THE COURIER.

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Opelousas:

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 1854.

THE WASHINGTON & OPELOUSAS RACES.

As we stated last week, the new race track of Mr. Sol. B. Harman, between Washington and Opelousas, was opened on the 29th, 30th and 31st of last month. Although great pains had been taken and a large sum of money expended by that gentleman for the working of the track, it was too new and too heavy on account of previous rains.

The first, second and third day's entries were:

FIRST DAY.

Proprietor's Purse. $100.—One Mile Race.

Charley Fox, entered by G. C. Hoskins, of Miss.
Djalma, entered by Emile Mouton, of Lafayette.
Betty Martin, entered by Harwell, of Bellevue.
Blue Dick, entered by P. D Hardy, of Opelousas.
Hautboy, entered by R. Harwell, of St. Landry.
The race was easily won by Charley Fox.
Time—2 min. 1 sec.

SECOND DAY.

Proprietor's Purse, $100.—One Mile, Creole Horses.

A brown horse, entered by Pierre Pitre.
A roan horse, entered by Edmond Dupré.
A dun horse, entered by Theodule Hollier.
The race was won by Pitre's brown horse.

THIRD DAY.

Gate Money.—1 mile race.—Saddle Horses.

Missouri Hellen, entered by G. C. Hoskins.
A brown horse, entered by Pierre Pitre.
A chesnut horse, entered by William Déjean.
A chesnut horse, entered by Pitre.
A chesnut horse, entered by Jeff. Johnson.
The race was won by Missouri Hellen.
Time—2 min. 1 sec.

We expect to see a crowd on that now favorite track, the next coming races. The track will be in fine order.

☞The ladies and gentlemen of St. Landry will remember that Wednesday next, 11th instant, is the day fixed by Prof. Cazalot, for his *Farewell Ball*, at the Opelousas Varieties.

We hope the room will be crowded.

Sales of the Week.—The Sheriff will offer for sale, at the Court-House, to-day, three lots of ground, situated in St. Landry, two lots with buildings, situated in Opelousas; a negro-man and a negro-boy.

Evariste Debaillon, auctioneer, will offer for sale, on the 10th, five lots of ground, situated in Opelousas and the Parish. On the 11th, he will offer for sale a plantation, three lots of ground, sixteen slaves, cattle, &c.

Auguste Déjean, auctioneer, will offer for sale on the 10th instant, a negro-woman.—On the 12th he will offer for sale one lot of ground, four slaves, cattle, &c.

For terms and places of sale, see advertisements in another column of our paper.

☞One hundred and fifty-four persons died of Yellow Fever, in the parish of St. James, during the last epidemic.

THE SEMI-WEEKLY CREOLE—Is the name of a new, neat and ably edited paper, just published in New-Orleans, by Messrs. Latham & Co. We wish the *Creole* a fair portion of advertising favors and success to its editors.

THE SUGAR CROP.

The Sugar crop in this parish, has been very abundant, our planters will double the quantity of hogsheads made last year, may the price be in the same proportion. Notwithstanding this fine success, many speak of abandoning the cane to return to the cultivation of Cotton. Among those who have finished *grinding*, we have been able to ascertain the quantity made by the following:

Estate of John Greig,	147	hhds.
P. Z. Doucet,	150	"
Estate of Charles Mouton,	195	"
Alexandre Mouton,	430	"
Arv. Broussard,	56	"
André Martin,	247	"
F. Hébert,	30	"
J. D. Patin,	208	"
A. E. Mouton,	425	"
H. & D. Béraud,	320	"
A. Guidry,	54	"

Echo of Lafayette.

CHANGE IN THE TARIFF.—On the following articles, Secretary Gutherie recommends a duty of one hundred per cent. ad valorum, viz: Brandy and spirits distilled from grain or other material, Cordials, Absynthe, Arrack, Curraçoa, Kirschenwasser, Liqueurs, Maraschino, Ratafia, and all other spirituous beverages of a similar character. The free-list table embraces a great many articles, including Coffee, Tea, Cocoa, Books, Magazines, Medicines, &c.

