

OPELOUSAS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 1865.

The Hon. C. H. MOUTON is a candidate for re-election for the office of Judge of the 8th Judicial District...

Our Governor is really an extraordinary man. Every one is acquainted with his character, his courage, patriotism, indefatigable energy and great confidence in our cause.

Under date of the 18th inst., a correspondent in Shreveport gives us the following items: the Legislature met on the 16th, according to law, and immediately proceeded to elect its officers...

The Governor's Message, says our correspondent, "is one of the most remarkable documents I ever read." It had not yet been printed.

Lieut. Byrn, of Vinson's Scouts, who was wounded last week in an affray with a man named Beckam, died of his wounds in our town on Thursday last.

We are happy to announce a soothing piece of information to our citizens residing northwest of our town. Dr. Dudley, the celebrated Yankee renegade who commanded a band of Jayhawkers in the vicinity of Bayou Chicot, was captured last week with four of his associates...

SHERMAN'S BRUTALITY.

Gen. Sherman bids fair to rival in barbarity the unenviable reputation acquired by some of his associate general officers, who have made themselves notorious for their cruelty since this war began.

He ordered that the rebel prisoners in our hands should be compelled, whenever any new approach was made, to go before the troops upon their hands and knees, and the torpedoes and dig them out.

A Picture of New Orleans.—A letter from New Orleans, published in the Mobile News of the 3d, says: "The city is full of overflowing of Yankee women, Yankee shoddies, speculators, &c."

Strength and Importance of Wilmington.—New York, Dec. 5.—A letter from Wilmington to the London Times, says: "If, instead of indulging their spite against Charleston in April, 1863, the whole power of the Federal navy had been turned against Wilmington, the course of this war might have been more influenced than by the burning of ten cities of Charleston, or capturing half a dozen Victuaries."

Died.—In this town, on the 23d inst., Eleanor Ann Larkin, consort of Charles Thompson, aged 34 years, 4 months and 31 days.

MOLASSES FOR SALE. FIFTY BARRELS good molasses, will be sold to families, by the barrel or half barrel. Apply at the office of the Opelousas Courier, Opelousas 15th June 1864.

Public Sale.

Estate of Hyppolite C. Guidry, Jr. BY virtue of an order of the Hon. Court of the 8th Judicial District, in and for the Parish of St. Landry, there will be sold at public sale to the last and highest bidder, by a duly commissioned Auctioneer, at the residence of the late Hyppolite C. Guidry Jr., at Quene Tortue, in this Parish, on WEDNESDAY, 1st MARCH next, 1865, the following described property, belonging to the estate of the said Hyppolite C. Guidry Jr., deceased, TO-WIT:

NINE SLAVES,

MARIE, negro woman aged about 40 years, with her three children; Eugene, aged about 7 years, Liza, 5 years and Arsene, 2 years. ZABELLE, negro girl aged about 16 years, with her child, Madeleine, aged 10 months. ORELLIA, negro girl aged about 11 years, daughter of Marie. MARIE, negro girl aged 13 years, daughter of Marie.

LEZIN, griff aged about 14 years. Also, the BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS situated on a tract of land belonging to Hyppolite C. Guidry Sr., being the last residence of the said deceased, consisting of the dwelling house, kitchen, two cribs, a store-room and hen house.

Fifty panels of fencing. A lot of cypress logs. A vachere in the Parish of Calcasieu and numbering about 400 head. About 70 gentle horned cattle. Three yokes of oxen. Two horses. Ten head of gentle horses. Two mules. About 25 head of sheep. Thirty head of wild horses. About ten head of hogs. A carriage. 3500 pounds of cotton in the grain. A spinning-wheel. A clock. Four ovens. A cooking pot. And many other articles the enumeration of which would be too tedious.

Terms and conditions.—One third of the purchase price payable on the 1st of April of next year, 1866, one third on the 1st of April following, and the remaining third on the 1st of April 1868. Purchasers furnishing their notes with good and approved security in solid to the satisfaction of whom the right said notes made payable to the order of the administratrix of the estate, and bearing interest at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum from maturity until paid. And moreover, the property susceptible of mortgage remaining specially hypothecated unto said estate until full and entire payment of the capital as well as the interests which may accrue thereon. LUCE LEBLEU, Administratrix.

