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OPELOUSAS:

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1864.

Persons who have been indebted to us for years back will remember that we take Confederate notes at par in payment of old as well as new debts, and would be very glad if they would come and settle their accounts in this way. Administrators of Estates, we perceive, very often forget to pay the printer.

Our usually quiet little town was thrown into a feverish excitement some days ago, by the news that the Jayhawkers were making preparations to come and rob and pillage our citizens. From certain information it would appear that a gang of malefactors from Mermento River, did come within about four miles of our town, robbing several planters of their horses, arms, clothing, &c. Ransom goes on to say that Ozéne Carrière, who commands such another gang at Mallet, did not agree with the other chief in the projected attack upon our town, and that the movement is only temporarily postponed.

The depredations committed by these deserters and their associates are increasing daily in importance and audacity. Terror extends over the country, and it would seem that every body is threatened with their misdeeds.

We see by the Democrat of the 17 that P. E. Bonford, Esq., a member of Gen. Taylor's staff has been chosen judge of the Supreme Court of this State, in place of Judge Duffell, who is dead.

T. C. Manning Esq., the late Adjutant General of the State, was also chosen as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court in place of Judge Buchanan, who has been deposed by the Legislature for having taken the oath of allegiance to the Federal Government.

Mr. John Sans will leave for Virginia about the 1st of March. He will take all letters for the 6th and 8th Regiments Louisiana Volunteers, which may be sent to A. L. Winkler, Washington.

MORGAN AND A OTHER KENTUCKY RAID.—Washington, January 28.—A letter from an officer at Knoxville, received here, says the rebels are gathering together all their cavalry, preparing to a grand raid through Tennessee and Kentucky to get horses and supplies. If they are unsuccessful in Kentucky, the writer says they may be tempted to cross the Ohio.

In the congressional proceedings of the 13th January, we see that our representative, Mr. Dupré, introduced a resolution, which was agreed to, requesting the President to inform the House what amount of money has been forwarded to the Trans-Mississippi Department, and what means have been taken to adjust claims against the Government in Louisiana and other States for impressments in violation of the Impressment Act.

THE PROPELLER BOSTON.—The Havana correspondent of the Herald says: "The steamer propeller Boston, captured by rebels under Jim Duke, at Pilot Town, a point on the Mississippi, six or eight months ago, and taken to Mobile, has been made into a gunboat by adding fifty feet to her length, and otherwise improved. The rebel agents at Havana were indiscreet enough to admit that she would soon be ready to run the blockade and make an attempt to capture some of the New Orleans mail steamships."

Died.—In this town, on the 12th inst., Miss PHOEBE S. HAYS, aged 44 years.

—In this Parish, on the 15th inst., Miss SYDALISE BURR, daughter of Dr. P. Burr, aged 15 years and 6 months.

—In Washington, on the 17th inst., J. J. LASTRAPES, child of Henry Lastrapes, aged 9 months.

ADJT. & INSPECTOR GEN. S. OFFICE, }
RICHMOND, Jan. 19th 1864. }

General Orders No. 2.
The following Acts of Congress and Regulations are published for the information of all persons concerned therein:

ACTS.
AN ACT to prevent the enlistment or enrollment of substitutes in the military service of the Confederate States.

The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That no person liable to military service shall hereafter be permitted or allowed to furnish a substitute for such service, nor shall any substitute be received, enlisted or enrolled in the military service of the Confederate States.

[Approved December 23, 1863.]
AN ACT to put an end to the exemption from military service of those who have heretofore furnished substitutes.

Whereas, in the present circumstances of the country, it requires the aid of all who are able to bear arms;

The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That no person shall be exempted from military service by reason of his having furnished a substitute; but this act shall not be so construed as to exempt persons who, though not liable to render military service, have, nevertheless, furnished substitutes.

[Approved January 5, 1864.]
II. Persons rendered liable to military service by operation of the preceding Acts, are placed on the same footing with all other hitherto held liable by acts of Congress.

III. Persons herein rendered liable to military service, are required to report as volunteers or conscripts, without delay, to the enrolling officers; and all who delay beyond the 1st day of Feb. 1864, will be considered as having renounced the privilege of volunteering, and held for assignment according to law.

IV. Enrolling officers will proceed as rapidly as practicable to the enrollment of persons herein made liable to military service. Persons to be enrolled as conscripts, all such persons will be allowed to volunteer in companies for service on the 16th of April 1862, provided the company chosen does not at the time of volunteering, reach the maximum number allowed, and up to such company being selected, the volunteer will receive from the enrolling officer a certificate to the effect that he has so volunteered, and no volunteer will be received into any company except on such certificate. Persons who fail to make their selection at the time of enrollment,

will be assigned according to existing regulations.

