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ASSESSOR.

We are authorized to announce that Mr. A. H. GRADENIGO has become a candidate for the office of Parish Assessor for this Parish, at the next election. [February 26th 1853.]

**A Word to our Patrons.**

Few, kind readers, have so thankless a task as we, poor Country Editors, whose lives are spent endeavoring to suit the tastes of all classes of men, and all dimensions of intellect. Does it ever enter your heads that when a poor devil of a printer assumes the respectable name of Editor, that it does not necessarily follow that he inherits the mantle of Solomon or the patience of Job. The subscription list of a country paper barely pays for the materials to carry it on, and consequently most of our columns must be filled with advertisements, and yet you grumble, we know you do, because there is so little reading matter. Surely you would not make us lean in body that you might become fat in mind!

What practical men we must be and yet how varied our acquirements. The little boy just commencing to read in his primer, spells over the papers in quest of food to nourish the infant mind, and for him we must insert some pleasant fable about naughty boys and birds' nests. The man of mind and letters looks upon our pages for a record of all late discoveries in the scientific world. The beggarly woman here expects to find a list of the benevolent rich, and the wealthy belle look for the most fashionable way of spending money. The farmer wishes an article on planting, the mechanic one on invention and the preacher expects a column on Foreign Missions and Theology. This one asks for local news, but what is there to record in this prosy community of jog-trot go-alongs, unless it be something like that related in this day's paper, for which, perhaps, no one will thank us. That one requests something on politics, and yet if we comply, one or the other party is sure to be down on us eternally. If we attempt a witicism, some one is sure to say we are in shallow water, and if we live in philosophic lore, the same individual, or his brother, remarks that we are beyond our depth. Rum-munging on our sad fate and taking all these grievances into consideration, we had nearly come to the conclusion to quit this world and climb a tree, when our "Devil" gently whispering "Copy" in our ear, we handed him this article, not however before we had appended to it our thanks to the Patrons of the Opelousas Courier for their liberal support and encouragement.

**WASHINGTON'S BIRTH DAY.**

The 22d of February, although an exceedingly ineluctable day did not pass unobserved by our patriotic citizens. The Stars and Stripes were displayed to the breeze while our brass band poured under the able management of Mr. GEORGE RAYNER, the Cassinier of Lafayette, sent forth its mimic thunder. We understand that had the weather proved favorable, an oration would have been delivered by one of our talented lawyers.

**COCK FIGHT.**

Our town was enlivened on the day of our last issue, by an event somewhat unique in its character, and as we believe, it is the first time any thing of the kind has happened heretofore; we give it the benefit of publicity. Early in the afternoon groups of excited individuals might have been seen, clustered on the corners, evidently engaged in anxious debate, and being of an inquiring turn of mind, we joined the throng and learned that a Cock Fight, between *Grey Eagle*, piloted by our correspondent O. K. and *Grey-Em-Fit*, backed by the owner of "the one eyed rooster," was to come off immediately. The chickens were pronounced in good order, and it was ascertained that they only wanted proper "healing" to go in prime. We should state to the uninitiated, that heeling a cock, means placing two small sharp pieces of steel wire about two inches in length on either leg in place of the natural spurs; when this is accomplished and all the neck feathers are shaved off, the fowl is considered in fighting trim. The combatants were tossed into a ring, some twelve feet in diameter, and both being of hostile dispositions, they pitched into each other forthwith.

The first round was fought with about equal success until *Grey-Em-Fit* making a feint with his bill, gave his opponent a back cut and "rattled" him in the neck.

Second round—Both come to law in fine order, and after some sharp dodging *Grey Eagle* "hangs" his opponent.

Third round—*Grey-Em-Fit* goes in with his bill, but gets a dig in the proud-basket.

Fourth round—Excitement intense, betting two to one on the *Grey*, both cocks start for the center but *Grey-Em-Fit* considering himself well "healed" changes his mind, makes a counter rush and illustrates the wise, saw that discretion is the better part of valour, *Grey Eagle* crows and O. K. pockets an X.