Notice.

IN virtue of an Act of Congress of the Confederate States, approved June 14th, 1864, entitled "An Act providing for the establishment and payment of claims for a certain description of property taken or informally impressed for the use of the army" and of an appointment by the Secretary of War, I will proceed at my office in Opelousas, every day, between the hours of 9 A. M. and 1 P. M., to receive and take proof, under oath, in relation to all claims in said district for forage, provisions, cattle, sheep, hogs, horses, mules, teams and scagons, heretofore furnished to the army by the owner, or heretofore taken or informally impressed for the use of the army and not yet paid for, by any officer in the military service, or by his order or direction express or implied from the use of the property, etc. Parties must furnish the necessary paper to record their claim and the evidence. HENRY L. GARLAND, Opelousas, Jan. 21, 1865.—34—6t.

HEAD QUARTERS.

District Western Louisiana. Alexandria, Dec. 19, 1864. General Orders No. 157. The sentence of death recently awarded by Courts Martial to deserters, and executed under my orders, sufficiently shows my purpose of dealing with men who forsake their comrades, their colors and their country in the hour of danger. But to those of my command who have been so misled from their duty, I am disposed to give one more opportunity of returning to their colors.

1. To those therefore who have deserted their comrades prior to this date, and who voluntarily surrender themselves to an Officer of the Confederate Army before the first of February, 1865, and then proceed to rejoin their proper commands, I offer a pardon, so far as to assure them that they will not be punished with death; and if they can show extenuating circumstances to palliate their crime I will be disposed to grant such a full pardon.

2. All officers who receive deserters or absentees who thus report, will forward them to their proper commands or to the nearest Headquarters, with a written statement as evidence of the fact that the deserter voluntarily gave himself up.

3. There will be no relaxation in the pursuit of deserters in consequence of the offer of pardon above extended; but all officers are directed to use every exertion to apprehend them and to bring them to justice. Whenever they are apprehended, they will be tried by Court Martial and if found guilty will be shot to death. The pardon is extended only to those who voluntarily give themselves up.

4. It must be distinctly understood that this pardon will not embrace any who desert after this date; and all after reporting to an officer, fail to rejoin their commands in a reasonable time will forfeit the pardon extended to them.

While I have no disposition to deal with undue severity towards any, justice to those gallant soldiers who in the face of every danger and hardship stand by their colors, requires the severest punishment of those who shrink from their sides in the day of trial. It is hoped therefore, that the amnesty above offered, will bring back these erring men to their colors, and that their services hereafter will be such as to wipe out the stain which their past misconduct has placed on their characters. S. B. BUCKNER, Lieut. Gen. Comd'g.

Jan. 14, 1865.—33—3t. OLD TYPE METAL, Suitable for making shot, for sale at this office.

Headquarters, Conscript District, La., Shreveport, Dec. 21, 1864. SPECIAL ORDERS No. 293.

VI. The Board of Medical Examiners for Conscripts will attend at the following places, on the days designated, for the purpose of examining all unassigned conscripts claiming exemption from all service, or from service in the field, on account of mental or physical disability:

- Mansfield, January 9 and 10
Manny, " 12 and 13
Lake Charles, " 17 and 18
Abbeville, " 21 and 23
Franklin, " 25
New Iberia, " 27
St. Martinsville, " 28
Vermillionville, " 30
Opelousas, February 1, 2, 3
Marksville, " 6, 7
Alexandria, " 9, 10, 11
Natchitoches, " 14, 15

Enrolling Officers will give notice in the most public manner, throughout their respective parishes, of the days fixed for examination, and will require all unassigned conscripts claiming exemption as above to be in attendance on the days designated, whether previously examined or not.—The Enrolling Officers will be in attendance, and will see that each conscript who has not been previously examined is enrolled before examination; such as have been heretofore discharged from all service, and are pronounced by the Board fit for field or staff duty, will be re-enrolled, and disposed of as indicated in previous orders. The Enrolling Officers will order before the Board for re-examination any men between the ages of eighteen and forty-five years detailed on certificates of disability and assigned to the Reserve Corps, whose disability they have reason to believe has ceased to exist; if pronounced by the Board fit for field service they will be re-enrolled in the class for field service.

