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WILL punctually attend to all business entrusted to them, in the different Courts of the Fifteenth Judicial District.
Office in Washington, La.
March 3d., 1855.—1y.

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ATTORNEYS AT LAW.

WILL exercise their profession in the different Courts of the 15th Judicial District. Their office is in Opelousas.
February 23d, 1855—1y.

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Attorneys at Law,

HAVING formed a co-partnersip for the transacting of all business of a *civil* nature, belonging to their profession, tender their services to their friends of the 14th & 15th Judicial District.
Office at Opelousas. [April 8th, 1855.

William Mouton,
Notary Public,
IN AND FOR THE PARISH OF ST. LANDRY.
Office in Washington, La.
March 3d., 1855.—1y.

L. L. Boutte, Public Crier,

OFFERS his services to the Administrators of Estates, the Auctioneers and the public of this Parish. His charges will be very moderate.
☞ Orders can be left at this office.
Office at Opelousas. [31 March. 1y

HEZEKIAH HAYS,
PARISH SURVEYOR.

RESPECTFULLY offers his services as such to his friends and the public in general. Office, corner of Court and South streets, Opelousas. [June 9th, 1855.—1y.

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Surveyor.

OFFERS his services to the citizens of St. Landry and neighboring parishes. Orders can be left at the store of Messrs. Ney & Estorge, in Opelousas, or to him, at Barré's Landing, and will be promptly attended to.
Barré's Landing, Sept. 29th., 1855.—1y.

Pierre Gosselin,
Joiner and Cart-Wright.

OFFERS his services to the citizens of the Parish of St. Landry. His charges will be moderate, for CASH *only*.
Opelousas, June 2d, 1855.—1y.

EUGENE BERCIER,
Collector for the Parish of St. Landry.
Office.—Opposite the Court House, in the one occupied by Messrs. Martel & Hardy, lawyers.
Opelousas, August 18th., 1855.

A. LAFOREST. A. DESMARE.

LAFOREST & DESMARE,
Commission Merchants
No. 29, Bienville Street.
NEW ORLEANS.
August 18th., 1855.

Good Bargain.

FOR SALE, a likely house servant, about 34 years of age, with her son, aged about 7 years. Apply to
E. BERCIER.
Opelousas, Sept. 1st., 1855.

Debaillon & Carriere,
Receiving, Forwarding and Commission Merchants.
Washington, La.
Jan. 19th, 1856.

For Sale.

A choice house servant, aged 28 years, a good cook and very good washer. For particulars, apply to E. Bercier, in Opelousas, or to J. B. Pollingue, in Grand Coteau.
Opelousas, Sept. 22d., 1855.

300 SACKS SALT, just received and for sale by
DEBAILLON & CARRIERE.
Washington, La., January 19th, 1856.

EAGLE HOTEL,
Washington, La.

THE undersigned having purchased the above property, formerly known as the Galt House, begs leave to announce to the public that it is now open for the reception of transcient and permanent boarders. This Hotel is situated between the upper and lower Steamboats Landings, fronting the Courtableau. The premises have been newly furnished, and no effort will be spared to render the house as pleasant and acceptable to its patrons as any similar establishment in the interior of the State.
WM. IRELAND.
Washington, Dec. 29, 1855. 4

Mercantile Cards, &c.

NEW GOODS! NEW GOODS!
At Shwartz & Kaufman.

JUST received, a new and complete stock of Fall and Winter Goods, of the latest and most fashionable style.

Our stock of Ladies' Dress Goods will be found very large and desirable, comprising every variety of
Rich black and colored Dress Silks;
Rich printed plain and plaid Cashemeres;
Rich Mousselines de laine and Challies;
Bombazine, Merinos, Alpacas, &c., &c.;
French and English Calicos;
Printed plaid and solid colour Barèges;
Rich Woolen and Cotton Damask;
Curtain Calicos, printed in solid colours;
French and Irish Damask table clothes & napkins;
Shirting linen of all qualities;
Sheeting and pillow Case linen;
Jaconets, Mull and Swiss Musslines;
Plain, stamped & embroidered L C Handkerchiefs;
Plain and fancy Ribbons, (latest style);
English, French and German Hosery of every style and qualities;
Flannell of all descriptions and qualities;
French, English and American Blankets;
Casimire, Satinetts and Tweeds;
Cottonade, Dennims, Checks and Stripes;
Kerseys, Lindsays and Lowells, &c., &c.

