

THE COURIER.

Official Journal of the Parish of St. Landry. PUBLISHED ON SATURDAY BY JOEL H. SANDOZ & ANDREW MEYNIER.

Opelousas: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1st, 1853.

YVES PARY, Deputy Recorder of the Parish of St. Landry, is a candidate for the office of Recorder, at the coming November election.

We respectfully inform our readers and the public in general, that the prevailing epidemic in our parish, the Opelousas Cholera, will be delivered to subscribers every Saturday morning as usual.

Those of our town subscribers who do not receive their papers regularly will please send word to the office.

Steamer Opelousas.

We are requested by our old friend, Capt. O. HINCKLEY, to inform the citizens of St. Landry and surrounding parishes, that the steamer Opelousas will resume her trips between New Orleans and Washington, on SUNDAY, 9th October instant.

Yellow Fever.

The news, we daily receive from Washington, are always awful. Yellow Fever rages with great violence and the mortality is considerable.

As to our town, the health is satisfactory; we have not a single sick person amongst us, that is of yellow fever. We wish it would continue so.

We invite the Delta, Fleegane, Bulletin, Orleansian and other papers to send their exchanges to the Opelousas Courier and not to the Opelousas Gazette. Said paper has died for more than a year, and the Courier is now the ONLY paper published in the parish of St. Landry.

According to a late correspondence, received from Vermillionville, we learn that the Opelousas panic has also invaded our neighbors of Lafayette; most all the planters stop visiting Vermillionville; the town is a plain desert, and the planters of the neighborhood are busily engaged in shutting hospitably their doors to travellers.

Cote-Gede, says the same correspondence, is healthy. The cotton-worms have made their appearance about the country. The fever and chill is the only sickness prevailing.

We have equally received a letter from Plaquemine Bridge, from one of our Opelousas merchants, who had emigrated one of the first; it appears that country life is not his taste, milk and fresh pork not exactly his fancy.

Several persons have died of yellow fever in the parish of St. Martins. So says one of our correspondents.

For all hardened lumps, galls, stiff complaint, distemper, sore eyes, blindness, stulticoid colic, &c. in horses, H. G. Farrell's Arabian Liniment has acquired a reputation that no medicine of the kind ever enjoyed; and is equally efficacious for erysipelas, coughs and colds, salt rheum, sick headache, sore throat, burns, sore breasts, chilblains, &c. in man.

Correspondence of the Opelousas Courier.

We have received by last mail, the following correspondence, with a request to publish it: NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 26th, 1853.

DEAR GENTS—Last Friday, a week ago, on hearing of the epidemic raging at Washington, on the same day I sent a Physician by the way of Donaldsonville mail line to their assistance, and on Tuesday following I also sent two experienced nurses, both of whom are good cuppers.—The nurses overtook the Doctor at Donaldsonville, where he was in waiting for the mail stage, to go on his journey—they all proceeded to Lake Verret, 27 miles from Donaldsonville, to take the same steamer which carries the mail to New Iberia, and then to connect with the stage to Washington.

In this, they were disappointed, as the boat was aground in the Lake, and the mail had to be conveyed in a canoe; after remaining 48 hours without any comfortable place to sleep, save the mail wagon, and without scarcely anything to eat. Finding it useless to attempt to proceed, as the mail returned from Attakapas in a canoe, and there was no news of the steamer getting off soon, they returned in the stage to Donaldsonville, where they took the stage to Washington, and addressed you this, to explain why they have not arrived in accordance with the notice published in the Delta, of their departure.

To-day, by the Sarah Gordon, we send you a Physician, whom I have worked by the side of, in attending at least 300 patients, and whom I can recommend as a gentleman, and one who deserves honor to his profession.—also several new nurses,—they go to the Atchafalaya, and from thence in a canoe or skiff to the mouth of the Little Delta, 25 miles—where they expect to get men and boats from the steam-boat Opelousas (upon repairing), to take them up the Courtaillon, 40 miles to Washington—and thereby escape the Big Boiler or cannon of the Quarantine and shot guns, and others, by the Attakapas mail route.

You will see, I have spare no pains or expense to relieve the citizens of Washington, and in case my old friends, who reside in the "Big Boiler country" should want my aid again, as in 1839, I will be there in time—also send them any help they want from the Howards, and I fear too that they will soon want help, as I hear by the steamer Planter, to-day, that the yellow fever is in Pattersonville. God grant it otherwise.

It is distressingly healthy here, at this time.—May your country soon be rid of the dreadful scourge is the sincere wish of your obt. servt. E. L. NIMMO, For the Howards Association.

