



THE COURIER.

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Opelousas :

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1853.

We have received the returns from the different Parishes of the State, and the same returns that show clearly that the Democratic candidates for Auditor, Treasurer and Superintendent will be elected by a strong majority.

Judge Jones, the Democratic candidate for Congress, in this District, will also be elected by a large majority.

We shall endeavor to present a correct Tableau of said returns as soon as they shall all be received.

Directors of Public Schools of this Parish, as also the Teachers, can obtain blank forms to make their returns and get their warrants, by calling on Mr. Robert Benguerel, Parish Treasurer.

Subscribers to the projected Rail Road will do well to read the advertisement of Mr. Benguerel, in some other part of our paper, as the Company will not suffer any delay in the payment of subscriptions.

Calcasieu Returns.

According to a letter dated Lake Charles, Calcasieu, Nov. 12th, 1853, we see that B. A. Martel Esq., the Democratic candidate for the Senate has received a majority of 223 votes in that Parish over his opponent, T. M. Anderson, whig.

We therefore thus close the returns of this election.

Parish of St. Landry,	Martel,	Anderson,
" " Calcasieu,	686	853
	223 maj.	
	909	853
	853	

Leaving in favor of B. A. Martel, a majority of 56 votes.

Owing to some defective returns, about 73 votes were set aside, and perhaps one more precinct will be contested. At any rate, it is probable that the casting off of this precinct would not change the result of the election, as far as it regards the Senator's election.

Farmers, if you know your interest, always keep on hand at least one bottle of H. G. Parrel's Arabian Liniment. It will be the means of saving you either a horse or cow before the year is over, depend upon it, and if any of your family have cuts, burns, sprains, rheumatism, stiff joints, sore throat, toothache, &c., it will cure them also without any possible doubt; and it will allay the most severe pains in a few minutes. Every bottle you buy will do good enough to equal twenty times the cost. See advertisement.

ITEMS RELATIVE TO YELLOW FEVER.

With due consideration, we have expected that wiser heads would favor us with an account, relative to the Yellow Fever in St. Landry. Disappointed, but still anxious that some record of it should exist, we have ventured in the attempt. Essentially on two conditions: First, because you cannot tax the faculty of observation beyond its limited powers and capacities. Secondly, supposing this faculty existed in each of us at its utmost perfection, yet there must be objects beyond its reach and adequate comprehension.

Fortunately, we have taken, for this occasion, an exact measure of ourselves, and we hold a balance in our hands, surcharged with sincere humility.

Therefore, with all becoming deference, we proceed to note, that, on the 12th August 1853, a stranger named Valet Desir, arrived from New Orleans by the steamer Opelousas, and was admitted at the hotel of Mr. Quatrevaux.

He had been sick during the passage, and on his arrival exhibited in the opinion of the faculty, symptoms so close in resemblance to those of Yellow Fever, that the authorities had him removed to his brother's residence, several miles in the country. To this trip he readily assented, leaving our town within three hours of his arrival.

He died four days after, with all the subsequent signs of Yellow Fever; was buried in Grand Coteau. The fever was not communicated—So far so well. For ourselves at least: It exploded, no one was hurt.

On the 29th August, a well authenticated case was pointed out in Washington. It was the Clerk of Mr. S. Lepp, who informed us, that his brother had died a few days before of bad fever, as he had been given to understand. Near this gentleman's house, within a few yards, a family who had lost some of its members in New Orleans from Yellow Fever, had with their baggage trunks &c., moved a few days previously. They arrived by the steamer Opelousas, and so close and well known their relations with Yellow Fever had been, that a very practical and well known planter of this Parish then on board, observed, that it would be well if their baggage was burnt or done away with, such such phrase, the literal accuracy of which is not remembered.

We do not mean to say that previously to the above mentioned date, there may not have been other cases, but that upon this, there could exist no doubt.

Soon after, cases speedily followed by others, stamped with epidemic the character of the disease—and it was remarked, that those living in the

vicinity of Mr. Lepp's house, were amongst the first to suffer.