Some other fights came off in the afternoon, which would not witness and cannot chronicle, but in this connection, we hope our readers will pardon us a serious word. We know our town is dull, so dull indeed that it makes almost any amusement excusable; but we ask candidly, is there any real pleasure to an enlightened mind in seeing two poor offending birds murder each other by inches. Cannot our appetite for blood, for such it surely is, be appeased by some more less cruel? If it can, in Harwar's name, let us replace such mis-called sport by something less barbarous and more in accordance with the customs and tastes of an enlightened christian community.

Two *Synods*—The *Synod*, with our old friend, Capt. Johnson has abandoned our navigation for this season. She is making regular trips between New Orleans and Attalapa as a packet.

We have received by last mail, the *Georgia Home Gazette*, a weekly literary and family paper, devoted to literature, the ladies, art, science, education, agriculture, general intelligence and Southern interests, published at Augusta, Georgia, by James M. Smythe and Robert A. Whyte, at \$2 per annum. The Gazette is rich in interesting reading, and deserves a share of Southern patronage.

We have received the first, second and third numbers of a neat little sheet, just published in the city of New Orleans, entitled "The Ballou," edited by Mr. J. Gaisford. We wish the editor success in his new undertaking.

**FREEDOM FROM COUGH IN TEN MINUTES.**—Bryan's Pulmonic Wafers will do it. See advertisement.

Cook fighting and pugilistic exhibitions with nose and chin illustrations are getting to be as common as lean beef and high prices. (St. Landry White.)

Does the Editor of the *Whig* mean that the combatants sometimes take *bill holds*? O. K.

**N.-Orleans & Opelousas Railroad.**

We learn (says the *Franklin Banner*) the following particulars from Col. A. S. Phelps, who has just completed the preliminary surveys for said railroad between Washington, in the Parish of St. Landry, and the Sabine River. From Washington to Natchitoches, on Red River, but one route has been surveyed. It follows up the high alluvial lands on Bayou Beuf and Robot, and passing through the town of Holmsville, near the town of Cheneyville, to a point about two miles and a half south-west from the town of Alexandria. Thence on similar lands on Bayou Rapides, to a point where it crosses Bayou Jean de Jean or Coffie, and enters the pine woods, running some 10 or 12 miles over hilly ground, and then enters upon the level alluvial lands of Red River, continuing on the same to a point where it crosses Old Red River, and distant about three miles south of the town of Natchitoches. From this latter mentioned point two lines have been run to the Sabine River, by passing over hilly ground. One passing near the towns of Pleasant Hill and Mansfield, in De Soto Parish, to a rock shoal across the Sabine River near the town of Logansport. This crossing is about two miles below the 32 degree of North latitude. The other route departs from the same point near Natchitoches, and passes through Spanish Town and near Fort Jessup, to a rock shoal crossing of the Sabine River, at latitude 31.35 minutes, nearly, at the place called Darnell's Ferry, situated about three miles above the town of Hamilton, on the Texas side.

Reconnoissances have also been made by Colonel Phelps of the country extending about thirty miles westward of the Sabine, between 31 and 32 degree of latitude, as well as of various other proposed routes on this side of the Sabine, others than those surveyed.

The distance from Washington to Alexandria will be about 51 miles; from Natchitoches to the Sabine, at Logansport, about 63 miles, or from Natchitoches to Darnell's Ferry, about 42 miles.

In many localities examined in making these surveys and reconnoissances, coal is found in considerable quantities. This is a matter of considerable importance to the prairie section of country, which may not be one of the least of the benefits which will result from the construction of the above railroad.

Col. P. has been engaged in this work about four months, assisted by our fellow-parishioner Alfred Fuselier, and Mr. Alfred Mouton, of Lafayette.

**HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION.**

The following extracts exhibit the various qualifications of the Homestead Exemption Bills now in the several States named:

**MAINE.**—A lot of land, a dwelling house, and out buildings thereon, or so much thereof as shall not exceed \$5,000 in value.

**VERMONT.**—The homestead of every house-keeper, or head of a family, to the value of \$300 and the yearly products thereof.