List of Deaths

Of all diseases at Washington, from August 28th to September 23rd, 1853.

- Samuel Lepp, Charles Gardner, Mrs. Nelson King, P. Saulsac, James Pettit, Charles Jenkins, T. M. Watkins, Miss M. J. Kaufman, Mrs. M. Stuchlik, Miss Sally Scriber, Mrs. F. C. Kaufmann, Mrs. S. Gaudin, Mrs. N. Lemelle, Mrs. Mullen, Emile Lemelle, Dr. E. J. Heard, Miss Catiche Lemelle, Mrs. E. Sophus, Lucien Delouet, Child of A. Millspeugh, Mrs. Lamondier, Slave of Graham, Mrs. Unwood, Child of Auzens, Colomb Donato, Mrs. M. Gardner, Slave of E. Lemelle, Mrs. Graham, Child of Mrs. Michas, C. C. Rood, Mrs. Bogart, Newton Martin, Child of J. Neyland, Child of W. Wallace, F. C. Kaufman, Slave of Lemelle, Slave of Jas. McDaniel, Mrs. Brugere, Slave of T. M. Anderson, Mrs. James Neyland, Child of G. W. Marsh, Ernest St. Germain, Child of Millien, Mrs. Colomb Donato, Mrs. Carvorn Aubine,

Deaths of Yellow Fever in the Parish, of those who contracted it at Washington.

- At Clark's—Benjamin Carabin, At Prairie Plaisance—Louis Lambert, At Mountville—Auguste B. Fontenot, Sr., Auguste B. Fontenot Junior, J. B. Fontenot; Mrs. A. B. Fontenot, At Grand Prairie—Rosemond Donnet, At Grand Prairie—Benjamin Perrodin, Theodor Perrodin, At Opelousas—Adolphe Cahani; Dr. Digges, At Courville—Mrs. Alexis Courville, At Beaver Creek Springs—Franklin B. Reeves, At Bois Malin—Daughter of Carmelite, At Coulee Croche—Frank Miller, Place unknown—Mrs. Frank Neyland; Joubert.

DIED—At Washington, on Sunday last, 23th September, Mr. ERNEST ST. GERMAIN, aged about 21 years.

At Washington, on Monday last, 26th Sept., Mr. ROMAIN DELAROS, aged about 35 years.

At Washington, on Monday last, 26th Sept., Mr. F. C. KAUFFMANN, aged about 40 years.

At Washington, on Wednesday last, 28th September, Miss MARIE OCTAVIE FONTENOT, aged about 28 years.

CANDIDATES.

Clerk District Court. ANTOINE GARRIGUES, Clerk of the 15th District Court of St. Landry, is a candidate for re-election, at the coming November election. Opelousas, September 17th 1853.

Assessor. 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.

ELECTION.

WHEREAS, His Excellency, Paul O. Hebert, Governor of the State of Louisiana, has issued his proclamation dated the 10th day of September A. D., 1853, ordering an Election to be held at the several Election precincts of this Parish, on the first Monday the 7th of November next 1853, for the purpose of voting for one Representative from the Fourth Congressional District, composed of the Parishes of Vermillion, Lafayette, St. Landry, Calcasieu, Rapides, Sabine, Natchitoches, Wm. De La Salle, Bossier, Claiborne, Bienville, Jackson, Union, Morehouse, Ouachita, Caldwell and Franklin, of one Senator, from the District composed of the parishes of St. Landry and Calcasieu, of four Representatives to the General Assembly, of a Superintendent of Public Education, each of whom shall hold his office for two years, of a Sheriff of a Recorder of a Clerk of Court, of a Coroner and an Assessor.

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 7th day of November 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. At the house of Francis Trainer, in the town of Washington. At the house of Michel Emonet, in Prairie Gros Chevreuil. At the house of Edmond Estlette, in Grand Coteau. At the Lower School House, in Bellevue. At the house of Carol & Keough, at Lower Plaquemine, and at the house of Eugene Valet, on Queue Tortue. At the house of Joseph E. Daigle, at Upper Plaquemine, and at the house of Alexandre Daigle, on Bayou Des Cannes or Point-au-Loup. At the house of Ulysse Gaberel, on Bayou Mallet, and at the house of John McGee, on Fake-taille. At the house of William Reed, in Flat-town, and at the house of Alexandre Rouquet, in Prairie Chataignier. At the store of James Akenhead, at Bayou Chicot. At the house of Philippe Stagg, in Old Grand Prairie. At the house of Thomas McRory, on Bayou Grand, and at the house of William Irwin, at Moundville. At the house of ————, in the town of the Atchafalaya. At the plantation of James M. Moore, on Bayou Waxie. At the house of Thomas Stapleton, on Bayou Rouge. At the house of Joseph Landreneau, at Prairie Mamouth. At the house of Francois Dupre fils, in Prairie Plaisance. At the house of John Wright, at Mermento. At the house of Symphonien Mche, at Coulee Croche.

