

OPELOUSAS:

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1863.

We are requested to announce that Mr. JONAS COCHRAN is a candidate for Town Constable of Opelousas, at the election of April next. [Jan. 31.]

CAPTURE OF THE "QUEEN OF THE WEST."—Under date of 15th inst., the Captain commanding Post at Gordon's Landing, on Red River, reported to Maj. Sargent, Chief of Staff of Gen. Taylor, at Alexandria, that at 5 o'clock in the evening on the 14th, the guns of the Fort opened fire on the Federal gunboat "Queen of the West" and after 30 shots, 18 of which struck her, she hoisted a white flag and surrendered. There were but 13 men on board, the balance having escaped under cover of the night.

There were on board one 32 pound rifled Parrot gun, one 24 rifled also, three 12 pound brass pieces and one slightly damaged, and a tremendous supply of ordnance stores, a large supply of quinine, surgical instruments, clothing, bacon, flour, beef, pork, &c.

The Webb, one of our gunboats, started on the 15th from Alexandria, in pursuit of the De Soto, a small steamboat stolen by the federals, which was accompanying the Queen of the West, and who rammed when her consort struck her colors, and it is expected the De Soto will also be captured.

GOOD NEWS FROM BUTTE A LA ROSE.—On Monday last two federal gunboats were approaching our fortifications at this place, with the evident intention of attacking them, when three companies of infantry of the Crescent Regiment were sent six miles below under the command of Capt. Field, in order probably to cut their retreat. But the strong wind having blown the former of the gunboat within 30 or 40 yards of our men in ambush, and the Yankees then being mostly on deck, Capt. Field could not resist the temptation and he ordered the fire. Three volleys were fired at them, killing some 40 or 50, and then both gunboats abandoned the premises in a hurry.

Well done! well done! Nobody hurt on our side.

We learn with pleasure that Lieut. Col. V. A. Fourast, has been reinstated in his command of the Battalion of the Yellow Jackets, under Gen. Meunier.

The sale of movables of Capt. Ulrich has been postponed until Thursday, the 26th inst., as will be seen by reference to the advertisement.

THE YANKEES AT BATON ROUGE.—In the early part of the week a negro regiment arrived at Baton Rouge, which created quite a stir among some of the Federal officers. They held an indignation meeting and fifty of them resigned their commissions in consequence of the amputation. Yesterday morning an order was read placing the Yankee officers on an equality with the negroes, and requiring all citizens and Federal officers to respect and obey the black officers. From all we can hear it seems great dissatisfaction prevails among the troops, and the officers are unwilling to risk an attack with such rebellious spirits. They know the character of our troops here and feel their inability, in their present disorganized state, to cope with the thorough disciplined and veteran troops of Port Hudson. The West, a sloop and two transports were at Baton Rouge at last accounts.—Port Hudson Echo 26 ult.

Some editor says that the destiny of the world will often hang on the smallest trifle. A little mill between Charles Bonaparte and his love Letitia might have broken off a marriage which gave birth to Napoleon and the battle of Waterloo. To what the Advertiser says: "Yes, that is the fact. Suppose a little mill had taken place between Adam and Eve! What then?"

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

Of the Board of Police of the town of Opelousas, Saturday, January 3, 1863.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Police of the town of Opelousas, held this day—Present: Messrs. F. A. King, President, J. J. Beauchamp, W. R. Megninley, John McCormick.

On motion it was ordered that the following claims be paid on the usual warrant, viz: John Cochran, for work on the streets from Oct. 1st to Oct. 31st 1862, \$143 95

John Cochran, for work on the streets from Nov. 1st to Nov. 30th, 1862, 147 90

John Cochran, for work on the streets from Dec. 1st to Dec. 31st 1862, 187 55

G. Canavin Agent, for spikes, 14 00

It was further ordered that the following claims be paid out of the fund accruing from the sale of town notes, viz:

F. A. King, paper for town notes, \$30 00

J. McCormick, " " " " 12 00

The Hon. John A. Taylor, donated to the Board the sum of forty dollars, the amount allowed him as mileage for attending the extra session of the general assembly of 1862 and 1863, to be given by said Board to the judgment of the town, Whereupon, it was

Resolved, That said donation be accepted and placed to the credit of the indigent fund.