**MASSACHUSETTS.**—The lot and buildings thereon occupied as a residence to the value of \$5,000.

**NEW YORK.**—The lot and buildings thereon occupied as a residence to the value of \$3,000.

**MARYLAND.**—All real estate acquired by marriage during the life of a wife, from execution for debt of husband.

**GEORGIA.**—Twenty acres of land, including dwelling and improvements, not to exceed \$300; and the additional amount of five acres for each child under fifteen years of age.

**FLORIDA.**—Forty acres of land, when not in any town or city, and provided such does not exceed in value \$400.

**LOUISIANA.**—Forty acres of land to every farmer, and to every housekeeper residing in a town or city, a house and lot not to exceed \$3,000.

**TEXAS.**—Two hundred acres of land, when not in town lots, not to exceed \$2,000 in value.

**OHIO.**—Every family a homestead not to exceed \$500 in value.

**MICHIGAN.**—Forty acres, with dwelling house and appurtenances, when not in town or city—if in town or city, a lot or dwelling house not to exceed in value \$1,500.

**ILLINOIS.**—Lot of ground and buildings occupied as a residence, not exceeding in value \$1,000.

**IOWA.**—Forty acres of land, not in town or city, or a town or city lot not exceeding in amount one-fourth of an acre.

**CALIFORNIA.**—The homestead, consisting of a quantity of land, together with the dwelling-house thereon, and its appurtenances, and not exceeding in value the sum of \$5,000.

**NEW JERSEY.**—A homestead to each head of a family, being the family residence, to the value of \$500; not to be assets in the hands of an administrator, but to remain for the benefit of the widow and until the maturity of the minor child.

**SOUTH CAROLINA.**—A homestead of fifty acres of land, including the dwelling house and appurtenances, not to exceed \$500 in value, and to extend to any property situated within the limits of any city or town corporate.

**A Horse's Foot.**—The foot of a horse is one of the most ingenious and singular pieces of mechanism in the animal structure, and scarcely yielding to any in regularity and complexity of parts, under simplicity of design. The hoof contains a series of vertical and thin laminae of horn so numerous as to amount to about 500, and forming a complete lining to it. Into this are fitted as many laminae belonging to the coffin bone, which sets are elastic and adhesive. The edge of a quire of paper, inserted leaf by leaf into one another, will convey a sufficient idea of this arrangement. Thus the weight of the animal is supported by as many elastic springs as there are laminae in all the feet, amounting to about four thousand; distributed in the most secure manner, since every spring is acted upon in an oblique direction. Such is the contrivance for the safety of animal destined to carry greater weights than that of its own body, and to carry those, also, under the hazard of heavy stocks.—*Macdulloch.*

List of the yeas and nays in the Senate of Louisiana, on the question of electing U. S. Senators. The vote stood as follows—Democrats in italics.

**YEAS.**—Messrs. *Boutwell, Derbes, Griffin, King, Kays, Lewis, Millard, McKay and Neal.*—10. *Kittridge, Martin, Mouton, Nichols, Pelletier, Penner, Rivers, Smith, Slav, Taylor, Theriot, Todd, Washburne.*—17.—*Be.*

The Honorable Souleauque, like other sovereigns, have the Emperor's body-guard standing on him. This famous band, noticed that each officer bore on his head-dress a glittering badge, which our tourist supposed to be an ornament of distinction. Desiring to study this ornament more closely, he got near enough to examine it, and on a brazen plate read this interesting legend:—*Maria, Marchand de Sardinie A French traveller, much interested in observing the head-dress of a glittering badge, which our tourist supposed to be an ornament of distinction. Desiring to study this ornament more closely, he got near enough to examine it, and on a brazen plate read this interesting legend:—*

A few drops of Malic acid, in water, applied to the teeth, effectually removes all the tartar.

