

TO OUR FRIENDS.

As usual to fulfill our pecuniary engagements, we offer the following proposition to those who are indebted to us...

Advertisements or notices, for the Opelousas Courier, should be handed in, (later) on Friday at ten o'clock, or earlier, if possible.

Fire at Bell-Creeks Springs.—Our friends, the proprietors of those popular springs, have just made a loss, that the present season, even if it is fine and profitable for them, cannot pay for it.

We learn with pleasure that Messrs. Daigle and Beauchamp, the proprietors, notwithstanding that heavy loss, are now ready, as before, to receive visitors. We hope that their friends and the public will give them a helping hand during the present season, in order to defray them of the loss of their stables and provisions.

Public Lands.—The plan of Township 9, South Range, 6 East, has lately been received at the Opelousas Land Office. The pre-emptors on said Township will do well to come immediately if they wish to retain their land.

Again another negro outrage!—A negro girl, belonging to Mr. Warren Mezinyer of Opelousas, was cruelly beaten in his own field by three runaways on Sunday last, 22d inst. They were chased but unfortunately not caught.

When will these things end, we can't say, but it seems to us that our citizens ought to take every possible step to prevent the continuance any longer.

An election took place in New Orleans on the 23rd June last, on an ordinance to subscribe \$1,500,000 to the Mobile Railroad, and resulted in favor of said road by 3894 votes majority.

The whole press of Philadelphia are out in favor of Hoodland's German Bitters, as they are prepared by Dr. C. M. Jackson. We are glad to record the success of this valuable remedy for Dyspepsia, as we believe it supplies a desideratum in the medical world long needed.

Age's Cherry Pectoral.—Amongst the many nostrums that are daily heralded forth to the public as panaceas for nearly all the ills which afflict humanity, there are, no doubt, many entirely worthless, and others that possess all the merit which is claimed for them.

For the Opelousas Courier. List of arrivals at the Bell-Creeks Springs, during the last week in June 1854.

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FRANKLIN INSTITUTION.

Messrs. Editors,

On Saturday last, the 1st inst., through the columns of your estimable journal, as well as by private invitation, we were informed that a public examination of the pupils of the Franklin Institution, would take place on that day.

Having heard it remarked, on several occasions, that this institution conducted by Mr. Valade, as Principal, and Mr. Hoare, as assistant, was a school almost entirely devoted to the French, and that the rudiments of an English education were very much neglected...

The examination was conducted in the evening, and the results were most gratifying. The prizes awarded were in the form of neatly bound books, and judging from the expression of contentment both of Professors and students the former were as much gratified in having an opportunity afforded them in rewarding merit as the latter were in receiving such mementos of their good conduct and application to study.

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RECITATION. First Section.—1st Prize—Christian Mornhinweg. 2d Prize—Seth Andrus. Second Section.—1st Prize—E. Benguel. 2d Prize—A. Nèzet.

THIRD CLASS.—SPELLING. First Section.—1st Prize—Eugène Quatrevaux. 2d Prize—C. Mornhinweg & C. Richard. Second Section.—1st Prize—Geiger. 2d Prize—A. Prudhomme.

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STANDARD SUNK.—Last Friday night, 23d inst., the Gen. Rusk, Capt. Sutherland, on her way down from Lafayette to New Orleans, struck a snag and sunk in front of Frederick Touche's plantation three miles above the city of Abbeville.

(Communicated)

The great combat between Madoiselle Tontine and Makemoussé Bibi, came off as expected, on the 4th July.

It was publicly believed that the event would take place on Aquion Square, and no doubt it would, but a suspicion lurked in the mind of the betting circle that the police would interfere and prevent the sport.

We will notice three of them. 1st rule. The combatants have a right to scratch and bite when clinched, but at no other time, and a knock down is considered a foul. Neither party is to fall on the ropes except when clinched and caught by the other.

The dress and appearance of the combatants.—Tontine was dressed like a danseuse on the stage; her dress scarcely came to her knees, whether it was silk or not, we could not find out; it was in large striped stripes in a white ground. Her breast and waist were covered with a white tulle.

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The charge of and be commanded by a member of the Board of Police.—Motion lost.