By order of Col. E. G. RANDOLPH, Comd't. Conscripts, Dist. La. GOODWILL, Capt. & Adj't. Dec. 31, 1864.—31—6t.

CONFEDERATE STATES TAX.

Amended Act of February 17th, 1864. NOTICE TO DEALERS AND OTHER PERSONS. ALL PERSONS who have been engaged or interested in any kind of business, for profit or gain, (other than planting or farming,) and ALL who have exercised any profession or calling (other than the ministry, or a civil or military office), in this Parish, at, or during any time since the 1st January, 1864, are hereby notified and required to render to the undersigned District Collector and Assessor, within fifteen days from the date of this notice, a true, correct and complete statement of their gross sales or receipts up to the 1st of January, 1865, and thereupon to PAY to said Collector, the GENERAL TAX due thereon, according to law; as well as the one-fifth Additional Tax, levied under the Act of June 10th, 1864, "To raise Money to increase the pay of Soldiers." This one-fifth additional tax has to be paid by all persons registered in 1864.

N. B.—Such persons as NEGLECT to make returns of their sales or receipts, will be subjected to a penalty in DOUBLE the amount of the tax due by them. THEO. C. LITTELL, Collector. C. N. EALER, Assessor for St. Landry. January 14, 1865.—33—4t.

HEAD QUARTERS.

Post Quartermaster's Office, Opelousas, Jan. 18, 1865. LIST of deserters and absentees. Weatherly's Battalion Sharp Shooters, who can avail themselves of the pardon offered by the military authorities of this District, by reporting to the undersigned, or to the Headquarters of Weatherly's Battalion on or before the 1st of February next:

- Jules Hebert, Charles Shakinder, Sosthaine Ortego, Philippe Fontenot, Co. B; J. R. Chackman, D. Roy, Pierre Carriere, A. Courville, Co. C; E. Ardein, S. Dupre, S. Bergeron, O. David, J. Deville, N. Deshotels, Lestie L. Fontenot, M. Fontenot, E. Fournierat, J. P. Lafleur, E. Ortego, B. Soileau, D. L. Roy, P. Placet, J. Guillbeau, V. Duplechain, Co. D; F. C. Helair Fontenot, Don Louis Young, Jean Pierre Veillon, J. P. Fontenot, Cyrus Ancoin, Leon Leblen, Onézime Ire Pitre, Jesse P. Young, Lucius Langiv, François Langiv, Zénon Vidrine, Ozémé Deville, Marcelin Lafleur, Lucius Pitre, Robert Tate

None can avail themselves of the pardon who have deserted since the publication of the Order from Dist. Headquarters. I have been ordered to arrest all the deserters of the above command and forward them to camp. Avail yourselves speedily of the pardon offered, and thereby avoid the consequences of an arrest and Court Martial. JAMES C. HILL, Capt. Co. D, Weatherly's Bat. S. S. Jan. 21, 1865.—34—2t.

WANTED.—A lady made homeless by the war, wishes to obtain a permanent school in a good neighborhood. She has had long experience as a Teacher—can give the highest references as to qualifications, &c. Apply at the Courier Office. December 10th, 1864 28—4t

THE OPELOUSAS COURIER.

Published on Saturday, by Joel H. Sandox. Owing to a constant fluctuation in the relative value of paper-money, we shall, from the 1st of November 1864, adopt our former rates, of 1860. Subscription, three dollars per year, payable in advance, or \$4 at the end of the year. A subscriber wishing to discontinue must give a written notice to that effect and settle up all arrearages. Advertisements will be inserted at five cents per line for each insertion; and all advertisements sent in for publication will be inserted in English and French (unless otherwise ordered) until the editor shall judge it convenient to discontinue. No subscription will be stopped until all arrearages are paid, unless at the option of the editor. Candidates to public favors will pay ten dollars each, in advance, if they wish to be announced. Confederate and other current paper-money will be accepted at their relative value at the time of payment. Until further change, advertisements of the General or State Government will be inserted at the rate of fifty cents per line, payable in Confederate or State bills.

