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CANDIDATES.

District Judge.

We are authorized to announce Lucius J. Dupre Esq. as a Candidate for the office of District Judge, for the 15th Judicial District of the State of Louisiana.

Opelousas, 5th March 1853.

District Attorney.

We are authorized to announce P. D. Hardy Esq. as a candidate for the office of District Attorney, for the 15th Judicial District of the State of Louisiana.

Opelousas, April 30th. 1853.

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.

We are authorized to announce that Mr. Pierre Mouille, is a candidate for the office of Parish Assessor, for the Parish of St. Landry, at the next election.

April 16th. 1853.

We are authorized to announce that Mr. Raphael Richard, has become a candidate for the office of Parish Assessor, for the Parish of St. Landry, at the next election.

May 7th, 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. Ealer, on the corner of Main and Laundry 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.—1y.

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.

He has also opened a Family Grocery Store, where can be found constantly all sorts of choice provisions, wines, liquors, &c. cheap for cash.

CHRISTOPHER STEEL.
Opelousas, 19th March, 1853.—2m.

STRAY MULE.

WAS arrested about a month ago, at Prairie Basse, in this Parish, a small brown bay SHE-MULE, aged about eight years, marked about thus on the left rump and on the left cheek about thus 3 and B one of her ears split.

The owner is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take her away, or else she will be disposed of according to law.

LANDRY HOLLIER.
Opelousas, 30th April 1853.—1m.

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.

Dissolution of Copartnership.

The copartnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, was dissolved on the first instant, by mutual consent.

PROFESSIONAL NOTICES, &C.

FUNERALS!

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

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

SILAS HARRIS.
Opelousas, December 18th 1852.

T. M. WATKINS, SADDLER,

ANNOUNCE respectfully to the citizens of St. Landry, that he has just re-opened, 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.

Beaver Creek Springs

The undersigned has the honor to inform her 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 Darbonne 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, Children and servants half price, 1 00
Horses, per day, 50
Boarders has to pay by day or by month.
RACHEL GRADENIGO, Manager.
Opelousas, April 9th. 1853

NOTICE.

The subscriber has the honor to inform his friends and the public that he has just arrived from New Orleans, with a complete assortment of

Dry Goods and Groceries of all kinds carpenter's tools, jewelry, watches, clocks, saddlery, hardware, crockeryware, wines, brandies, &c., which he offers for sale at moderate prices. He takes this opportunity to return his thanks to his friends and the public for the encouragement he has received from them till this day, and hopes to deserve a continuation of their favors.

C. MEDICIS.
Opelousas, 9th April 1853.—3m.

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.

Home Manufacture.

The undersigned begs 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. 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.

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 Oakes and Bonbons for evening parties. He solicits a share of public patronage.

Opelousas, 11th Dec. 1852.—1y.

Mrs. E. Puyplat,

RESPECTFULLY announces 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 toilettes, balls and soirées dresses &c., and all work belonging to a milliner'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.

EDUCATION & LEGAL NOTICES.

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.

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, (Late Residence of Mr. Labiche) 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, an under-mistress, speaking the French and English languages, is expressly charged of the continual superintendance, required in a Young Ladies' Institution. In the 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, a bolster, one red cover, one mat, one table, one cover, one table knife and one tumbler.

UNIFORM.—A straw bonnet trimmed with black velvet.

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

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

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 works. 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 protection, and to deserve the confidence of their parents.

The terms per quarter are as follows: Instruction, - - - \$10 00
Boarding, - - - "25 00
Music, - - - "18 00

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

Opelousas 12th March 1853.—2m.

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 homes 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.
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.

LUMBER!

70,000 FEET OF LUMBER, for sale by the undersigned. Apply at the Mill.

CHARLES CLOSE.
St. Landry, 28d April, 1853.

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 Gentlemen to give us a call.

We offer at Wholesale or Retail, at a very small advance.

Washington, (La.) October 16th 1852.

G. Frierson. Robt. Conway

FRIERSON, FOWLER & CO.
Cotton and Sugar Factors.
59 Carondelet Street. 59.
NEW ORLEANS.

July 3rd 1852.—1y.

BARAN, 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.

J. V. Gourdain. Charles Kerr.

GOURDAIN & KERR,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS.
No. 25, Conti street,
NEW ORLEANS.

14th June 1852.—1y

E. Gerard. F. J. De Silva.

E. Gerard & Co.
Commission Merchants,
No. 46, CARONDELET STREET,
NEW ORLEANS

11th Dec. 1852.

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 29th, 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.—1y.

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.

T. 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.—1y.

HILAIRE DESESSARTS,

Public Crier and Collector FOR ST. LANDRY.