On motion of Mr. Perrault, that the account of A. J. Thompson, for work and labor done on streets and bridges, amounting to forty-five dollars, be paid out of the taxes of 1854, not otherwise appropriated.

On motion of Mr. Ealer, the Board adjourned. ANDRE MEYNIER, President pro tempore. GUY H. BELL, Clerk.

A FISH STORY.—Four clergymen, a Baptist, Presbyterian, Methodist, and a Roman Catholic, met by agreement to dine on fish. Soon as grace was said, the Catholic rose, armed with a knife and fork, and taking about one-third of the fish, comprehending the head, removed it to his plate, exclaiming as he sat down, with great satisfaction, "Papa est caput ecclesie." (The Pope is the head of the Church.)

Good Time.—A foot race of ten miles occurred at Eagle Harbor, last April, for a purse of \$100, which was won by a half-breed named Antoine Le Due, who ran the ten miles in 58 minutes, beating two Indians and an Irishman.

Diol.—At Grand Coteau, in this Parish, on the 29th day of June last, Mr. NICOLAS GRIMMER, aged about 40 years.

H. G. FARRELL'S CELEBRATED ARABIAN LINIMENT. Is well known to possess the most wonderfully healing, penetrating, and stimulating properties, and by its promptness in effecting cures, which previous had resisted all other medicines, administered by the most scientific physicians, has placed it far beyond any similar remedy ever introduced to the people of the United States.

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NO SUBSTITUTES!

MR. DESCHAMPS, author of a vegetable and curative system has taken lodgings at the Union Hotel, in Opelousas; with this system he has made in France, New York, New Orleans and the surrounding countries, the most astonishing cures on patients deemed most incurable by the Faculty and by other curative modes.

Mr. Deschamps does not despair of a patient, as long as there is life, and a disorganizing or dissolution of some organ essential to life, where nature has no power; these cases are scarce in the beginning of the illness and not so common, as it is generally believed in chronic diseases (pulmonary phthisis excepted, in the third degree) always curable in the first and very often in the second, by Mr. Deschamps's system.

Mr. Deschamps will not be able to go in the country to attend to patients, because it is very important that the patient be near him to direct the cures, for his success depends entirely in his prescriptions, which have no connection whatever with those already followed and known.

For acute diseases without complication of chronic diseases, his treatment does not go beyond eight days; for chronic diseases scarcely beyond fifteen days. Few aggravated cases require sometimes more time to complete a perfect cure.

Mr. Deschamps does not consider a patient entirely cured only when he has recovered his whole normal strength. Mr. Deschamps's system is the reverse of all known curative systems; he always aids nature instead of counteracting it, the disease disappears rapidly when that organized strength is aided by continuity, it aggravated itself where it is counteracted. In the first instance, the curative mode become reorganizer in the second disorganizer.

Mr. Deschamps before leaving Louisiana for the North, where his presence is solicited, has thought it was his duty to pay a thankful visit to the citizens of Opelousas and offer them his services, for the cordial hospitality he has received from them 33 years ago. Opelousas, July 8th, 1854.

COMMERCIAL NOTICE.

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PUBLIC SALE.

By J. A. DEBLANC, Sheriff.

Estate of Adeline Néralut, deceased wife of Joseph B. Castille. THE public are hereby informed that there will be offered for sale at public auction, to the highest and last bidder, on the plantation of J. B. Castille, on Thursday, 20th July next, 1854, all the property hereinafter described and denominated, belonging to the estate of Adeline Néralut and the community which has existed between said Adeline Néralut and J. B. Castille, her husband, viz:

A TRACT OF LAND, situated in this Parish, at the Junction, in the rear of the land of bayou Tèche, measuring ten arpents front upon a depth of seventy-seven arpents; bounded North by land of André N. Robin, South by that of J. B. Gillard, West by that of J. B. Castille, and East by the bayou Guidry.

33 LIKELY SLAVES, of both sexes. One Sugar House, A Sugar Mill, 20 Horses, 8 Mules, Oxen, Cows and a large quantity of moveable objects.

