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N.-ORLEANS CARDS.
DARAN, LABICHE & CO.,
Foreign & Domestic
LIQUORS, CORDIALS & SYRUPS,
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And Commission Merchants.
No. 45 OLD LEVEE STREET,
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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 & Co.
Commission Merchants,
No. 46, CARONDIET STREET,
NEW ORLEANS
11th Dec. 1852.

J. V. Gourdain. Charles Kerr.
GOURDAIN & KERR,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS.
No. 25, Canal street,
NEW ORLEANS.
14th June 1853.—1y.

UNION HOTEL,
OPELOUSAS.
The subscriber having purchased the Hotel formerly owned by F. Martel, and now 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 takes this opportunity to inform the public that he has lately employed a very good French Cook.
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.

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.

FUNERALS!
The undersigned will furnish Coffins on short notice at reasonable prices. The use of his hearse will be given without charge to patrons.
Residence, old Louillier's store, near the Catholic Church.
SILAS HARRIS.
Opelousas, December 18th 1852.

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.

Lumber! Lumber!!
10,000 Feet of lumber deposited at Mr. L. Neat's, near Opelousas, for sale by the undersigned. Apply to Mr. Neat, or to
CHS. CLOSE.
Courtableau, St. Landry, July 9, 1853.

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 Diarrhoea, 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.

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 14th Judicial District. Their office is in Opelousas.
February 23d, 1853.—1y.

Theodore Chachere,
Public Auctioneer for St. Landry.
Opelousas, July 23d 1853. 1y.

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.

HILAIRE DESESSARTS,
Public Crier and Collector
FOR ST. LANDRY.
Office.—In Opelousas.
Opelousas, 26th Feb. 1853.—1y.

CARRIAGE SHOP.
JOSEPH GIBBS & DANIEL 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.

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.

HECTOR LAUNEY,
House and Sign Painter and Paper Hanger
HAS the honor to inform the planters and the public generally, that he is now ready to undertake all work belonging to a house and sign painter and paper-hanger, in all their branches, and at most moderate prices.
Residence at the Washington Hotel, in the town of Washington.
Washington, 27th August 1853.—1y.

ENGLE HOTEL,
OPELOUSAS.
THE undersigned having made considerable improvements to this well known establishment, is now ready to receive and accommodate any number of boarders and travellers who may patronize his house.
He takes this opportunity to inform the public that he has lately employed a very good French Cook.
Horses and Buggies are constantly on hand to hire.
JESSE HAYES.
Opelousas 3rd September 1853.

GEORGE W. MARSH,
SADDLER AND HARNESS MAKER.
RESPECTFULLY announces to the citizens of St. Landry, that he has opened, corner of Main and Montville 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.

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

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 10th 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 Truber) in Opelousas.
The proximity of this Institution in the Town of Opelousas, (Late Revere's "Le Lac-Quie") affords a most convenient and happy situation; the dormitories, classes, study-rooms, and of recreations have nothing to desire.
The students will receive the principles of good and solid education, based on a religious instruction. And on church days they are accompanied to their respective church.
The course of instruction will embrace lessons 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 this Institution. The English language, to which a particular care will be granted, will be taught by a special and graduated 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 confided to a white servant.
Each student must be furnished with one mattress and bolster, one red counterpane, one mosquito-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:
Music, \$12 00
Institution—1st class, 10 00
Music, 18 00
Boarding, 25 00
Opelousas, March, 29th, 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 Mrs. CHASSE, a lady favorably known to our community.
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
Music, 25 00
Boarding, 18 00
Each student must be furnished with a bolster, a mosquito bar, four sheets six towels, a fork, knife and spoon.
Opelousas 12th March 1853.—3m.

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 85 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 run 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.

GUSTAVE BERNARD,
CARPENTER JOINER AND CALKEB.
RESPECTFULLY announces to the citizens of St. Landry, that he is now ready to receive orders for Carpentery and Joining works, also for Caulking of Boats and Sugar Troughs at moderate prices. He solicits the public patronage.
His shop is in Opelousas.
Opelousas, 5th, November 1853.—3m.

PATENT MEDICINES, &c.
WINER'S
CANADIAN
VERMIFUGE
A CERTAIN
REMEDY OF WORMS.

