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AGENT FOR ST. MARTIN'S.
Mr. A. MARSH, of St. Martinville, is authorized to collect and receive subscriptions and advertisements for the Opelousas Courier.

OUR SUPPLEMENT.
The great quantity of advertisements in our today's issue, obliges us, for the interest of our readers, to publish a supplement to the Courier.

SUGAR HOUSE BURNT.
On Thursday last, 8th instant, at 2 o'clock A. M., the sugar house of Mr. Cyprien Larose Fontenot, near Flat Town, in this Parish, was destroyed by fire with 120 hogsheads of sugar and all the molasses. We are informed that neither the sugar house nor the sugar and molasses were insured, and that the loss is very great. The fire was but the cause of an accident.

ITEMS RELATIVE TO YELLOW FEVER.
(Continued from No. 31.)
We have endeavored to speak of Opelousas and Washington, as plainly as we could.
So far, our investigations have tended to a parallel.

We have always thought, that comparisons are useful and we think so. Those who so escape, may have thought that facts, which are facts, ought not to be abridged, and we think so still. We have always thought, that a straight unvarnished tale is preferable, and we continue to think this.
Now, as this paper is intended as a local record for reference, we hope, that if any statement has been or shall be made, and which may not be exact, we might be informed, so that, no error should be committed against our well-meaning view.

Any communication, to that point, shall be considered as a favor and received with due courtesy. Yellow fever commenced in Washington on the 20th August, or thereabout, by the case announced to us on the 25th August.
Progressively, it grasped the whole village in its deadly embrace, and became epidemic. The character of the disease was extremely fatal.—During the earlier part of September, nearly all the cases died.

Many of the inhabitants of Washington and Opelousas, fled and dispersed in the country.—There remained thither, about four hundred, and here nearly five hundred persons.
But the mortality was not to be confined within Washington,—nearly twenty of whom, who remained any length of time after the appearance of the disease, carried wherever they went their fatal doom. Scattering the element of the fever, on a wide surface of the country.—A radius of fifty miles with a tangent of twenty.

Yet the fever was not communicated.
There are circumstances attending some of these cases, which apparently account for its non-extension.—With the others the *Origo mias*, existed with unexpressed facilities.
Why did it not spread?
Dr. Whitt states "that a solitary case of this kind, not causing a spread, carries no weight; and that a cannon ball had been fired against each locality, and had no harm to do, and property, in the destruction of such projectiles is fallacious."

"That, this proposition is not an axiom.
We much prefer the views of a very favorite author of ours, who says: "Those who so escape, may have had the fever before, and have therefore become less capable of being re-infected by the poison. I believe it to be uncommon for a person, to have genuine Yellow Fever for a second time, unless he is exposed to the contagious matter, in a very concentrated state, or for a long time together.—Some, may by original peculiarity of constitution, be proof against its power, but probably in most cases the immunity arises from the circumstance, that the person has been fortunate enough, or careful enough to escape imbibing an effective dose of the poison.—You may breathe for a good while, without much hazard, an atmosphere but faintly imbued with the contagious effluvia, and you may though with somewhat more of hazard, breathe for a short time, air which is strongly tainted, and yet go free. Schiller, quite to a different purpose, yet in the same vein, says: that if the loud peal of thunder could be modulated into countless vibrations, a melody might be obtained, to soothe a child asleep. Still, all this does not reconcile the proposition, of a few clothes impregnated with the virus of yellow fever communicating the disease, with the fact of a dozen or more genuine cases, proving harmless. It is in vain to attempt to escape by a sudden snuff, from this kind of evidence.—Perhaps it is not heard after all.—Could it not be explained, if we knew why of twenty eggs laid under the same hen, only one, two, or three will hatch? Why through the process of incubation the albumen takes the shape and appearance of feathers?
But we know nothing of it.
It will be perceived, that we write more with the desire to be informed, than to be dogmatical.
We simply have stated, that the virus was imported, because it was the intimation given to our senses, as also to the understanding of a large portion of our community.—Such is our conviction.
The safeguard against a deception, lies in the most jealous scrutiny of facts.
We hope to have been impartial and honest, because it is remarkable how apt a favorite theory is to get possession of one's mind, rendering him unconsciously dishonest, in the simple reception of facts.—It is like some little favorite sin in our moral nature, which taints the character of the whole man.
Many conjectures have been hazarded, as to the morbid cause of this fever; none of which, however, are satisfactory; for it has occurred in situations, and under circumstances, which present the most marked contrasts.
It has been supposed to proceed from animal, from vegetable putrefaction, or from both in peculiar proportions.—It has been considered, as a peculiar emanation from the soil, as the extraction of an unappreciated vegetable principle. As some change in the components parts of the atmosphere, either in excess or deficiency of oxygen or the super-addition of hydrogen.—Humboldt insinuates that it may be a ternary or quaternary combination of phosphorus, hydrogen, azote and sulphur.
Some have associated it with earthquakes and comets, and others have imagined it to be a mephitic gas from the bowels of the earth.
However difficult it may be to become acquainted with the exact nature of the fever poison, we must acknowledge that there is a specific cause, quite independent of all those predisposing circumstances, many of which are to be found in our false habits, pernicious customs, our disregard of the fundamental laws of health and vigor.
There is no disease in the whole range of human maladies, of such surpassing interest and importance to us as Yellow Fever.—When we compare the mortality from this disorder, with that resulting from any other, we must be struck with the great fatality of this affliction.
We must, therefore, admit the necessity of a thorough knowledge of its causes and nature, consequently of its treatment.
This knowledge is very imperfect.
When we recollect, too, that the fever is a disease, which attacks persons in the very prime of life, and during the most active and important steps of existence—often removing those, that are the sole supports of their families, as has been most