V. Persons who report to the enrolling officer will be enrolled, and may be allowed a furlough of ten days before reporting to the Camp of Instruction.

VI. All persons, whether volunteers or conscripts, under this order, will pass through the Camp of Instruction of the State to which they belong, and be forwarded thence to the companies which are selected, or to which they may be assigned.

VII. The Bureau of Conscription is charged with adopting proper regulations for the enforcement of this order.

VIII. All exemptions heretofore granted are subject to revision, under instructions from the Bureau of Conscription, and if found to be improper or unauthorized by law will be revoked.

By order of S. COOPER, A. & I. Gen.
Feb. 20, 1864.

Public Sale, Estate of Marie Louise Gilbert

The public are hereby informed that there will be sold at public sale, to the last and highest bidder, by the undersigned Administrator, or by a duly commissioned Auctioneer, at the last residence of Marie Louise Gilbert, deceased, at Quez Tortue, in the Parish of St. Landry, on

Tuesday, 22d day of March next, 1864, the following described property, belonging to the succession of said deceased, to wit:

A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND,

situated on Quez Tortue, in said Parish containing one hundred and forty-seven superficial arpents, bounded North by Norbert Blanchard, South by Théolin Lalonde, East by Théodule Mire and Mme. Firmin Breaux and West by lands of Hypolite C. Guidry, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon

SIX SLAVES.

A lot of wild horned cattle;
2 pair work oxen;
One mule;
One pair young oxen;
One lot of gentle horned cattle;
Household furniture;
Kitchen utensils;

About 400 pounds of cotton in the seed, and many other articles the enumeration of which would be too tedious.

Terms and conditions:—One, two and three years credit, from the 1st of April next, 1864.—Purchasers furnishing their notes with two good and solvent security in solid, to the satisfaction of the administrator of the Estate. Said notes made payable to his order, and bearing interest at the rate of eight per cent per annum from time due until paid. And moreover, the land and the slaves remaining specially hypothecated and mortgaged until full and entire payment of capital and interest which may accrue thereon.
DRAUZIN BREAU, Adm'r.
Opelousas, February 20, 1864.

NOTICE.

The undersigned having made a small issue of small bills about 18 months ago, in order to facilitate the change, and it having been reported to him, lately, that some persons were offering, and did give a premium for said bills, he hereby invites the holders of the same to have them presented to him, at Washington, to be there redeemed in the shortest delay possible, as they will be redeemed only in Confederate notes, as therein stipulated, and not in specie, as certain misinformed persons seem to believe.
T. HERBERT.
Washington 20th February 1864. 46—3r

PUBLIC SALE.

SUCCESSION OF CELESTINE CORMIER.

By virtue of an order from the Honorable the 8th District Court of the State of Louisiana, holding its session in and for the Parish of St. Landry, the undersigned will offer for sale at public sale, to the last and highest bidder, on the Plantation of the deceased, situated about 12 miles South-East of Opelousas,

On Tuesday, 8th March 1864,

the property hereinafter described belonging to the community heretofore existing between the said late Célestine Cormier and her surviving husband, Théodule Lalonde, to wit:

A Negroman

named Narcisse, aged about 45 years.
Our horse; one cow and calf;
One work ox; 9 head of sheep;
One hog; a stilyard and a looking glass

Terms and conditions:—Each adjudication of ten dollars and under, payable cash; and each adjudication upwards of ten dollars payable upon a credit of one and two years from the day of sale. Purchasers furnishing their notes, with two securities in solid, to the satisfaction of the administrator of said Estate, and made payable at Gros Chevreuil; said notes to bear interest at the rate of 8 per cent per annum from maturity until paid. And moreover the slave remaining specially mortgaged unto said Estate until full and entire payment of capital and interest which may accrue thereon.

J. BOUFFARTIGUE,
Auctioneer.
Gros Chevreuil, St. Landry, Feb. 6, 1864

FOR SALE FOR CASH,

THE BEAVER CREEK SPRINGS, situated 35 miles North-West of the Town of Opelousas, measuring 200 arpents of wood land, together with the improvements.—Also a good Billiard table with its apparatus.
For the particulars apply to

H. PROVENT, proprietor.
Opelousas January 16th 1864. 41tr

THE OLD BANK HOUSE,

NEAR the Court House, Opelousas, kept by Mrs. Stuart, where boarders will be received and well entertained.
Opelousas, January 2, 1864.

TO HUNTERS.

GAME SHOT of all dimensions for sale by the undersigned at \$3.50 per pound.
LOUIS VATTER.
Opelousas, February 6, 1864. 44—1r

Public Sale.

ESTATE OF EDWIN M. SMITH.