☞"Jones, what in the world put matrimony in your head?"

"Well, the fact is, Uncle Robert, I was getting short of shirts."

"Betsey, get up and get something to eat." "Why, John, there's nothing cooked," "Well, get up and cook something." "Why John there is nothing to cook." "Nothing at all?" "No." "Well get up and get a clean knife and fork—I'll go through the motion anyhow."

How many amusing and ridiculous scenes should we witness in this world, if each pair of men that secretely laugh at each other, were to laugh at each other aloud.

THE POSER POSED.—In a jolly company, each one was to ask a question; if it was answered, he paid a forfeit; or if he could not answer it himself, he paid a forfeit. Pat's question was: "How the little ground squirrel digs his hole without showing any dirt about the entrance?" When they all gave up, Pat said, "Sure, do you see, he begins at the other end of the hole." One of the rest exclaimed, "But how does he get there?" "Ah, said Pat, "that's your question—can you answer it yourself?"

ADVENTURES OF AN AERONAUT.—The aeronaut, M. Arban, who made an ascent from Barcelona, Spain, more than two years ago, and had not since been heard of, and who was believed to have fallen into the sea and been drowned, it is said, has made his appearance again. An Alicant letter says, that his balloon went over to Africa, and that he was seized and made a slave, and continued in that state for two years, when he made his escape.

NOTICE.

THEODULE FONTENOT, of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, having filed a petition for the appointment of Administrator of the Estate of Hilaire Fontenot 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, January 7th, 1854.

NOTICE.

EUGENE PETETIN, of the Parish of St. Landry, has applied by his petition to be appointed Dative Testamentary Executor of the Estate of Raymond Dario, deceased, of said Parish.

Any person intending to make opposition to said appointment, will file the same, in writing, within ten days from the date of the present notice, at the office of the Clerk of the District Court, in the town of Opelousas.

A. GARRIGUES, *Clerk.*

Opelousas, January 7th, 1854.

PUBLIC SALE.

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

THE public is hereby informed, that there will be sold, at public auction, by the undersigned, public auctioneer, for the Parish of St. Landry, at the Court House, in the town of Opelousas, on

Saturday, 4th February next, 1854,

at 10 o'clock A. M.,

30 Slaves,

of different ages and both sexes.

Terms and Conditions:—One and two years credit, from the day of sale. Purchasers giving approved personal security, and the slaves remaining specially mortgaged to secure payment of principal and interest. All sums not punctually paid at maturity to bear eight per cent interest, until final payment. Acts of sale to be passed before Joel H. Sandoz, notary public, at the expense of purchasers.

EVTE DEBAILLON,
Auctioneer.

Opelousas, January 7th, 1854.

UNION HOTEL
OPELOUSAS, LA.

THE undersigned respectfully inform their friends and the public in general, that they have purchased the UNION HOTEL, in Opelousas, formerly owned by Mr. Frederic Martel, and more recently by Mr. Christopher Steel, and that they are now ready, with the aid of a good french cook, to receive boarders and travellers that may patronize their establishment.

The best wines, liquors, &c., that the New-Orleans market can furnish, will always be found at their establishment. They solicit a share of public patronage.

H. A. PATIN,
ZEPHIRIN CORMIER.

Opelousas, January 7th, 1854.—1y

LIST OF LETTERS

REMAINING in the Post Office, at Opelousas, January 1st, 1854, which if not taken out within three months, will be sent to the Dead Letters Office.