We will revert to this subject by and by, as we now desire to comment upon the action of our Town Council touching this subject.

At the meeting of the 5th September a "Cordon Sanitaire" was established.

This measure, set with unkind remarks, considerable derision, and several transgressions. We will not comment upon its fitness, but simply remark that it could not be expected that its motives, based upon a positive knowledge of its nature, were not so many facts and details, whose name is legion, or rather a promiscuous and Preconceivable multitude—and what of the harrowing experience of the past! The apparent inconsistency of the many phases of Yellow Fever, appearing as contagious in one year and not at another, here and not there within a few paces, in one family and not in another.

Indeed, it is a humiliating fact, but no less true, that to the present time, nothing definitive has been agreed upon the subject. There is as yet there was one hundred years ago, an incommensurable distance between its actual condition and the end it may attain; just as there is yet and yet shall be, as great a mystery to man as himself! The phenomena of his thoughts, with their successive changes, now sparkling with health then subdued in disease... all all reflecting mysteries towards the route and end of its existence!—man know nothing of it.—True he prophesize at all hazards, but lo! yet the day of his errors be born, he is there no more. Other generations arise, recording other views, schemes and dreams as fugitive as his own. Religion, politics, philosophy, he has believed every thing definitive and all has been moulded.

We shall proceed to record, and we do this in a spirit of conciliation, leaving others to judge, whether it was not pertinent with our Town Council to pass a law which, if it is true, excluded communication with the afflicted, promised to protect a neighbouring community.

Dr. Monlan in his international speech says: "S'il s'agissait de la preservation de la maison que j'habite, ou de la famille dont je suis le chef, je prendrais les memes mesures de precaution pour eviter la peste que pour eviter la Fievre Jaune ou le Cholera. Et chacun de vous, Messieurs, imiterait ma conduite. Je ne vois donc pas quelle raison il peut y avoir, de ne pas appliquer la meme regle lorsqu'il est question de preserver une ville, qui est l'ensemble de nos maisons particulieres, ou une population qui n'est que la reunion de toutes nos familles."

It will not be contended that adverse opinions could not be cited; and supposing them as weighty, we necessarily shall remain in as great an uncertainty as before.

This subject shall very soon occupy the attention of our State Legislature, and there, this fact, pregnant as it is with useful deductions, shall not be lost of sight. Yellow Fever has never been known as epidemic in any part of the State, unless it had previously appeared in New Orleans or at some other naval point.

Was it not reasonable for our town Council to argue, that, if it was probable that Yellow Fever had been imported to Washington from New Orleans, it might be propagated within a narrower circle? Was not this probability strengthened as it is by many others of a like kind, too strong to be lightly set aside. "Probability" says Bishop Butler "is the very guide of life." If in the prevention as in the treatment of diseases, we wait till we have positive knowledge of their actual nature, or their real cause, we may wait till incalculable mischief has been done or curative means are unavailing. (To be continued.)

Items of General News.

The whole number of arrests in New York for the last six months has been 17,197.

There were 433 deaths in New York for the week ending the 22d.

The total number of interments in Philadelphia for the week ending the 22d was 146.

The price of passage from St. Louis to Chicago by railroad has been fixed at \$9 90

One hundred laborers for the Galveston and Houston Railroad left New York on the 22d.

The cost of cleaning the streets of New York for the year ending the 1st October, was \$245,000.

During the year ending 1st July, no less than 230,517 scholars attended the various free schools in New York city.

There are now surviving about 1400 revolutionary pensioners, all of whom are regularly drawing their pay from the U. S. Treasury.

A Miss Davis has been awarded a fine gold breast-pin by an Agricultural Society of Indiana, for being the most graceful rider on horseback.

Six packet ships, bringing 2,700 emigrants, arrived in New York on the 21st, and nearly 2000 more on the succeeding day.

A man recently, while in liquor, crawled in on top of a boiler in a machine shop in Detroit, and dropping to sleep, was literally baked when he was discovered.

The proprietor of a livery-stable, writing from Sacramento, says he keeps five hostlers; three of the five were formerly "Broadway dry goods clerks," and the other two Baptist clergymen!

