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

BELL-CHENEY SPRINGS!

THE undersigned respectfully inform the public that they have purchased this watering place and are improving the place for the accommodation of visitors.—The Springs are situated in the Pine Woods, Parish of St. Landry, 37 miles north-west of Opelousas, about the same distance south of Alexandria, and 10 miles north from Bayou Choctaw.—The water possesses highly medicinal qualities and has proved efficacious in many aggravated diseases which were beyond the reach of ordinary remedies.—The bath is supplied by the Spring water and much appreciated by invalids.

Deer, fox and wild cat are numerous, affording fine sport to the hunter, and the Lake, seven miles in length, with a depth of twenty feet, situated three miles and a half from the Springs, abounds in trout and other fine fish.—A pack of hounds for hunting and boats for fishing will be furnished to the visitors.—The best wines and liquors which the New-Orleans market can afford will be kept constantly on hand.—Coaches can always be procured at Opelousas and Washington to transport any number of passengers to the Springs.—Good music will be furnished and balls given twice per week, gratis.

Hunting horses and vehicles to transport ladies to the lake will be kept for hire.—Gentlemen fond of hunting should bring their guns.—Fishing tackle may be purchased at the Springs.—Visitors received from 1st May to 1st November.

TERMS OF BOARD:
By the month, \$ 25 00
Per Day, " 1 00
Children & Servants, half price.
Moose, per day, " 75

DAIGLE & BEAUCHAMP,
March 5th, 1853.

The Courier and Gazette of St. Martinville and Demorest, of Alexandria, will please D. & B.

BOARDING AND DAY-SCHOOL, FOR YOUNG LADIES.

Superintendent by Mrs. Renaud, (born Traber,) in Opelousas.

Tax proximity of this Institution in the Town of Opelousas, (Late Residence of Mr. Leblanc) 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 good and solid education, based on a religious instruction.

The course of instruction 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 study, and in all their occupations, they shall never be alone.

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

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

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

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

The terms per quarter are as follows, to wit:
Institution—1st class, \$ 12 00
" 2d class, " 10 00
Music, " 18 00
Boarding, " 25 00
Opelousas, March 12th, 1853.—1y.

PUBLIC SALE.

ESTATE OF ILDEBERT BERGERON, DECEASED.

WILL be sold, at public auction, by the undersigned, on the plantation hereafter described, in Gros Chevreuil, on

Thursday, 14th of April next, 1853, the following property, belonging to the Estate of Ildebert Bergeron, late of said Parish of St. Landry, to wit:

A Tract of Land,

situated in Prairie Gros Chevreuil, in said Parish, measuring 7 arpents front by 7 arpents in depth, being the last residence of said deceased, together with all the Buildings and Improvements.

A NEGRO-GIRL,

aged about seven years.

Two Horses, a Lot of Corn, Plantation and Kitchen Utensils.

Terms and Conditions.—Payable at 1, 2 and 3 years credit, from May next; purchasers to furnish security in solid and bearing interest at 8 per cent, from time due, and mortgage on land and slave, until paid.

JOSEPH BERGERON,
Administrator.

Opelousas, 12th March, 1853.

PROFESSIONAL NOTICES, &C.

FUNERALS!

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

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

SILAS HARRIS.

Opelousas, December 18th 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.

A reasonable credit will be given, if necessary.

JOHN FRANCISCO.

Opelousas, January 8th, 1853.—3m.

J. V. Gourdain. Charles Kerr.

GOURDAIN & KERR,

COMMISSION MERCHANTS.

No. 25, Conti street,

NEW ORLEANS.

14th June 1852.—1y.

G. Frierson. Robt. Conway.

FRIERSON, FOWLER & Co.

Cotton and Sugar Factors.

59 Carondelet Street. 59.

NEW ORLEANS!

July 3rd 1852.—1y.

LOOK OUT!

SOME years ago, being the only one of this parish, and some other, I believe, who had no right to make use of the wood on the Domain. I now give notice to my accusers and others, who have this right, to pay attention at least, not to take the woods they have forced me to purchase, for public domain or their own, as I have perceived that there are some ones who are making poles on the same place where they had me condemned for the same cause. I hope that I am allowed to make people respect my property.

J. E. DARDEAU.

Flat Town, 5th March 1853.—1m.

E. Gerard. F. J. Da Silva.

E. Gerard & Co.

Commission Merchants,

No. 48, CARONDELET STREET,

NEW-ORLEANS.

11th Dec. 1852.

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 Brulé 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 Brulé, January 1st, 1853.

DARAN, LABICHE & CO.,

Foreign & Domestic

LIQUORS, CORDIALS & SYRUPS,

FRENCH WINES, BRANDIES, &c.

And Commission Merchants.

No. 45 OLD LEVEE STREET,

BETWEEN CONTI & BIENVILLE,

NEW ORLEANS.

12th Feb. 1853.

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. Valière Roy or the undersigned.

BENOIT NEY.