painfully exemplified during the late epidemic, we have an additional inducement to stimulate us in our endeavors to add our mite to that knowledge, yet so imperfect.
We say "we," although neither of us, a professional man in medicine, or a philosopher in the career of raising, and pushing them on to the stock for the above Line, and we are pleased to say that from present indications the amount required from us will be speedily made up. Success we say to the enterprise. Mr. Clute thinks the line will be in complete operation in about two and a half months.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.
Ghosts have been received and will appear in our next issue.
The article signed C. T. has been received and will appear in our next, provided the author is willing to make some alterations.
A CITIZEN OF WASHINGTON, will appear in our next.
C. T. has been postponed till next week, for want of room.

Mr. WILLIAM MOUTON, late of the Parish of Lafayette has just been appointed by the Governor, Notary Public for Washington, in this Parish, in place of Mr. F. C. Kaufman, deceased.
This nomination will, without any doubt, be approved by the community at large.

THE TELEGRAPH.—C. C. CLUTE Esq., the efficient agent of the N. O. R. R. and Texas Telegraph Line is now in our city for the purpose of getting up the stock for the above Line, and we are pleased to say that from present indications the amount required from us will be speedily made up. Success we say to the enterprise. Mr. Clute thinks the line will be in complete operation in about two and a half months.

We call the attention of our readers to different successional sales which will take place in the course of next week, as will be seen by reference to our advertising columns.
On Monday next, a dwelling house and lot will be sold in our Town.
On the following day, a small estate will be sold at Washington.
On the 14th, a large estate, comprising 29 slaves, two plantations &c. will be sold at Mountville.

WIOTA, Wis., Jan'y 16, 1840.
MR. H. G. FARRELL.—We have seen your Lintment tested, and are convinced of its good qualities; we are selling a great deal, and it gives universal satisfaction; it has cured a bad case of erysipelas here, and is highly extolled as a remedy for both man and beast.

SAXTON & ELSWORTH.
See advertisement.
LADIES WHO MEEK.—Did you ever travel in an omnibus on a rainy day, windows and doors closed, eight on a side, limited of course to six, and among that number two women covered with mud? "Divine," said a Frenchman, "let me out of ye zone; I am suffocated! You have got you call one musty rat in ze omnibus.—I've no parapluie masie. I prepare ze rain water to ze mauvais masie!"

A BIG GUN.—One of the 700 Turkish cannon which guard the Dardanelles is charged with 280 pounds of powder, and throws a stone shot of one thousand pounds weight. Of course such immense guns are more formidable in appearance than reality, and the firing is not attended with danger to their own artillery men.

MARRIED.—At Natchez, (Miss.) on the 13th of last month, Mr. JAMES AKEHEAD to Miss SARAH H. OGDEN, both of the Parish of St. Landry.
In this Parish, on Thursday last, 8th inst., by the Rev. Mr. RAVIOL, Mr. PIERRE ROY to Miss TRAVIE DEXAN, both of this Parish.