The United States is now engaged in building Custom Houses at New Orleans, Mobile, Charleston, Cincinnati, Louisville, Pittsburgh, Richmond, Norfolk, Wilmington, Del., and Baltimore.

A miser named Frederick J. Fuller died in New York, Oct. 20, and the jury rendered a verdict that said death was caused by a want of proper nourishment. In the house was found a bank-book showing deposits in his favor to the amount of \$2800. It appears that his mother is still living in England.

The average daily receipts at the Crystal Palace for the week ending the 16th inst., were \$27,983 50.

A Parisian has bought a span of horses at Cincinnati for \$900, and shipped them thence to Paris via New Orleans.

A noble sentiment was that of General Jackson's, uttered in reply to the request of Louis Philippe, for an apology for his bold assertion of our claims against the French government: "The honor of my country

shall never be stained by an apology from me for the statement of truth and the performance of duty."

A Socialist emigration is on the eve of leaving Europe to join Messrs. Victor, Considant and Brisbane, in their phalanstery of Texas. Several artists and writers are among the emigrants.

"Punch," in a late number of his work, presented the Government of Turkey in a very unfavorable light, and in the last of his work, he is again on the last stage of a decline—Russia having over him with a knout, as a skeleton of the corner as physicians consulting about the patient.

IMMIGRATION FOR OCTOBER.—During the past month, 22,209 foreign emigrants arrived at New York. Of this number, 14,425 were from England and Ireland; 2,937 from France; 4,627 from Germany; 101 from Italy; 66 from the West Indies; 19 from South America; 11 from Denmark; 8 from Mexico; 9 from Portugal, and 5 from China. The number of citizens of the United States who returned from abroad during the same period was 2,574.

Died.—In this Town, on Thursday last, after a long illness, Mr. S. LAUNAY, aged 44 years.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, } To wit

Parish of St. Landry.

HARRISON ROGERS, Sheriff of the Parish of St. Landry, do hereby certify, that in conformity to an act entitled "An Act to reorganize the Police Jury of the Parish of St. Landry," approved April 18th, 1853, and after the advertisements required by said law, a Poll was opened by the commissioners of Election at each precinct within the said Parish, on the first Monday of November 1853 the day of the General Election; that the returns of said Election having been duly made to me; that within three days after said Election, to wit: on the 9th day of the month aforesaid, the votes given for Police Jurors, as returned to me, were counted at the Court House of said Parish, in the presence of as many persons as chose to attend, when it appeared that:

Eugene Wartelle had received,	306 votes.
Francois Robin, " "	459 "
Joseph A. Patin, " "	282 "
F. C. Devillier, " "	355 "
John Wright, " "	198 "
Ulyse Gaberel, " "	279 "
Joseph Z. Fontenot, " "	634 "
Augustin Guillery, " "	494 "
Benjamin McLeand, " "	383 "
Onesime A. Bourneau, " "	153 "
Theogene Castille, " "	201 "
John P. Murdock, " "	287 "
Constant Chacheré, " "	177 "
Jonathan Harris, " "	212 "
James Morgan, " "	261 "
Hypolite Christian, " "	150 "

And the votes cast at said Election when counted were 1828, and none of the said persons voted for and returned, having received a majority of the votes cast at said Election.—Therefore no certificate of Election were by me issued.

HARRISON ROGERS, Sheriff.

Sheriff of the Parish of St. Landry, this 19th day of November 1853.

Plaisance Race Track.



A race of 28 arpent, for all unshod horses on the Track of the undersigned, on Saturday the 10th of December. Entrance: \$25. Owing to large expenses incurred to establish this Track the undersigned will charge as follows: For gentlemen: \$50 25 Buggy, " 50 Hack, " 1 00 Ladies in general as also the families of those who are interested in the race, can always enter gratis. F. L. PITRE. Opelousas Novembre 19th 1853.

PUBLIC SALE.

Estate of John K. Pickett, deceased.