Also an extensive Stock of Gentlemen Clothing, comprising:—
The latest style of Frock and Dress Coats;
Office and Business Coats;
Overcoats, Talmas and Cloaks;
Beaver, Paltots and Oversacks;
Fancy Casimere Pants;
Black and colored Doeskin Pants;
Black Silk, Satin and Casimere Vests;
Black Velvet Plush and Cloth Vests;
Shirts and under garments of all descriptions;
Hats, Caps, Boots and Shoes;
Also a large assortment of Youth & Boys Clothing;
Hardware, Saddlery Perfumery, &c., &c.

—All of which have been carefully and skillfully selected and will be sold on most reasonable terms. Our friends and the public are respectfully invited to give us a call and examine for themselves.

☞ Cash advances on Sugar, Cotton and Molasses consigned to J. B. Bellocq, & Co., New-Orleans.
Opelousas, November 17th, 1855.

FASHIONABLE STORE!

THE undersigned just from New Orleans, offers for sale, at reasonable prices, his splendid stock of Fashionable Ready made clothings for summer, pantaloon stuffs, paletots, vests, &c., new goods for ladies, muslins, jaconets, barèges, tissue silks, &c., a fine assortment of broidery, flounced dresses and others, silk and coarse hats, shoes, boots, for gentlemen, ladies and children, hardware, crockeryware, and a complete assortment of coarse and fine calicoes, a fine assortment of groceries and perfumeries.

Call and examine before going elsewhere.
S. GARRIGUES.
Opelousas, April 28th, 1855.

NEW GOODS!

THE undersigned has just returned from New Orleans, with a complete assortment of Spring Goods, such as:—Jaconats, Bareges, Embroidered and plain Swiss Muslins, also a fine assortment of English and French Embroideries, an assortment of Ribbons of all quality, a great assortment of men's Ready made Clothing; the whole very well selected and in the latest style, Straw and Panama Hats, which he offers for sale at moderate prices. F. HALFF.
Grand Coteau, April 21st., 1855.—tf.

CHEAP
Ladies and Children's Shoe Store.

MRS. A. MILLSPAUGH has now on hand an assortment of Ladies and Children's Shoes, of every fashion and quality, consisting of Garters, Booties, Buskins' Ties, White Kid and Satin, Boots and Slippers, Slippers of French and English Kid, Toilet Slippers. Also an assortment of Ladies Corsetts, Hyde and Goodrich's Needles; Perfumery, Toilet Articles; Fancy Stationary and Confectionary; Music for Guitar and Piano; Guitar and Piano Strings.
Washington, October 13th, 1855.

MILLSPAUGH'S
BOOKS. POST-OFFICE. STATIONARY.
WASHINGTON, LA.

HAS now on hand and is constantly receiving additions to his Stock of Books and Stationary, which he offers at New-Orleans prices,—consisting of full and half Bound Blanks, Books of every descriptions, and every article usually found in a Stationary Store. The subscriber is prepared to fill orders at the shortest notice for Books of Standard Literature, elegantly bound and illustrated Works, cheap Publications, Magazines, Newspapers, School Books, (both french and english).

☞ School Stationary, &c., &c., &c., just received:—English Woman in Prussia, Bancrofts Miscellaneous Essays, Harpes Story Books, The Watchman, Fudge Doings, Constance Herbert, Country Neighborhood, Confessions of a Pretty Woman, The Jealous Wife, Arthurs Series of Tales, Fanny Ferns Works, Kerwins Letters to Bishop Hughes, Dodd Lectures on Electrical Psychology, Memoirs of Countess Blessington, Memoirs of Sydney Smith, Benton 30 years in U. S. Senate, vol. 1; Offluk Cotton and Sugar Plantation Register, &c., &c., &c.
Washington, La., October 13th, 1855.

P. COLLINS, Moundville.

BEGS leave to inform his friends and the public that he has just returned from the city, with a full assortment of Fancy and Domestic Staple Dry Goods, of the newest style and paterns. A great variety of Plantation Goods, negro blankets, Kerseys, Linseys, &c., &c. A general stock of plantation medicines of the best quality. Also a large stock of Groceries, Coffee, Flour, Bacon, Salt, Brandy, Whiskey, &c., &c.

P. C. is agent for Jacob's Cordial.

☞ P. Collins will make cash advances on Cotton, Sugar and Molasses, consigned to Messrs. Miller & Forester, Commission Merchants, New Orleans.
Moundville, November 24th, 1855.

Cheap for cash!!!

A fine lot of 6 and 9 feet pickets, for sale cheap for cash, by
FONTENOT & LYONS.
Washington, Dec. 29, 1855. 4.

