash for the one sixth of said undivided share; for the remaining five sixths, a credit of six and twelve months will be given, payable in two equal instalments; purchasers to furnish security to the satisfaction of the administrator or his attorney in fact.

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

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.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

STATE OF LOUISIANA.

William B. Lewis, tutor &c, & als. vs. Clarissa Lewis in her own right and as tutrix to her minor children—District Court—St. Landry—No. 5924.

BY virtue of an order of the District Court 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 tacit 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. 1, 2, 6, 7, of township No. 4, South of Range 7 East, containing one hundred and fifty-two 25-100 acres.

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

SHERIFF'S SALE.

STATE OF LOUISIANA.

Robert Perry, } District Court,
vs. } St. Landry,
Jesse Nettles, } No. 4715.

Robert Perry, } District Court,
vs. } St. Landry,
Jesse Nettles, } No. 5356.

BY virtue of a commuted 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 March 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 Robert Perry in and to the following property, seized to satisfy said writ, to wit:

A certain tract or parcel of land lying and being situated in the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana and known by the following boundaries: North by a lot belonging to Richards & Dunningo, West by land belonging to John T. Heath and Charles Kibbe, South by land belonging to Ransom P. Ferguson and Eastern Public Road, leading from Opelousas to Alexandria, containing two acres more or less, together with all singular the House, buildings and improvements thereunto belonging.

HARRISON ROGERS, Sheriff.
Sheriff's Office St. Landry,
January 29th, 1853.

Sheriff's Sale.

STATE OF LOUISIANA.

Lewis & Porter, } District Court,
vs. } St. Landry,
Lemuel Andrus, } No. 5677.

BY virtue of a writ of Fieri Facias 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 March 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 Lemuel Andrus, in and to the following property, seized to satisfy said writ, to wit:

A certain negro boy named Allen aged 11 years.

HARRISON ROGERS, Sheriff.
Sheriff's Office St. Landry,
January 29th, 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 closed.

ROBERT BENGUEREL.
Opelousas, 22d January 1853.

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.

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 Brulée 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 Brulée, January 1st, 1853.

JUDICIAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

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:

The undivided fourth part of a certain

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, and 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 land of François Corso, made by Louis Blanchard-wich, Parish Surveyor.

Also, the undivided fourth part of

Two Lots of Ground,

situated in said Town of Washington, designated on the plat 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 APPURT