THE public are hereby informed that there will be sold at public sale, to the last and highest bidder, by a duly commissioned Auctioneer, on the Plantation hereinafter described, on the Atchafalaya, in this Parish, on Thursday the 22nd, of December next, 1853, the following described property, belonging to the Estate of John K. Pickett, deceased, late of the Parish of St. Landry, to wit:

A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND, lying on the Atchafalaya River, in the Parish of St. Landry, being the same on which the said deceased last resided, containing 253 superficial acres, (more or less) together with the

BUILDINGS AND improvements thereon.

A TRACT OF LAND, containing 80 acres and 28 1/2, situated in said Parish, and on the same River.

15 SLAVES, of both sexes and divers ages.

Seven cows and calves, four yearlings, four horses, forty hogs, two yoke of oxen, farming utensils, Blacksmith tools, about 1500 bushels of corn, household furniture, kitchen utensils, and many other articles too tedious to enumerate.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—All sums of fifty dollars and under, payable Cash; all sums upwards of \$50, up to \$100, payable on a credit of one year, and all sums upwards of \$100, payable in one, two and three years credit, from the day of sale. Purchasers furnishing good and sufficient personal security, to the satisfaction of whom the right, and moreover, the lands and slaves remaining specially mortgaged unto said Estate until full and entire payment.

CHS. PICKETT, Administrator. Opelousas, November 19th, 1853.

Sale at Auction.

WILL be sold, by the undersigned, auctioneer, to the last and highest bidder, on the premises, in the town of Opelousas, on

Monday, 12th December next, TWO TOWN LOTS,

situated in said Town of Opelousas, together with the

BUILDINGS and Improvements thereon, being the last residence of the late Miss Marguerite Chretien.

Terms and Conditions.—One and two years credit from the day of sale; purchaser furnishing his notes with good and sufficient security to the satisfaction of whom the right, and said notes bearing interest at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum from time due until paid; and moreover, special mortgage retained on the property sold.

Act of sale at the cost of purchaser. Those who may wish to purchase this property at private sale can do so between this and the day of sale, by applying to R. BENGUEREL, Auctioneer.

Opelousas, 19th Nov. 1853.

A RUNAWAY IN JAIL.

WAS committed into the Prison of the Parish of St. Landry, on the 10th of November instant, a negro man calling himself Ralph or Raphael, and saying he belongs to Mr. Thomas Compton, residing about 5 miles North of Patersonville.

This boy is of a griffe color, 5 feet 9 inches high, spare made, and speaking English only. He had in his possession when taken up, a brown pony with saddle and bridle.

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

CHS. THOMPSON, Jailor. Opelousas Nov. 19th, 1853.

NOTICE.

THE Copartnership heretofore existing under the firm of A. J. Thompson & Co., was dissolved by mutual consent, on 1st of November 1853. The name of said firm will be used only in liquidation.

A. J. THOMPSON, C. H. BEAUCHAMP.

The undersigned have formed a Copartnership, Nov. 1st 1853, and will continue the business, as heretofore, under the name and style of Thompson & Lee.

A. J. THOMPSON, JAMES A. LEE.

DRUGS AND MEDICINES.

WE would respectfully invite the attention of our friends and the public to our well selected Stock of Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals, Paints, Oils, Glass, Glassware, Varnishes, Dye Stuffs &c., which we will continue to have on hand at the old stand. Prescriptions carefully compounded at all hours.

Opelousas, November 5th, 1853.—9m.

Notice to Bridge Builders.

THE building of a new Bridge over the Bayou Bourbeux on the road leading from Opelousas to Lafayette will be let out to the lowest bidder, on Wednesday the 23d, day of November next, between the hours of 11 o'clock A. M., and 2 o'clock P. M. A plan and specification will be furnished on the day of sale, which will take place at the present old Bridge.

JOHN P. HUDSON, M. W. HARWELL, ADELARD BOUTTE, Commissioners. Opelousas, November 12th, 1853.

NEW GOODS! NEW GOODS!