Wool and Hides!

THE undersigned respectfully informs the planters and merchants of St. Landry and surrounding Parishes that he is now ready to purchase, *always for cash*, all Wool and Hides that will be brought to his residence, in Opelousas, and that he will pay them as high as the usual market prices.
J. L. COURET.
Opelousas, November 10th, 1855.

Champagne! Champagne!!

A FEW baskets of this fine wine left, which we will sell at reduced prices, to close the invoice.
DEBAILLON & CARRIERE.
Washington, January 19th, 1856.

Mercantile Cards, &c.

THE GEM
Fancy & Family Grocery Store,
No. 23 BARONNE STREET.—NEW ORLEANS,
E. L. BERCIER, Agent.
A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF
CHOICE GROCERIES, WINES AND LIQUORS,

Champagne of the best brands in quarts and pints, other fine wines, Superior Old Brandy and other liquors. Superfine Cordials, and a variety of fancy articles of the very best qualities always on hand, at low prices. [March 17th 1855.

TO PLANTERS.

THE undersigned is now ready to buy all the WOOL and HIDES which will be brought to him at his Store, in Grand Coteau, and will pay the highest prices.
F. HALFF.
Grand Coteau, La., May 12th, 1855.

St. Charles Hotel,
OPPOSITE THE COLLEGE,
GRAND COTEAU, (LA.)

Kept by Mrs. N. GRIMMER, will be constantly open for the reception of travellers and of families.
Grand Coteau, August 5th, 1854.

NEW GOODS! NEW GOODS!

THE undersigned have just opened a large assortment of Fall and Winter Goods, consisting of Dry Goods, Clothings, Boots, Shoes, Hats and Caps, Hardware, Crockery, Saddlery, Groceries &c

The attention of Ladies is called to their extensive and well assorted Stock of fine goods, such as Cashmeres, Muslin de Laine, Silks, Cloth of all colors, Embroideries, Laces, Gloves, Velvet and Plush trimmings, &c., all of which they offer on liberal terms and moderate prices.
GENIN, POIRET & Co.
Opelousas, November 17th, 1855.

CHEAP GOODS, CHEAP GOODS!

THE undersigned being about closing his commercial business at the end of December, announces to the public that he will sell all his goods at reduced prices; they consist particularly in Lowell Cotton, Kerseys, shoes, and a quantity of other merchandize suitable for families and plantations.

He also offers for sale at private sale, his landed property situated in Washington.
J. REMI VIOU.
Washington, 17 Nov., 1855. 50

ALPHONSE DEBAILLON,
Public Auctioneer,

IN and for the Parish of St. Landry. Orders left at the office of the *Courier* will receive prompt attention. [October 6th., 1855.

ISIDORE HOLLIER.
Painter and Glazier.

OFFERS his services to the public. All orders for work will be promptly attended to, and his prices will be moderate.

He will clean, rub anew and re-varnish old furniture, and will in fact, attend to all the various branches of his profession.
Residence:—In Opelousas.
Opelousas, November 10th, 1855.

For Sale.

THE house and lot occupied by Mr. Ayrivié forming the corner of Market and Bellevue streets, together with a lot of household furniture, kitchen utensils, a lot of Groceries, a lot of Books and good many other articles too numerous to detail. Apply for particulars to
E. BERCIER.
Opelousas, Sept. 22d., 1855.

Jean Medicis,
BRICK-LAYER & PLASTERER,

HAVING established himself permanently in Opelousas, respectfully offers his services to the inhabitants of Opelousas and the Parish generally.
His prices will be moderate.
Apply at the store of Mrs. Widow C. Médicis, in Opelousas.
December 15th, 1855. 3m.

NOTICE
To shippers and Consignees of Freight.

The Steamer ALICE W. GLAZE, G. E. Louallier, Master, is now making trips *via* Plaquemine, and has reduced the rates of freight and passage to the regular high water rates, viz: Sugar, $2; Molasses and Cotton, 75 cts. Upper freight, 50 cents.

The *Glaze* will leave Washington on Sunday the 13th instant, and continue to leave her regular days, during the season.
Washington 10th January 1856.

To nervous sufferers.

A retired Clergyman, restored to health in a few days, after many years of great nervous suffering, is anxious to make known the means of cure. Will send (free) the prescription used. Direct the Rev. JOHN M. DAGNALL, No. 50, Fulton street, Brooklyn, N. Y. [Jan. 6.—3m

STRAYED.