Adams, Dr.		Hitchborn F. P.	
Acher, Dr.	3	Ingram S. A.	
Bastard, Laurent		Jean François	3
Bagnéris, Edmond		Jenkins Chas.	
Baillio, Aps.		Jones Eliab.	
Barth, John		Knox R. J.	
Blum, Abraham		Leity Jean	
Bercier, Eugene		Mouchet père	
Boudet, Othon		Mills J. C.	2
Broussard & Abadie,		Melançon Jas.	
Bachemain, Valcourt		Melançon M. L.	
Bellizan, Joseph		Martin A.	
Castille, Alex.		Pres't. Franklin College	
Corso, François		Pearce N. U.	
Carmouche, Mme. N.		Powell Willis J.	
Compere, J. W.		Perissin Jean	2
Chickery, C.		Parent Alex.	
Carrière Miss Louisa		Rachal Vve. Clément	
Cheuvert Léon		Rachal Vve. Elize	
Devannier Joséphine		Riggs Samuel	
Dudoit Pierre		Senat Bernard	
Duron A.	2	Sterling Philip.	
Forriest Joseph		Sterling Philip S.	
Fiset Peter B.		Tresat François	
Granger Louis	2	Tarleton Dr. John	
Gillet François		Vanwicke Stephen	
Gibbes J. G.		Vermestre Agathon	
Gordy Archibald		Wise Benjamin	
Goodwyn Rev. A. E.		Wible Mrs. Celeste	
Hoy Alex. D.	2	Wykoff T. H.	
Haiff Felix		Wood Miss Maria	2
Houchit Wm.		Woodburn John	
Hallam J. D.		Yarborough Franklin	
Higginbotham Nelson		Young Miss Parence	
Hays Mrs. Mary E. F.		Young Miss Eleanor.	

A. J. THOMPSON, P. M.

Opelousas, January 7th, 1854.

GREAT INDUCEMENT!

THE undersigned wishing to close his winter business, offers his stock of Fall Goods at great reduced prices.

The following goods are offered thus:
Rich colored Silk Dresses at $18 to $20.
Fine colored Muslin de Laine Dresses at $8.
Fine Bayadère and Brazelian Robes at $6 to $12.
Barège Dresses from $3 up,
Muslin de Laine at 20, 25 and 30 cts, a yd.
Clothings are offered very low.
Blue Blanket Coats from $3 75 cts. up.
Norway Blanket Over Coats at $8 50 cts.
Brown Whitney Sacks at $9 to $10.
Cloth Sacks, Frock and Dress Coats low.
Fine best Cloth and Cassimere Pants at $6 50 to $7
Fine colored Cass. Pants from $5 to $6 50 cts.
" " " Vests at $3 to $3 50 cts
" " " " N. B. at $5.

All the above goods are of a superior quality, and persons are requested to come and examine the stock if they wish to have bargains.

CHS. A. GENIN.

Opelousas, January 7th, 1854.

NOTICE.

THE undersigned having sold the Union Hotel to Messrs. Hyp. A. Patin and Zéphirin Cormier, beg leave to recommend those gentlemen to his friends and the public in general.

He takes this opportunity to invite all those who are indebted to him to come forward and settle up, as he is much in need of cash.

CHRISTOPHER STEEL.

Opelousas, 7th January 1854. 5—2t.

JOHN F. MORROGH. WILLIAM MOUTON.

Morrogh & Mouton,
Attorneys at Law,

WILL punctually attend to all business entrusted to them, in the different Courts of the Fifteenth Judicial District.

Office in Washington, La.
January 7th, 1854.—1y.

MEETING OF CREDITORS.
ESTATE OF ISAAC MARKS, dec'd.

BY virtue of an order from the Honorable the Judge of the Fifteenth Judicial District Court of Louisiana, holding Court in and for the Parish of St. Landry, granted upon the petition of John Stiffell, Curator of the vacant Estate of Isaac Marks, deceased, a Meeting of the Creditors of the said Isaac Marks, dec'd., late of the Parish of St. Landry, will be held on Thursday, the 19th January instant, 1854, at 10 o'clock A. M. before Joel H. Sandoz, Esq., a Notary Public in and for the Parish of St. Landry, at his Office, in the Town of Opelousas, for the purpose of fixing the terms and conditions of the sale of the property of said Estate.

A. GARRIGUES,
Clerk of said Court.

Opelousas 7th January 1854.

PUBLIC SALE.
Estate of Thomas Gardner Senior, deceased.

