

OPELOUSAS:

SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 1864.

We refer the reader to the card of Capt. McCutcheon, to be found elsewhere. The Captain is a native of Lower Louisiana, and speaks both French and English; he will be in town in a few days, when persons desirous of joining his corps will have an opportunity to do so.

Five Federal gunboats entered Red River on Tuesday last and ascended it up to the mouth of Black River, thence up that river, bombarding the woods near Fort Beauregard. We have not heard what was the result of this first incursion.

THE FIGHT NEAR NEW BERN.—The following are the official reports of the recent brilliant action near Newport N. C.:

KINGSTON, Feb. 3, 1864.—To Gen. S. Cooper:—I made a reconnaissance within a mile and a half of Newbern with Hoke's brigade, and a part of Corse's and Clingman's and some artillery, met the enemy in force at Batchelor's Creek, killed and wounded about a hundred in all, captured thirteen officers and two hundred and eighty prisoners, fourteen negroes, two rifled pieces and caissons, three hundred stand of small arms, four ambulances, three wagons, fifty-five animals, a quantity of clothing, camp and garrison equipage and two flags. Commander Wood, C. S. N., captured and destroyed the U. S. gunboat Underwriter. Our loss 35 killed and wounded.

(Signed) G. E. PICKETT, Major General Commanding.

KINGSTON, Feb. 4.—Hon. S. R. Mallory:—The force under my command boarded and captured, last night, U. S. gunboat Underwriter, four guns, and ninety men and officers. Her position was within musket range of several strong works, one of which was taking the vessel during the time we had possession, and her not having steam up, caused me to burn her. Our loss is twenty killed and wounded, and four missing; enemy's loss unknown.

(Signed) J. TAYLOR WOOD.

ORANGE C. H., February 6, 1864. To Gen. S. Cooper:

On the 30th ult., Gen. Rosser captured a train of ninety-three wagons, loaded with commissary stores and forage, on the way from New Creek to Petersburg; also three hundred mules and twenty prisoners. The guard of eight hundred infantry escaped to the mountains.

Information of well, the garrison evacuated having one night. On the 2d inst., Gen. Rosser destroyed the bridges over Patterson's Creek and north branch of the Potomac and canal, and captured forty prisoners. Two hundred and seventy prisoners, fifty wagons and teams, twelve hundred cattle and five hundred sheep have been brought off. Gen. Rosser has shown great energy and skill and his command deserves great credit.

R. E. LEE.

SALE OF STATE BONDS.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, SHREVEPORT, February 23, 1864. In accordance with the provisions of an Act of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, entitled: An Act "To authorize the sale of State Bonds for the relief of the Treasury, and thereof," approved February 23, 1864, and interest sealed proposals will be received at my office, in the city of Shreveport, until the first of September next, for the sale or exchange of State Bonds, having not less than twenty nor more than fifty years to run from their dates, and to be issued in amounts of not less than two hundred nor more than one thousand dollars each, at the discretion of the Governor, with six per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually at the office of the State Treasurer.

These Bonds will be sold for the benefit of the State, or exchanged for any of the Confederate or State Treasury notes. The General Assembly in authorizing the sale or exchange of these Bonds, has provided for the payment of the current interest semi-annually, and the redemption of the bonds at maturity, by the creation of an ample sinking fund. On the first Monday of every month the sealed bids received, will be opened and the Bonds awarded to the highest bidder, at the discretion of the Governor.

H. W. ALLEN, Governor of the State of Louisiana. March 5, 1864.—48—3m.

Louisianians!

I have been appointed Captain of Cavalry by His Excellency H. W. Allen, with authority, under Act No. 32 of General Assembly, to raise a company of one hundred mounted men. I am directed to recruit from persons liable to military duty between the ages of 16 and 18, and 55, and also from those who have furnished substitutes in C. S. A., provided they shall enlist in the State service before the 1st of March. Each man shall furnish his horse, saddle, bridle and shot-gun, for which he will receive same compensation as in Confederate service.

Come forward promptly to defend your homes and your rights, and do not wait until you are called out in the militia. Your Governor, who has seen service and is a sufferer much from the cruel effects of this war, now calls upon you to rally around him. Let it not be in vain. Lieutenants will be elected by the company. Volunteers will be received at—

SAML. MCCUTCHEON, Captain State Guard. March 5, 1864.—48—4t.

Attention Hays' Louisiana Brigade.

By virtue of authority received from the Secretary of War in Special Orders No. 15, all men belonging to this Brigade wherever they may be in this Department, in whatever arm of the service they may now be serving, are ordered to report to Capt. W. K. JOHNSON, at Alexandria, or Capt. C. M. PILCHER, at Minden, La., on or before the 10th March, 1864, for the purpose of making the arrangements necessary to insure a safe and speedy return to their command in Virginia, otherwise they will be published as deserters.