FROM the plantation of Mrs Edmond Estillet, on the 4th inst., a large dark bay bobtail horse, aged about 7 years, has a scar on the left hind leg, caused by the trace.

The person who will take back said horse to Mrs. Estillet's will receive a reward of 20.
J. B. PRICE & Co.,
U. S. Mail Contractors.
Opelousas, August 11th., 1855.

For sale at private sale.

THE undersigned offers for sale, at private sale and upon reasonable conditions, the following property, to-wit:

ONE LOT OF GROUND,

situated on Main street, in the town of Opelousas, together with the Buildings and Improvements, consisting of a Dwelling House, Store, and other buildings.

Another lot of ground upon which there is a small dwelling house, situated at the corner of Court and King streets.

☞ Any body wishing to purchase can apply to the office of the *Courier*, or for more informations, call on the undersigned, at the junction of Bayous Teche and Fuselier.
EDOUARD FAYOLE.
St. Landry, December 8th, 1855.

J. H. Sandoz, Notary Public.
Office at the Court-House, Opelousas.

Miscellaneous.

Helmbold's Genuine Preparations.

HELMBOLD'S HIGHLY CONCENTRATED
COMPOUND FLUID EXTRACT BUCHU,

For diseases of the bladder and kidneys, secret diseases, strictures, weaknesses, and all diseases of the sexual Organs, whether in Male or Female, from whatever cause they may have originated, and no matter of how long standing.

If you have contracted the terrible disease which, when once seated in the system; will surely go down from one generation to another, undermining the constitution and sapping the very vital fluids of life, do not trust yourself in the hands of Quacks, who start up every day in a city like this, and fill the papers with glaring falsehoods, too well calculated to deceive the young, and those not acquainted with their tricks. You cannot be too careful in the selection of a remedy in these cases

The Fluid Extract Buchu has been pronounced by eminent physicians the greatest remedy ever known. It is a medicine perfectly pleasant in its taste, and very innocent in its action, and yet so thorough that it annihilates every particle of rank and poisonous virus of this dreadful disease; and, unlike other remedies, does not dry up the disease in the blood.

Constitutional Debility, brought on by self-abuse, a most terrible disease, which has brought thousands of the human race to untimely graves, thus blasting the brilliant hopes of parents, and blighting in the bud the glorious ambition of many a noble youth, can be cured by this Infallible Remedy. And as a medicine which must benefit everybody, from the simply delicate to the confined despairing invalid, no equal is to be found acting both as a Cure and preventive

HELMBOLD'S HIGHLY CONCENTRATED
COMPOUND FLUID EXTRACT SARSAPARILLA,

For Purifying the Blood, removing all diseases arising from excess of Mercury, exposure and imprudence in life, chronic constitutional disease, arising from an impure state of the Blood, and the only reliable and effectual known remedy for the cure of Scrofula, Salt Rheum, Scald Head, Ulcerations of the Throat and Legs, Pains and Swellings of the Bones, Tetter, Pimples on the Face, and all Scaly Eruptions of the Skin.

This article is now prescribed by some of the most distinguished physicians in the country, and has proved more efficient in practice than any preparation of Sarsaparilla yet offered to the public. Several cases of secondary Syphilis, Mercurial and Scrofulous diseases have entirely recovered in the incurable wards of our Public Institutions which had for many years resisted every mode of treatment that could be devised. These cases furnish striking examples of the salutary effects of this medicine in arresting some of the most inveterate diseases, after the glands were destroyed, and the bones already affected.

NOTICE.—Letters from responsible Physicians and Professors of several Medical Colleges, and certificates of cures from patients will be found accompanying both Preparations.

PRICES.—Fluid Extract of Buchu, $1 per bottle, or 6 bottles for $5. Fluid Extract of Sarsaparilla, $1 per bottle, or 6 bottles for $5, equal in strength to one gallon of Syrup of Sarsaparilla

Prepared and sold by H. T. HELMBOLD, Chemist, 263 Chestnut Street, near the Girard House, Philadelphia.

To be had of John Posey, at Opelousas.

All letters directed to the Proprietor or Agent receive immediate attention.
August 25th., 1855.—1y.

OPELOUSAS FEMALE ACADEMY

MR. & MRS. HOY, with the assistance of Miss Hoy and MME. DE ST. ANGE, will open on the 12th of March, in the Town of Opelousas, a First Class School, where the practical as well as the ornamental branches of a female education, will be taught. They are prepared to give thorough instruction in the English, French, German and Italian Languages, also Music Lessons on the Piano and Guitar, Drawing, Painting, Transfering, French Embroidery in Silk Chenille and Worsted plain Needle Work, Calesthenies, Deportment, Dancing, Equitation. The Principal hopes with the assistance of able Teachers, and the advantage pupils will desire, from constant personal care, to secure the patronage of the inhabitants of Opelousas and vicinity.

