

THE COURIER.
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Opelousas:
SATURDAY, MAY 21st, 1859.

ALBERT DEJEAN is an Independent candidate for the office of Clerk of the District Court of the Parish of St. Landry. Election in November next. [Feb. 12th, 1859.]

We are authorized to announce that **Mr. L. V. CHABRE**, the present incumbent, is a candidate for Sheriff of the Parish of St. Landry, at the Election which will take place in November next. April 24, 1859.

We are authorized to announce that **Mr. VILLENEUVE JOUBERT**, the present incumbent, is a candidate for re-election to the office of Assessor for the Parish of St. Landry. Election in November next. [April 24, 1859.]

We are authorized to announce that **Mr. PIERRE MOULLE** is a candidate for Assessor, at the Election of November next. May 7th, 1859.

We are authorized to announce **Mr. LAFAYETTE CALDWELL** a candidate for the office of Swamp Land Commissioner in the Second District, Election in November next. [April 24, 1859.]

We are authorized to announce **Mr. E. G. RARD**, of Lafayette, as a candidate for District Attorney of the 15th Judicial District, at the November Election. [May 21st, 1859.]

The District Court has been sitting in our Town since three weeks. Several criminal cases of importance were dispatched last week, among which were those of the State vs. George Wilson and John Nicolson, who were convicted three different times of having passed counterfeit bank notes on our neighbors of Washington. Although the sentence has not been pronounced yet, it is generally believed that the maximum of the penalty will be applied to them. The Court will last about two weeks longer.

BELL CURVES SPRING—This summer resort will be opened on the 1st of June, as may be seen by the advertisement in another column. The waters of these Springs, we are informed, have lately been analyzed by New-Orleans, and a report is being prepared for publication. We shall be happy to announce the result of the analysis as soon as circumstances will permit.

By reference to our advertising columns, the reader will perceive that the sale of the Plantation in community between the heirs of Henrietta M. Perrell, which was to take place on the 31st of May inst., will not take place.

To the Editor of the Opelousas Courier:—We would authorize you to announce that Dr. EDWARD M. MILLARD of St. Landry, will accept the nomination of candidate for Congress at the Convention to be held in Alexandria on the 4th of July next. **HENRY L. GARLAND, VINCENT BOAGNI, PLINY D. HARDY, JOHN FOSLEY, F. LUZ, LOUIS LASTRAPES, JOHN E. MORROGH, JOHN A. TAYLOR, J. V. CHABRE, WM. OFFUTT.**

UNION PARISH DEMOCRAT—The Democracy of Union Parish met in Convention at Farmerville, on the 23d inst., and after electing delegates to the State Convention adopted the following sound Resolutions, all of which we most heartily endorse. Here are the Resolutions, read them.

Whereas, We, the Democrats of Union Parish learn with feelings of deep regret, that dissensions have lately arisen among Democrats of other portions of this State, tending to disorganize and defeat the party; therefore be it resolved,

That we disclaim all participation in any of the discussions and divisions in the Democratic party that now exist in this State.

That we discontinue all local and personal issues among the Democrats of this State.

That we acknowledge no leaders, support no faction, but are and remain Democrats under the constitution, and the frequently expressed principles of the Democratic party.

EXTENSIVE STEAMBOAT CONGRAGATION—Pittsburg, May 8.—An extensive steamboat congregation occurred here this morning. Ten steamboats were entirely destroyed, and some thirty others barely escaped the flames, which were of the most terrific character. The following are the names of the steamboats totally destroyed: Henry Graff, Jennia Gray, Council Bluffs, Jas. Woods, J. H. Cohn, Potowoc, Belmont, Cremona, Commerce and Paola. The fire commenced on board the Henry Graff, and soon spread with fearful rapidity, communicating from one to the other.

The freight which had arrived here by the Pennsylvania Railroad for the West, and on board the steamboats Economy and South America, was saved. The South America, having steam up, towed off the Economy, and returning saved thirty other steamboats by towing them away and out of danger of the fire, though an intense heat was prevailing the whole time. The amount of freight destroyed is comparatively small, the boats contained having little on board. The warehouses in the vicinity were threatened from time to time, but, fortunately, by the exertions of the fire department, they were saved.

THE RUSSIAN VIEW OF THE CUBAN QUESTION—The Russian Gazette, of St. Petersburg, of a late date, contains an article on Cuba, which contends that the possession of the Colony is indispensable to the security of the United States. The article, however, recommends the Americans to extend their influence in the Island solely by means of their superior civilization, which it says has thus far been their best auxiliaries in making conquests.