WASHINGTON AND OPELOUSAS Race Track.



THE undersigned respectfully announces to the public and especially to the sportsman of St. Landry and surrounding parishes, that his new Race Track, situated at 3 miles from Washington and 3 miles from Opelousas, close to the public road, will be opened on the 29th instant, with the following offer:
1st Day.—Proprietor's Purse, \$100.—1 mile race, free for all horse, catch weight, two to make a race, and to be closed on the 28th December 1853. Race to take place on the 29th.—10 per cent entrance on the entrance money added.
2nd Day.—Proprietor's Purse \$100.—1 mile race, creole horses, catch weight. Same conditions as for 1st day.
3d Day.—Gate Money.—1 mile race, free for all nags. Same conditions as above.
SOL. HARMAN, Proprietor.
St. Landry, Dec. 10th, 1853.

PUBLIC SALE.

Estate of Frederick C. Kaufman, deceased.
THE public are hereby informed that there will be sold, at public sale, to the last and highest bidder, at the last residence of the deceased, at Washington, in this Parish, by the undersigned, public auctioneer, in and for the parish of St. Landry, on
Thursday, 12th January next, 1854,
the following described property, belonging to the estate of the late Frederick C. Kaufman, deceased, late of the Parish of St. Landry, to wit:

A Lot of Ground, with improvements, situated in the town of Washington, where the deceased last resided.

4 SLAVES,

of both sexes and divers ages.
One horse, one cow, about 16 head of horned cattle, one horse cart, one buggy and harness, one lot of saddles, household furniture, kitchen utensils, one gold watch, one silver watch, a lot of books, &c.
The conditions of the sale will be announced on the day of sale.
A. DEJEAN, Auctioneer.
Opelousas, December 10th, 1853.

PUBLIC SALE.

WILL be offered for sale by the undersigned, at public auction, at the Court House door, in Opelousas,
On Tuesday, the 10th of January next, 1854, the following property, belonging to the Estate of Valentine King, deceased:

1st. THE TRACT OF LAND, on which the deceased last resided, in Opelousas, bounded East by Court Street, and West by the Bayou Tesson, and containing about 35 acres, together with the buildings and improvements. This Tract will be sold in three separate parcels.
2nd. A Splendid Tract of Land, on the Bayou Courtauban, immediately opposite Barré's Landing, containing about Six Hundred Acres, more or less.
3d. The Undivided Third of 155 Acres at the junction of Atchafalaya and Courtauban, in Township 7 South 7 East.

4th. The Undivided Third of 300 9/100 Acres on the left bank of the Courtauban, in Township 6 South 6 East, opposite claims of Barré, marked 7, 37 and 38.
5th. The Undivided Third of 320 9/100 Acres on the Bayou Ouakia in Township 4 South 4 East, about four miles above the former place of John Taylor.

Terms and Conditions.—A credit of one, two and three years, with 8 per cent interest from date. Notes required with two solvent securities in solido, purchasers being allowed to pay cash or at any time before maturity. Property to remain specially mortgaged until final payment.
E. V. DEBAILLON, Auctioneer.
Opelousas, December 10, 1853.

PUBLIC SALE.
Estate of Richard Andrus, f. m. e., deceased.
THE public are hereby informed that there will be sold, at public sale, to the last and highest bidder, by the undersigned, a public auctioneer, in and for the parish of St. Landry, at the Court House, in the Town of Opelousas, in this parish, on
Wednesday, 11th, of January next, 1854; the following described property belonging to the Estate of Richard Andrus, f. m. e., deceased, late of the Parish of St. Landry, to wit:

A NEGRO WOMAN, named Nancy Martin, aged about 45 or 50 years, good cook, washer and ironer.
CONDITIONS.—\$100 of the purchase money payable cash, and the balance at one and two years credit, beginning on the day of sale. Purchaser furnishing good and sufficient personal security, to the satisfaction of the administrator, and moreover the slave remaining specially mortgaged unto said Estate until full and entire payment.
A. DEJEAN, Auctioneer.
Opelousas, December 10th, 1853.

NOTICE.
THOSE who are indebted to the establishment of the undersigned are earnestly requested to come and settle in the shortest delay, otherwise he will be forced to place all his accounts into the hands of a Justice of the Peace, to be collected with cost.
A. M. PERRAULT.
Opelousas, December 10th, 1853.