HEADQUARTERS TRANS-MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA, December 21, 1864.

[Extract.] SPECIAL ORDERS No. 316.

VIII. The following schedule of prices for articles herein named, adopted by Commissioners appointed, pursuant to law, for the State of Louisiana, is announced for the information of all concerned. The prices named, are, until further orders, the maximum which will be given within the State of Louisiana, by officers and agents purchasing for the Government.

SCHEDULE OF PRICES FOR LOUISIANA.

Table with columns: Articles, Quality, Description, Quantity, Price. Includes items like Wheat, Flour, Corn, Rice, Bacon, Pork, Beef Cattle, Mutton, Tallow, Sugar, Molasses, Vinegar, Soap, Whisky, Tobacco, etc.

Quartermasters' Stores.

Table with columns: Articles, Quality, Description, Quantity, Price. Includes items like Fodder, Hay, Leather, Shoes, Hides, Wool, Linsay, Cotton Cloth, Socks, Cotton, Hats, Work Oxen, Horses, Mules, Wagons, Ambulances, Iron, Pasturage, etc.

*To which is to be added the same increase of price for the localities as made in the value of corn. In measuring corn, 56 pounds to the bushel should be the weight allowed per bushel. When articles are impressed in any Parish or State, not produced or raised in that Parish or State, the authorized transportation from the place of production is 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: Transportation by Stage for soldiers or any person in the employ of the Confederate States Government, shall be paid for at the rate of 40 cents per mile on Stage, or twenty-five cents per mile by Railroad, and 5 cents per mile by Boat. For hauling tax in kind and other supplies, to be paid for at the rate of six cents per hundred pounds per mile—forage to be furnished by owner of team. Six mule or eight ox team—driver, rations and forage furnished by Government—ten dollars per day. Owners furnishing driver, forage and rations—seventeen dollars per day. Four mule or six ox team—driver, forage and rations furnished by the Government—eight dollars per day. Owner furnishing driver, rations and forage—thirteen dollars per day. Two mule or four ox team—driver, rations and forage furnished by the Government—six dollars per day. Owner furnishing driver, rations and forage—eight dollars per day. Load for two mule wagon and team, eight hundred pounds; load for all others, five hundred pounds per head. Distance: mule team, eighteen miles per day; ox team, fourteen miles per day. If the load or distance be greater or less than the above, the price to vary accordingly. For the hire of Grist or Saw Mills, one dollar per day for each horse-power, the Government to furnish everying, and repair all damages beyond the usual wear and tear. For the hire of negro men, eighteen dollars per month, the Government to furnish rations, clothes, shoes, hats, blankets and medical attendance. For the rental of stores or other tenements, eighteen per cent. per annum on the State Tax assessment, pro rata for portions of buildings. For all pine trees cut for saw logs, the Government shall pay one dollar per tree, and for Cypress trees, two and a half dollars per tree. When articles are impressed which are not the product of the State wherein impressed, the authorized transportation will be allowed from the place of production to the place wherein impressed. The above schedule of prices has been adopted by the Commissioners at this session, and they would respectfully recommend that, in addition to its publication in one of the newspapers of each Parish, that the same be published in hand-bill form, and each and every Quartermaster and Commissary be furnished with copies.

JOS. H. HYNSON, REUBEN WHITE, Commissioners. Gen. E. KIRBY SMITH. [Jan. 14, 1865.—33—4t.

Notice. PLANTERS having vouchers in duplicate given by officers of the army in payment of the Tith Tax of 1864, will deliver them to the Depot Agents before the expiration of each month, and receive from them the proper receipts. I. F. LITTELL, General Agent. Tax in Kind, Parish of St. Landry. Opelousas, December 31st, 1864.—31—4t

FOR SALE. A second hand family CARRIAGE payable in New Issue Confederate Notes. Apply at the Courier Office. Opelousas, Nov. 19th, 1864. 25—4t.

Notice. THE Post Office is removed to Main street, next to C. N. Ealer's corner, where the undersigned will sell Merchandise and produce on commission. JOHN MACDONALD. Opelousas, Dec. 31, 1864.

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 8 1863.