**EUROPE.**

FRANCE.—The news, to the exclusion of every thing else, the Emperor's marriage to Mlle Montijo, which has taken Paris by surprise and was unfavorably received by the Bourne.—Mlle is a Spaniard, 25 years of age, a blonde, and grand-daughter of the British Consul at Malaga. Her mother was an Irish woman, named Fitzpatrick, and her father, the younger son of a Spanish family, who fortunately, by the death of his older brother, succeeded to the titles of Count Montijo, Duke of Teba and Penamamanda. Her sister is Duchess of Abba, and Mademoiselle herself Countess of Teba. [This is all wrong and may be seen elsewhere. Editors.] The proposal for her hand formally made by the Emperor on Sunday last, and was of course accepted. The next day the happy bridegroom communicated to his ministers that his determination was taken, and that it was a marriage of affection. One report says that the Ministers, except one, resigned, but that the Emperor refused to accept their resignations.

It is said that the civil marriage has already taken place, and that the religious ceremonies will be held on the 29th inst. (January) on which occasion Prince Napoleon Jerome will also witness the daughter of Prince of Wagram, grand-daughter to Marshall Berthier.

The Senate Legislative body and Council were summoned on the 22d ult., noon to receive a communication from the Emperor relative to his marriage. Simultaneously with the matrimonial schemes, has taken place a disastrous fall on the Bourne, but the Government assert there is nothing in the state of the country either financially, commercially or politically, to cause distress. They attribute the fall solely, and probably truly, to the check of speculation, and say that when the reaction thus caused shall have restored things to their proper level, the funds will be in harmony with what the Pays calls "the general prosperity."

M. De Drouin de L'Huys persists in his resignation, which, however, the Emperor has refused to accept, at least for some days, to allow the Minister time to reconsider his resignation.

A sevenscore happened at Dunkirk on the 10th. A mast, with an American flag attached, was seen floating at sea.

The whole of the Orleans property is now alienated, the year allowed for its sale having expired. The Arras rumor says, will be succeeded in the Count de Chambord and the Orleans Princess promised success.

General Alphonse de Montreuil is selected to succeed Gimeau, at Rance. Gimeau is made a Senator.

**LATER.**

The civil contract of marriage between Louis Napoleon and the Countess Montijo, has been signed. Great preparations are making for the marriage.

**THE EMPRESS OF FRANCE.**—We are indebted to an esteemed friend, who was formerly resident in Spain, for the following sketch, which seems to explain the family origin of the Empress of France very satisfactorily. Her history is no less romantic than that of the Empress Josephine:

"By to-day's advices from Europe we are told that the Emperor Napoleon III has espoused a Spanish lady whose grand-father was a British Consul at Malaga, and whose mother was an Irish lady by the name of Fitzpatrick; also that this new Empress was, in her own right, Countess Teba, although bearing the name of Mlle Montijo. Thus much by telegraph. Now the plain English of all this is, no doubt as follows:

A worthy Scotchman, by the name of Wm. Kirkpatrick, was for some time the American consul at Malaga, and, failing in business, was succeeded by George G. Barreal as United States consul at Malaga. This, I think, was under President Monroe's administration.

Mr. Kirkpatrick's oldest daughter, Maria, or 'Mariquita,' as she was familiarly called and known by all Americans there, was a fine, dashing lady, and married the Count de Teba, a younger brother of the celebrated Palafox, who behaved so gallantly at the siege of Zaragoza, and who, in reply to a demand for surrender, declared that he would continue the defence by 'war to the knife.'

The Palafox family embraced numerous titles, and was singularly brave and noble. This husband of Maria Kirkpatrick (Count de Teba) was a gallant soldier, and so out upon by wounds as to be unable to mount his horse without aid, and, when in the saddle, looked more as if he was hooked on than seated there.

The new Empress of the French is no doubt the daughter of Countess Teba, 'Mariquita Kirkpatrick,' who was the daughter of Wm. Kirkpatrick, late United States consul at Malaga—not British consul—not Fitzpatrick—and not Irish.

The British consul at Malaga was Wm. Laird, another old Scotch gentleman, and he was followed by Mr. Marks, an Englishman. If the new Empress of France was Countess Teba, as stated, then her mother is dead, as also is her father, and she took the title of her mother. The name Montijo, under which she passed in Paris, is perhaps one of the family names of titles of the Palafox family."