Terms per session of twenty-one weeks, payable one half in advance the balance on the middle of the session.

Tuition in Primary Department,	$ 20 00
do advanced do	25 00
French, Italian, German, each,	15 00
Instruction on the Piano,	30 00
do do Guitar,	30 00
Drawing,	15 00
Painting,	20 00
French Embroidery in Silk Chenille and Worted,	10 00
Calesthenies Deportment, Dancing,	12 00
Equitation, per lesson.	1 00
Boarding, Washing, Fuel and Lights,	60 00

MME. DE ST. ANGE having entered into a prior engagement at Mrs. Henry's School in Natchez, will not be able for the present to join the School.
Opelousas, March 10th. 1855.

TAKEN UP during the present Spring, upon the plantation of Judge Overton, and now in his possession, near Opelousas, a bright bay Horse, about 15½ hands high, three white feet, no brands perceivable.

By proving property and paying charges, the horse may be reclaimed.
Opelousas, May 12th, 1855.

Brick-Laying & Kettle-Setting

THE undersigned respectfully informs those planters who may wish their kettles set or repaired, that he is engaged in the above business, and solicits a share of public patronage. He believes that his work will compare advantageously with that of any other workman in the State.—Many references to that effect can be given, if desired.

He is familiar with the detail of the Ramos plan and will introduce that improvement, if desired, without extra charge for work. It is claimed by the proprietor of the patent that, by that mode of skimming the *grande*, the gum as well as the scum is entirely removed from the juice, which is not the case by the ordinary method, and that the sugar will outsell that made in the ordinary way, from one to two cents per pound.

Any communication will receive prompt attention.—Address, Evergreen P. O. Avoyelles, La.
GEORGE FITCH.
Evergreen, Avoyelles, Dec. 1st 1855.—3m.

NEW ORLEANS, OPELOUSAS, WASHINGTON AND BAYOU BŒUF PACKET.

THE elegant and fast running steamer SYDONIA, GUSTAVE LOUAILLIER, Master. Having been thoroughly repaired, will, as soon as the water will permit it, ply as a regular packet between Opelousas, Washington, Bayou Bœuf and New Orleans. This boat is safe, comfortable and fast runner, admirably built and is of light draft. The officers will use all their exertions to satisfy those who will encourage them. For further information apply on board.

☞ *Freight taken as low as any boat in the trade.*
December 15th, 1855.

NEW WAREHOUSE.

THE undersigned having formed a partnership for the carrying on of the Warehouse situated in the Town of Washington, formerly known as Anderson & Thompson, for the purpose of receiving and forwarding freight and merchandize, will faithfully attend to all business which may be entrusted to them by their friends and the public in general.
J. B. A. FONTENOT.
JOHN LYONS.
Washington, La. Nov. 24, 1855. 51tf.

Miscellaneous.

AYER'S PILLS,

A NEW and singularly successful remedy for the cure of all Bilious diseases—Costiveness, Indigestion, Jaundice, Dropsy, Rheumatism, Fevers, Gout, Humors, Nervousness, Irritability, Inflammations, Headache, Pains in the Breast, Side, Back, and Limbs, Female Complaints, &c. &c. Indeed, very few are the diseases in which a Purgative Medicine is not more or less required, and much sickness and suffering might be prevented, if a harmless but effectual Cathartic were more freely used. No person can feel well while a costive habit of body prevails; besides, it soon generates serious and often fatal diseases, which might have been avoided by the timely and judicious use of a good purgative. This is alike true of Colds, Feverish symptoms, and Bilious derangements. They all tend to become or produce the deep seated and formidable distempers which load the hearses all over the land. Hence a reliable family physic is of the first importance to the public health, and this Pill has been perfected with consummate skill to meet that demand. An extensive trial of its virtues by Physicians, Professors, and Patients, has shown results surpassing any thing hitherto known of any medicine. Cures have been effected beyond belief, were they not substantiated by persons of such exalted position and character as to forbid the suspicion of untruth.