On motion of Mr. Megninley, Resolved, That each and every member of the Board of Police of the town of Opelousas, shall be a member of Patrol, that each and every private on a squad of Patrol shall be required to carry with him while on duty, such arms as he may be able to procure.

On motion, the Board adjourned. F. A. KING, President. James F. Beauchamp, Clerk.

At a special meeting of the Board of Police of the town of Opelousas, held this day—Present: F. A. King, President, W. R. Megninley, E. D. Dupre, John McCormick, E. D. Estilette and W. R. Megninley.

On motion of Mr. Megninley, Resolved, That the Treasurer of the town be instructed to make a settlement with the Constable for amount received by him for Market dues.

On motion, it was ordered that the following claims be paid on the usual warrant, viz: John Cochran, for work on streets, \$140 05 Opelousas Courier, publishing Ordinances, &c., of the Board, 164 80

On motion, An Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance relating to balls for slaves," was unanimously adopted. On motion, the Board adjourned. F. A. KING, President. Jos. D. Richard, Clerk.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1863.

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On motion of Mr. Megninley, Resolved, That the Constable of the town be instructed to cease hauling dirt in the streets, until further orders.

Resolved, That the Constable be authorized to purchase or a thousand feet of bridge plank in the name of the town.

On motion of Mr. Megninley, Resolved, That each member of the Board be authorized to cause all bridges in his ward, to be repaired, if necessary.

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Died.—In Opelousas, on the 19th, ADELINE V. a child of Bryant Hutchins, aged 1 year 11 months.

H. C. L. No 19, F. A. M.

A regular meeting of this Lodge will be held on Wednesday, the 25th inst., at 3 o'clock P. M. All transient brothers in good standing are invited to attend. By order of the W. M. D. D. ARDEN, Secretary. Opelousas, February 21, 1863.

NOTICE.—All persons having claims against me as Collector, will please present them to me, at my residence, at the Mermento Ferry, in the Parish of St. Landry, for settlement. 21st Feb. 1863. H. DESESSART.

Estate of Antoine Mayer. MEETING OF CREDITORS.

BY virtue of an authorization from the Honorable the District Court in and for the Parish of St. Landry, a meeting of the creditors of the Estate of Antoine Mayer, deceased, late of the Parish of St. Landry, will be held before Yves Davy, Receiver, at his Office, in the Town of Opelousas, on Saturday, the 28th February inst. 1863, for the purpose of determining upon the disposition to be made of the property of said deceased. A. GARRIGUES, Clerk of said Court. Opelousas 21st February 1863.

NOTICE.

THE public are hereby notified that a note signed by me and drawn in French, for about \$1700 or \$1800, dated in the spring of 1858, payable to Leonard A. Gardner, agent, has been paid by me. The said note has never been delivered to me, and all persons are cautioned against trading for the same. E. C. GARDNER. St. Landry 21st February 1863. 12—5t

Postponed Sale.

IN consequence of the inclemency of the weather and by consent of interested parties, the sale of the property of the late Abraham Herman, which was advertised to take place on the 18th February inst., has been postponed until the 26th of the same month.

No security will be accepted unless good and solvent and residing in the Parish of St. Landry. ROBERT BENGUEREL, Auctioneer. Opelousas February 21 1863.—1t

Grand Vocal and Instrumental CONCERT.

PROF. VANDENBERG will give, at the Opelousas Varieties, at Opelousas, this evening, 21st February, a Concert, composed of selected pieces from the most celebrated composers. Doors open at 7 o'clock P. M. Admittance \$1. Children & Servants half price. One-half of the net proceeds will be given to the Louisiana Hospital.

Public Sale.

Estate of Charles Onézime Clement and Octave Clément.

WILL be sold on the 17th of March next, at the residence of Charles Clément, in Anse Mallet, the following property:

TWO TRACTS OF LAND, situated in said Anse Mallet, containing together 175 acres, being Lot No. 1, Section No. 7, Township 10, South of Range 1 West, and Lot No. 5 of Section No. 32, Township No. 9, South Range 1 West.

