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

PUBLIC SALE.

THE undersigned leaving Grand Coteau, informs the public that he will offer for sale, at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, by the ministry of a public auctioneer, duly commissioned, at his residence at Grand Coteau, in this Parish, on

Saturday, 7th May next, 1853,

the following described property, to wit:

THREE LOTS OF GROUND,

situated at Grand Coteau, in this parish with all the

Buildings AND IMPROVEMENTS

thereon erected, consisting in five buildings, such as, house, magazine, kitchen, storehouse and shed.

A Negro Woman, aged 24 years, good servant, cook and house servant.

A Negro Woman, aged about 35 years and her three children, the first one aged 8 years, the second one a little girl aged 4 years and the third one, a little girl, aged one year, forming but one family.

A four seat carriage, iron box, two sulkeys, twelve pair of ironed wheels, eight bedsteads, one lot of chairs, spinning-wheels, one lot of wheel stocks, one lot of carpenters and joiners tools, one planing machine, one circular and one perpendicular saw, a fine flour mill (stone) all set up, several other household furniture too long to enumerate.

Conditions.—The first slave payable cash—the second one with her three children, payable at one and two years credit, beginning on the day of sale,—and the other property will be sold in the following manner: all sums under \$20, cash, and all sums over that amount on a credit of twelve months, from the day of sale, with notes bearing eight per cent interest per annum, from time due, with good personal security and mortgage on the property.

ALEXIS LAGUE,
Grand Coteau, 16th April 1853.

REMOVAL.

THE undersigned begs leave to inform his friends and the public, that he has removed his Dry Goods and Grocery Store to the big brick building of Mr. Esler, on the corner of Main and Landry streets.

He takes this opportunity to inform his friends and the public that he has just received a complete and fine assortment of Dry Goods, Groceries, Ready Made Clothing, Hats, Shoes, and a great variety of Spring and Summer Goods, which he offers for sale cheap.

Best Havana Segars always on hand.

CHS. A. GENIN,
Opelousas, April 23d 1853.—ly.

NOTICE.

ELIJAH BARKER, of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, having filed his petition to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of the late Eli Barker, deceased, lately of the Parish of St. Landry.

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, 23d April 1853.

A RUNAWAY IN JAIL.

WAS committed into the Jail of the Parish of St. Landry, on the 20th instant, a runaway negro-boy, calling himself Alphonso, and says that he belongs to a certain Mr. Henry Peoples, residing in the town of New Iberia, in the Parish of St. Landry.

Alphonso is five feet, four inches high, spare made, and speaking English only.

The owner of said slave is requested to come forward, prove property pay charges, and take him away, otherwise he will be disposed of according to law.

CHS. THOMPSON, Sailor,
Opelousas, April 23d, 1853.

PROFESSIONAL NOTICES, &c.

J. V. Gourdain. Charles Kerr.

GOURDAIN & KERR,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS.

No. 25, Conti street,
NEW ORLEANS.
14th June 1852—ly.

JOEL H. SANDOZ,
Notary Public.
Office—At the Court House.

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.

T. M. WATKINS, SADDLER,
ANNOUNCE respectfully to the citizens of St. Landry, that he has just re-opened, corner of Main and Carrière 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—ly.

Rail-Road Exchange!

THE undersigned has the honor to inform his friends and the public, that from this date, the above mentioned establishment will be conducted by himself alone, and for his own benefit, and that his bar will be constantly furnished with first choice liquors.

N. B.—The Hotel and Restaurant are equally conducted as by the past, by said N. Quatrevaux.

Opelousas, 16th April 1853.

Stray Horse.

RANAWAY, on the 2d instant, from the plantation of Mr. Charles Lastrapes, in the parish of St. Martin, an American grey horse, of about 16 or 17 hands high, marked about thus 1 X, on the left shoulder, newly marked by the collar, the tail thin, long and most white, the mane thin and short, darker than the tail, very heavy.

A liberal reward will be given to the person who will arrest said horse and will inform the undersigned, at St. Martinville or John Boyd, at Breux's Bridge.

VALERY LEDOUX,
St. Martinville, April 16th, 1853.

TO UNDERTAKERS!

THE building of a bridge over Little Bayou Teche, on the road leading from Opelousas to Bayou Landry, will be let out to the lowest bidder, by the undersigned Commissioners, at the Court House of this Parish, on Tuesday, the 10th May next, 1853.

Plan and specifications can be seen at the office of the Opelousas Courier.