Among the many eminent gentlemen who have testified in favor of these Pills, we may mention:

Prof. J. M. LOCKE, Analytical Chemist, of Cincinnati, whose high professional character is endorsed by
JOHN MCLEAN, Judge of the Supreme Court of the United States.
THOS. CORWIN, Secretary of the Treasury.
Hon. J. M. WRIGHT, Governor of Indiana.
N. LONGWORTH, great wine grower of the West.
Also, DR. J. R. CHILTON, Practical Chemist, of New York City, endorsed by
HON. W. L. MARCY, Secretary of State.
WM. B. ASTOR, the richest man in America.
S. LELAND & Co., Propr's of the Metropolitan Hotel, and many others.

Did space permit, we could give many hundred certificates, from all parts where the Pills have been used, but evidence even more convincing than the experience of eminent public men is found in their effects upon trial.

These Pills, the result of long investigation and study, are offered to the public as the best and most complete which the present state of medical science can afford. They are compounded not of the drugs themselves, but of the medicinal virtues only of Vegetable remedies, extracted by chemical process in a state of purity, and combined together in such a manner as to insure the best results. This system of composition for medicines has been found in the Cherry Pectoral and Pills both, to produce a more efficient remedy than had hitherto been obtained by any process. The reason is perfectly obvious. While by the old mode of composition, every medicine is burdened with more or less of acrimonious and injurious qualities, by this each individual virtue only that is desired for the curative effect is present. All the inert and obnoxious qualities of each substance employed are left behind, the curative virtues only being retained. Hence it is self-evident the effects should prove, as they have proved, more purely remedial, and the Pills a surer, more powerful antidote to disease than any other medicine known to the world.

As it is frequently expedient that my medicine should be taken under the counsel of an attending Physician, and as he could not properly judge of a remedy without knowing its composition, I have supplied the accurate Formulæ by which both my Pectoral and Pills are made to the whole body of Practitioners in the United States and British American Provinces. If, however, there should be any one who has not received them, they will be promptly forwarded by mail to his request.

Of all the Patent Medicines that are offered, how few would be taken if their composition was known! Their life consists in their mystery. I have no mysteries.

The composition of my preparations is laid open to all men, and all who are competent to judge on the subject freely acknowledge their convictions of their intrinsic merits. The Cherry Pectoral was pronounced by scientific men to be a wonderful medicine before its effects were known. Many eminent Physicians have declared the same thing of my Pills, and even more confidently, and are willing to certify that their anticipations were more than realized by their effects upon trial.

They operate by their powerful influence on the internal viscera to purify the blood and stimulate it into healthy action—remove the obstructions of the stomach, bowels, liver, and other organs of the body, restoring their irregular action to health, and by correcting, wherever they exist, such derangements as are the first origin of disease.

Being sugar-wrapped, they are pleasant to take, and being purely vegetable, no harm can arise from their use in any quantity.

For minute directions, see wrapper on the Box.

PREPARED BY
DR. JAMES C. AYER,
Practical and Analytical Chemist,
LOWELL, MASS.
Price 25 Cents per Box. Five Boxes for $1.
SOLD BY
John Posey, and P. L. Hebrard & Co., Opelousas—S. D. Allis, Washington, and J. B. Pollingue, Grand Coteau. jan 6th 1856—1y

United States Tri-Weekly Mail Stage, from Opelousas to St. Martinsville.

THROUGH IN DAY LIGHT.

THIS line, recently established, will leave Opelousas for St. Martinsville *via* Port Barré (the head of low water navigation, on the Courtableau,) Arnaudville & Breaux's Bridge, for St. Martinsville, every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at six o'clock, A. M., arriving same day, at 5 P. M. Leaves St. Martinsville every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 6 o'clock, A. M., arriving at Opelousas at 5 P. M.

The undersigned, contractor, has incurred heavy expenses in procuring *the finest horses, comfortable stages* and *careful obliging drivers*, and trusts to the generosity of the travelling public for a share of patronage.
S. C. McPHERSON.
Opelousas, December 1st, 1855.

Franklin Institution.

THEODORE VALADE, Principal,
DR. HOARE, Professor of English.

THIS Institution, now well known in our community, offers remarkable advantages as regards the moral and intellectual development in the pupils.

Pupils cannot go about town unless being accompanied.

Condition,—Payable quarterly.

Boarders, per scholastic year of ten months and a half,	30
Day scholars, 1st class,	50
Day scolars, 2nd class,	40

All quarters commenced must be paid in full, and no reduction will be allowed except for sickness.
Opelousas 29th December 1855.

2000 BARRELS OF CORN for sale, and deliverable in Opelousas or Washington, by
DEBAILLON & CARRIERE.
Washington, La., February 2d, 1856.