**CANDIDATES.**

**Supreme Judges.**

We are authorized to announce Mr. Isaac Johnson, as a candidate for the office of Associate Judge of the Supreme Court for the Third District. 19th February 1853.

We are authorized to announce Mr. Thos. J. Cooley, of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, as a candidate for the office of Associate Judge of the Supreme Court for the Third District. 22d January 1853.

Messrs. Editors, Please announce that the Hon. Edward Simons, of St. Landry, late of the Supreme Bench, will be supported as a candidate for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, by The Bar and People. September 11th. 1852.

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. September 11th. 1852.

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. Voorhes, of St. Martin, as a candidate for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. Several members of the Bar. September 11th. 1852.

**Town Constable.**

We are authorized to announce Mr. Hilaire Desessarts as a candidate for the office of Town Constable, at the next April election. 11th Dec. 1852.

We are authorized to announce Mr. James D. Israel as a candidate for the office of Town Constable, at the next April election. 11th Dec. 1852.

**HILAIRE DESSEARTS,**



**Public Crier and Collector FOR ST. LANDRY.**  
Office—In Opelousas.  
Opelousas, 26th Feb. 1853.—ly.

**ELECTION.**

WHEREAS His Excellency, P. O. Hebert, Governor of the State of Louisiana, has issued his Proclamation dated the 19th day of February, A. D. 1853, ordering and Election to be held at the several Election precincts of this Parish, on the first Monday the 4th of April 1853, for the purpose of voting for one Chief Justice for the State of Louisiana and one Associate Justice for the Third District composed of the Parishes of St. Tammany, Washington, Livingston, St. Helena, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, West Feliciana, Point Coupee, Tensas, Concordia, Lafayette, Vermillion, St. Mary, St. Martin and St. Landry.

Now, therefore I, Harrison Rogers, Sheriff of the Parish of St. Landry, in conformity with law and the said Proclamation, do hereby give notice to the Commissioners of Election of the Parish of St. Landry, that the said Election will be held in said Parish, on Monday the fourth day of April A. D. 1853, between the hours of nine o'clock A. M., and four o'clock P. M., at the following Police Jury Wards, to wit:

1st Ward.—At the Court House in the Town of Opelousas.  
2nd.—At the house of Francis Trainer, in the town of Washington.  
3d.—At the house of Michel Emonet in Prairie Gros Chevreuil.  
4th.—At the house of Edmond Estilette in Grand Coulee.  
5th.—At the Lower School House in Bellevue.  
6th.—At the store of Carrol & Keough at Lower Plaquemine, and at the house of Eugene Valente on Quee Tortue.

7th.—At the house of Joseph E. Daigle at Upper Plaquemine, and at the house of Alexandre Daigle pere, on Bayou Des Cannes or Point-aux-Loups.  
8th.—At the house of Ulysse Gabelon on Bayou Mallet, and at the house of John McGehe on Fagitaque.  
9th.—At the house of William Reed in Flat town, and at the house of Alexandre Rongout in Prairie Chataignier.  
10th.—At the store of James Akenhead at Bayou Chicot.  
11th.—At the house of Philippe Staggs in Old Grand Prairie.  
12th.—At the house of Thomas McRory on Bayou Beauf, and at the house of William Irwin at Mountville.  
13th.—At the house of — Burroughs in the Atchafalaya.  
14th.—At the plantation of James M. Moore on Bayou Waxia.  
15th.—At the house of Thomas Stapleton on Bayou Rouge.  
16th.—At the house of Joseph Lanterneau at Prairie Manouth.  
17th.—At the house of Francois Dupre fils in Prairie Plaisance.  
18th.—At the house of John Wright at Mermenot.  
19th.—At the house of Synphonien Meche at Coulee Croche.

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

HARRISON ROGERS, Sheriff.  
Sheriff's office St. Landry,  
February 26th 1853.