A creole horse; a lot of wild horse creatures and cattle, &c.

Conditions.—All sums payable in three equal annual instalments from day of sale. Lands remaining mortgaged; purchasers to give two securities in solid.

CHS. CLEMENT, Adm'r. St. Landry, February 14, 1863.

An Ordinance

FOR THE POLICE OF THE TOWN OF OPELOUSAS.

ARTICLE I. Be it ordained by the Board of Police of the town of Opelousas: That the President of said Board shall have the power, whenever he deems it necessary for the police and peace of said town, to order all coffee houses, grog-shops and every kind of drinking establishment, in said town, to be closed.

ARTICLE II. Be it further ordained, &c.: That in the absence of the President of the Board of Police, any member thereof shall have the right to exercise the power vested in the President of said Board by the foregoing Article.

ARTICLE III. Be it further ordained, &c.: That any owner or keeper of a coffee house, grog-shop or of any kind of drinking establishment, in the town of Opelousas, who on being ordered by the President of the Board of Police of the town of Opelousas, to close his coffee-house, grog-shop or drinking establishment, shall neglect or refuse to comply with said order, shall be fined for every offence in the sum of Twenty-five dollars.

ART. IV. Be it further ordained, &c.: That this Ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage. Enacted, February 13 1863.

F. A. KING, President. Jos. D. RICHARD, Clerk. 14th—1t

FOR \$5,000.

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Head Quarters

MILITIA ENROLLING OFFICER. Opelousas, La. February 11th 1863.

ALL free white males in the Parish of St. Landry, under 50 years of age, exempt from Military service under the 21 and 4th Sections of the Act of the Legislature of Louisiana, entitled "An Act to organize the Militia for the defence of the State," approved January 31, 1863, are requested to present at these Headquarters on or before the 21st February inst., their proof of exemption, certified on affidavit to be true by two respectable witnesses.

JAS. M. PORTER. Enrolling officer of the Militia for the Parish of St. Landry. 11—2t.

Another call for Volunteers.

Conscripts who have not yet reported to a Camp of Instruction can enter the Company of Captain DORRIS, or that of Captain ROBIN, of the 25th Regiment Louisiana Volunteers stationed at Vicksburg, as volunteers, and receive a bounty of fifty dollars. Apply immediately to the undersigned, Lieutenants in said Company.

OCT. FONTENOT. JULES DEBAILLON. Opelousas 14th February 1863. 11

An Ordinance

RELATING TO BILLS FOR SLAVES.

ARTICLE I. Be it ordained by the Board of Police of the town of Opelousas; that no balls or dancing parties for slaves, shall be given within the corporation of Opelousas, unless given by a proprietor of negroes on his premises, and the admission to the hall be free.

ARTICLE II. Be it further ordained, &c.: That nothing in the way of eatables or drinks shall be sold at any such ball.

ARTICLE III. Be it further ordained, &c.: That any slave or slaves giving a ball or dancing party in violation of this Ordinance, the master of said slave or slaves shall be fined, for every violation, in a sum not exceeding twenty-five dollars.

ARTICLE IV. Be it further ordained, &c.: That this Ordinance take effect immediately after its passage. Enacted February 7 1863.

F. A. KING, President. JOSEPH D. RICHARD, Clerk. feb14

To Bridge Builders.

THE building of a new bridge across the Bayou Crocodile, near Jackson's Saw Mill, on the road from Opelousas to Alexandria, will be let out to the lowest bidder, on Saturday, the 28th of February, 1863. The contract will be let out at the place where the bridge is to be built, between the hours of 12 M. and 2 P. M.

The contractor will be required to furnish security for the faithful performance of the work. C. D. TATMAN, JOHN T. HEATH, G. C. WOLFF, Commissioners for St. Landry. L. G. COMPTON, R. H. JACKSON, H. B. FERGUSON, Commissioners for Rapides.

February 14, 1863.

On account of departure.