50 SACKS OF WHEAT BRAN, For sale by
DEBAILLON & CARRIERE.
Washington, La., January 19th, 1856.

Judicial Sales, &c.

Public Sale.

By the undersigned, a 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, a public auctioneer, in and for the Parish of St. Landry, at the last residence of Don Diègue Alexandre Fontenot, deceased, situated at Old Grande Prairie, in this Parish, on

Wednesday, 27th February next,

1856, the hereinafter described property, belonging to the succession of the late Don Diègue Alexandre Fontenot, to wit:

THE PLANTATION

where the deceased last resided, with

THE BUILDINGS AND

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thereon, containing about six hundred and seventy-five arpents of land, bounded North by the Domain, East by Alexandre Larose Fontenot, South by Cyprien Larose Fontenot, Jean Fontenot and others, West by Philippe Larose Fontenot. Said land is situated in the suburb of Old Grande Prairie, in the Parish of St. Landry.

A TRACT OF LAND,

situated in the Old Grande Prairie, containing ten arpents front by forty in depth, bounded West by the Bayou Crocodile, South by Louis Soileau and Jean Louis Simon Fontenot, East by Hilaire Bordelon and West by François D. Fontenot; said land was purchased by deceased at the successional sale of Hortense Soileau, deceased, made on the 27th December 1853, with all the

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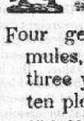
A TRACT OF LAND,

situated in the same place and adjoining the above, purchased by deceased from Jean Louis Simon Fontenot, by act before A. G. Thornton, notary, dated 30th October, 1855, recorded in Recorder's Office, on the 16th November 1855. Said land is bounded East and South by land of Don Louis Soileau père, West by land of the Estate, North by the Bayou Crocodile; containing three hundred and twenty arpents,—with all the



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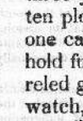

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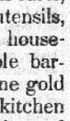

SLAVES.

Four gentle creole horses, three mules, seven american horses, three yoke of oxen, two ox carts, ten ploughs, plantation utensils, one calash, one barouche, household furnitures, one double barreled gun, one revolver, one gold watch, one silver watch, kitchen utensils, one stock of wild horned cattle, horse creatures running in Prairie Darbonne and Prairie Mamouth, numbering about two hundred heads; about fifty-five heads of gentle horned cattle, about two hundred and fifty barrels of corn.

Terms and Conditions:—That one slave and other moveable property payable cash, to the amount of one thousand dollars, to pay a debt now due, and the balance of the property payable at one and two years from the first of April next, say one half on the first of April 1857, and the other half on the first of April 1858. Purchasers giving two good and approved personal securities; the lands and slaves remaining specially mortgaged in favor of said estate, and all sums not punctually paid at maturity, to bear 8 per cent per annum interest, from maturity until paid.
LOUIS STAGG,
Auctioneer.
Opeloussas, January 26th, 1856.

SHERIFF'S SALE.
STATE OF LOUISIANA.

Nathan Jarvis & Co., vs. Jacques Arnaud adm. & als.	District Court. Parish of St. Landry. No. 7317.

BY virtue of a writ of fi. fa., 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 1st day of March next, 1856, 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 Jacques Arnaud adm. & als. in and to the following described property, seized to satisfy said writ, to-wit:

A certain Tract of Land, containing one hundred and fifteen superficial arpents, more or less, bounded North by land formerly owned by Widow Jacques Arnaud, South by Bayou Fuselier, West by land of Adolphe Stelly, East by Bayou Têche, being the same purchased by Antoine & Jacques Arnaud of the Widow Elizabeth Steen in the year 1848. Except the lot bought by Dr. Mills, to-wit: Two acres front on the Fuselier by two acres in depth, bounded South by land of vendor, East by a big ditch, West by land of vendor and South by said Bayou.
L. V. CHACHERE, *Sheriff.*
Sheriff's office, St. Landry, Jan. 26th, 1856.

NOTICE.

THE undersigned arriving from New-Orleans, with a complete assortment of Dry Goods and others, respectfully informs his friends and the public, that he will sell them as cheap as any other store in the place.

Mr J. Decourt is authorized to receipt my store accounts.
C. HOLLIER fils.
Opelousas, January 12th, 1856.—1y.

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Blanks for Justices of the Peace,
Ready for delivery, and for sale cheap for cash. Apply at the office of the Courier.

Miscellaneous.

Hydrotherapy,
OR COLD WATER TREATMENT.
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THE labors of several eminent practitioners have raised Hydrotherapy to the heighth of a scientific and reasoned medication.