CHARLES A. GENIN, JUST arrived from New Orleans with a large, complete and fine assortment of Fall and Winter Goods, consisting of:

Ready made Clothing, Ladies' Fancy Dresses, Hats, Boots, Shoes and all kind of goods for ladies and gentlemen, which he will be pleased to sell to his old friends and the public, on moderate prices, for Cash or short terms to good punctual customers. He invites the ladies and gentlemen to give him a call and judge for themselves.

Opelousas, November 5th, 1853. N. B.—Just received a fresh supply of St. Louis Flour, to dispose of low for cash, also, Rice and best Sugar Cured Hams.

PUBLIC SALE.

By the undersigned, Public Auctioneer in and for the Parish of St. Landry.

THE public are hereby informed that there will be sold at public sale, to the last and highest bidder, by a public Auctioneer, at the residence of the undersigned, at Washington, on

Tuesday the 13th, of December next, 1853, the following described property belonging to the estate of the late Jean Lagarde, deceased, to wit:

One Gold Watch, one Silver Watch, two creole horses, two guns, and a lot of Carpenters tools.

CONDITIONS.—All sums of \$30 or under, payable Cash, and all sums upwards of \$30 payable on the 1st of March next, in notes endorsed to the satisfaction of the administrator.

J. REMY VIUO, Administrator. Opelousas, 12 Novembre 1853.

NOTICE.

OWING to the extreme low stage of the water, and the impossibility for the Steamboat Opelousas to come up higher than the Petit Diable, the undersigned will send, by Flatboats or otherwise, all the freight to Barry's Landing and Washington, with an extra charge of fifty cents per barrel.

Merchants and consignees who would wish to pay this extra charge will please inform the undersigned of their desire.

O. HINKLEY, Opelousas 22nd October, 1853.

PUBLIC SALE.

By the undersigned, Auctioneer in and for the Parish of St. Landry.

THE public are hereby informed that there will be sold at public sale, to the last and higher bidder, at the residence of the late Auguste Belair Fontenet, at Mountville, in this Parish,

On Wednesday the 14th, of December next, 1853,

the following described property belonging to the estate of the late Auguste Belair Fontenet and Edvise Balquie, his wife, both deceased, late of the Parish of St. Landry, to wit: A CERTAIN

Tract of Land, established as a cotton Plantation, situated on the Bayou Beuf, in the Parish of St. Landry, measuring four hundred and forty superficial acres (more or less), bounded on the North by land of Green Hudspeth, on the South by land of Webb, on the East by said Bayou Beuf, and on the West by a Lake or Swamp, together with all and singular the

BUILDINGS and improvements thereon erected and thereto belonging.

ANOTHER TRACT OF LAND, situated in the Prairie Mamouth, measuring twelve arpents front by forty arpents in depth, (boundaries unknown) together with the buildings and improvements thereon erected.

ANOTHER TRACT OF LAND, situated at Mountville, in said Parish of St. Landry, measuring twenty superficial arpents (more or less) bounded North by Bayou Crocodile, South by—Webb, East by Mountville Lots, and West by land of the estate of George King, together with all and singular the

BUILDINGS and improvements thereon erected and thereto belonging, being the last residence of said deceased.

TWO TOWN LOTS, situated at Mountville, in said Parish of St. Landry.

29 SLAVES, of both sexes and divers ages.

The stock of gentle horned cattle, fifteen head of gentle horned cattle; another lot of about eighteen head of gentle horned cattle; six yoke of oxen; 8 working mules; about seven creole and american work horses; 1 four wheel carriage; 1 calash; 2 ox carts; 2 horse carts; 15 ploughs; a lot of Blacksmith tools; two lots of Hogs; the crop of cotton; about 400 barrel of corn; one iron chest; aratory implements; household furniture; kitchen utensils, and great many other articles the enumeration of which would be too tedious.

Terms and Conditions.—The purchase money payable one half in all the month of April eighteen hundred and fifty-five, and the other half in all the month of April of the following year, 1856.—Purchasers furnishing good and sufficient security in solido, to the satisfaction of the administrator of said Estate and all sums not punctually paid at maturity to bear interest at 8 per cent. per annum, from time due.—And moreover the Lands and Slaves remaining specially mortgaged unto the Estate until full and entire payment of capital and interest.