IT is a fact, established beyond the shadow of 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 real however has at length been obtained, and a remedy found which has never failed to destroy worms, wherever they have been. 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 bowels, are as follows: the countenance is pale, of a leaden color, and suffused with occasional flushes; the eyes are heavy and dull, the breath fetid, the upper lip swollen, itching in the nostrils, which cause the patient to pick his nose; the sleep is disturbed, the patient often awakening in great fright, and is liable to starting and grinding the teeth; the appetite exceedingly irregular, being sometimes voracious, others feeble, and in some instances it is repressed.
To the following certificates numerous others might be added, but it is believed that these are sufficient to establish the fact that Winer's Canadian Vermifuge is a superior remedy for worms.

MEDICAL EVIDENCE.
We, the undersigned, having frequently administered a medicine prepared by Mr. John Winer of this town, designated "Winer's Canadian Vermifuge," and being fully satisfied with its efficacy, confidently recommend it as a safe and efficient remedy for the expulsion of worms from the intestinal canal.
G. O'REILLY,
Licentiate of the R. C. of Surgeons in Ireland, etc.
G. W. DICKINSON,
Member of the R. C. of Surgeons in London, etc.

From the Rev. J. Flanagan, of Bankrock, C. W. I. Winer.—Sir: I have made the trial of your Canadian Vermifuge, and with the most happy result. In my own children, and in every case which has come to my knowledge, the expulsion of worms has followed the administering of your Vermifuge, and every one here prefers it to any other, as its effects are certain, and children take it more readily, which is a great point gained in giving medicine to children.
July 16, 1845. JOHN FLANAGAN.

Physicians generally now use Winer's Canadian Vermifuge. This medicine is a simple vegetable preparation, and can always be administered with perfect safety and confidence as to the result, as it will always destroy worms and restore the patient to health.
Over one thousand certificates have been sent to the Agents from planters, merchants and physicians, bearing testimony to the efficacy of this infallible remedy.—Warranted in all cases.
Prepared only by JOHN WINER, Manufacturing Chemist and Wholesale Druggist, Hamilton, Canada West.
Sold wholesale and retail, at manufacturer's prices by J. WRIGHT & Co., New Orleans, and by Messrs. CHARTRE & Co., under Orleans House, for sale in Opelousas, by A. J. Thompson & Co., also by John Posey.—Sold in Washington, by S. D. Allen.
Opelousas, 18th June 1853.—1y.

FOR ATTAKAPAS & OPELOUSAS
UNITED STATES MAIL LINE.
Through to Franklin in 18 Hours.
THE NEW UNITED STATES MAIL
ROUTE from Donaldsonville, terminating at Washington, Parish of St. Landry, La., is now complete, by stage coaches, to Lake Verret, 22 miles from Donaldsonville, and steamboat from Lake Verret to Berwick's Bay, Patersonville, Centreville, Franklin, Charonton, Jeanneville and New Iberia, (nine miles below St. Martinsville), distance 50 miles by stage coaches, from New Iberia to Washington—distance, 54 miles.
Passengers from New Orleans leave in the river mail boats at 5 o'clock P. M., on MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS and FRIDAYS, and will arrive at Donaldsonville on TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS and SATURDAYS, in time for the stages, at six o'clock P. M.
For comfort, speed and safety, passengers will find this route superior to all others, as no time is taken, and the delays and impediments of the old routes are entirely avoided.
VINSON & RATIER, Proprietors.
may 14th, 1853.

NOTICE.
THE undersigned respectfully announce to the public of St. Landry, that they have purchased the Stock of Goods of James C. Anderson, and formed a copartnership under the style and firm of LASTRAPES & FONTENOT. They will continue the business at the Old Stand, where they will be happy to serve their friends and the public generally; to whom they will sell goods as cheap "for cash" as they are to be had in this market, or to punctual customers, payable first of march next.
THEO. LASTRAPES,
J. B. A. FONTENOT.
Opelousas, August 6th, 1853.

George Rainer,
PUBLIC CRIER
For Lafayette & St. Landry.
Office at Vermillionville, Lafayette.
3rd September 1853.—1y.

BUSINESS CARDS, &c.
S. D. ALLEN,
Public Auctioneer for the Parish of St. Landry
WILL attend to sales in any part of the Parish. Orders left at his Drug Store at Washington, or sent to him, by mail, will be punctually attended to.
Washington, October 8th, 1853.—6m.

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.

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.]