FRANÇOIS C. DEVILLIER,
BENEDICT NEY,
MICHEL BORDOLLO,
St. Landry, 9th April 1853.

Beaver Creek Springs

THE undersigned has the honor to inform his friends and the public, that she is the manager of that establishment, and that she will be prepared to accommodate visitors at these springs on the first of June next. They are distant from Opelousas about 30 miles, from Bayou Du-bonne 10 miles and from Bayou Chicot 8 miles. Coaches can always be procured at Opelousas and Washington to transport any number of passengers to the springs.

The situation is one of the healthiest in the State and the waters possess five different medical qualities, game and fish are abundant and can easily be procured.—Gentlemen fond of hunting should bring their guns. Fishing tackle may be purchased at the springs. The undersigned has made arrangements to have excellent music during the season, and will use every exertion to satisfy.

The new road by the mill and the new bridges along the route are in perfect order.

A splendid Bar-Room, furnished with the best liquors New Orleans market can afford, will be kept under the direction of Mr. John Cochran, of Opelousas.

TERMS OF BOARD.

By the month, \$20 00

Per day, 1 00

Children and servants half price,

Horses, per day, 50

Boarders has to pay by day or by month.

RACHEL GRADENIGO, Manager.
Opelousas, April 9th, 1853

NOTICE

IS hereby given that W. J. McCULLOH, Deputy Surveyor, is now executing a contract made with E. W. Boyd Esq., Surveyor General of Louisiana, for the re-survey of Township 6 S., Range 4 East (in which Opelousas is situated), and of Township 8 S., Ranges 5 and 6 East, in the S. W. District of Louisiana.—All persons interested in lands in said Townships are respectfully requested to give him such informations and facilities as may enable him to establish their boundaries properly.

Communication may be made to Jas. M. Moore Esq. at the office of Messrs. Swayze & Moore, or directly to Mr. McCulloh, by letter thro' the Opelousas Post Office.

Opelousas, 23 April 1853.

EDUCATION & LEGAL NOTICES.

PELOUSAS 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.

BOARDING AND DAY-SCHOOL, FOR YOUNG LADIES.

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

The proximity of this Institution in the Town of Opelousas, (Late Residence of Mr. La-biche) 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 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, a confidential mistress, speaking the french and english languages, is expressly charged of the continual superintendance, required in a Young Ladies' Institution. In their recreations, their dormitories and at study, and in all their occupations, they shall never be alone.

Every thing concerning the personal service of the students is confided to her direction.

Each student must be furnished with one mattress and bolster, one red coverlet, one musquito-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 bed-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
Institution—2d class, 10 00
Music, 10 00
Boarding, 25 00
Opelousas, March 12th, 1853.—ly.

BOARDING & DAY-SCHOOL FOR YOUNG LADIES.

SUPERINTENDED BY MISS BERCIER.

THIS Institution is situated in one of the most retired and agreeable part of the town of Opelousas, offers all the advantages desirable for a house of Education.

The course of instruction will embrace, the french, english, reading, writing, History, Geography, Mythology, Arithmetic and all kind of needle work.

The study of the English language is the object of a particular care, it will be taught by an American Lady, residing in this Institution.

Religion, the basis of all good education, is followed and taught with care. Miss Bercier will spare no care, and no pains to obtain the well-being of young ladies under her direction, and to deserve the confidence of their parents.

The terms per quarter are as follows:
Instruction, - - - - \$10 00
Boarding, - - - - 25 00
Music, - - - - 10 00

Each student must be furnished with a bedstead mattress, a bolster, a musquito bar, four sheets six towels, a fork, knife and spoon.

Opelousas 12th march 1853.—2m.

COURTOIS,

COOK & PASTRY COOK.

RESPECTFULLY announce to

the public that he has established himself in Opelousas, and that he offers his services as Cook and Pastry-Cooks to the citizens of Opelousas.

He will receive orders for Wedding Entertainments complete, Banquets, also for Cakes and Bonbons for evening parties. He solicits a share of public patronage.

Opelousas, 11th Dec. 1852.—ly.

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.—ly.

FUNERALS!

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

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

SILAS HARRIS.

Opelousas, December 18th 1852.

E. Gerard. F. J. Da Silva.

E. Gerard & Co.

Commission Merchants,
No. 46, CARONDELET STREET,
NEW-ORLEANS.

11th Dec. 1852.

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.

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.—ly.