Terms and Conditions.—The conditions of this sale are in conformity with the deliberations of a family meeting, dated June 14th, 1854: That all the property aforesaid described be sold in three equal installments, to-wit:—One, two and three years credit, from the day of sale. Purchasers furnishing their notes with good and sufficient security in solido, to the satisfaction of J. B. Castille, administrator of the succession of Adeline Néralut, his deceased wife; said notes made payable to his order and at his domicile; bearing interest at the rate of eight per cent per annum, from time due until full payment.—Besides, all the mortgageable property remaining specially mortgaged until full payment of capital and interest.

V. A. FOURNET, Clerk. Parish of St. Martin, July 8th, 1854.

NOTICE.

FRANÇOIS GUILLOU, Sr. of the Parish of St. Landry, having applied by his petition, for the appointment of Administrator of the Estate of Joseph Guillory Sr., 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 this notice.

A. GARRIGUES, Clerk. Opelousas, July 8th, 1854.

GROCERIES! GROCERIES!

THE undersigned informs his friends and the public, in general, that he has just received by the last boats, a complete and well selected assortment of Family Groceries, which he offers for sale at as cheap as any store in the Parish.

C. STEEL. Opelousas, July 8th, 1854.

LIST OF LETTERS REMAINING in the Opelousas Post Office July 1st, 1854.

Andrus Elisha, Kinball James H., Leveaux George, Leveaux Jeanne, Leveaux Charles, Leveaux Mad. Victor, Leveaux Veste, Leveaux Miss Peliciana, Leveaux Mr. Joseph, Lyons Mr. Blary, Royall Ann Matilda, Melancon Lorenzo D., Melancon Hyppolite, Magee Thomas H., Pèpin Benjamin, Perrissat Pierre, Pèpe Ange J., Pipe Zénon, Paillet Hilarie, Paillet Vite Antoine, Paillet J. Bè, Robin François, Robin N., Rogers Laura K., Reynolds William, Royall Pierre Jean, Royall Veste, Richard Theodore, Smiton Wm. M., Smiton Mrs. Basille, Smiton Pierre Jean, Scott Josiah, Stage Paulier, Stage Emilie, Smiton Miss Josephine, Smiton J. Bè, Sister Agnes, Taylor John, Verret L. Dulino, Veron François, Veron Georges, Wagner Denis, Wagner Denis, Young Miss Parrenor, Taylor John, Verret L. Dulino, Veron François, Veron Georges, Wagner Denis, Wagner Denis, Young Miss Parrenor.

A. J. THOMPSON, P. M. Opelousas, July 8th, 1854.

DISOLUTION.

THE partnership existing in this city, under the firm of OLIVIER & BAQUIE, is this day dissolved by limitation. The undersigned is the only one authorized to settle the affairs of the late firm, and will use the name of the house in liquidation only.

AUG. BAQUIE. Thankful for the patronage extended to my late house, I respectfully notify my friends and the public, that I will continue the Grocery Business, at the old stand, and solicit the continuation of their favors.

AUG. BAQUIE. 14 New Customhouse and 14 Crossman st. New Orleans, June 30th, 1854.—jyl-15.

PAY YOUR TAXES!

THE tax payers of the town of Opelousas are hereby notified that the Roll, for the year 1854, has been placed in my hands for collection, and unless the same are paid within thirty days, from the date of this notice, I shall proceed to collect them as the law directs.

A. J. THOMPSON, Collector. Opelousas, July 8th, 1854.

NOTICE.

THE undersigned hereby informs the public that he has taken with him, as partners, for the sale of the produce, in New-Orleans, Messrs. J. B. Desjardins, Pizarr Roy and Aurore P. Nolson. This partnership will take effect from the 1st of September next, under the name of J. B. BELLOCQ & Co. New-Orleans, 15th June, 1854. [June 24.—Sun] J. B. BELLOCQ.

\$500 00!! FAIR WARNING.

ALL tax payers who have failed to pay their Parish tax for 1853, and for the Road tax for 1854, are hereby notified that the undersigned is now causing to be served, on each, the written notices required by law, and that thirty days thereafter, he will seize and sell the property of each delinquent for the payment of his said taxes.

For the next thirty days (Sundays excepted), he will be found in Opelousas, at the office of E. S. GULLAN. ELBERT GANTT, Collector. Opelousas, July 1st, 1854.—4f.

BEAVER-CREEK SPRINGS.