Barré's Landing, 15th Jan. 1853.—3m.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

State of Louisiana,

Lewis & Porter, District Court,

Parish of St. Landry,

No. 5937.

BY virtue of a writ of Fieri Facias, issued in the above entitled suit, by the District Court, in and for the Parish of Landry, and to me directed, will be exposed to public sale, at the Court-House of this Parish, on Saturday the 2d day of April A. D. 1853, at twelve months' credit, being the second and last exposure, purchasers giving bond with security, with interest at eight per cent, from the day of sale until paid, 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,

March 12th, 1853.

JOEL H. SANDOZ,

Notary Public.

Office—At the Court House.

EDUCATION & LEGAL NOTICES.

PROFESSOR DEMPSTER,

BEGS to inform the parents, and guardians of children in St. Martinville, that on Monday first, the 8th of November, his classes will be transferred to the house formerly occupied by Mme. 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.

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. Martinville, Nov. 6th 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.

TO THE TAX PAYERS

of the Parish of St. Landry.

BY virtue of the powers in me vested by law, as Collector of the Parish Tax of the Parish of St. Landry, for the year 1852, I will proceed to the collection of the said tax, in conformity with the law, and will attend at the following places, on the days below fixed, between 10 o'clock in the morning and 4 in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving the above tax from the tax payers of each Police Jury Ward, to wit:

At the Court House, in Opelousas, in the first Ward, on the 22d of April next.

At Washington, 2d Ward, at Francis Trainer, on the 12th of April next.

At Gros Chevreuil, 3d Ward, at Michel Emonet, on the 22d of March next.

At Grand Coteau, 4th Ward, at Edmond Estillet, on the 23d of March next.

At Bellevue, 5th Ward, at the Lower School-House, on the 13th of April next.

At Plaquemine Brulé, 6th Ward, at Carrol & Keough, on the 20th March next.

At Queue Tortue, 6th Ward, at Eugene Vallette, on the 27th of April next.

At Upper Plaquemine, 7th Ward, at Joseph E. Daigle, on the 25th March next.

At Pointe aux Loups, 7th Ward, at Alexandre Daigle père, on the 29th March next.

At Mallet Woods, 8th Ward, at Ulysse Gaberel, on the 30th of March next.

At Paqueton, 8th Ward, at John McGee, on the 31st March next.

At Ville Platte, 9th Ward, at William Reed, on the 5th of April next.

At Chataignier, 9th Ward, at Alexandre Rougeot on the 1st of April next.

At Bayou Choctaw, 10th Ward, at the store of Jas. Akebon, on the 6th of April next.

At Old Grand Prairie, 11th Ward, at Philippe Stagg, on the 10th April next.

At Bayou Beau, 12th Ward, at Thomas McRory, on the 5th of April next.

At Mountville, 12th Ward, at William Irwin, on the 9th April next.

On the Atchafalaya, 13th Ward, at Boroughs, on the 21st of April next.

On Bayou Waxia, 14th Ward, at James M. Moore on the 15th of April next.

On Bayou Rouge, 15th Ward, at Thomas Stapleton, on the 14th of April next.

At Prairie Mamouth, 16th Ward, at Joseph Landreneau, on the 6th of April next.

At Prairie Plaisance, 17th Ward, at Francis Dupré, on the 11th of April next.

On Mermento River, 18th Ward, at Jack Wright on the 25th March next.

At Couleze Croche, 19th Ward, at Symphonien Mège, on the 24th March next.

I keep my office with that of Robt. Benquerel, in Opelousas, where those who may think proper to pay their taxes to Mr. Benquerel, can do so, he being fully authorized to receive and give receipts in my name.

VILLENEUVE JOUBERT,
Collector of Parish Taxes.

Opelousas, 19th February 1853.

Regular Packet

Between N. Orleans and Opelousas.

The new and fast running steamer

RED RIVER,

DORSEY, MASTER.

HAS commenced running as a regular packet between New Orleans and Washington, for the season.—No expenses or pains have been spared to make her equal to any boat of her class on the River, and is well adapted for the Bayou navigation. Every exertion will be made by the Captain to accommodate the public. Freight will, at all times, be carried as low as on any boat in the trade. For freight or passage, apply on board.

Washington, La., February 12th 1853.

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 1853.—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 Merchandize, 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 Gentle-

men 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-open-

ed, corner of Main and Carrière streets, a new

and elegant SADDLERY SHOP, where he will

keep constantly on hand every article con-

cerning his trade. In point of workmanship

he defies competition. All orders promptly

attended to.

His prices will be moderate, for cash or to

particular 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, CAR-

RIAGES, 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 1853.—1y.

Notice to the Public.

THE undersigned, merchants in Washing-

ton, wishing to close their business, in

that town, and dissolve the partnership, an-

ounce 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.

GOURTOS & DIDIER,

COOKS & PASTRY COOKS.

RESPECTFULLY announce to

the public that they have establish-

ed 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 En-

tertainments complete, Banquets, also for

Cakes and Bonbons for evening parties. They