OFFICE—In Opelousas.

Opelousas, 26th Feb. 1853.—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 1853.—1y.

Simeon Fontenot,
Public Auctioneer.

RESPECTFULLY offers his services to the public, as a Public Auctioneer, in and for the Parish of St. Landry.

JUDICIAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

PUBLIC SALE,

By A. Dejean, Auctioneer.

ESTATE OF CELESTE BRASSEUR WIFE AARON PRATHER.

THE public are hereby informed that there will be sold, at public sale to the last and highest bidder, by the undersigned, Public Auctioneer, in and for the Parish of St. Landry, at the last residence of the deceased, in the town of Washington, in this Parish,

On Wednesday, the 1st June 1853 the following described property, belonging to the Estate of Celeste Brasseur, wife of Aaron Prather, to wit:

SEVEN SLAVES,

of both sexes and different ages.

One branding iron, Beds and Bedding, one armoire, one lot of table furniture, tables, &c.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—All the personal or movable property to be sold for cash, and the slaves to be sold in three equal annual instalments, from the day of sale. Purchasers furnishing satisfactory personal security, and the slaves remaining specially mortgaged until full and entire payment, and all sums not punctually paid at maturity to bear eight per cent yearly interest, from the time due until paid.

A. DEJEAN, Auctioneer.
Washington, (La.) April 30th 1853.

PUBLIC SALE,

By A. Dejean, Auctioneer.

ESTATE OF WILLIAM WIKOFF, DECEASED.

THE public are hereby informed that there will be sold, at public sale, to the last and highest bidder, by A. Dejean, public auctioneer, at the Court House of this Parish, on

Wednesday, 25th of May 1853, the following described property, belonging to the estate of the late William Wikoff, lately of the Parish of St. Landry, to wit:

A Tract of Land,

situated and lying on Plaquemine Brulé, in this Parish, known as the Wikoff's Vachery, bounded on the South by land of S. W. Wikoff, and on all the other sides by the Public Domain, containing 8,000 arpents.

ANOTHER TRACT OF LAND,

lying on the East side of the Bayou Nespiqué, in this Parish, bounded on all sides by the Public Domain, and containing 800 arpents, more or less.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The purchase money payable on a credit of one, two and three years, from the day of sale.

A. DEJEAN, Auctioneer.
Opelousas, 23d April, 1853.

PUBLIC SALE

Estate of John Davis, deceased.

THE public are hereby informed that there will be sold, at public sale, to the last and highest bidder, through the ministry of a public auctioneer, duly commissioned, at the last residence of the deceased, on the Atchafalaya River, in the Parish of St. Landry,

On Tuesday, 31st. May 1853, all the property hereinafter described, belonging to the Estate of John Davis, deceased, to wit—

THE TRACT OF LAND,

on which the deceased last resided, known as "Davidson," and situated at the mouth of Bayou Rouge, on the Bank of the Atchafalaya River, in said Parish of St. Landry, containing thirteen acres.

240 Acres of Land,

situated in Township 4 South of Range 7 East, in Section 107.

80 Acres of Land,

situated in Township 4 South of Range 7 East.

A Negro Girl,

named Laura, aged eleven years.

A lot of Fodder, 200 barrels of corn, one American sorrel horse, a lot of merchandize, a lot of tools, plantation utensils, 60 cords of wood, one yoke of oxen, &c.

Terms and Conditions.—Payable on a credit of one and two years, from the day of sale, with five per cent cash on the purchase, with all sums over ten dollars, and all sums of ten dollars and under, payable cash; with mortgage and personal security to secure payment at maturity. All sums not punctually paid at maturity to bear eight per cent interest per annum.

GEORGE RICKS, Administrator.
St. Landry, April 30th. 1853.

St. Landry Coffee-House for Sale.

THE undersigned offers for sale, his well known establishment, situated on the corner of Main and Laundry streets, in the Town of Opelousas, together with the usual appurtenances therein, consisting of one fine Billiard Table, Balls, Queues, Pool-Board, Wines, Liquors, &c.

J. J. BEAUCHAMP.
Opelousas, 30th April, 1853.—3m.

JUDICIAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

ELECTION.

WHEREAS His Excellency P. O. Hébert, Governor of the State of Louisiana has, by his Proclamation dated 29th April 1853, ordered an Election to be held at the several Election precincts of this Parish, on the third Monday of May 1853, being the sixteenth day of said month, for the purpose of voting for one District Judge for the 15th Judicial District of Louisiana, composed of the Parishes of Lafayette, St. Landry and Calcasieu.

Now, therefore, I, Harrison Rogers, Sheriff of