NOTICE.
THE partnership heretofore existing under the style of Bignon & Carriere, having been dissolved by the retirement of the subscriber, those who are indebted to said firm will please pay into the hands of Carriere, with whom assets are left to pay those to whom the firm may be indebted.
EMILE J. BIGNON.
Opelousas, December 10th, 1853.—3t.

POLICE JURY. Meeting of 6th Dec. 1853. Parish of St. Landry.
RESOLVED, by the Police Jury of the Parish of St. Landry, that at the meeting of the Jury to be held on the third Monday of January next 1854, (being the 16th day of the month.) The amount of Taxes to be assessed on the Parish for the service of the present year 1853, shall be fixed and determined on.
The following is an estimate of the expenditures that are required:

Salaries of officers, &c.	\$ 1,000
Pay to Police Jurors	1,400
Fees of Magistrates, Constables, witnesses in criminal cases,	1,000
Maintenance of prisoners, by law to be paid by the Parish,	1,000
Expenses of holding elections,	950
Support of indigent persons,	1,400
Printing,	175
Collection of Taxes,	1,200
Roads and small bridges,	100
Expenses of the Courts,	50
Contingent expenses,	625
EXTRA PROPORTIONAL.	\$ 9,000
Existing Debts,	\$ 3,000
Pay of Grand and Petit Jurors,	1,000
Construction of public works,	7,000
In all Twenty thousand Dollars,	\$ 20,000
A true copy.	GUY H. BELL, Clerk.
Opelousas, December 10th, 1853.	

NOTICE.
THE subscribers are now receiving a fine assortment of Goods, which they offer low for cash, or to punctual customers, payable on a short credit. Their goods have been selected with a great deal of care, and they hope will please the public. The Ladies will find a variety of fancy articles of latest fashions, such as *Barege Dresses, Silk do., Cashmeres and Muslin de Laine, Chemisettes, Sleeves, Gloves, &c. &c.*
Likewise a fine assortment of Clothing for Gentlemen.
T. LASTRAPES & Co.
Opelousas, December 10th, 1853.

NOTICE.
PHILIPPE STAGG, of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, having filed a petition for the appointment of Administrator of the Estate of the late Domestice Dubuisson, deceased wife of Samuel Derossier, 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 10th, 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 highest bidder, on the Plantation, last residence of Olivier Lafleur, deceased, in Grand Prairie, on
Wednesday, 11th Jan. next, 1854, the following described property belonging to the Estate of said Olivier Lafleur, deceased, to wit:

The Plantation last residence of said deceased, situated in the quarter called Grand Prairie, in this Parish, measuring five hundred and twenty superficial arpents (more or less) bounded North by a land of Widow Valerien Lafleur and Henry Juge, South by Philémon Chatman and Don Manol's concession, East by Joseph Bélar, & West by the Domaine, together with the

Buildings erected and thereto belonging.
A TRACT OF WOOD LAND, situated in the same Quarter, measuring 80 superficial arpents, bounded North by Hildevert Deshotels, South by Zenon P. Fontenot, East by Aug. J. Fontenot, and West by Don Manol's Concession.

A TRACT OF PRAIRIE LAND, situated in the same quarter, measuring 80 superficial acres, bounded North by public lands, South by Philémon Chatman, East by public lands and West by Hild. Deshotels.
A TRACT OR Parcel of Land situated in Cavalier's Cove, in the same quarter, measuring about one thousand superficial arpents, bounded North by Louis Ledoux, South by McCoy's concession, East by François P. Pitre, and West by Joseph B. Fontenot, together with certain buildings and improvements which will be designated on the day of sale.

16 SLAVES, of both sexes and divers ages.
About 150 head of horned cattle in Vachery, about 90 head of gentle horned cattle, another lot of gentle horned cattle, 4 yoke of oxen; about 20 head of horse creatures; about 10 work horses and mules, one Cotton Gin with the Press, a lot of hogs; 1 calash 1 sulky, 500 barrels of corn, one lot of sheep, 6 stacks of fodder, Plantation instruments and many other articles too tedious to enumerate.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The Purchase money payable one half in all the month of April One thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, and the other half payable in all the month of April of the following year (1856). Purchasers giving good and sufficient security in solido to the satisfaction of the Administrators, and the slaves remaining specially mortgaged unto said Estate until full and entire payment of capital and interest which may accrue thereon at the rate of 8 per cent per annum from time due until paid.
E. V. DEBAILLON, Auctioneer.
Opelousas, Dec. 10th, 1853.

