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OPELOUSAS:

SATURDAY, : : AUGUST 15, 1863.

For Secretary of State.

We are authorized to announce that Mr. EDWARD R. EASTIN is a candidate for Secretary of State, at the election of November [July 25th 1863.

Candidates for Representatives in Congress:

1st District: CHAS. J. VILLERE.
2nd do CHAS. M. CONRAD.
3rd do DUNCAN F. KENNER.
4th do LUCIUS J. DUPRE.
5th do HENRY MARSHALL.
6th do JOHN PERKINS Jr.

A sad affair took place on Sunday last in our Parish. Sad, because it grew out of a subject upon which all citizens should have but one opinion. Our readers are aware that since over six months a large number of conscript deserters have been gathering from some 10 to 18 miles West of our town, joined latterly, it appears, by another gang (part of which are free negroes). The momentary presence of the Federals gave them a more audacious boldness, and now and then we are told of horses, cattle, saddles, &c., having been stolen by these rascals, so the rumors go. Lately a quiet and honorable man was murdered at night in his own house, and these jay-hawkers were charged with the crime. Several other citizens residing in the quarter where they seem to be all-powerful, have been waylaid and saved their life but by chance or extreme prudence, and were driven temporarily from their homes. News came to us at last that these deserters and outlaws had really formed a battalion, tolerably well armed against the enforcement of law.

This state of things could not peaceably exist. On Sunday last, a company of mounted troops, joined, it appears, by some citizens, started in pursuit of the jay-hawkers, and when arrived in their quarter, dismounted and leisurely laid down, waiting for something or other, when, all at once here come the jay-hawkers pouncing upon them and throwing dismay among the crowd. Fighting commenced, running too commenced, and from what we can learn we had one man killed and several wounded, one of whom has since died. We know not the loss of the other side, but are told they are heavier than our own. We have taken 11 prisoners.

We here close the narration of the affair as heard it from tolerable good authority.

Owing to an increase of advertisements, we have prepared a supplement which will accompany the present number.

Death of Captain Fuller.

We very much regret to learn the death of Capt. Fuller, as announced in the following letter which was published in the New Orleans Picayune of the 7th inst., and of which a friend in Washington, La., has been kind enough to forward us a copy:

MILITARY PRISON JOHNSON'S ISLAND,
Near Sandusky, Ohio, July 25th 1863.
The many friends of Capt. E. W. Fuller will with profound regret that he departed this world in the Prison Hospital at this place, on the evening of 24th inst., after a long and severe illness. Capt. Fuller was formerly the commander of the Confederate Gunboat "Cotton" and afterwards the celebrated "Queen of the West." He was wounded and made prisoner at the time of the destruction by the Federal gunboats in Grand Lake, some time in April last. He was removed to New Orleans, in company with other prisoners, on the 2nd of June, to Fort Delaware; and on this place on the 18th, where he died. His remains have been placed in a metallic case and interred in the cemetery on the 2nd, whence he can be removed at any time if his friends may wish to do so.
J. W. Y.

We have authentic information that on the 1st inst., Col. Logan, at the head of his bold, audacious rebels, dashed into Jackson, La., without least ceremony and formality, and killed and carried a pretty fair lot of negroes and Yankees. They had nicely taken possession of the place, and were not expecting company so early. They imagined that not a rebel was this side of Mobile, and all had been driven off by the Louisiana Democrat, 12th inst.

In the Parish of Rapides, on the 1st inst., HARVEY NEWTON PARHAM.

PUBLIC SALE.

Estate of John Fall, deceased.

The undersigned will offer at public sale to the last and highest bidder, on the plantation John Fall, deceased, adjoining the town of Coteau, in the Parish of St. Landry, on

Wednesday, the 16th day of August, 1863, the following property, belonging to the Estate of said deceased, consisting of Land and improvements on which the de-

ceased last resided, except about five arpents that may be sold apart with the improvements thereon.