THE public is hereby informed, that there will be offered, 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 last residence of late Thomas Gardner, Sr., at Washington, in this parish, on

Wednesday, 8th February next,

1854, the following property belonging to the Estate of the late Thomas Gardner Senior, to wit:—

A Town Lot,

situated in the Town of Washington, in the Parish of St. Landry, measuring two arpents front on Bayou Courtableau, by four arpents in depth (more or less) bounded North by said Bayou, South by O. Hinckley and the Family Grave Yard, East by the Plantation of Offutt brothers, and West by the old Church property, together with all the

Buildings And Improvements

thereon erected, it being the last residence of said deceased.

Another Town Lot,

numbered 97, in Gardner's Addition, in the said Town of Washington.

ANOTHER TOWN LOT,

situated in the said addition, & same Town; and numbered 88.

Another Town Lot,

situated in the same Parish, same Town and Addition, and numbered 98.

ANOTHER TOWN LOT,

situated in the same Parish, Town and Addition, and numbered 86.

One Horse and Cart, a small lot of Household furniture and Kitchen utensils.

Terms and Conditions:—The slaves payable one third on the first day of May next, 1854, one third payable on the first day of May one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, and the last third payable on the first day of May of the following year, 1856. The lots of ground and improvements, payable thus:—one fourth on the first of May next, 1854, one fourth on the first of May, of next year, 1855, one fourth on the first of May of the following year, 1856, and the last fourth on the first day of May eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, and the moveable property payable cash. Purchasers of slaves and landed property furnishing security in solido, to the satisfaction of the administrator of said estate, and all sums not punctually paid at maturity to bear interest at eight per cent per annum, from time due until paid, and moreover the lands and slaves remaining specially mortgaged unto said Estate until full and entire payement of capital and interest which may accrue thereon.

ROBERT BENGUEREL,
Auctioneer.

Opelousas, January 7th, 1854.

PUBLIC SALE.
Estate of late Mrs. Mary Norton, wife of Thos. Gardner Senior.

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 last residence of Mrs. Mary Norton, deceased, at Washington,

On Wednesday, 8th February next,

(1854) the following described property belonging to the Estate of said late Mrs. Mary Norton, deceased wife of Thos. Gardner, Sr. also deceased, late of the Parish of St. Landry, to wit:

The undivided half of——Acres of land, situated in the Parish of St. Landry, on the Bayou Courtableau, at the junction of the Bayou Darbonne, together with the

Buildings

and improvements thereon erected, consisting of a SAW MILL, and other improvements, it being the same property, the undivided half of which the said deceased inherited from her brother, the late Charles Norton.

12 SLAVES,

of both sexes and different ages.

Terms and Conditions:—The slaves payable one third on the first day of May next, 1854, one third on the first day of May of next year, 1855, and the last third, payable on the first day of May eighteen hundred and fifty-six. Purchasers furnishing security *in solido* to the satisfaction of the Administrator of said Estate, and all sums not punctually paid at maturity to bear interest at the rate of eight per cent. per annum from time due until paid;—and moreover the slaves remaining specially mortgaged unto said Estate until full and entire payment of capital and interests which may accrue thereon.

R. BENGUEREL, *Auctioneer.*

Opelousas, January 7th, 1854.

BLACKSMITH WANTED.

A GOOD Blacksmith can have a good situation and good wages, by applying to the Editors of the *Opelousas Courier.*

Opelousas, January 7th, 1854.

JAMES REED,
Public Crier for St. Landry.

ORDERS can be left at Mr. S. D. Allis' Drug Store, and at Mr. John Reed's Coffee House, in the Town of Washington; and also at the office of Sandoz & Meynier, editors of the *Opelousas Courier.*

Washington, Jan. 7th, 1854.—1y.

Public Sale.

WILL be sold, at public auction, to the highest and last bidder, by the undersigned, public auctioneer, for the Parish of St. Landry, on

Monday, 13th of February next,

1854, at the last residence of Henri Valansart, deceased, on the Bayou Courtableau, the following described property belonging to the succession of said Henri Valansart, deceased, and P. J. Pavy, to wit:

A Tract of Land

situated in the Parish of St. Landry, on the Bayou Courtableau, measuring 1329 36-100 superficial arpents—350 arpents of which are cleared—enough cane on the place to plant about 180 arpents—with all the

BUILDINGS
AND
IMPROVEMENTS,

thereon, consisting of a *Fine Dwelling House, a Sugar House with a Steam Engine, and several other fine buildings,* all of which are new, being the last residence of the deceased.

