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From North Carolina.
A Newbern correspondent of the New York Herald, writing April 30, says: A closer investigation of the state of affairs worse than the bitterest enemy of the bureau ever ventured to impute. It appears almost beyond doubt that at one of the freedmen's settlements here, cruelties more atrocious than those for which Wirtz was hanged have been perpetrated on the unoffending freedmen by agents of the bureau established for their protection.

Opposite Newbern, on the other side of the river, some 2500 freedmen have been settled for some years past. They were invited there by the military, and located on little plots of ground which they were allowed to cultivate. Eight months ago Edward S. Fitz, a Massachusetts preacher, was placed in charge of the Trent River settlement by Captain James, another New England preacher, who was then conducting the bureau here.

A system of extortion and cruelty was immediately inaugurated. Fifty cents a month ground rent was demanded for every plot on which the miserable little cabins were erected. Every negro who owned a boat had to pay two dollars and a half a month, or his boat was forfeited. Every darkey who kept a store was taxed five dollars a month. Every one who owned a horse was taxed a similar amount. Failure to pay any of these exactions was punished by the imprisonment of the man or his wife—preference being given to the wife—the confiscation of all his little property, and in many cases the tearing down of his house. A negro who quarreled with his wife was fined one hundred dollars and sent to prison until he paid double. All these extortions were practised upon a population steeped in the deepest poverty, scorched by disease and many of them wanting the common necessities of life, and in this manner an income of at least eight hundred dollars a month was derived by the bureau. The complaints of the people became at last so loud that Mr. S. W. Laidler, an agent of the American Missionary Society, embodied some of the more atrocious cases in a series of charges and laid them before Capt. Seelye, the Bureau Superintendent at Newbern. A court of inquiry was demanded by Mr. Fitz, and a committee of investigation was ordered by Captain Seelye.

On Waterfalls.
Josh Billings, who has a word on every subject, and is entitled to it, gets off the subject in the following manner:

I rather like waterfalls.
I want my musketeers lively.

But all this is turnin' twy so my purpose.
I like waterfalls—they ar so easy and natural. They attack all the sex.

Some they attack with great fury, while others they approach more like a siege, workin' up slowly.

I saw one yesterday.
It want no bigger than a small French turnip.

It had attacked a small woman or only 9 summers duration.

She was full of recreation, and when she bounded along the side-walk, the waterfall highest up and down in an oscillating manner, resembling much the opposite terminus of a bob-tailed lamb in a great hurry.

The effect was purely electric.

I also saw another one pretty soon, which belonged to a mature matron.

She might have saw 75 summers; her hair was white as flour, but the waterfall was black.

I asked a bystander how he could account for that.

He said "it was younger."

I also saw another one pretty soon, which was the property of a gusher.

She was about 19 years old, and was as ripe as a 2 year peach.

She swept the streets like a thing of life.

Men stooped to gaze as she passed, and put in a new chew of tobacco.

Little boys pocketed their marbles in silence.

Her waterfall was about the size of a corn basket turned inside out.

It was inked in a common skap net, and kivered with blazing diamonds of glass.

It shone in the frisky sun like the tin dome on the court house, where the supervisors meet. But I rather like waterfalls.

It has bin said that they would run out, but this, I think, is an error, for they don't show no leak yet.

In the language of the expiring Canadian, on our northern frontier, I say—"Vive la Bag-a-tale."

The following purports to be a model medical puff: "Dear Doctor—I shall be one hundred and seventy-five years old next October. For over eighty-four years I have been an invalid, unable to step when moved with a lever. But a year ago I heard of the Granularian syrup. I bought a bottle, smelt the cork, and found myself a man. I can now run twelve miles and a half an hour, and throw thirteen somersaults without stopping."

GOOD ADVICE.—A gentleman saw a notice of valuable information, sent to any address on the receipt of ten cents, and thought that he must have ten cents' worth more of knowledge. He sent his name and received in answer the following:

"Friend, for your ten cents postage, &c., please find enclosed advice which may be of great value to you. As many persons are injured for weeks, months and years by the careless use of a knife, therefore my advice is, when you use a knife always whittle from you."

Estate of Raphael J. Smith, Sr.

Meeting of Creditors.
DISTRICT COURT,
Parish of Saint Landry, No. 2457.

A Meeting of the Creditors of the Estate of Raphael J. Smith, Sr., late of the Parish of St. Landry, deceased, will be held before Onezime A. Gaudry Esq. Recorder, at his office, in the Town of Opelousas, on the 30th day of May 1865, at 10 o'clock in the morning, for the purpose of devising and determining what disposition shall be made of the property belonging to said succession.