Seven Slaves.

One horse cart;
Five lot of gentle cattle;
One lot of hogs;
Two hundred cypress posts;
One lot of oak posts;
One lot of corn;
One lot of cotton in the seed;
One plough and plough harness;
Plantation utensils;
Household & kitchen utensils; one bedstead and bedding; one saddle and bridle; one pair of pistols; one pair of spurs, and a variety of other effects too tedious to enumerate. Terms and conditions in next issue.

JOHN F. SMITH,
Notary Testamentary Executor.
St. Landry, August 15, 1863.

LOST!

THE following described papers, notes, vouchers and evidences of debt, viz.:

Mortgage Note of O. Guidry, L. V. Chacheré and Jos. D. Richard, in solido, payable one year after date to the order of the undersigned, C. S. Receiver, and bearing interest at the rate of 8 per cent per annum for something over \$3,200 00

Mortgage Note of O. Guidry and Jos. D. Richard in solido of the same date bearing like interest, and payable as above for 750 00

Mortgage Note of W. P. Allen and A. L. Tucker in solido bearing like interest and payable as above for 450 00

Mortgage Note of O. L. Pamphry and Homer H. Smith, in solido, bearing like interest and payable as the last mentioned note for 1,390 00

Mortgage Note of A. L. Tucker and L. R. Curtis in solido, dated, bearing interest, and payable in the same manner as the last described Note for 1,900 00

3 Mortgage Notes of ——— Guiberteau favor Stephen Deuell for \$600 each 2,000 00

Mortgage Note of Joshua B. Carey, favor of N. E. Lyman for about 300 00

Note of E. F. Hardison favor of ——— amount not recollecte, perhaps about 60 00

Note of Thomas J. Jones favor of ——— Griffey for 150 00

Draft on C. S. Assistant Treasurer at Jackson, favor of Wilson McKeall and by him endorsed for 100 00

Draft on C. S. Assistant Treasurer at Jackson, favor of the undersigned, for about 101 00

2 Drafts on C. S. Assistant Treasurer at Jackson, favor of Wm H. Haskell, and by him endorsed, amounts not recollecte, but together over 200 00

Draft on C. S. Assistant Treasurer at Jackson, payee not recollecte, endorsed as paid by Rousseau & Tertout, amount not recollecte.

A number of other Treasury Drafts amounts and payees not recollecte.

4 C. S. Coupons, amounting to 100 00

In C. S. Notes nearly all in \$100 Notes bearing interest, precise amount not known, but about 8,000 00

A package of vouchers of C. S. Receiver 42 of which are numbered from 1 to 42 inclusive.

2 Mortgage Notes of N. Berwick, favor of James Todd and endorsed by the latter for \$1000 each, both past due with several payments of interest endorsed 2,000 00

A Draft on the Treasurer of the Parish of St. Mary dated in April 1862 and bearing 8 per cent per annum interest for about \$1,250 or 1,350 00

A Note of James G. Parkerson and H. E. Gardiner in solido favor of M. Walker, dated 10th June 1861 endorsed by payee and bearing 8 per cent interest 138,66

A Note of A. L. Fields dated 17th June 1861, favor of and endorsed by M. Walker, bearing 8 per cent interest for 416 75

A Note of Lyman Harding favor of the undersigned date not recollecte payable one day after date bearing 8 per cent interest for 450 00

2 Certificates of Scrip of the Southern Mutual Insurance Co favor of the undersigned for \$40 and \$90 respectively, together 130 00

2 Mortgage Notes of John L. Monier favor of G B Shepherd bearing 8 per cent interest; amount together about 1,200 00

Note of ——— Kirkman favor of the undersigned bearing 8 per cent interest payable in coin for about 62 00

The EXACT description or amounts of all the above are probably not given but many of them are matter of record and are known by dates, numbers, &c., and payment of all have been stopped; the public are cautioned against negotiating for any part of the same.