35 SLAVES.

Charles, negro-man, aged 23 years.
Alfred, negro-man, aged 24 years.
Isaac, negro-man, aged 25 years.
John, negro-man, *carpenter*, 28 years.
Guity, negro-man, aged 28 years.
George, negro-man, aged 21 years.
Henry, negro-man, aged 18 years.
Andrew, negro-boy, aged 10 years.
Angèle, negro-woman, aged 28 years.
Jim, negro-man, aged 25 years.
Jupiter, negro-man, aged 27 years.
Pallon, negro-man, aged 21 years.
Liger, negro-man, aged 50 years.
Alfred Newby, negro-man, aged 24 years.
Charles Bouda, negro-man, aged 17 years.
Julien, negro-man, aged 29 years.
Francis, negro-boy, aged 10 years.
Elizabeth, negro-woman, aged 24 years.
Her child, Jenny, aged 4 years.
Lovenia, negro-woman, aged 38 years.
Louise, negro-woman, aged 40 years.
Her child, Prudent, aged 9 years.
Lucinda, negro-woman, aged 24 years.
Her child, Robert, aged 2 years.
Maria, negro-woman, aged 26 years.
Her child, Charles, aged 4 years.
Nancy, negro-woman, aged 27 years.
Rachel, negro-woman, aged 22 years.
Lucile, negro-woman, aged 26 years.
Her child, aged 1 year.
Jane, negro-woman, aged 18 years.
Her child, aged 2 months.
Rose, negro-girl, aged 13 years.
Frances, negro-girl, aged 14 years.
Ann, negro-girl, aged 10 years.

18 Mules, 2 Horses, 1 pair of Timber Wheels, a Waggon, 8 horse carts (or cane carts,) 80 head of sheep, 14 head of horned cattle, 4 pairs of oxen, a large quantity of plantation utensils, &c.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

One fourth of purchase money, payable cash, the balance in three annual instalments, from the day of sale.—Purchasers giving approved personal security and the lands and slaves remaining specially mortgaged to secure principal and interest. All sums not punctually paid at maturity, to bear eight per cent interest until final payment.

Note.—Mr. P. J. Pavy being a joint owner in said property and a large creditor of deceased, will be present on the day of sale, and will grant a liberal extension of the aforesaid terms of credit to any person who will purchase the plantation separately, or the plantation, negroes, work stock, farming utensils, &c, in block.

REFERENCES:
LORIT & CHARPENTIER, New Orleans.
E. H. MARTIN, Opelousas.
LOUIS CHAUDET, on the plantation.

EVTE. DEBAILLON, *Auctioneer.*

Opelousas, January 7th, 1854.

Public Sale.
Succession of Henri Valansart, dec'd.

WILL be sold, at public Auction, to the last and highest bidder, by the undersigned, a Public Auctioneer, in and for the Parish of St. Landry, on

Monday, the 13th, of February

next (1854;) at the last residence of Henri Valansart, on the Bayou Courtableau, the following described property, belonging to the succession of said Henri Valansart, dec'd. to wit:

A Tract of Land,

situated on Bayou Nez Piqué.

A Negro Girl,

about 9 years old.

A Carriage, a horse, one mare, a gun, a pair of pistols, a fine Library, several fine paintings, (tableaus,) Household Furniture, kitchen utensils, &c., &c.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

All sums of $25 and under, cash; all sums over $25 in one year from the day of sale, Purchasers giving approved personal security, and the Land and Slave remaining specially mortgaged until full and entire payment of principal and interest, at 8 per cent, interest, from maturity until final payment.

EVTE. DEBAILLON,
Auctioneer.

Opelousas, January 7th, 1854.

William Mouton,
Notary Public,

IN AND FOR THE PARISH OF ST. LANDRY.

Office in Washington, La.
January 7th, 1854.—1y.

