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When M'choach, the Greek Physician was slain Homer said of him, "a good physician is worth such a whole army." Then a good medicine...

Our thanks are due to the officers of the A. W. M. for the kind and liberal donation of...

TAKABLE PROPERTY IN THE STATE OF LOUISIANA.—By the taxable returns made...

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.—The following list of arrivals and departures from the Louisiana Coast...

THE PROFITS OF THE SLAVE TRADE.—It is estimated that about forty vessels are engaged in this country in the slave trade...

THE FLOOD IN THE UPPER MISSISSIPPI.—We clip the following from the St. Louis Republican of the 10th inst.:

THE WATER AND ICE IN THE MISSISSIPPI come down with tremendous impetuosity. Everything is carried with it.

THE CHILD DEATH IN BALTIMORE.—A letter from Baltimore, dated January 21 says: A terrible tragedy occurred here today.

THE BUILDING OF THE ROAD TO BERWICK'S Bay has nearly exhausted the realized means of the corporation...

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[From the N.Y. Freeman.] THE OPELOUSAS RAILROAD. We have reported the fifth annual report of the President and Directors of the New Orleans, Opelousas and Great Western Railroad Company...

A contract has been made with Commodore Vanderbilt for the establishment of a through line by railroad and steamboat, from New Orleans to Texas...

A great prospective advantage in the completion of the Opelousas road across the isthmus, with which this will be a direct and short connection...

The road bed and superstructure, about ninety miles in length, will cost \$2,500,000, or an average of \$27,777 per mile.

There has been an increase of 40 per cent in the earnings of passenger trains, and of 90 per cent in the earnings of freight trains...

The company is now passing to consider the plan, and the ways and means for its future operation...

On this line the public land grant is estimated to produce 270,000 acres, which, with private subscriptions in the region, the Engineer thinks would be sufficient to build the road...

The Engineer is decidedly of opinion that the Opelousas road is the best and most profitable to the Sabine is practicable, and that it will be the company in such a position that future extensions to Shreveport, Alexandria and Baton Rouge...

The plan now under consideration is to raise money by fresh mortgage bonds on the Opelousas road, to be applied to the completion of the main section of the Opelousas road...

The idea is an excellent one, and we hope it may be successfully introduced. It will not only be an immense impetus to the Opelousas road, but with this temporary help, the prospects are decidedly bright...

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SHERIFF'S SALE. STATE OF LOUISIANA. Theophilus C. Bell, District Court, Parish of St. Landry, No. 7888.

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, I have exposed to public sale, for cash, the residence of Widow Jacques Arnaud, at 18 miles from the Court House, on Saturday the 4th day of April next, 1857, commencing at the hour of 11 o'clock, A. M., and continuing from day to day, if necessary, at the right time, interest and demand of Widow Jacques Arnaud, in and to the following described property, seized to satisfy said writ, to-wit:

A certain Parcel or Tract of Land lying and situated on the Bayou Teche, in the Parish of St. Landry, containing three hundred acres of land, more or less bounded on the North by lands of Valmont Stealy, on the South by lands of the Catholic Church, Edward Fayell and Adolphe Stealy, on the East by the Bayou Teche, and on the West by lands of Adolphe Stealy, together with all and singular the buildings and improvements thereon, and all belonging or in anywise appertaining to the above-mentioned tract of land.

A certain negro-man named FRANÇOIS, aged about forty-eight years.

A certain negro-man named WASHINGTON, aged about twenty-two years (carpenter) named CELESTIN, aged about thirty-five years.

A certain negro-woman named MARGUERITE, aged about fifty years.

A certain negro-woman named ELLEN, aged about twenty-six years.

A certain mulatto-girl named ASPASIE, aged about fourteen years.

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Notice to Volunteers. PERSONS desirous of joining a Volunteer Company, are requested to call at the office of the undersigned, where lists are deposited for signature and where every information relative thereto will be afforded.

Organization of the Institution from January 1st, 1857.

DAILY DIVISION OF THE CLASS FROM 9 O'CLOCK A. M. TO 12 O'CLOCK M. Monday—English and French grammar. Tuesday—English and French Dictation and the Mathematics.

CONDEZONS. Instruction and Board per year \$140 00. Quarters paid in advance. Latin, (Extra) 2 00. Spanish, 2 00. Music, 50 00. Bedstead, mattress, pillow, per year, 4 00. Washing, \$1 per month, doctress fees at the cost of parents, French pupils, 10 00.

PAY YOUR TAXES. I AM now in possession of the State Tax Roll, for the year 1856, and of the Licenses for the year 1857, and am ready to receive said Taxes and Licenses, from the 23rd day of February 1857, for the convenience of the Tax Payers, I will send one of my Clerks (fully authorized) at the following places, on the days below fixed, between 10 o'clock, A. M. and 4 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of receiving the above Taxes and Licenses:

1st Ward—At the residence of Joseph Lathuier, in Plaquemine, on the 23rd of March.

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