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

HARRISON ROGERS, Sheriff. Sheriff's office St. Landry, October 1st, 1853.

NOTICE. JAMES C. ANDERSON, of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, having filed a petition for the appointment of Administrator of the Estate of late William J. Digges, deceased late of the Parish of St. Landry.

Now, any person intending to make opposition to said appointment, will file the same, in writing, in my office, in the town of Opelousas, within ten days, from the publication of this notice.

A. GARRIGUES, Clerk. Opelousas, October 1st, 1853.

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ELECTION.

It is provided by Law that on the First Monday of November of the present year 1853, shall be elected, by general ticket, throughout the whole Parish of St. Landry, Five Members to serve in the Police Jury of said Parish.

To give a poll shall be opened by the Commissioners of Election, at each election precinct, in the Parish of St. Landry, on the First Monday of November, 1853, at 9 o'clock A. M. till 4 in the afternoon, and kept open during the same time the General Election is held for State Officers, and each and every qualified elector, entitled to vote at such General Election, shall have a right to vote for the aforesaid Five Members, to serve in the Police Jury.

Extra boxes will be furnished to the Commissioners of Election. HARRISON ROGERS, Sheriff of St. Landry, Sheriff's Office, St. Landry, October 1st, 1853.

NOTICE. The undersigned having been appointed Notary Public for the Parish of St. Landry, will be happy to accommodate any one who may have occasion for his services.

JOHN F. SMITH, Grand Coteau, October 1st, 1853.

M. A. PEPIN, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, WILL exercise his profession in the different Courts of the 15th Judicial District. His office is in Washington, La. Washington, October 1st, 1853—6m.

NOTICE. AURELIEN BROSSARD, of the parish of Lafayette, State of Louisiana, having filed a petition for the appointment of Administrator of the Estate of the late Portalis Castille, deceased, late of the Parish of St. Landry.

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Deliberations of the Police Jury of the Parish of St. Landry.

MONDAY, 6th JUNE 1853.—This being the day appointed by law for the meeting of the Police Jury of the Parish of St. Landry, the members thereof appeared at their usual place of meeting to the number of seventeen, to wit:

OLD MEMBERS. Jonathan Harris, 1st ward; Elisha Andrus, 2d ward; Francois C. Devillier, 3d ward; John P. Hudson, 5th ward; Joseph E. Andrus, 6th ward; Antoine B. Carter, 7th ward; David Young, 9th ward; John M. Morgan, 13th ward; Elbert Gault, 14th ward; Villereau Joubert, 15th ward.

NEW MEMBERS. John C. Barry, 4th ward; Joseph Zincoeur Fontenot, 8th ward; Auguste Soliveau, 11th ward; Thomas McRory, 12th ward; Charles Teale, 16th ward; John Wright, 18th ward; Leon Thibodeau, 19th ward.

No returns from the 16th ward, the 16th ward, Wm. H. Patten absent.

On motion, Mr. John P. Hudson was appointed President pro-tempore.

On motion of Mr. Harris, Messrs. Harris, Devillier and Gault, were appointed a committee on elections.

On motion the Jury proceeded to elect a President. When Mr. John P. Hudson was unanimously elected and took the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The following petitions were presented and read:

By Mr. Carter, of Julien Miller fils, for a ferry of Madeleine Detrempe for relief as an indigent person.

By Mr. Thibodeau, to change road 19th District, by the Clerk, for a bridge over Bayou-Croche.

The following reports were presented and read: By Mr. Harris, That the five bridges from Bayou Bouff to Bayou Rouge, had been built by W. D. Godwin, for the sum of nine hundred and ninety-one dollars \$991, and had been received.

By J. E. Andrus, That the bridge over Bayou Bouff had been built by the sum of one hundred and sixty dollars, \$160, and had been received.

By Mr. Devillier, That the bridge over Bayou Courbaean at Lyon's ferry, had been offered by John Lyons to be constructed upon plans with a seven feet draw, for the sum of three thousand five hundred dollars \$3,500. That the bridge over Petit Bayou Têche had been let out to Silas Harris, for four hundred and ninety dollars \$490.