NO HOPE FOR PRINTERS—When Dr. Franklin's mother-in-law first discovered that the young man had a hanker for her daughter, that good old lady said she did not know so well about giving her daughter to a printer; there was already two printing offices in the United States and she was not sure the country would support them. It was plain upon Franklin's own face that he was a printer upon the profits of a third, and this was rather a doubtful chance. If such an objection was urged to a would-be son-in-law when there were but two printing offices in the United States, how can a printer hope to get a wife now, when the present census shows the number to be 15,067.

We heard a man call another man an extortioner, the other day, for suing him a day or two before. "Why, friend," replied the man who brought the suit, "I did not oblige you." "To oblige me, indeed," said the other, "how so?" "Why, to oblige you to pay me."

A REFUGEE K. N. QUINN—Below will be found the letter addressed by Col. P. Pond to his fellow laborers and suffers in the great wigwag "cause." From the spring of '54 until that of '59 no plume danced more proudly in the array of the sons of the native South than that of the brilliant P. Pond. He was a ruling spirit, a leader and a chief in the enthusiastic but Quixotic attack made by Know Nothings upon America's best, constant, staunch and changeable friend, the Democratic party. While the triumph of the Know Nothings was complete, there were to be had the justicial words and polished sentences of Col. Pond. But while the K. N. Society guided themselves upon having such a leader and such an advocate, his letter led them to support that party, and to support the Democratic party. Col. Pond should have found this out in '54. The Southern K. N. were then playing into the hands of Seward and Fremont, although it appears to have taken the brightest of these three years to find out the truth. Col. Pond's letter is written with much feeling and contains much that is worthy of the earnest conviction of his late political associates. It is a persuasive and public in style as it is eloquent and bold. It is a good specimen of the Democratic party to their purportant K. N. neighbors.—*Am. Democrat.*

LETTER FROM COL. POND.

DEAR SIR—In our common history, no period has been so fraught with interesting and absorbing incidents as the present. It is a time when the great principles of our country are being tested and tried, and when the fate of our Union is hanging in the balance. It is a time when the great principles of our country are being tested and tried, and when the fate of our Union is hanging in the balance. It is a time when the great principles of our country are being tested and tried, and when the fate of our Union is hanging in the balance.

STILL FURTHER BY THE ADELAIDE
Commencement of Hostilities—France Russian alliance confirmed—Austrian Russian alliance rejected—Victor Emmanuel's position—Military operations—The Ticino Campaign—Flight of the Grand Duke—Military Disasters declared—Eighty thousand French troops in Italy—Austrian War Manifesto—Weeks of the ship Pomona—Arrival out.

LIVERPOOL, April 30.—The steamship Hammonia, of the New York and Hamburg line, arrived at Hamburg on the 29th. The Paris Constitutional and the London News contradicted the report of the Franco-Russian alliance, but the London Times publishes the provisions of the treaties which have been entered into between France and Russia.

THE NEWS THEREON MODIFIES ITS STATEMENT, and says that a document has been signed by those powers which give rise to the report of the alliance, but asserts that it is a mere convention.

THE DENIAL OF THE EXISTENCE OF AN OFFENSIVE AND DEFENSIVE ALLIANCE has a favorable effect on the funds temporarily, but the Times' publication of the points of the treaty caused a sudden reaction, and a great panic on Change.

TELEGRAPH DISPATCHES were received in London and Paris from various sources announcing that on the night of the 28th of April 100,000 Austrian troops crossed the Ticino under Guina, the Commander-in-Chief of the Austrian army of Lombardy.

THE REPORTS STATED that the troops crossed the Ticino in three different corps and took the road to Novara, after blowing up the Buffalo Bridge, over which they had passed. It was also reported that Austria, upon the announcement of the Russo-French alliance, had accepted the proffered mediation of England, and had postponed the declaration of war.

ENGLAND HAD ALSO PROFFERED HER MEDIATION to France, and the Emperor had taken the matter into consideration.

THE LONDON TIMES regards the alliance between France and Russia as a menace to England, from the fact that Russia guarantees to France the services of the Russian fleet in the Mediterranean and the Baltic.