AUG. DEJEAN, Auctioneer. Opelousas November 12th, 1853.

HARDWARE.

WM. ARMSTRONG, No. 59 Old Levee St., next door to Mr. C. Blanchin, (formerly of Opelousas), between St. Louis and Conti St., Importer and Dealer in Hardware, Cutlery, Paints, Oils, Glass, Grindstones, Tard and Maxilla Rope, Carpenters Hoopers Tools &c. &c. Sells Camphene, Spirit Gas, &c. New Orleans, November 5th, 1853.—9t.

Police Jury, Meeting of 17th. Parish of St. Landry, Oct. 1853.

RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, The Police Jury of the Parish of St. Landry has been apprized of the death of Franklin B. Reeves, late Collector of the Taxes of the said Parish, for the year 1852, and of the Licences and Rail Road Tax, levied on said Parish, for the year 1853.

Be it therefore Resolved, That the Police Jury of the Parish of St. Landry, hereby recognize the obligations of the legal representative of the Estate of Franklin B. Reeves, and of Thomas C. Anderson, Thomas M. Anderson and James Morgan, his securities as such Collector, to collect and pay over the said Taxes and Licences, under the same terms and stipulations of their several Bonds, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to collect and receive all Taxes due to the said Parish of St. Landry, for the year 1852, the Licences due to the said Parish for the year 1853, and also the Rail Road Taxes for the New Orleans Opelousas and Great Western Rail Road Company, due by the taxable persons or property of the said Parish of St. Landry, and for the payment of which to the said Parish and Rail Road Company, they are liable, as his representative on the one part and as his securities, on his bonds on the other part, and for this purpose they may by themselves or by their duly authorized agents, proceed to collect and pay over the said Taxes and Licences, in the same manner that the Collector of the Parish Taxes, Licences and Rail Road Taxes is now authorized to do, under the responsibility of their several Bonds as aforesaid.

On motion Resolved, unanimously, That the said resolution be and is adopted.

GUY H. BELL, Clerk of the Police Jury of the Parish of St. Landry, do certify the foregoing Resolution to be a true and correct copy of the original as recorded in Book 2, page 86, of the Journal Proceedings of the proceedings of the said Jury.

Attest, GUY H. BELL, Clerk. Opelousas, October 22d, 1853.

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 7th, 1853.—Continuation.—The committee further reported, That the following claims to wit:

Of John Ewel,	3 00
" Thos. McCrory,	3 00
" Frs. Dupré fils,	12 00
" John F. Smith,	4 00
" Augustin Guillery,	2 00
" F. L. Mudd,	20 00
" John Wright,	3 10
" F. G. Hay,	1 50
" E. H. Martin,	230 00
" E. Ogden,	12 00
" Oufat Brothers,	45 65
" J. F. Smith,	3 50
	\$343 25

were referred back to those persons for proper certificate and corrections. That the account of Raphael Richard, as Deputy Sheriff, for thirty-three dollars and ninety-cents, and that of Charles Thompson as Jailor, for three hundred and thirty-six dollars and ninety-cents, are referred to the Jury for their decision.

On motion, Resolved, That the said report be and is adopted, that warrants issue to the persons whose claims has been reported favorably on for the amount of their respective claims.

On motion of Mr. Morris, Resolved, That a warrant issue to Wm. Blacklock for building a bridge over the Bayou Bourbeux near Hudson's.

Mr. Harris, from a special committee on finance made the following report:

Your committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's report for the preceding warrant quarter, beg leave to submit the following report. By the treasurer's account warrant.

March 1st, due the treasurer,	\$ 65 11
Paid warrants,	1996 23
Jurors certificates,	44 10
Wills and tiger's scalps,	8 00
	\$ 2103 49

Quarter's salary from 1st of march to 1st of June, 75 00 || | \$ 2178 49 |

To which the treasurer adds \$20 60, commissions for receiving \$906 60, of the Sheriff, commutation tax, this last item your committee are of opinion, should not be allowed in as much as the treasurer is employed