That method has no equivalent in the science for the treatment of chronic diseases.

Rheumatisms, Gout, Ankilosis, White Swellings dislocation of the womb, congestions of the liver, the milt, the uterus, &c., &c.

That medication is powerful for typhoid fevers, and is, it appears, also for yellow fever.

Under the influence of that treatment, not only in typhoid fever, the febril situation falls with a great rapidity, often from day to day, but also the disorders of the intelligence, the nervous troubles, the dryness of the tongue, the ballooning of the belly, the difficulties of watering and the phenomenons of putridity cease most instantly after the regular application of the cold.

A recent case that I have had on treatment in this locality [Bayou Teche] where I practice, is a full confirmation of the fact. Mrs. Senneville L., is to-day in full recovery of a choked typhoid fever by the Hydrotherapic treatment.

The cures which have been obtained by this method by several physicians of New Orleans, during the yellow fever which has prevailed in that city last summer, and of two cases under my treatment have been followed with success, and permit us to hope that Hydrotherapy will render real services during the existence of that scourge which decimate the towns and the country.

My knowledge on Hydrotherapy are the fruit of two years attentive and consecutive studies. May they serve to the cures of sickness for which the ordinary means are powerless.

I will treat the sick persons at their residences, until a convenient establishment permit me to receive them. DOCTOR ROBERI.
Bayou Teche, January 12th, 1856.—3m.

SHERIFF'S SALE.
STATE OF LOUISIANA.

James E. North & Co., vs. Mark W. Harwell,	District Court. Parish of St. Landry, No. 7311.

BY virtue of a writ of fi. fa., 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 at public sale, for cash, at the Court House of this Parish, on Saturday, the 1st day of March next, 1856, 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 Mark W. Harwell, in and to the following described property, seized to satisfy said writ, to-wit:

A certain tract of Land situated in Bellevue containing 263 and 92/100 of an acre more or less bounded West by lands of Miss Denise Bourque and Mrs. Eliza Dixon and North East ½ of section No. 14 bounded South by lands of Vaucheré Boutté, East by Defendant's Sugar Plantation, North by a part of said sugar plantation by a tract of land supposed to be public swamp land consisting of lot No. 4 and W. ½ of S. W. ¼ of Section 13, N. W. ¼ of N. W. ¼ of Section 24, Lot one or two of Section 24 and lot No. 8 of Section 13, Township 7 South Range 3 East.
L. V. CHACHERE, *Sheriff.*
Sheriff's office, St. Landry, Jan. 26th, 1856.

Sheriff's Sale.
STATE OF LOUISIANA.

Louis Chaudet vs. Eugène Laperouse.	District Court. Parish of St. Landry. No. 4539.

BY virtue of a writ of fi. fa., issued in the above entitled suit, by the District Court, in and for the Parish of St. Landry, & to me directed, will be exposed to public sale, for cash, at the Court House of this Parish, on Saturday, the 1st day of March next, 1856, 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 Eugene Laperouse, in and to the following described property, seized to satisfy said writ, to wit:

A certain lot of ground, situated in Opelousas, St Landry, on the West side of Coulée Tesson, designated in the flat of division, in lots of the land belongiug to Lastrapes, made by Garrigues Flaujac Jr, by the No. 43, bounded North by 44, belonging to Dr. Jewell, South by the continuation of the Bellevue street, East by lot No. 59, also belonging to Dr. Jewell and West by Chesnut street.
L. V. CHACHERE,
Sheriff of St. Landry.
Sheriff's office, St. Landry, 26th January, 1856.

Doctor Hardy

HAS the honor to offer his services to the clients of his colleague and friend, Dr. Dabrins.

Doctor Hardy will take patients by subscription, he treats at his house, slaves who have chronic diseases.

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His residence is near and on the property of Mr. François Robin, on Bayou Teche, Parish of St. Landry.
St. Landry. 5th January, 1856.

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A *SAW-MILL*, situated on Bayou Giromon; well established with dwelling and out houses, together with 800 acres of fine cypress land, on which there is 2,000 logs ready to float.—Long terms.

Also a fine residence in the centre of the town of Grand Coteau,—dwelling and 5 out houses, cisterns, &c., &c. For particulars, at very accomodating terms, apply to
E. BERCIER.
Opelousas, September 22d, 1855.

Catholic Church of Washington,

SUCH persons as were unable, on account of the awful state of the roads, to come and rent pews on the 6th inst. may obtain them by applying to the officiating