By Mr. Barry, That the committee appointed to examine the bridge over Bayou Carniero at Gailbois in conjunction with the committee from the Parish of St. Martin, Messrs. Barry and J. E. Andrus, would amount to \$2,500, and one-half to be paid by the Parish of St. Landry, and the other half by the Parish of Lafayette.

By Mr. Hudson, That Caiste Courvel is a worthy object of assistance by the Parish and recommend that he be allowed at the rate of seventy-five dollars per annum.

By J. E. Andrus, That the bridges through Plaquemine Woods, would cost about \$800, and recommend the adoption of the report and the plans submitted.

By Mr. Carter, That Joseph Matte is worthy of the assistance of the Parish, and that the sum of thirty dollars per annum be allowed to him.

By Mr. Fontenot, That the bridge over the Bayou at Pelloquin's ferry, could be built for \$300.

On the situation of Leufroy Lejeune.

By Thos. McRory, That the draw bridge on Bayou House No. 2, had been let out, finished and received to Thomas McRory for the sum of \$600.

By Mr. Teale, Of the dimensions of a box bridge over the Bayou Choctaw.

By Mr. Wright, That the bridge over Bayou Bleu had been built by Joseph Barry, has been finished and received, and that he is entitled to the sum of \$182.

By the Clerk, Angeline Lavergne is a worthy subject to obtain assistance from the Parish.—That the bridge over Barker's Bayou, by Bryant Stapleton, for the sum of \$192.

The Treasurer, for the second quarter of the year 1853, from which it appears that there had been received into the treasury, since last report the sum of \$2185 77

And that there had been paid out 2299 13

Balance due the treasurer, 73 38

That the debts of the Parish to the 31st of May 1853, 11,515 06

To pay which there was available funds for 15,292 06

Leaving as balance in favour of the Parish of 3777 60

To which add warrants that will not be called for 1300 00

6077 60

On motion of Mr. Harris, Resolved, That a special committee of three members be appointed to examine the report of the treasurer, whereupon the President appointed Messrs. Harris, Barry and J. E. Andrus the committee.

The Parish Attorney B. A. Martel Esq., by letter that the Parish was entitled to be granted by the United States and suggesting the appointment of a committee to locate the same.

The President informed the Jury that he had been served with a citation for the District Court in the suit of Henry L. Garland Adm. Sec. Plaintiff vs. President of the Police Jury & als Defendants, No. 6938.

On motion of Mr. Morgan, Resolved, That the sum of two hundred dollars be and is appropriated to the sum of two hundred dollars for the sum of thirty dollars per annum until 1st of March next, and the same be paid for his use to Louis Hilare Léger.

On motion of Mr. Carter, Resolved, That Jean Miller and Achille Doucet, be and are appointed commissioners to enquire into the situation of Melon Doucet, resident of the said Parish.

On motion of Mr. Devillier, the Jury had recess, and having reassembled.

On motion of Mr. Teale, Resolved, That Levy Campbell, Olin P. Fontenot and Ely Campbell, be commissioners to repair the bridge over Nez Pique at Auguste Belair Fontenot's estate.

On motion of Mr. Carter, Resolved, That the report on the bridge over the Bayou near Pelloquin's ferry, be laid on the table.

Mr. Wright offered the following resolution, Resolved, That the commissioners of election shall be paid the sum of two dollars for each day's attendance from the residence going to see the polls, the resolution of Mr. Andrus was carried, 1st Court and 5 Nays.—Messrs. Harris, E. Andrus, Hudson, McRory and Teale, voting in the Negative, the other members voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Gant presented the resignation of Villereau Joubert, as Parish and Rail Road tax Collector for the year 1852 and moves that the same be accepted, which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Harris, Resolved, That Villereau Joubert having failed to qualify as Collector of Parish taxes for the year 1852, that the office of Parish Collector for the tax Roll of 1852, be and is hereby declared vacant, and that this Jury do now proceed to elect a Parish Collector for the taxes of 1852, and licenses of 1853, and also for the collection of the Rail Road tax and receive the same per centage for collecting the Rail Road tax, that is allowed for the Parish taxes.

(Continuation next week.)

New Iberia Races.



THE annual races of the Têche Association at New Iberia La., will commence on Thursday October 6th 1853 and continue three days, as follows:

1st day—Sweepstakes, for a single mule for a purse of \$100.—Entrance \$20.

2d day—Mile heats for a purse of \$70.—Entrance \$15.

3d day—For Creole saddle horses