THE undersigned being determined to leave the Parish of St. Landry, will sell at auction, at his residence, at Caron, near Washington, on Thursday, the 26th February, inst., a fine lot of household furniture and kitchen utensils, comprising principally several armchairs in mahogany, black walnut, &c. beds ditto, large and small tables, looking glasses, chairs, carpets, (oil cloth and others) a new and complete Stuart's cooking stove, one dining room stove and a bed room stove, claret wine, cherry, &c. crockery and glassware, an iron chest, a clock (brass) and chandeliers.

TERMS.—Cash. GEO. ULRICK. Washington, February 14, 1863.—2t.

Ranaway

FROM the Plantation of Mr. John B. Keller, at Bayou Chicot, about three months ago, a negro woman of a griff color, aged about 28 years, was formerly the property of Dr. Gober, of Ville Plate. She is supposed to be lurking about Ville Plate.

Any person harboring said girl will be rigorously prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

A liberal reward will be paid for her apprehension and delivery to the undersigned, at Washington, or if lodged in one of the Jails of this State so that I can get her back.

F. TRAINOR. Washington, February 14, 1863.

TAKEN UP AS AN ESTRAY

At Plaisance, in the Parish of St. Landry, on the 10th of February inst., an American mare, middle size, chestnut color, supposed to be over 10 years of age, old, not branded, short mane and long tail. The owner is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take her away; otherwise she will be disposed of according to law. DUREL DUPE. St. Landry, February 14, 1863.—5t.

G. H. POTIER, Collector and Grievor

OFFERS his services to his friends and the public in general. Office at the Drug Store of P. L. Hebrard. Opelousas, February 14, 1863.

FOR SALE.

200,000 ACRES OF LAND, improved and unimproved, situated in different Parishes of the State, Improved Lands having some stock and corn.

The undersigned is also agent for the purchasing and selling of negroes, sugar and molasses. For particulars apply to the undersigned, at Greenlee's Hotel, at Washington, La. Wm. McCASKELL.

Jan 3d, 1863.—2m.

Dr. James A. McMillan.

HAVING permanently fixed his domicile at Pointe aux Loups, will exercise his profession in that portion of the Parish of St. Landry. He has also opened a Drug Store for the convenience of the inhabitants of the neighborhood. Pointe aux Loups, January 10th, 1863.—1t.

TO HIRE.

TWO NEGRO MEN will be hired either in town or in the country. For particulars apply at this office. Opelousas, January 10th, 1863.

Victor Daniel, Parish Surveyor.

WILL attend promptly to any work in his line of business. He can always be found at his residence, in Opelousas, when not professionally engaged. [Nov. 8, 1862.]

J. BOUFFARTIGUE,

Notary Public and Auctioneer, OFFERS his services to his friends and the public. His office is at Léopville, Gros Courvaux. [Feb 22, 1863.—4t]

Public Sale.

Estate of Virginie Gaberet, deceased.

BY virtue of an order from the Honorable the District Court of the 8th Judicial District of the State of Louisiana, holding its session in and for the Parish of St. Landry, there will be sold at public sale, to the last and highest bidder, through the ministry of Evariste Debailion, Public Auctioneer, or any other competent officer, on the Plantation hereinafter described, on

Tuesday, the 10th March next, 1863.

the following described property, belonging to the Estate of said Virginie Gaberet, deceased wife of André Prud'homme, late of the Parish of St. Landry, to wit:

THE PLANTATION,

upon which the deceased last resided, situated in Church Prairie, in St. Landry, distant about four miles from the Town of Opelousas, measuring about three hundred and ninety arpents of land (superficial measure) bounded North by Damenville Dejean and Mr. Terrell, South by Mrs. Widow Bullard and Mrs. Widow William Prud'homme, East by Mrs. Widow Knox, and West by Mrs. Widow Wm. Prud'homme, together with all and singular the buildings and improvements thereon erected and thereto pertaining.

A TRACT OF LAND,

situated on Bayou Mallet, in Prairie Faquetaique, in the Parish of St. Landry, measuring about eight hundred superficial arpents, (more or less) bounded on the East by said Bayou Mallet, South by Jacob Bihm, and North by land formerly belonging to François Aguilard.