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.—ly.

Theodore S. Robin,

Attorney at Law.

WILL punctually attend to all business entrusted to his care, in the 14th and 15th Judicial Districts.

OFFICE AT JOHN E. KING'S, OPELOUSAS, LA.
Opelousas, January 20th, 1853.—6m.

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.—ly.

HILAIRE DESESSART'S,

Public Crier and Collector FOR ST. LANDRY.

OFFICE—In Opelousas.

Opelousas, 26th Feb. 1853.—ly.

E. E. GARDINER,

ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW.

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

Grand Coteau, December 25th 1852—ly

SHERIFF'S SALE,

State of Louisiana,

William H. Bassett, District Court, Parish of St. Landry, No. 5705.

JOHN DAVIS, vs. JOHN DAVIS.

BY virtue of a writ of fi. fa. on a twelve months bond 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 seventh day of May 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 Francis G. Davis, in and to the following described property, to wit:

A certain tract of Land at the mouth of the Bayou Rouge, known as the preemption of Isaac E. Page, in said Parish, containing thirteen acres, more or less.

HARRISON ROGERS, Sheriff.

Sheriff's office, St. Landry, April 2nd, 1853.

Mrs. E. Puyplat,

Manufacture-Dresser.

RESPECTFULLY announce to the ladies of Opelousas and St. Landry, that she has just established herself in this town, on Main street, one door South of the office of the Opelousas Courier, where she is ready to receive orders for toilette, balls and soirées dresses &c., and all work belonging to a mantuamaker's line. She will also receive orders for the confection of gentlemen's shirts.

Madame PUYPLAT hopes by her care and promptitude to deserve the confidence and a share of the liberal patronage of the ladies of this Parish.

Opelousas, April 16th. 1853.—3m.

JUDICIAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

Sheriff's Sale.

STATE OF LOUISIANA.

Turner & W. Druff, use of Julien Deshautelet vs. John Morrow.—Parish Court—Parish of Avoyelles—No. 1160.

BY virtue of a writ of fi. fa. issued in the above entitled suit, by the Parish Court, in and for the Parish of Avoyelles, and to me directed, will be exposed to public sale, for cash, at the Court House of this Parish, on Saturday, the seventh day of May 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 John Morrow, in and to the following property, seized to satisfy said writ, to wit:

A certain Tract of Land, on which the defendant John Morrow, now resides, situated in the Parish of St. Landry, on Bayou Rouge, containing 520 acres, bounded on one side by lands of Martin Dunn and Peter McBride, on the other side by lands of John Woods, deceased, together with all the Buildings and Improvements thereon.

HARRISON ROGERS, Sheriff.

Sheriff's office, St. Landry, 2nd. April 1853.

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 Chicot.—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 wildcat 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.

By the month, - - - \$ 25 00
Per Day, - - - - - 1 00
Children & Servants, half price.
Horses, per day, - - - 75

DAIGLE & BEAUCHAMP,
March 5th, 1853.

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

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.—ly.

BIENNIAL ELECTION

For Representatives in the Police Jury of the Parish of St. Landry.

NOTICE is hereby given to the qualified Electors of the 4th, 8th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 15th, 16th, 18th and 19th Police Jury Wards of the Parish of St. Landry, that conformably to law, an election will be held in each of said wards, on the second Monday of May next, (being the 9th day of the month,) from the hour of nine in the forenoon to three in the afternoon of said day, at the places hereinafter designated, for the purpose of electing one Representative from each of said wards, to serve in the Police Jury of said Parish, for two years, from the time elected, to wit:

In the Fourth Ward—At the coffee-house of Edmond Estelitte, deceased, Grand Coteau.

In the Eighth Ward—At the residence of Ulyse Gabriel, Bayou Mallet, and—At the residence of John McGe, Prairie Faquetique.

In the Tenth Ward—At the store of Mr. Akenshead, Bayou Chicot.

In the Eleventh Ward—At the residence of Philippe Steag, in Old Grande Prairie.

In the Twelfth Ward—At the residence of Robert McRory, Bayou Beuf.—And at the residence of William Irwin, Mountville.

In the Thirteenth Ward—At the residence of Burroughs, Atchalaitya.

In the Fifteenth Ward—At the residence of Thos. Stapleton, Bayou Rouge.

In the Sixteenth Ward—At the residence of J. Landerneau, Prairie Mamoth.

In the Eighteenth Ward—At the residence of John Wright, Mermont.