**State of Louisiana.**

DISTRICT COURT. Parish of St. Landry. No. 6017.  
Estate of Cleonise Richard, dec'd.

FRANCOIS DUPRE FILS, of the Parish of St. Landry, Administrator of the Estate of the late Cleonise Richard, deceased of the aforesaid Parish, having filed his first annual account, accompanied by his petition, praying that the same may be homologated. And whereas the prayer of said petition has been granted by an order of Court, dated February 25th, 1853.

Now, therefore, notice is hereby given to all interested to make opposition, if any they have, within ten days, from the date hereof, why said Account should not be homologated.

A. GARRIGUES, Clerk.  
Opelousas, 26th February 1853.

**State of Louisiana.**

DISTRICT COURT. Parish of Saint-Landry. No. 6016.  
Estate of Marie Melanie Broussard.

MAXIMILIEN CORMIER, of the Parish of St. Landry, Administrator of the Estate of the late Marie Melanie Broussard, deceased, of the aforesaid Parish, having filed a Tableau of Classification of the debts, and the distribution of the funds of said estate among the creditors, accompanied by his petition praying that the same may be homologated. And whereas the prayer of said petition has been granted by an order of Court, dated February 25th, 1853.

Now, therefore, notice is hereby given to all interested to make opposition, if any they have, within ten days, from the date hereof, why said Tableau should not be homologated, that the Administrator be authorized to pay according to law, and be discharged from all further liabilities.

A. GARRIGUES, Clerk.  
Opelousas, 26th February 1853.

**SHERIFF'S SALE.**

STATE OF LOUISIANA. Edward J. Heard District Court. St. Landry. No. 5808.  
M. M. & C. C. Preston }  
James G. Fitzgerald } District Court. St. Landry. No. 5912.  
M. M. Preston. }  
BY virtue of a writ of f. fa. and a writ of alias f. fa., issued in the above entitled suits, by the District Court in and for the Parish of St. Landry, and so directed, will be exposed to public sale, for cash, at the Court House of this Parish, on Saturday the 2d day of April 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 M. M. & C. C. Preston, in and to the following property, seized to satisfy said writ, to wit:

A negro man griffe, named Willis, aged 45 years.  
HARRISON ROGERS, Sheriff.  
Sheriff's Office, St. Landry, 26th February 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—ly.

**PUBLIC SALE.**

Estate of Euphrosine Barré, dec'd. THE public are hereby informed that there will be sold, at public sale, to the last and highest bidder, by a competent officer, at the residence of John Close, in this parish, On Tuesday, the 29th March 1853, all the property hereinafter described, belonging to the Estate in community between John Close and his children, the issue of his marriage with Euphrosine Barré, his deceased wife, to wit:

**A tract of Wood Land,** situated on the Bayou Courtableau, in the Parish of St. Landry aforesaid, measuring 4 arpents front on said Bayou, by forty arpents in depth, bounded on the North by land of Honoré Dejean, on the South by the Tract hereafter described, on the East by land of Public Domain, and West by said Honoré Dejean and said Bayou Courtableau.

**ANOTHER TRACT OF WOOD LAND,** adjoining the former, containing four arpents front, by forty arpents in depth, bounded on the North by the lot above described, on the South by lands of Zephrin Close, on the East by lands of said Zephrin Close and Public Domain, and West by lot aforesaid and the Bayou Courtableau.

**A TRACT OF LAND,** situated on said Bayou Courtableau, in said Parish of St. Landry, measuring four arpents front by forty arpents in depth, bounded on the North by Zephrin Close, on the South by lands of Estate Valentine King, on the East by said lands of Estate Valentine King, and West by said Bayou Courtableau and Zephrin Close, (the improvements thereon being excepted.)

**THE ONE HALF OF THE VACHERIE TRACT** situated on the Bayou Teche, in the aforesaid parish of St. Landry, measuring six arpents front on said Bayou, by sixty-five arpents in depth, bounded on the North by lands of John Roy, on the South by the Tract hereafter described, on the East by lands of the heirs of Barré, and West by said Bayou Teche, (the improvements thereon being excepted.)