THE KING OF SARDEINIA has issued a proclamation, in which he declares that the Austrian ultimatum requiring Sardinia to disarm is an outrage upon himself and an insult to the nation.

THE KING SAYS TO THE ARMY: "I will be your captain. You will have the gulf of the French soldiers who were your companions on the Tchernaya (in the Crimea) for your support. Our war is the independence of Italy."

GENERAL CAVIGNAN has been appointed Lieutenant-General of the Sardinian army. The universities of Piedmont have been closed, and the students are joining the army with great enthusiasm.

IN CONFORMITY WITH A DECREE of the King, the Sardinian troops have retired from Palasca to the west bank of the Segia.

THE BULK OF THE SARDINIAN ARMY, 75,000 strong, are concentrated around the fortress of Alessandria and Casale, near the frontier of Lombardy.

THE SECOND LINE OF THE ARMY is stationed at the foot of the Appennines, between Nozo and Fortona.

THE TARIK CORRESPONDENT of the London Times expresses the opinion that the Austrian army will not succeed in reaching the capital of Sardinia at all, notwithstanding the boast of the Emperor of Austria that he would be in Turin within ten days from the time his army crossed the Ticino.

THE COUNTRY ALONG THE FRONTIER of Sardinia, over which the Austrian army will have to pass, has been submerged by water from the canals used for irrigation, and the roads have been rendered impassable for the present.

THE NEWS OF THE MILITARY REVOLUTION in Tuscany, and of the army having joined that of Piedmont, is confirmed.

THE GRAND DUKE TUSCANY has refused the demand of the army for him to abdicate, and has retired to Bologna, begging the protection of the five powers.

THE ENGLISH CHANNEL FLEET, which is supposed to have sailed for the Mediterranean, will be immediately recalled, and its place supplied by new ships to be placed in commission at once.

IT IS STATED that the French and Russian Governments have lately been procuring large supplies of charts and surveys of the English coast and the British Mediterranean stations, and likewise buying large quantities of coal, irrespective of quality or price.

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SHOWING UP A SHOWMAN—Showmen as a general rule, are tolerably sharp, and it is no easy matter to overreach them; but when they are fooled, it is a matter of great amusement to those present. I was a witness to one of the best "sells" of the kind I have ever heard of. Last summer, there was an exhibition in a tent, on one of the public lots—a sort of menagerie on a small scale.

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Bell-Cheney Springs.
THIS delightful Summer Resort, situated in the Parish of St. Landry, is a beautiful rolling Pine-wood country, distant about thirty miles from Opelousas, and is the most desirable place for the reception of visitors.

THE PUBLIC ARE HERELY INFORMED that there will be sold at public sale, to the last and highest bidder, through the ministry of a duly licensed Auctioneer, at the Court House, in the Town of Opelousas, on Tuesday, 31st of May next, 1859, the following described property, held in community between Paul Scott and Henrietta and Panny L. Scott, minor heirs of Henrietta Matilda Pannel, deceased, the issue of her marriage with Edwin D. Scott, to wit:

A PLANTATION, being the late residence of said deceased, situated in Bellvue, in the Parish of St. Landry, measuring five hundred arpents of land, more or less bounded on the North by the Plantation of Bonnet, on the West and South by the Plantation of Mark W. Miller, well and on the East by Bayou Bourgeois, together with the Buildings and Improvements thereon erected and thereto pertaining.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS—One third of the purchase price payable cash, and the balance in one and two yearly credits from the day of sale, with interest at the rate of six percent per annum from the day of sale. The land remaining specially mortgaged full and entire payment of capital and interest which may accrue thereon.

THE UNDERSIGNED, at whose instance the aforesaid sale was obtained, has concluded not to sell. This sale, therefore, will not take place as advertised. **PANNELL SCOTT,** Opelousas, May 21st, 1859.

Sale at Auction.
THE undersigned being forced to close his business, hereby informs the public that he will sell at auction, through the ministry of a duly licensed auctioneer, at his residence, at about 7 miles North-West of Opelousas, on the main route leading from said town to Ville Platte, on Monday, 6th of June next, 1859, and the following days, if necessary, the following property, to wit:

One square Arpent of Land, being his present residence, together with the buildings and improvements thereon, consisting in a Store, House, Kitchen, &c.

A well assorted stock of Dry Goods and Groceries, among which are 7 barrels of Whiskey, Brandy and other good Liquors, Hardware, Crockeryware and many other articles, the enumeration of which would be tedious.

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