The public are hereby informed that there will be sold by the undersigned Auctioneer, at public sale, to the last and highest bidder, at the residence of Chas. B. Smith, on Upper Plaquemine, on

Saturday 5th March next, 1864,

the following described property, belonging to the Estate of said Edwin M. Smith, deceased to wit:

A Small Plantation,

situated in Bellevue, Parish of St. Landry, joining that of Mrs. Widow Jean F. Richard, measuring about 94 superficial acres of land, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon erected.

Plantation implements;
Household furniture;
Horses; cows;
A branding iron;
A surveying Compass and chain;

A lot of books and many other articles the enumeration of which would be too tedious.

Terms and Conditions:—All adjudications of ten dollars and under payable cash; all adjudications upwards of ten dollars payable in one, two and three years credit, from the day of sale; Purchasers furnishing their notes with good and solvent security in solid, to the satisfaction of whom the right said notes made payable to the order and at the domicile of the administrator of said Estate, and bearing interest at eight per cent per annum from time due until paid. And moreover, the land remaining specially mortgaged unto said Estate until full and entire payment of capital and the interest which may accrue thereon.

JOHN F. SMITH,
Auctioneer.

Opelousas, January 30, 1864.

PUBLIC SALE.

Succession of Ursule Boutin.

By virtue of an order from the Honorable the Judge of the Eighth Judicial District Court of the State of Louisiana, holding its session in and for the Parish of St. Landry, the undersigned a public Auctioneer for said Parish, will offer for sale at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, on the plantation of said deceased, being her last residence, situated at Gros Chevreuil, about twelve miles from the Town of Opelousas, on

Tuesday, 22nd of March next,

the following described property, belonging to the succession of the late Ursule Boutin, deceased widow of George Lalonde, to wit:

9 Slaves:

PRUDENT, mulatto man about 65 years.
JOE, negro man aged about 46 years.
ETIENNE, (Sambo) black boy about 13
LIZA, negro woman aged about 30 years, with her five children, viz: Marie, a girl about 9 years old, Florie, a girl 7 years old, Ben a boy 5 years old, Charlotte, a girl 3 years old, and Azema, a girl 15 months old.

17 head of gentle cattle;
One pair of work mules;
One mule;
One cow horse;
One work ox;

A lot of cotton in the seed;
A four seat carriage with harness;
A corn mill, and a large quantity of other articles, the enumeration of which would be too tedious.

Terms and conditions:—All and every adjudication payable on a credit of one, two and three years from the 1st day of April 1865. Purchasers furnishing their notes with security in solid, to the satisfaction of the administrator of said Estate, and made payable at the store of Mr. Michel Emonet, in Gros Chevreuil, and in case of non-payment at maturity, said notes to bear interest at the rate of eight per cent per annum from time due until paid. And moreover the slaves remaining specially mortgaged unto said Estate until full and entire payment of capital and the interests which may accrue thereon.

JEAN BOUFFARTIGUE,
Auctioneer.

St. Landry February 20th 1864.

HEAD QUARTERS,

Trans-Mississippi Department
Shreveport, La., Jan. 13, 1864.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 3

All authority to raise new organizations, from men liable to conscription in this Department, not within the enemy's lines, will expire on the fifteenth of February, 1864.

These commands must be assembled immediately, and all men absent from, and claiming to belong to them after the fifteenth of February next, will be arrested by the enrolling officer as conscripts and sent to the Camp of Instruction.

All officers who have received such authority must forward, on or before the fifteenth of February next, muster rolls of the men recruited by them, whether the organization is complete or not.

II. In accordance with orders from the War Department at Richmond, Major J. Horace Lacy is appointed as Chief Inspector of Field Transportation in the Trans-Mississippi Department. By command of

LIEUT. GEN. E. KIRBY SMITH
S. S. ANDERSON, A. G. General. 44—3r.

Notice.

The undersigned having lost all the notes subscribed by purchasers at the sale of property of the Estate of John H. Maggee, her late husband, hereby gives notice to those who may be interested therein, that payment of the same has been stopped, and she therefore cautions the public not to negotiate nor trade for any of said notes.

WIDOW JOHN H. MAGGEE,
Administratrix
St. Landry, Feb. 6, 1864.—44—5r

NOTICE.

MY negroes have killed as mine, a black cow branded thus: O-N, on the right side of the rump. The ear brand is an underbit in each ear. The proprietor is requested to come forward and receive payment for his cow.
HENRY L. GARLAND.
Opelousas, February 13, 1864. 45—4r.

HEAD QUARTERS,

Trans-Mississippi Department.
Shreveport, La., Jan. 15, 1864.

SPECIAL ORDERS No. 11.