Beef Hides Wanted.
MR. J. L. COURET, announces to the public and principally to the merchants of the surrounding country, that he buys Beef Hides, at a very high price and for cash; provided that they be carried to his house, in Opelousas.
Opelousas, December 10th 1853.—1m.

Notice to Bridge Builders.
THE undersigned, commissioners appointed by the Police Jury, to sell out the construction of the Caron Bridge, near the plantation of Mrs. Laboyche, will proceed to sell said building to the lowest bidder, on Monday, the 10th December instant, 1853, on the ground, where a plan and specification will be presented.
E. GANTT, F. L. MUDD, L. ESTORGE, Directors.
St. Landry, December 10th, 1853.

State of Louisiana.
DISTRICT COURT. No. 7077.
Parish of St. Landry.
Estate of Gilbert Sloan, dec'd.
JAMES AKEHEAD, of the Parish of St. Landry, Administrator of the Estate of Gilbert Sloan, deceased, having filed a Tableau of Classification of the creditors of said Estate, accompanied by a petition praying that the same may be homologated, and the administrator authorized to pay accordingly.—And whereas the prayer of said petition has been granted by order of Court of December 2nd 1853;
Now, therefore, notice is hereby given to all interested, to make opposition, if any they have, within ten days, from the date hereof, why said tableau of classification should not be homologated and the administrator authorized to pay accordingly.
A. GARRIGUES, Clerk.
Opelousas, December 3d, 1853.

TO TAX PAYERS.
THE undersigned having been appointed agent, by the securities of the late Franklin B. Reeves, Collector of the Parish and Rail-Road Taxes, to continue and complete the collection of said Taxes, for the Parish of St. Landry, respectfully and urgently invites and requests all persons in arrears for Parish Taxes for 1852, and Railroad Taxes, for the present year, to come forward and make payment, without delay, as the time for the collection of said Taxes has now nearly expired, and no indulgence can be given. Till the 10th inst. I can be found at the store of Lastrapes & Fontenot, in Opelousas; after that time at my office in Washington.
CYRUS THOMPSON.
December 3d, 1853.

PUBLIC SALE.

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

WILL be sold to the last and highest bidder, by the undersigned, Auctioneer, at the last residence of the late Louis Auguste Jacques Fontenot, in Prairie Chataignier, in St. Landry,
On Wednesday, the 3rd January next, 1854,
the following property belonging to the Estate of the late Louis Auguste Jacques Fontenot, to wit:

A TRACT OF WOOD LAND, situated in Chataignier, St. Landry, measuring three arpents front by forty arpents (more or less) in depth, bounded North by Bre. Saucier, South by lands of Boislore, East by the Plantation belonging to the aforesaid Estate, and West by Simon Fontenot.

A MULATTO BOY, named Felicien, aged about 12 years;
A Lot of 80 or 100 head of Gentle Horned Cattle, Gentle Horses and Mares, a Branding Iron, Plantation Implements, and many other articles too tedious to enumerate.
Terms and Conditions will be made known on the day of sale.
SIMEON FONTENOT, Auctioneer.
Opelousas, Dec. 3d, 1853.

SHERIFF'S SALE.
State of Louisiana.
Minors of James A. Thoms District Court. Parish of Rapides, La.—No. 4571.
His deceased wife, &c.

BY virtue of a commission from the Honorable District Court, in and for the Parish of Rapides, and State of Louisiana, and to me directed in the above entitled suit, will be exposed at Public Auction, at the Court House of this Parish, on Saturday the 7th day of January 1854, commencing at the hour of 11 o'clock A. M. and continuing from day to day, if necessary, the following described property, belonging to the minor heirs of Thoms and his deceased wife as follows, to wit:

A certain tract or parcel of Land, situated in the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, and being the North-West quarter of section No. two, in Township No. three, South of range No. four East, containing the quantity of one hundred and sixty-two 5/160 acres.
Also another tract of Land contiguous to the above described and containing the quantity of ten acres and ninety-three hundredths of an acre.

