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N.-ORLEANS CARDS.

DARAN, LABICHE & CO.,

Foreign & Domestic

LIQUORS, CORDIALS & SYRUPS,

FRENCH WINES, BRANDIES, &c.

And Commission Merchants.

No. 45 OLD LEVEE STREET,

BETWEEN CONTI & BREVILLE,

NEW ORLEANS.

12th Feb. 1853.

MUIR, SMITH & DECOUX,

GROCERS,

Commission and Forwarding Merchants,

No. 25 Common Street,

NEW ORLEANS.

4th June 1853.—1y.

E. Gerard. F. J. Da Silva

E. Gerard & Co.,

Commission Merchants,

No. 46, CARONDELET STREET,

NEW ORLEANS

11th Dec. 1852.

J. V. Gourdain. Charles Kerr.

GOURDAIN & KERR,

COMMISSION MERCHANTS.

No. 25, Conti street,

NEW ORLEANS.

14th June 1853.—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 from the first of June next. They are distant from Opelousas about 30 miles, from Bayou d'Arbonne 10 miles, and from Bayou Choctaw 9 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, at 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

SELLING AT REDUCED PRICES!

The undersigned desirous of closing his Summer business, informs his friends and the public that his prices have been greatly reduced; his stock consists of Ready Made Clothing, Irish Linens, Saratoga, Ginghams, Madras, Embroidered, Ribbons, Hats and of all Goods generally found in a country store. For the satisfaction of all, I solicit a call. I will positively sell lower, but for Cash or its equivalent. Once more, I say, come and judge for yourselves and it will be to your advantage.

CHS. A. GENIN.
Opelousas, July 24, 1853.

UNION HOTEL,

Opelousas.

The subscriber having purchased the Hotel formerly owned by F. Martel, and more recently by Jas. O. McCalland, 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.—9m.

JULIEN GONOR,

Constable and Collector,

WILL devote the strictest attention to all business which he may receive in this capacity, and will arrange such claims either by amicable means or by law, as he may be requested.

Opelousas, 21st May 1853.

PROFESSIONAL NOTICES, &c.

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

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.

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, 1853.—1y.

F. O. KAUFFMAN,

Notary Public for St. Landry.

Office at Washington, La.

Theodore Chachere,

Public Auctioneer for St. Landry.

Opelousas, July 23d 1853. 1y.

SURVEYING.

JOHN McDONALD, will promptly attend to any Surveying confided to him.

Office at Charles N. Ealer's Main Street Opelousas.

Opelousas, May 8th 1853.—1y.

HILAIRE DESESSARTS,

Public Crier and Collector

FOR ST. LANDRY.

Office—In Opelousas.

Opelousas, 26th Feb. 1853.—1y.

CARRIAGE SHOP.

JOSEPH GIBBS & SAMUEL P. CLARK,

HAVING formed a partnership for the carriage work in all its branches, respectfully offer their services to the inhabitants of this and the neighboring parishes.

The best of carriagesmith and other workmen will always be employed.

They hope by their attention to business to continue to receive a share of the public patronage.

Opelousas May 21st 1853.

S. LAUNY,

Bricklayer & Plasterer.

RESPECTFULLY informs the people of St. Landry and surrounding parishes, that he has come once more in Opelousas, where he is ready to receive all orders for Bricklaying and Plastering, also to make plaster busts of dead persons, and for the complete construction of family tombs, marble imitation, warranted to last 20 years.

His shop is on North street, between Main and Court streets, late Mr. Labiche's office.

Opelousas, 25th June 1853.—3m.

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 Louallier's store, near the Catholic Church.

SILAS HARRIS.

Opelousas, December 18th 1852.

DANCING ACADEMY.

MONS. M. CAZALOT would respectfully inform the citizens of St. Landry, that his Class will commence on MONDAY 1st August next, 1853, at Mr. Alexandre Guidry's Hotel, in Washington.

Mons. Cazalot will teach Polkas, Waltzes, Quadrills, and all other fashionable dances, now in vogue. He will teach all of the above dances in a course of 15 lessons.

As soon as a class of 20 persons will be formed in Opelousas, Mons. Cazalot will fix the date of the commencement of his class.

N. B. Private lessons given if required.

St. Landry, July 30th 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.

Lumber! Lumber!!

10,000 Feet of lumber deposited at Mr. L. Nezat's, near Opelousas, for sale by the undersigned. Apply to Mr. Nezat, or to

CHS. CLOSE.
Courtableau, St. Landry, July 9, 1853.

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 be desired.

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 at study, and in all their occupations, they shall never be alone.

Every thing concerning the personal service of the students is attended to by a white servant. Each student must be furnished with one mattress, one bed, one red counterpane, one muslin sheet, one coverlet, one table knife and one tumbler.

Uniforms.—A straw bonnet trimmed in white. 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, 15 00

Boarding, 15 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 direction, and to deserve the confidence of their parents.

The terms per quarter are as follows: Instruction, \$10 00

Boarding, 5 00

Music, 15 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.—9m.

Valuable Sugar Plantation for Sale.