26 SLAVES,

to wit:

Antoine, mulatto boy, aged about 12 yrs

George, negro man, " " 55 "

Bocca, " " 26 "

Joe, mulatto boy, " " 14 "

Antony, negro man, " " 50 "

Daniel, " " 56 "

Edouard, " " 35 "

Jacquo, negro boy, " " 14 "

Theodule, " " 12 "

Stepp, " " 45 "

Adolphe, mulatto man, " " 35 "

Nelly, negro woman, " " 45 "

Marianne, " " 30 "

Felicianne, (girl), " " 16 "

Vienna, negro woman, " " 40 "

Scholastique, mulatto woman, aged about 40 years, with her children, Victorin, 6 years, Nelson, 4 years and Hennie, 2 years.

Marguerite, negro woman, aged about 30 years, with her four children, Julienne, 9 years, Marguerite, 7 years, Amélie, 4 yrs., and Jeff, 2 years.

Clarisse, negro woman, aged about 18 years, with her infant child, afflicted.

3 pair work mules;

One pair carriage horses;

One pair creole work horses;

Four horses;

Two mares;

3 work oxen;

21 head of horned cattle;

Four fat Hogs;

One lot of Hogs;

47 head of sheep;

One family carriage and harness;

A lot of cotton in the seed;

Five barrels of rice,

One wagon;

One ox cart;

One lot of corn in the shucks;

Six stacks of fodder;

8 potatoe hills;

Aratory implements;

Household furniture;

Kitchen utensils, and many other articles the enumeration of which would be too tedious.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—All and every adjudications of twenty dollars and under, payable cash, and all and every adjudications upwards of twenty dollars, payable one-third on the 1st of April 1863, one-third on the 1st of April 1864, and the last third on the 1st of April next following, (1865.) Purchasers furnishing good and solvent securities in solid, to the satisfaction of the Administrator of said Estate, and all sums not punctually paid at maturity, to bear interest at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum from time due until paid. And moreover, the lands and slaves remaining specially mortgaged and hypothecated unto the Estate until full and entire payment of capital and the interests which may accrue thereon. Payments to be made at the office of Dupré & Garand, in the Town of Opelousas. It is well understood that by virtue of the deliberations of a Family meeting, heirs of said Estate, if purchasing, will also have to furnish the same securities as ordinary purchasers.

ANDRE PRUD'HOMME, Administrator. Opelousas, February 7, 1863

Here's Your Mule!

TAKEN UP as an estray, by the undersigned, on the 23d January inst., an American mare mule, of a yellow mouse color, 4 feet 11 inches high, about 6 years old, not branded, having a swelling on the right shoulder. The owner is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take her away; otherwise she will be disposed of according to law. ONEZIME CAROTHERS. Grand Courvaux, Jan. 21, 1863. 9—5t.

Public Sale.

Estate of Sophie Langlois, deceased.

BY virtue of an order from the Honorable the District Court of the 8th Judicial District of the State of Louisiana, holding its session 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, through the ministry of a duly commissioned Auctioneer, at the residence of said deceased, in Petit Bois, the Parish of St. Landry, about 9 miles from the Town of Opelousas, on

Wednesday, the 11th March next, 1863, the following described property, belonging to the Estate of said Sophie Langlois, deceased widow of Isidore Hollier, late of the Parish of St. Landry, to wit:

4 SLAVES.

Antoine, negro man, aged about 47 yrs

Josette, negro woman, " " 56 "

Louise, " " 17 "

Melitte, " " 13 "

A small frame house;

3 gentle cows;

8 Hogs;

A lot of cotton in the seed;

4 bales of cotton;

60 barrels of corn;

Plantation implements;

Household furniture;

Kitchen utensils, and many other articles the enumeration of which would be too tedious.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—All sums ten dollars and under, payable cash, on day of sale; and all sums upwards of ten dollars, payable in three equal annual instalments from the 1st of April next, that is to say, one-third on the 1st of April 1864, one-third on the 1st of April 1865, and the remaining third on the 1st of April 1866. Purchasers furnishing their notes with good and sufficient security, to the satisfaction of Octave Hollier, the Administrator; and notes made payable to his order; and all sums not punctually paid at maturity