Taxes on said property, one third payable on the first day of January 1854, one third on the first day of January 1855, and one third on the first day of January 1856. The purchaser to execute his notes with eight per cent. per annum interest after their respective maturities until paid, the vendors live and arid price, in addition to a special mortgage to be retained on the property to secure the purchase money.
HARRISON ROGERS, Sheriff.
Sheriff's office, St. Landry, Nov. 26th, 1853.

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 Carpenter's 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 VIOL, Administrator.
Opelousas, 12 November 1853.

SHERIFF'S SALE.
STATE OF LOUISIANA.
Thomas C. Anderson & Co. District Court. Parish of St. Landry. No. 3582.
C. C. Preston & wife.

BY virtue of a writ of fi fa issued out of the District Court, in and for the Parish of St. Landry, and to me directed in the above entitled suit, will be exposed to public sale for cash, at the Court House of this Parish, on Saturday the seventh day of January 1854, commencing at the hour of 11 o'clock A. M., and continuing from day to day, if necessary, all the right, title, interest and demand of Christopher C. Preston and Mildred M. Preston, in and to the following described property, to wit:
A certain negro-woman, named Fany, aged 50 years, a negro boy named Anderson, an orphan, aged nine years.
HARRISON ROGERS, Sheriff.
Sheriff's office, St. Landry, November 26th, 1853.

SHERIFF'S SALE.
STATE OF LOUISIANA.
François Jean, f. m. c. District Court. Parish of St. Landry. No. 6083.
William Edmonds, f. m. c.

BY virtue of an order of seizure and sale issued in the above entitled suit, by the District Court, in and for the Parish of St. Landry, and to me directed, will be exposed to public sale, for cash, at the Court House of this Parish, on Saturday the 7th day of January next, 1854, commencing at the hour of 11 o'clock A. M., and continuing from day to day, if necessary, all the right, title, interest and demand of William Edmonds, f. m. c. in and to the following described property, to wit: The undivided half of a certain fraction situated in the Town of Opelousas, measuring fifty-four feet, 6 inches, fronting on Bellevue street, and twenty-five feet, 6 inches, fronting on Court street, bounded on the East side by Rachel Gradenois, on the West side by Court street and on the depth by Thos. H. Lewis.—And moreover, the undivided half of

The Lot of Ground, situated in the Town of Opelousas, and of the Buildings and Improvements thereunto belonging, being lot No. 26, bounded on the South and East by Miss Marguerite Chretien, and West by Court street.
H. ROGERS, Sheriff.
Opelousas, November 26th, 1853.

Of a Lot of Ground, situated in the Town of Opelousas, measuring fifty-four feet, 6 inches, fronting on Bellevue street, and twenty-five feet, 6 inches, fronting on Court street, bounded on the East side by Rachel Gradenois, on the West side by Court street and on the depth by Thos. H. Lewis.—And moreover, the undivided half of

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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 highest bidder, at the last residence of the late Auguste Bélar Fontenot, 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 Bélar Fontenot 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, 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 barrels 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.

Public Sale.
SUCCESSION OF HORTENSE SOILBAU, DEC'D.
THERE will be offered at Public Sale by the undersigned Public Auctioneer, to the last and highest bidder, on
Tuesday, 27th, December 1853,
at the last residence of Hortense Soilbau, widow of Louis Guillory fils, late of the Parish of St. Landry, the following described property to wit, belonging to said estate:

A CERTAIN Tract of Land, in the Parish of St. Landry situated on the Bayou Crocodile, and bounded on the North by the said Bayou, South by lands belonging to Louis Soilbau, and Jean L. Simon, East by lands belonging to François D. Fontenot, together with all the

BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS thereon.
ALSO
6 SLAVES,

Terms of Sale.—One and two years from day of sale. Purchasers giving personal security to the satisfaction of the Administrator. The land and negroes remaining specially mortgaged until full and final payment. All sums not punctually paid at maturity, to draw eight per cent per annum interest from maturity until final payment.
EVARISTE DEBAILLON, Public Auctioneer.
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6 SLAVES, of both sexes and divers ages.
About 30 head of Cattle, Brand, &c, 4 Horses, 2 pair of Oxen, Household furniture &c.
TERMS OF SALE.—One and two years from day of sale. Purchasers giving personal security to the satisfaction of the Administrator. The land and negroes remaining specially mortgaged until full and final payment. All sums not punctually paid at maturity, to draw eight per cent per annum interest from maturity until final payment.
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