DR. PILATE,

HAS returned from the North, and will now remain a permanent resident of this Parish. The Dr. has availed himself of the opportunity he met with in the city of New York, to become thoroughly acquainted with the scientifical art of Dentistry, and is now ready to practice it, in all its branches and according to the latest improvement.

Office—At the late residence of Miss Marguerite Chrétien, in Opelousas.

Opelousas, January 7th, 1854.

$10 Reward.

I gave my negroman AARON, a pass for a week, to work about Opelousas, as his wife was in the neighborhood, dated 25th December last, since which he has not returned. He is about 5 1[2 feet high, stout built, and has a swagger when walking. He rode off a dark bay creole horse; his clothes are green blanket coat, brown cloth coat, white linsey pantaloon, a beaver hat, small rim and low crown. His object is to force me to sell him, so as to be near his wife.

I will give the above reward to any person who will deliver him to me, at Prairie Plaisance, or put him in Jail so I get him again.

JOHN NUGENT.

St. Landay, 6 January 1854. 5—tf.

NOTICE.

EUGENE BERCIER, of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, having filed a petition for the appointment of administrator of the Estate of A. O. Déjean, his wife, deceased, late of the Parish of St. Landry;

Therefore, 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, January 7th, 1854.

NOTICE.

NAPOLEON ANDREPONT, of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, having filed a petition for the appointment of Administrator of the Estate of Philip Andrepont and his wife, Méline Pitre, both 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, January 7th, 1854.

Dissolution of Partnership.

THE partnership heretofore existing under the name of P. & V. Roy will be dissolved by mutual consent on the first March next, at which date the book will be shut up for every body. Both the undersigned will be charged of the liquidation. The stock, consisting in Dry Goods, Hardware, &c. &c., will be sold for cash at a great reduction of prices.

PIERRE ROY.
VALIERE ROY.

Opelousas, January 7th, 1854.—1m.

TO BRIDGE BUILDERS.

THE construction of a bridge on Bayou Garrigues, will be adjudicated to the lowest bidder, by the undersigned, commissioners, on the old bridge, Wednesday next, 1st day of February 1854, between the hours of 10 to 12 o'clock in the morning. The plan and specifications can be seen at the office of the *Opelousas Courier*, and at the store of Mr. Estève Fournier, near the old bridge.

FÇOIS. POIRET.
ONEZ. L. PITRE.
FRANÇOIS A. PITRE.

Opelousas, January 7th, 1854.

POULTRY.

TO the Poultry dealers, Planters and fanciers at the South. The subscriber is now prepared to fill orders to any extent for any known variety of choice imported and domestic Fowls, Geese, Ducks, Turkeys, Swans and Pea and Guinea Fowls, and will sell stock by the pair, trio or lot, at very reasonable prices.—Those who buy to sell again supplied on favorable terms. I will warrant all Birds sold by me to be equal in all respects to any in the country. Stock can be safely sent to any part of the United States.

No charge made for cages.

J. W. PLATT,
Rhinebeck, N. Y.

December, 31st, 1853.—3t.

C. H. Mouton,
Attorney and Counselor at Law,

WILL attend to all business of his profession, in the Parishes of St. Landry, Lafayette, Vermillion and St. Martin.

Office in Vermillionville, La.
31st December, 1853.—1y.

ST. LOUIS HOTEL,
Grand Coteau, La.
LOUIS A. PATIN, PROPRIETOR.

ON the 15th of January next, 1854, this Hotel will be opened for the reception of the travelling public.

This Hotel will be kept in the best style, and the Table furnished with the best that the market of the place can afford.

Large and commodious Stables are attached to the Establishment.

Grand Coteau, 31st December, 1853.

E. F. Mioton. P. Maloché.

E. F. MIOTON & CO.
Successors to Vincent Aicard.

WHOLESALE & RETAIL MERCHANTS OF CROCKERY, CHINA-WARE, GLASS-WARE, &c.

No. 42, Old Levee Street,

Dec. 31, 1853.—1y. *NEW-ORLEANS.*

FOR SALE.

THIRTY LIKELY SLAVES, of both sexes and different ages.

