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SPEECH OF THE PRESIDENT

TO COLORED SOLDIERS AND OTHERS.

Washington, April 20.—Two regiments of colored troops, various associations and citizens of color, numbering several thousand, celebrated yesterday the emancipation of the slaves in the District of Columbia, and proceeded to the Executive Mansion, where the President thus addressed them:

My colored friends, I have more to say to you on this occasion, than to thank you for this compliment you have paid in presenting yourselves before me, on this, your day of celebration. I come forward for the purpose of indicating my approval and manifesting my appreciation of the respect thus offered or conferred. I thank you for the compliment, and I mean what I say; and I will remark in this connection that the time will come and that before a great while, when the colored population of the United States will find out who have selected them as a hobby and pretense by which they can be successful in obtaining and maintaining power, and who have been their true friends, and wanted them to participate and enjoy the blessings of freedom. The time will come when it will be made known who contributed as much as any other man, and who, without being considered egotistical, I may say, contributed more in producing the great national guarantee of the abolition of slavery in all the States, by the ratification of the amendment to the constitution of the United States, and giving a national guarantee that slavery shall no longer be permitted to exist or to be reestablished in any State in the jurisdiction of the United States. I know how easy it is to cater to the prejudices and how easy it is to excite the feeling of prejudice and malice. I care not that I have been engaged in this work in which my all has been staked. I was not engaged in it as a hobby, nor did I ride the colored man for the sake of giving power to what I did, but for the purpose of establishing the great principle of freedom, and thank God I feel and know it to be so, that my efforts have contributed as much, if not more, in accomplishing this great national guarantee than those of any other living man in the United States. [Enthusiastic applause.] It is very easy for colored men to have pretended friends enconced in high places, and far removed from danger, whose eyes have only abstractedly gazed on freedom, who have never exposed their lives or property, and who never contributed a six pence in the furtherance of the great cause. While another periled his all, and lost everything sacred and dear to man; and those he had raised and who lived with him, now enjoy his property with his consent, and received his aid and assistance. Yet some others who have done nothing are considered the great defenders and protectors of the colored man. I repeat, my colored friends here to-day, that the time will come, and it is not far distant, when it will be proved who are your best friends. My friendship, as far as it goes, is not for place or power, I have these already. It has been a principle with me, and I thank God that the great principle has been established, so that "whenever a being," in the language of a distinguished orator, "trades American soil, his soul swells within him in appreciation of the great truth that he stands forth redeemed and regenerated by the genius of universal emancipation." [Applause.] Then let me mingle with you in the celebration of the day which commenced your freedom. I do it in all sincerity and truth, and trust in God that the blessings which have been conferred may be enjoyed and appreciated by you, and that you may give them a proper direction. There is something for all to do. You have solemn duties to perform, and you are to remember that freedom is not an idea. It must be reduced to practical reality. Men in freedom deny themselves things which seem to be embraced in the idea of universal freedom. It is with you to give evidence to the world and to the people of the United States, whether you are going to appreciate this great boon as it should be, and that you are freedmen.

Let me thank you for the compliment you have paid me to-day. I repeat again, the time will come when you will know who have been your friends, and whether I have not been your friend.

We have a racy bit of gossip from Richmond. A Federal General, having aided in subduing the masculine rebels, attacked the heart of the fair daughter of a merchant, and brought her to terms of capitulation. The wedding wardrobe was procured from Philadelphia, and there were pleasing anticipations of the wedding day, when a lady appeared who had for some years sustained the position of wife to the jolly row.

RULES OF DOG FIGHTING.—The Chicago Republican devotes a column of "solid nonpartisan" to a dog-fight. Our space being limited, we copy but a single paragraph: Then McClosky and Jennings went through the somewhat perilous process of "testing" their dogs. This precautionary measure consists in getting down on the knees and applying the tongue to the dog on the breast and between the shoulders, in order to convince the other side that he is clean, and that no poison has been applied externally for the purpose of injuring the other dog if he should bite there. Each man has the right to require the other to "taste" the dog in any part that he may indicate.

"So you are going to keep house, are you?" said an elderly maiden to a blushing bride.

"Yes," was the reply.

"Going to have a girl, I suppose?"

The newly made wife colored, and then quietly responded that she "really didn't know whether it would be a girl or a boy."

CANDIDATES.

We are authorized to announce that Mr. ADOLPHE GARRIGUES, recently Clerk of the District Court, is a candidate for the same office, at the election which will take place on the 7th of May next. [March 17th, 1866.]

We are authorized to announce Mr. JOHN I. GARDINER, of Grand Coteau, as a candidate for Clerk of the District Court of the Parish of St. Landry, at the election which will take place on the 7th of May next. [April 7.]

We are authorized to announce that Mr. JAMES G. HAYES, recently Sheriff of the Parish of St. Landry, is a candidate for the same office, at the election of the 7th May next. [March 24—18.]

We are authorized to announce that Mr. CHRISTOVAL DUPRE is a candidate for Sheriff of the Parish of St. Landry, at the election of the 7th May next. [March 24.]

We are authorized to announce that Mr. YVES D'AVY, (recently Recorder of the Parish of St. Landry,) is a candidate for the same office, at the election which will take place on the 7th of May next. [March 24.]

We are authorized to announce that Mr. EDMOND D. ESTILETTE, the present incumbent, is a candidate for the office of District Attorney of the Eighth Judicial District, composed of the Parishes of St. Landry, Lafayette, Calcasieu and Vermilion, at the election which will take place on the 7th of May next. [March 24.]

We are authorized to announce that Mr. M. E. GIRARD is a candidate for District Attorney of the Eighth Judicial District, composed of the Parishes of St. Landry, Lafayette, Calcasieu and Vermilion, at the ensuing election. [March 31.]