A liberal reward will be paid for their recovery.
R. N. McMILLAN.
Franklin, La., August 15th 1863—2t

ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT
AT ST. CHARLES COLLEGE, (Grand Coteau.)
THE Distribution of Premiums at St. Charles College will take place on the 20th of August, at 5 o'clock A. M.
F. BENAUSSE, President.
Grand Coteau, August 8th, 1863. 23—2t

ADJUTANT AND INSPECTOR

GENERAL'S OFFICE.

Richmond, May 29, 1863. }

GENERAL ORDERS No. 70.

The following Act of Congress, and Regulations adopted by the Department in pursuance thereof, are published for the information of all concerned:

An Act to abolish supernumerary officers in the commissary and quartermaster's department.

The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That the office of regimental Commissary be and the same is hereby abolished, and the duties heretofore devolved by law upon said commissary shall be performed by the regimental quartermaster, provided, that said quartermaster shall, if required by the Secretary of War, execute a new bond, with such additional penalty as he may require.

Section 2. That the commanding officer of a regiment or battalion shall, when the good of the service in his opinion requires it, detail a non-commissioned officer or private as commissary-sergeant, who shall be assigned to the regimental quartermaster to be performed by commissary-sergeants; and the non-commissioned officer or private so detailed shall receive, as extra pay, twenty dollars per month.

Section 3. That the regimental quartermasters, acting as commissaries, shall draw supplies for their respective regiments on Provision Return, Form 14, and not in bulk; and when detached from their brigades, so that it is impracticable to draw supplies from the brigade-commissary, it shall be the duty of the nearest brigade or post commissary to supply his regiment on Provision Return, 14.

Section 4. Sales to officers shall be made by the brigade-commissaries to which such officers are attached.

Section 5. That quartermasters and commissaries, assistant quartermasters and assistant commissaries, who become permanently detached from divisions, brigades or regiments to which they are originally appointed and assigned, respectively, whether by resignation or otherwise, shall cease to be officers of the army, and their names shall be dropped from the rolls of the army, unless re-assigned by a special order of the Secretary of War.

Section 6. That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of War to issue the necessary orders for the earliest practicable enforcement of the provisions of this law; and that he shall communicate to the chiefs of the subsistence and quartermaster's bureaus, the names of the commissaries and assistant commissaries, quartermasters and assistant quartermasters, retained and dropped from the rolls, under this act.

Section 7. That all laws and parts of laws contravening the provisions of this act, be and the same are hereby repealed. [Approved May 1st, 1863]

II Regulations.

1. After this date no appointment will be made of regimental or battalion commissaries in the provisional army. Departmental commanders will direct the transfer, by regimental commissaries, of all money, effects and property in their hands to the proper regimental quartermasters who will thereafter discharge the duties of the former, in accordance with the provisions of this act. Until such transfer is perfected, regimental commissaries will continue in the performance of their usual duties; but after the 31st day of July next all quartermasters and commissaries, who have not been or may not be, prior to July 31st, specially detailed or assigned to duty, will cease to be officers in the Confederate service.

2. Sales to officers will, after the 31st of July next, be made by the brigade-commissary, as required in the fourth section of the act; and to enable him to do so, the brigade commander will select and report to the War Department, through the usual channel, the best qualified regimental commissary of his brigade for assignment to duty with the brigade-commissary. It shall be the duty of the commissary thus assigned to receive supplies in bulk, and to make the usually required sales to officers of the army. He will be under the immediate direction of the brigade-commissary; will receive to him for all property received, and make through him the proper reports and returns of his transactions.

3. In cavalry regiments, a lieutenant of cavalry or other competent officer may be detained, when necessary, to aid the regimental quartermasters in the discharge of such additional duties as may be devolved upon him under the operation of this law.

4. Additional bonds will not be required of regimental quartermasters charged with commissary duties, except where directed by the Secretary of War.