THE undersigned, manager of said springs, respectfully informs the public that, in order to insure them (the springs), it is rumored that they do not furnish hardy water, he contradicts that report, and can prove that they furnish, as in the preceding years, abundant and fine water.

THE undersigned, desiring to closing their Summer business, now offer to their friends and customers a chance, which they hope they will avail themselves of. The prices of our Summer Goods have been greatly reduced with the intention to their amusement. We have in our store, a beautiful assortment of fine goods, such as their stationery, their new and such a chance has been offered them; we have in their line yet a beautiful assortment.

French Merino Procks, Paleots and Sacks; Alpaca, Grass, Linen and Flannel; J. Mardelle's Vests, French Merino and Linen D. Ring Pants. Come, we say; don't think we are trying to humbug. GUNIN & FOIRET. Opelousas, June 10th, 1854.

RAIL-ROAD TAX.

POLICE JURY. Meeting of the 6th June PARISH OF ST. LANDRY. 1854. It is resolved and be it ordained, by the Police Jury of the Parish of St. Landry, that notice be given to the subscribers to the Stock of the New Orleans, Opelousas, and Great Western Rail Road, and who have been taxed for the payment of the subscription of said Parish to the Company, and have the right, of reducing it, her, or their share, by an amount equal to that of the tax imposed, but this right must be exercised within thirty days, from the date of this Resolution and Ordinance, after which time it shall not be allowed.

A true copy of the Original, passed 6th June, 1854. Attest, GUY H. BELL, Clerk. Opelousas, June 24th, 1854.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

A. J. Thompson & Co., vs. J. B. Vandegriffe.—District Court, Parish of St. Landry, No. 7125.—Joseph Gibbs, vs. J. B. Vandegriffe.—District Court, Parish of St. Landry, No. 7126.—John Posey vs. J. B. Vandegriffe.—District Court, Parish of St. Landry, No. 7129.

By virtue of three writs of f. fi., issued out of the District Court, in and for the Parish of St. Landry, and to me directed, in the above entitled suits, will be offered in public sale, at the Court House of this Parish, on Saturday the 5th day of August next, commencing at the hour of 11 o'clock A. M., and continuing from day to day, if necessary, all the rights, interest and demand of J. B. Vandegriffe, in and to the following described property, seized to satisfy said writs:—A certain negro-woman, named SALLY, aged about 28 or 29 years, one lot of medical books, one lot of accounts, three blue blouses, one old horse cart, one old horse, one old cow, one old pig, one old sheep, one old goat, one old dog, one old cat, one old pig, one old sheep, one old goat, one old dog, one old cat.

Sheriff's office, St. Landry, July 1st, 1854.

DISPOSITION OF PARTNERSHIP.

THE partnership existing under the name of DESKIN & LOUAILLER, has been dissolved by mutual consent, since the 1st day of June instant, 1854. Mr. L. A. Deskin is charged with the liquidation and will continue the same kind of business, at the old stand.

L. A. DESKIN. ALFRED LOUAILLER. Barre's Landing, June 17th, 1854.

FOR SALE.

A FINE PROPERTY, situated in Prairie Plantation, 7 miles from Opelousas, consisting in 107 acres of land, a dwelling house, out houses, &c. well situated for a store or a tavern, being crossed by the main road leading from Opelousas to Ville Platte, and by that of Grand Prairie, and near a race track. Conditions favorable.

For particulars, apply to the Office, or to T. C. Baille, on the premises. St. Landry, 20th May 1854. 2m.

\$20 REWARD!!

RUNAWAY from the subscriber, on the evening of the 3rd June last, the negro-girl CAROLINE; she is about 17 years old, very large for her age. Said girl was bought from Mr. Laurent Dupré, in February last, and is supposed to be harbored in the neighborhood of his plantation.

I will give the above reward to any person bringing her back to me or lodge her in the Parish Jail. P. CASSE. Washington, La., July 1st, 1854.

DISSOLUTION.

THE partnership heretofore existing between Thos. C. Anderson and Thos. M. Anderson, under the name of T. C. Anderson & Co., is this day dissolved by mutual consent. Thos. C. Anderson is charged with the liquidation and settlement of the business.—Persons having claims, will present them to him for payment. Whilst those indebted are requested to call and make immediate payment.