We are authorized to announce that Dr. A. O. GUIDRY is an independent candidate for Recorder of the Parish of St. Landry, at the ensuing election. [March 31.]

We are authorized to announce that Mr. PIERRE JEANSONNE is a candidate for Assessor of the Parish of St. Landry, at the ensuing election. [March 31.]

We are authorized to announce that Mr. RENE RAULIN is a candidate for Justice of the Peace of the First Ward of this parish (comprising the town of Opelousas) at the election of the 7th of May next. [April 21st.]

We are authorized to announce that Mr. ZEPHIRIN URNIN MANUEL is a candidate for Assessor of the Parish of St. Landry, at the ensuing election.

We are authorized to announce that Mr. YVES VIDRINE is a candidate for Assessor of the Parish of St. Landry, at the ensuing election.

A Few Private Boarders

WILL be taken in a private family, in the town of Opelousas. For particulars, apply at this Office. April 14, 1866. 44—1f.

F. FERAY, Auctioneer,

SOLICITS as such a part of the patronage of his friends and of the public in general. He will always be found at the Grocery of Feray & Raulin, corner of Court and Bellevue Streets, Opelousas. [April 14—44.]

Situation Wanted.

AN ENGINEER AND SAWYER wishes to obtain a situation in some saw mill in this Parish. Apply immediately at this Office. April 7th, 1866. 43—1f.

DUPRE & GARLAND,

Attorneys at Law. WILL exercise their profession in the Courts of St. Landry, Calcasieu, Lafayette and St. Martin. Office at Opelousas.

GREAT SACRIFICE!

Best Bargains Ever Offered Before! Goods to be Sold at and Below Cost!!!

THE undersigned beg leave to inform the public that on account of dissolution of copartnership, they will sell their entire stock, consisting of

DRY GOODS, CLOTHING,

Boots, Shoes and Hats, and a GENERAL ASSORTMENT OF FANCY GOODS, at city cost price, and many articles even below cost.

The stock must be closed out within sixty days or disposed of at public sale.

P. S. Merchants buying at wholesale will be allowed a discount of 5 per cent on cost price.

J. MEYERS & CO., Main Street, below Courier office. Opelousas, April 7th, 1866. 43—1f.

Estate of Gabriel Fontenet, Jr.

District Court, Parish of St. Landry.—No. 29866.

EVARISTE G. FONTENOT, of the Parish of St. Landry, having applied by his petition to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of Gabriel Fontenet Jr., deceased, late of the Parish of St. Landry;

Therefore, any person intending to make opposition to the said appointment, will file the same in writing at my office in the town of Opelousas, within ten days from the present notice.

L. V. CHACHERE, Clerk. CLERK'S OFFICE Opelousas, April 29th, 1866.

Hoop Iron Bands

AND ARROW TIES.

THESE superior bands and ties for baling cotton or wool, for sale in any quantity and at the lowest rates by

H. BARTLETT, Agent. 28 Carondelet street, New Orleans.

FOR SALE.

An arpent and a half fine seed case. Apply to the undersigned at Bois Mallet. L. D. VERRET. September 2, 1865. 12—1f.

For Sale at Private Sale.

A SMALL PLANTATION, Situated on the border of the Town of Opelousas, containing about 90 acres of land. The improvements consist of a good and spacious dwelling house, kitchen, corn crib, carriage house, servants' rooms, a fine vegetable garden, orchard, all well ornamented with shrubs and evergreens.

For the conditions, which will be advantageous to the purchaser, and other particulars, apply to

J. A. ANDRUS, on the premises. Opelousas, January 27, 1866—33.

J. L. MORRIS. O. S. SMITH.

Morris, Smith & Co.

SUCCESSORS to J. L. Morris & Co.'s Commission and forwarding merchants, and dealers in staple and fancy dry goods, boots, shoes, hats and caps, saddlery, groceries &c. sept. 23rd—15] BIG CANE, LA.

ST. LANDRY

Medicine Depot.

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THE undersigned keeps constantly on hand a fresh and select stock of

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chemicals and patent popular remedies. Also, Paints, Oils, Varnishes, Window glass, Toilet articles, Perfumery, Stationery, choice tobacco, cigars, garden seeds &c. His assortment of wines and liquors for medicinal purposes are of the purest quality.

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E. BOUCHEZ, Washington Drug Store. Washington September 9, 1865. 131f

St. Louis Hotel,

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KEPT BY MRS. LOUISA STUART, (late of Opelousas.) Travellers who will stop at this Hotel may rest assured that nothing will be spared for their comfort. [Jan. 27—6m.]

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Auctioneer and Notary Public in and for the Parish of St. Landry.

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Office at Opelousas, corner of Main and Landry streets, Jewelry store of P. N. Ealer. Opelousas February 17, 1866. 3m

Carriage & Blacksmith Shop.

HERBERT & CLARK hereby inform the public and their friends that they have formed a partnership for the purpose of continuing the Carriage Making and Repairing business, heretofore conducted by S. P. Clark. Blacksmithing and plantation work of all kinds done in a workmanlike manner and with dispatch.

Terms Invariably CASH. Opelousas February 24, 1866.—37.

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RUFUS DOLBEAR, President. New Orleans, February 34, 1866. 34—1y.

Notice.

THE undersigned has just received a fine assortment of Goods, which he has for sale very cheap, such as

SPRING GOODS, READY MADE CLOTHING, HARDWARE, CROCKERYWARE, BOOTS & SHOES, PLOUGHS, HOES, GROCERIES, FLOUR, SALT, &c. &c.

P. S.—Being on the point of leaving the Parish for a certain length of time, I have constituted Mr. G. Cahaniin my agent during my absence. S. GALEOTTI. Opelousas, February 24, 1866.—4f.

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