WM. K. JOHNSON, Captain Co. I, 8th La. Regiment. C. M. PILCHER, Captain Co. H, 6th La. Regiment. March 5th, 1864. 48—2t.

NOTICE.

JOSEPH BLOCH, at the old stand of Bloch, Firmsberg & 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 nature. JOSEPH BLOCH. Opelousas, December 19 1863. 37—4t.

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.

HEAD QUARTERS TRANS MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT, SHREVEPORT, LA., February 4, 1864.

[Extract.]

SPECIAL ORDERS No. 29.

VII. The following schedule of prices for articles and labor herein named, adopted by Commissioners appointed pursuant to law for the State of Louisiana, is announced for the information of all concerned. This schedule of prices established every two months or oftener, will be published for the information of parties making appraisements; and no officer or agent will pay or receive for payment any local appraisement materially in excess thereof, but will always refer the same to the Board for its revision and a final valuation.

Commissary Stores.

Table with columns: Articles, Quality, Description, Quantity, Price. Lists items like Wheat, Flour, Corn, Rice, Beans, Bacon, Pork, Hogs, Lard, Beef, Mutton, Tallow, Candles, Potatoes, Sugar, Molasses, Vinegar, Salt, Soap, Whisky, and various oils and fats.

Quartermasters' Stores.

Table with columns: Quality, Description, Quantity, Price. Lists items like Powder, Hay, Leather, Shoes, Hides, Wool, Jeans, Linsey, Cotton Cloth, Socks, Hats, Work Oxen, Horses, Work Horses, Mules, Wagons, Ambulances, and various tools and equipment.

To which is to be added the same increase of price for the localities as made in the value of corn. In measuring corn in cribs or pens, four cubic feet should be allowed for each barrel of shipshucked corn. The prices of corn apply to the valleys of Red river and the Ouachita and their tributaries.

When articles are impressed in any parish not produced or raised in that parish, the authorized transportation or other necessary expenses are to be added.

The following scale of prices for the service, &c., hereinafter specified, will be paid by officers of the army and Government Agents:

For hauling the Tax in kind to depots established by the Government Agents, four cents per hundred pounds per mile, when the distance exceeds eight miles from the place of production, the owners to furnish rations for drivers and forage for teams. For other hauling, ten dollars per day for six mule and four yoke ox teams, eight dollars per day for four mule and three yoke ox teams, and six dollars per day for two mule and two yoke ox teams. The Government to furnish rations for drivers and forage for teams. The distance fixed for each day's travel, to be eighteen miles for mule, and fourteen miles for ox teams; or six cents per hundred pounds per mile, for distances over fifty miles, the owners to furnish rations and forage. For the hire of Grist and Saw Mills, one dollar per day for each horse-power, the Government to furnish everything, and repair all damages beyond the usual wear and tear. For the rental of stores or other tenements, twelve per cent. per annum on the State Tax assessment, and pro rata for portions of buildings, to take effect on the first of January, 1864. For the hire of Negro men, thirty dollars per month, the Government to furnish rations, shelter and medical attendance. Any time lost by sickness, to be deducted from the amount due the owners.

It is respectfully recommended to the ladies to form parish and neighborhood associations for the purpose of furnishing woolen and cotton cloth and socks for our soldiers in the field, who are much in need of all these articles, and for which the Schedule prices will be paid. Address at Natchitoches and Alexandria, La.

By command of S. S. ANDERSON, Ass't. Adj't. Gen. RICHARD NUGENT, Lieut. Gen. E. KIRBY SMITH. Feb. 27—47—4t.

REGISTRY TAX! REGISTRY TAX!!

CONFEDERATE STATES TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE, DISTRICT ST. LANDRY, Opelousas, 27th February 1864.

THE attention of those named in the 5th Section of an Act entitled "An Act to lay taxes for the common defense and carry on the Government of the Confederate States," approved April 24th 1863, is called to the following Sections of the same Act:

SEC. 2. Every person engaged or intending to engage in any business named in the fifth Section of this Act, shall, within sixty days after the passage of this Act, or at the time of beginning business, and on the first day of January in each year thereafter, register with the district collector, in such forms the commissioner of taxes shall prescribe, a true account of the name and residence of each person, firm or corporation engaged or interested in the business, with a statement of the time for which, and the place and manner in which the same is to be conducted, and of all other facts going to ascertain the amount of tax upon such business for the past or the future, according to the provisions of this Act. At the time of such registry there shall be paid to the collector, the specific tax for the year, ending on the next thirty-first of December, and such other tax as may be due upon sales or receipts in such business, at the time of such registry, as herein provided; and the collector shall give to the person making such registry a copy thereof, with a receipt for the amount of tax then paid.