SITUATED in the Parish of St. Landry, containing 900 superficial arpents, having a front on the Bayou Teche of 12 arpents by the depth of 86 arpents, half of which is Woodland, the balance of the rich prairie, alluvial of the Teche.

The improvements consist of a comfortable frame dwelling, negro quarters and all the other necessary outbuildings, a good sugar house and mill, (horse power,) with two hundred and fifty acres under fence, and in cultivation. About one hundred and forty arpents in cane, which, from present prospect, ought to yield 200 hogheads.

This plantation is situated about 7 miles from Opelousas, and about the same distance from the Bayou Courtableau, a fine navigable water course. The tracts runs back to within one mile of the line of the New Orleans, Opelousas and Great Western Rail Road.

Terms made known by addressing the Editors of this paper, Opelousas, or by reference to Judge Overton, in the city of New Orleans. Sold with or without the crop.

Opelousas, 20th August, 1853.—6m.

The New Orleans Weekly Delta will please copy three months, and send bill to this office for collection.

Head Quarters of Fresh Drugs, Medicines, &c.

COWART'S FEVER TONIC, a permanent remedy for Fevers of all descriptions!—Also, Cowart's Astringent Tonic, for Diarrhea, Cholera, Cholera Morbus, with the various degrees of what is called "River Complaint."

These medicines are purely vegetable; no danger need be apprehended in their use, and for the diseases for which they are recommended, are superior to any others heretofore offered to the public. Numerous references of their efficacy can be given, but a trial of the medicines themselves will be the best evidence of their good qualities. For sale by JOHN POSEY, Druggist and Apothecary, at his Medicine Depot, corner Main and Landry streets. Opelousas, July 30th, 1853.—6m.

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.

FOR SALE.

THE undersigned offers for sale, at private sale, a NEGRO-WOMAN, aged about 44 years, washer, ironer and cook.

For the price and conditions, apply to the undersigned at the store of Golduan & Kaufman.

S. GARRIGUES.

Opelousas, 28th May 1853.

GEORGE W. MARSH,

SADDLER AND HARNESS MAKER.

RESPECTFULLY announces to the citizens of St. Landry, that he has opened, corner of Main and Mountainville streets, Washington, La., a new and elegant SADDLERY and HARNESS SHOP, where he will keep constantly on hand every article concerning his trade. All orders promptly attended to.

His prices will be moderate, for cash or to punctual dealers on a short credit. Those who wish to purchase, will do well to call and examine.

Washington, La., July 30th, 1853.—1y.

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 from 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.

Horses, per day, 75

March 5th, 1853.

For Sale,

A TRACT OF LAND situated near

the Town of Opelousas, measuring about 20 arpents, and under a good fence.

For the conditions, call at the office of the Opelousas Courier. [Aug. 20th.

FOR SALE.

A Plantation, situated at Plaquemine Point, in this Parish, at about four

teen miles from the village of Opelousas, measuring about 800 superficial arpents, of which about one third is wood land. About sixty arpents are surrounded with a good cypress fence, divided into a field, an orchard, a yard, a garden, &c. A good house and necessary improvements are on the land.

For the conditions, which are advantageous to the purchaser, apply at the office of the Opelousas Courier.

Opelousas, August 6th, 1853.—3m.

SUMMER RETREAT.

Bathing, Fishing, etc.

AN extensive Boarding establishment has been fitted up in Last Island, and is now open for the reception of visitors. It is under the personal superintendance of Mrs. E. PECOT, whose reputation in this capacity is well known. The advantages of this delightful location, is unsurpassed.

FISHING AND BATHING ETC.

reader it the most agreeable summer retreat on the whole southern coast. No pains will be spared to render visitors comfortable. The charges will be moderate, and the Table furnished with everything the neighboring markets afford.

Attached to the establishment is a well stocked BAR, BILLIARD and BOWLING SALOONS, and a Livery Stable where horses and carriages can be procured, to enable visitors to ride or drive on the extensive beach that bounds the island towards the Gulf.

N. B. Mrs. PECOT'S Boarding House in Franklin, is well conducted as heretofore, under the superintendance of her sister, Mrs. CURTIS, where she will be at all times prepared to receive those who may patronize her.

July 24, 1853.—3m.

JOEL H. SANDOZ,

Notary Public.

OFFICE—At the Court House

PATENT MEDICINES, &c.

WINER'S

CANADIAN

VERMIFUGE

A CERTAIN

REMEDY FOR WORMS.

IT is a fact, established beyond the shadow of a doubt, by the experience and testimony of the most eminent physicians more than three fourths of the diseases with which children are afflicted, are caused by worms, and thousands of children die annually from those diseases, when the cause is either not known or attributed to something else. Various are the preparations which have been recommended as remedies for worms, but experience has proved them all more or less ineffectual; the end however has at length been attained, and a remedy found which has never failed to destroy worms, wherever they have existed. This assertion is supported by the testimony of the most eminent physicians and respectable individuals in the country. The remedy is

WINER'S

CANADIAN VERMIFUGE,

WARRANTED PURELY VEGETABLE.

It is safe in its operation, and more easily administered than any other. Some of the symptoms which indicate the existence of the worms in the bow