**THE OTHER ONE HALF OF SAID VACHERIE TRACT,** joining the above, measuring also six arpents front by sixty-five arpents in depth, bounded on the North by tract above described, South by lands of Alexander Castillo, East by the lands of the heirs of Barré, and West by said Bayou Teche, (the improvements thereon being excepted.)

**THE PLANTATION,** known as John Close's, situated on Bayou Teche, in said Parish, measuring fourteen arpents front on said Bayou, by forty arpents in depth, bounded North by the lands of Francois Ravio, South by lands of Widow Gradenigo, East by lands of said Ravio and Public Domain, and West by said Bayou Teche, together with the

**BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON.**

**THE UNDIVIDED LOT OF GROUND,** situated in the town of Opelousas, fronting on — street, bounded on the North by lot of John McDonald, on the South by lot of —, on the West by said — street, and on the East by lot of —, together with all the

**BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON.**

**39 SLAVES,** of both sexes & different ages.

Five Horses, one Mule, 1 Mare, one Colt, one Stallion, one Ox Cart, one Beef, one lot of Ploughs, 2 teeth harrows, one lot of corn, one clock, 2 bedsteads and beddings, four table, two cherry presses, half a dozen chairs, one lot of silver spoons, one lot of Vacherie Cattle, with the brand figured thus C, one lot iron for a flatboat.

**THE UNDIVIDED HALF OF A Tract of Land,** or Cypress Swamp, situated in said parish of St. Landry, and lying on Bayou Courtableau, measuring twenty arpents front on said Bayou, by forty arpents in depth, bounded North by said Bayou Courtableau, South by Public Lands, East by lands of Ulger Roy, and West by lands of Jonathan Harris, together with the undivided half of the Buildings and Improvements thereon, comprising a

**STEAM SAW-MILL AND APPARATUS.**

**THE UNDIVIDED HALF OF A NEGRO-MAN,** named Louis, aged about 50 years.

**THE UNDIVIDED HALF OF A Lot of Lumber,** at the Saw-Mill, supposed to contain about thirty thousand feet.

**THE UNDIVIDED HALF OF A Lot of Lumber,** lying at Barré's Landing, supposed to contain about one hundred and twenty thousand feet.

**THE UNDIVIDED HALF OF A Lot of Cypress Logs.** The undivided half of the Flat-Boat called "Teche"; of a pair of Timber Wheels, of an Ox Cart, of 3 yokes of oxen and of one chain for Timber Wheels.

The conditions of the sale will be announced on the day of sale.  
JOHN CLOSE, Administrator.  
Opelousas, 26th February 1853.

**Doctor Henry Hardy,**

of the Faculty of medicine of Paris, has the intention of sojourning in Opelousas about two months. He respectfully informs persons afflicted with chronic diseases, to the treatment of which he has devoted himself most successfully for the last ten years, that he will receive them every day (Sundays excepted) from 7 or 8 o'clock in the morning, at the domicile of Mr. Robert Benguerel. Opelousas 26th February 1853. 12.

PERFECT FREEDOM FROM COUGH IN TEN MINUTES AFTER USE, INSURED BY USING

**Bryan's Pulmonic Wafers,** REFERENCES can now be given to some of the principal Physicians and numerous individuals in this vicinity, who have used the above remedy with the fullest success. In various cases of COUGHS, COLDS, ASTHMA, SORES THROAT, INFLUENZA, IRRITATION OF THE CERVIX, &c. &c. The success of this remedy has been fully tested in various parts, where the moisture of the climate induces great prevalence to Colds, &c. and a certainty of the efficiency of a medicine is required, to avoid Consumption and ultimate death. This remedy, although only recently introduced in this vicinity, has met with a great demand, and every confidence is placed in its merits by those who have given it a fair and impartial trial. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by

JOHN POSEY.  
Opelousas, 26th February 1853.

OFFICE OF THE NEW ORLEANS, OPELOUSAS & GREAT WESTERN RAILROAD COMPANY.