SEC. 3. Any person failing to make the registry, and to pay the tax required by the preceding Section, shall, in addition to all other taxes upon his business imposed by this Act, pay double the amount of the specific tax on such business, and a like sum for every thirty days of such failure.

The following are the occupations, trades and persons taxed under the provisions of the fifth Section of the Tax Act:

Auctioneers, Apothecaries, Bankers, Brewers, Brokers, Butchers, Bakers, Bowling-alleys, Billiard Rooms, Commission Merchants, Commercial Brokers, Cattle Brokers, Circus, Confectors, Dentists, Distillers, Distillers of fruit

for 90 days or less. Hotels, Inns, Taverns, Eating Houses, Jugglers and exhibitors of shows, Livery Stable Keepers, Pawnbrokers, Pedlars, Physicians, Photographers, Retail Dealers, Retail Dealers in liquor, Surgeons, Theaters, Tobacconists, Wholesale Dealers and Wholesale Dealers in liquor.

NOW THEREFORE, in pursuance of the provisions of the said Tax Act, I do hereby give notice to all parties concerned, to come forward, make their registry, and pay their taxes to me at my office in the town of Opelousas, within the thirty days next ensuing the date of this notice. In case of failure to comply with the law within the time specified, the penalties attached to such failure will be strictly enforced against all delinquents.

T. HERBERT, District Collector. 47—5t.

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—3t.

Notice. ALL parties holding accounts against the undersigned will please present them immediately for settlement. GEO. D. LOGAN, Capt. and A. Q. M. 2d Reg't. La. Cavalry. February 27, 1864—47—2t.

TO HUNTERS GAME SHOT of all dimensions for sale by the undersigned at \$3.50 per pound. LOUIS VATTER, Opelousas, February 6, 1864. 44—4t.

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, at a duly commissioned Auctioneer, at the late residence of Marie Louise Gilbert, deceased, at Quebe Terme, 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 Quebe Terme, in said Parish, containing one hundred and forty-seven arpents of land, bounded North by Nottier, bounded South by Theodine Lalonde, East by Theodine Mire and Mme. Famin Bureau, 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 unto said estate until full and entire payment of capital and interest which may accrue thereon. DRAUZIN BREAUX, Adm'r. Opelousas, February 20, 1864.

ADJ'T. & INSPECTOR GEN'L. OFFICE, SHREVEPORT, LA., Feb. 1864.

General Order No. 2. I. 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 having furnished a substitute; but this act shall not be so construed as to affect persons who, though not liable to 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 persons 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 in the enrollment of persons here in made liable to military service. Previous to enrollment as conscripts, all such persons will be allowed to volunteer in companies in service on the 16th of April 1862, provided the company chosen does not at the time of volunteering, reach the maximum number allowed, and upon 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.

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—5t.

NOTICE.

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

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. 41t.

OLD TYPE METAL, Suitable for making shot, for sale at this office.

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, negroman aged about 40 years. ETIENNE, (Sambo) black boy about 12. LIZA, negroman aged about 30 years, with her five children, viz: Marie, a girl about 9 years old, Flore, 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 creole 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 adjustments 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.

PUBLIC SALE.

SUCCESSION OF CELESTINE CORMIER. BY virtue of an order from the Honorable the Judge of 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 Celestine Cormier and her surviving husband, Theodine Lalonde, to wit:

A Negroman

named Narsesse, aged about 45 years. One horse; one cow and calf; One work ox; 9 head of sheep;

One hog; a stilyard and a looking glass. Terms and conditions:—Each adjustment upwards of ten dollars and under, payable cash; and each adjustment upwards of ten dollars payable on 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 the office of Jean Bouffartigue, Notary Public 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.

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 adjustments of ten dollars and under payable cash; all adjustments 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 interests, which may accrue thereon.

JOHN F. SMITH, Auctioneer. Opelousas, January 30, 1864.

THE OPELOUSAS COURIER.

Published on Saturday by Joel H. Sanders. CONDITIONS:—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.

Advertisements will be inserted at twenty-five cents per line for each of the first three publications, and TEN cents per line for each and every subsequent insertion. A liberal discount will be made for standing advertisements.

All the advertisements will be inserted in french and english until the editor shall judge it convenient to discontinue the publication. Twenty dollars in advance will invariably be required for the announcement of candidates for office.

No advertisements or subscription will be stopped until all arrearages are paid, unless at the option of the publisher.