By order of S. COOPER,

Adjutant and Insp. Gen.

August 15, 1863.—3t.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT TRANS MISS. }
Shreveport, La, July 27th 1863. }

SPECIAL ORDERS, No. 96.

XI. Enrolling or recruiting officers are enjoined not to remove or interfere with employees in the Nitre and Mining Bureau, nor with employees of contractors with that Bureau engaged in hauling cotton to, and ordnance stores from, the Rio Grande and Gulf ports.

By command of Lieut-Gen. E. KIRBY SMITH.
S. S. ANDERSON, A. A. G.

Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas papers copy four times. July 15—24.

OLD TYPE
For sale at this office.

Public Sale,

By the undersigned Auctioneer, in and for the Parish of St. Landry.

By virtue of an authorization from the Hon. the District Court in and for the Parish of St. Landry and to me directed, the public are hereby informed that there will be sold at public sale, to the last and highest bidder, on the Plantation of the deceased, in Prairie Ville Plate, distant about 12 miles from the Town of Opelousas, on

Wednesday, the 2d day of September, 1863, the following described property, belonging to the succession of the late Louis Lodoiska Raulin, deceased widow of F. Chs. DeCourson, to wit:

A SMALL PLANTATION,

situated in Ville Plate Prairie, in the Parish of St. Landry, measuring about two hundred superficial arpents, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon, bounded on the North by Nicholas Lahaye, on the South by Dr. L. Deballon, West by the same, and East by Bayou Grand Louis.

A Mulatto Woman named

POUPONNE, aged 18 years.
A negro woman named MARIE, aged 17 years.

3 horses;
4 cows and their calves;
a branding iron figured thus: T;
2 sows;
1 spinning wheel;
2 pair cotton cards;
2 tables;
1 clock;
1 dining table;
10 chairs;
4 mattresses;
1 feather bed;
1 wagon;
2 ploughs;
Kitchen utensils;

One lot of corn, and many other articles.
Terms and Conditions:—All sums of twenty dollars and under payable in one, two and three years' credit from the day of sale. Purchasers furnishing their notes with two good and solvent securities in solido, to the satisfaction of the Administrator, resident of the Parish of St. Landry, and given on the day of sale; said notes payable to the order of said Administrator, at the domicile of Marcel Daire, at Ville Plate, and moreover, the land and slaves remaining specially mortgaged unto said Estate, until full and entire payment of capital and the interests which may accrue thereon, at the rate of 8 per cent per annum from time due until paid.

PAUL L. E. GUILLAUMIN,
Ville Plate, August 1 1863. Auctioneer.

State of Louisiana.

District Court—Parish of St. Landry—No. 9415.

FRANCOIS C. DEVILLIERS, of the Parish of St. Landry, Administrator of the Estate of Divine Hollier, deceased wife of Valiere Roy, also deceased, in community with said V. Roy, having filed a Tableau of distribution among the heirs of said Estate, accompanied by a petition praying that the same may be homologated.—And whereas, the prayer of said petition has been granted by an order of Court dated July 22, 1863.

Therefore, notice is hereby given to all interested to make opposition, if any they have, in writing at my office, within thirty days from the date of the present notice, why said Tableau should not be homologated.

A. GARRIGUES, Clerk.
Opelousas, July 25, 1863.

State of Louisiana.

District Court—Parish of St. Landry—No. 9416.

JOSEPH ROY, of the Parish of St. Landry, Administrator of the Estate of Valiere Roy, deceased, late of the Parish of St. Landry, having filed a Tableau of distribution of the funds of said Estate, accompanied by a petition praying that the same may be homologated.—And whereas, the prayer of said petition has been granted by an order of Court dated July 22, 1863.

Therefore, notice is hereby given to all interested to make opposition, if any they have, in writing at my office, within thirty days from the date of the present notice, why said Tableau should not be homologated.

A. GARRIGUES, Clerk.
Opelousas, July 25, 1863.

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