For the conditions and other particulars, apply to the editors of the *Opelousas Courier.*

Opelousas, December 31st, 1853.

Public Sale.
Estate of Alexandre Close.

WILL be sold to the last and highest bidder, by the undersigned, Auctioneer, in and for the Parish of St. Landry, at the last residence of the deceased, in this Parish of St. Landry, on

Thursday, 2nd. February 1854,

the following property, belonging to the Estate of Alexandre Close, deceased, to wit:

A Negro Girl and her child.

80 Arpents of Land.

A NEW HOUSE,

situated on the land of J. P. Close.

A skiff, a flat-boat, 350 six feet pieux, another house, a lot of pieux, a lot of boards, 2 watches, 2 cows, a beef and 2 calves, a surveyor's compass, 2 rifles, a gun, a creole mare, a creole horse, a cart, one pair of oxen, 60 cords of wood, 1500 nine feet pickets, 800 staves, 34,500 shingles, 2500 thirty inches boards, the stock of dry goods and groceries at Barré's Landing.

Conditions will be made known on the day of sale.

EVTE. DEBAILLON,
Auctioneer.

Opelousas, December 31st, 1853.

PUBLIC SALE.

PURSUANT to an authorization from the Auditor of Public Accounts, in conformity to act No. 224, of the Legislature, approved 28th April 1853, the undersigned, auctioneer, will sell to the last and highest bidder, at public auction, at the Court House door, in the town of Opelousas, on

Wednesday, the 18th. of January

next, 1854, for cash, all the right, title and interest of the State, in and to the undivided half of a tract or parcel of

SAND,

situated in the Parish of St. Landry, near the town of Opelousas, bounded North by lands of Thomas H. Lewis, East by the Bayou del Puento, South by lands of Lastie Nézat and West by lands of J. J. Louailier, containing two hundred and twenty-two arpents.

ACHILLE DUPRE,
Auctioneer.

Opelousas, December 17th, 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 the undersigned, at the last residence of the late Benjamin Carantin, in the Town of Washington, Parish of St. Landry, on

Wednesday, the 1st February next,

1854, the following property, belonging to the Estate of said late Benjamin Carantin, deceased, to wit:

4 SLAVES,

of both sexes and divers age,

Seven head of gentle horned Cattle, one Horse, Household Furniture, Kitchen Utensils, a set of Silver Spoons and Forks, 1 double barrelled Gun, one Chest of carpenter's tools, one Saddle and Bridle, &c.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:—One third of purchase money payable on the first day of April eighteen hundred and fifty-five, one third on the first day of April following, 1856, and the last third, on the first day of April 1857. Purchasers giving good and personal security, and all sums not punctually paid at maturity, to bear interest at 8 per cent per annum, from time due until paid, and moreover, the slaves remaining specially mortgaged unto said Estate until full and entire payment of capital and interest which may accrue thereon.

S. D. ALLIS, *Auctioneer.*

Opelousas, Dec. 31, 1853.

SALE AT AUCTION.

THE undersigned will sell at auction, at their Store, in Grand Coteau, through the ministry of a competent officer, on Wednesday, the 25th of January next, 1854, their stock of goods, consisting in dry goods, groceries &c.

They will also offer for sale two

DWELLING HOUSES,

with the lots and other appertenances attached to them respectively.

Conditions made known on the day of sale.

PATIN BROTHERS.

Grand Coteau December 31st, 1853.

GRAGUILLA,
MARBLE CUTTER.
ST.-MARTINSVILLE, LA.,

HAS constantly on hand a fine assortment of Italian Marble, of the finest quality, for Tombs, &c. Persons in want of such works will please send their orders to him, in St. Martinsville, or to the editors of the *Opelousas Courier.*

He warrants all his foundations.

St. Martinsville, December 31st, 1853.—1y

Oysters! Oysters!

The undersigned will always have on hand at the Rail Road Exchange, Opelousas, during the present season, fresh Oysters from Vermillon Bay. He solicits a share of public patronage.

PIERRE CESSAC (alias CADET.)

Opelousas, December 31st, 1853.—2t.