XII. In accordance with instructions from the War Department at Richmond, Va., the following named officers will rejoin their commands East of the Mississippi river, without delay:

- 2d Lieut. Wm. Wilkins, Co. F, 2d Ark. Vol.
- Capt. W. E. Johnson, Co. D, " "
- 2d Lieut. W. W. Williams, Co. K, " "
- 3d Lieut. J. G. Anderson, Co. C, " "
- 1st Lieut. Jacob Foster, Co. A, 25th Ark. " "
- Capt. W. H. Thompson, Co. B, " "
- Capt. S. W. Jackson, Co. C, " "
- 2d Lieut. W. T. Washington, Co. E, " "
- 3d Lieut. C. Mabley, Co. G, " "
- Capt. W. A. Carter, Co. H, " "
- 2d Lieut. W. T. Ferguson, Co. I, " "
- M. J. B. McCulloch, 4th Ark. " "
- 2d Lieut. M. J. Coughlan, Co. H, " "
- 2d Lieut. J. W. Elkins, Co. C, " "
- 1st Lieut. E. McLaughlin, Co. A, " Battalion
- 1st Lieut. J. H. Dodson, " " "
- 2d Lieut. A. M. Teasler, Co. C, " " "
- 2d Lieut. John C. Hill, Co. C, 1st Ark. Vol.
- 2d Lieut. T. J. Yarbrough, Co. D, " " "
- 1st Lieut. W. J. Wesson, Co. E, " " "
- 2d Lieut. Jas. Roper, Co. E, " " "
- 2d Lieut. W. D. Kjrle, Co. F, " " "
- 3d Lieut. R. F. Baldwin, Co. F, " " "
- 2d Lieut. B. J. Benefield, Co. I, " " "
- 3d Lieut. S. M. J. McGoffin, Co. K, " " "
- Captain J. W. Clark, Co. A, 31st Ark. Vol.
- Lieut. J. C. Holden, Co. A, " " "
- 2d Lieut. Chas. Sims, Co. E, " " "

By command of
Lieut. Gen. E. KIRBY SMITH,
S. S. ANDERSON, Ass't. Adj't. Gen.
Feb. 6, 1864. 44—3r.

HEAD QUARTERS,

Trans-Mississippi Department.
Shreveport, La., Jan. 11, 1864.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 2.

The attention of the Department Commanders has been called to the number of deserters and absentees, who are reported to be crossing the Mississippi river into this Department. They are appealed to, to return to their commands without delay.

District Commanders and Enrolling Officers will take steps to arrest and send to their commands all officers and men who have come into, and have remained in, this Department without lawful military authority since the fall of Vicksburg.

By command of
Lieut. Gen. E. KIRBY SMITH,
S. S. ANDERSON, Ass't. Adj't. Gen.
Feb. 6, 1864. 44—3r.

\$600 REWARD.

RANAWAY from the undersigned, on the night of the 9th ult., five negroes from Lloyd's bridge, on the Bayou Ferry road, the following described slaves, viz: A man named TYRRE, light gruff, aged about thirty-six years, about five feet, nine inches high.

A negro man named WILSON, dark gruff, aged about thirty-five years, about five feet, eight inches high, stout and thick set, a front tooth missing.

A negro man named MCCOY, aged sixteen years, and about five feet, eight inches high.

A negro girl named ROSETTA, aged about twenty years.

ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS each will be paid for the apprehension and delivery to me of any or all of said slaves, at any point between the Bayou Boutin and Burr's Ferry.

Also, ran away from my plantation, on the Bayou Boutin.

A negro man named GEORGE, aged about thirty-six years, and

Another negro named ALLEN, aged about twenty-six years.

One hundred dollars will be paid for the apprehension and delivery to me of said men at any point between my residence and Burr's Ferry. The two last named slaves are believed to be on or in the neighborhood of my plantation, and the others will most probably resort to the same point at an early date.

GEORGE R. KING,
St. Landry, September 12, 1863.—17—2B.

E. Claude House.

THIS establishment (formerly Union Hotel) has lately been reopened for the convenience of regular boarders and the public. A good Stable is attached to the Hotel.

EMILE CLAUDE.
Opelousas, August 6 1863.

NOTICE.

JOSEPH BLOCH, at the old stand of Bloch, Frinberg & Co., Opelousas, has opened a store where he will endeavor to keep articles of general family and plantation use. He has now an assortment of Flour, Salt, Sugar, Molasses, &c., and will soon receive other goods of a general use.

JOSEPH BLOCH.
Opelousas, December 19, 1863. 37—1f

OLD TYPE METAL.

Suitable for making shot, for sale at this office

THE OPELOUSAS COURIER.

Published on Saturday by Joel H. Sanders.

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Subscription, for one year, payable in advance, TEN dollars if paid at the end of the year, twelve dollars. A subscriber wishing to discontinue, must give a written notice to that effect, and settle up all arrearages.

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All the advertisements will be inserted in french and english until the editor shall judge it convenient to discontinue the publication.