New Orleans & Opelousas Packet.
The new steamer
OPELOUSAS,
O. HINCKLEY, Master.
WILL leave Washington every Sunday at 10 o'clock, A. M., for New Orleans, returning leaves New Orleans on Thursdays, at 12 M., arriving on Fridays, at 5 P. M. This boat is safe, comfortable and fast; built expressly for the trade, and is furnished with a good staunch boat, the Tender, to serve as a tender in low water. The Tender was purchased for this service, is of light draft, and will be in readiness to convey freight and passengers to the landing, thereby enabling the Opelousas to make regular times. Every exertion will be made by the officers to give satisfaction. For further information apply on board.
Particular attention paid to freight and other business for Atchafalaya and other intermediate landings.
Washington, La., October 8th, 1853.

WINTER GOODS!
THE undersigned respectfully announce to the citizens of Saint Landry that he has just received from the North and New Orleans, a complete and splendid assortment of
WINTER GOODS,
such as Grenier's Blankets, Merinos, Alpaca, &c. Also, 1,500 family and negro shoes, that he offers for sale as low as the New Orleans market.
JEAN REMY VIOLU.
Washington, (La.) October 20th, 1853.—1y.

HARDWARE.
WM. ARMSTRONG, No. 39, 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, Turbines, Moulinets, Ropes, Carpenters' Hammers, Tools, &c. &c. Sells Camphene, Spirit Gas, &c.
New Orleans, November 5th, 1853.—9t.

A RUNAWAY IN JAIL.
WAS committed into the Prison of the Parish of St. Landry, on the 18th 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.
Opelousas, November 5th, 1853.—3m.

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.—3m.

Anderson, Bassett & Wilkins,
(Successors to Thos. C. Anderson & Co.)
HAVE just received a large and complete assortment of
Fall and Winter Goods, consisting of Ladies Fancy Dress Goods, Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Linseys, Hardware, Cutlery, Paints, Oils, Binding Rope, Lime and every article usually kept for the country trade.
Also, two Family Carriages with harness, low for Cash, or good paper.
They will be pleased to see their old friends, and feel confident that the terms and prices will make it to the advantage of punctual customers to patronize them. Having everything designed for the use of plantations. Orders from the country will be filled and forwarded with promptness.
A deduction of 10 per cent will be made on all bills for Cash.
Washington, La., November 5th, 1853.

JUDICIAL ADVERTISEMENTS.
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 herein after described, on the Atchafalaya, in the Parish of
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 255 superficial acres, (more or less) together with the
BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON.
A TRACT OF LAND,
containing 80 acres and 28 1/100, 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.

NOTICE.
SARAH JANE WEBB, of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, having filed a petition for the appointment of Administratrix of the Estate of Edward I. Heard, her deceased husband, 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, December 3d, 1853.

NOTICE.
JOSEPHINE STELLY, of the Parish of St. Landry, having filed a petition for the appointment of Administratrix of the Estate of the late Alexander Close, her deceased husband, of said Parish.
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, December 3d, 1853.

Merchants Insurance Company OF NEW-ORLEANS.
THE undersigned having been appointed Agent of the above company, is prepared to take Risks at the same rates as the office at New-Orleans.
EVTE. DEBAELON
Opelousas, December 3d, 1853.—6m.

DISTRICT COURT,
PARISH OF SAINT-LANDRY
Alexandrine Ann Louillier, No. 7049
vs.
Evariste Debaillon.
BY reason of the Law and the evidence in this case, being in favor of the plaintiff, it is by reason thereof ordered, adjudged and decreed that plaintiff have judgment, and be confirmed in her title to the following described property, to wit:
Merante, a negro-woman, aged forty years, with her son, Julien, aged twelve years, and a negro-boy named Henry, aged four years; also, a tract of land situated East of the village of Opelousas, in Church Prairie, bounded North by Public Road and the land of Dr. George Hill, West by said Hill and Mrs. C. Jewell, South by Mrs. Louillier and East by Faustin Hollier, containing sixty-four (64) acres. It is further ordered that plaintiff have judgement of separation of property against her husband, the Defendant, and she be authorized and empowered to contract as a single woman, free from the control of her said husband. It is further ordered that Defendant pay the costs of this suit.
Done, read and signed in Open Court this 26th day of August, 1853.
LUCIUS J. DUPRE,
Judge 15th Judicial District.
A true Copy,
A. DEJEAN, Dy. Clerk.
Opelousas, Dec. 19, 1853.