L. V. CHACHERE,
Clerk of said Court.
Opelousas, April 25th, 1865.

Metropolitan Record

AND
NEW YORK VINDICATOR.
JOHN MULLALLY, Editor and Proprietor.
Office 443 Broome Street.

THE RECORD AND VINDICATOR is published once a week, and contains eighty columns of political news, editorial matter, and varied and interesting reading. It aims to be a truthful and unswerving exponent of State Rights and is indelibly opposed to the anti-Democratic policy of consolidation. Believing that Popular Freedom in this Republic is dependent upon State Sovereignty, it is at war with all despotic encroachments on the rights of the people. It shall never cease to advocate the supremacy of the civil authority and to denounce and condemn the pretensions and usurpations of the military power.

In the future, as in the past, the Record will be the faithful advocate of Democratic principles. It is true that recent events, brought about by a fanatical interference with the rights of States, and by an intolerance of the Constitution and laws made in accordance therewith, have caused a temporary revolution; but the principles of 1776 are only kept in abeyance, and will, we believe, be asserted in no many years' lapse. The people are yet to learn from experience that the lessons and teachings of the great statesmen who founded the Republic cannot be set aside unless by the total overthrow of popular freedom and self-government. No fact was more completely established, no principle more thoroughly vindicated than that which asserts that "Government derives its just powers from the consent of the governed," and that a Union which can only be perpetuated by the strong arm of military power, if continued to be sustained, result in the establishment of a centralized military despotism.

The Record and Vindicator shall continue as it has begun, the outspoken and fearless opponent of unconstitutional policy on the part of the Administration, the defender of the great Charter of American Freedom, and the unflinching advocate of Liberty of Speech, Vote by Ballot, Habeas Corpus, Trial by Jury, Freedom of the Press and State Rights.

The Metropolitan Record and Vindicator will be supplied to subscribers on the following terms: To city subscribers, served by carriers, \$5 per yr. To country subscribers, 4 do. To clubs of ten or more, 3 do. (Payable in advance.)

Terms to advertisers: Special Notices, 25 cents per line. To transient advertisers, 15 do. do. To yearly advertisers, 8 do. do.

Any person sending us a club of ten yearly subscribers, will receive a copy gratis for 1 year.

Having been appointed agents of this valuable paper, we respectfully solicit the patronage of the South-West.

F. W. & C. M. SMITH,
Agents for the Metropolitan Record and New York Daily News,
13 St. Charles Street, Room No. 2.

Persons wishing to subscribe to the above newspaper can leave their names at this office.

Notice.

THE PUBLIC is hereby informed that any order for lumber will be immediately filled at my Saw-Mill, near Grand Coteau, at moderate prices.

CHARLES RICHARD,
April 14th, 1865. 44—tf.

A Few Private Boarders

WILL be taken in a private family, in the town of Opelousas.

For particulars, apply at this Office.
April 14, 1865. 44—tf.

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, 1865. 43—tf.

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 partnership, 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 Courthouse Office.
Opelousas, April 7th, 1865. 43—tf.

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. T. BARTLETT, Agent,
229 Carondelet street, New Orleans.

FOR SALE.—An arpent and a half fine seed cane.

Apply to the undersigned at Bois Mallet.
L. D. VERRET,
September 2, 1865. 42—tf.

For Sale at Private Sale.

A SMALL PLANTATION,
SITUATED on the border of the Town of Opelousas, containing about 30 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, 1865. 43.

J. L. MORRIS, O. S. SMITH,
MORRIS, SMITH & CO.,
SUCCESSORS TO J. L. MORRIS & CO. (COTTON COMMISSION) and forwarding merchants, and dealers in staple and fancy dry goods, boots, shoes, hats and caps, saddlery, groceries &c. [Sept. 23d—15.]

ST. LANDRY
Medicine Depot.
Established in 1848.

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

DRUGS, MEDICINES,
Chemicals and patent popular remedies. Also, Paints, Oils, Varnishes, Window glass, Toilet articles, Perfumery, Stationery, etc. [Feb. 20, 1865.]

Prescriptions carefully filled night and day with the best materials and at moderate rates.
JOHN POSEY,
Opelousas, January 27, 1865. 43—1y.

\$10,000 WANTED IMMEDIATELY,

FOR the largest and best selected assortment of Drugs, Chemicals, Patent Medicines, Paints, Oils &c. in the Parish.

The above stock has just been received and will be sold for cash at New Orleans prices.

E. BOYCHIEZ,
Washington Drug Store,
Washington September 9, 1865. 136

St. LOUIS HOTEL,

New Iberia,
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.]

Theo. C. Littell,

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

WILL attend promptly as such, at all times, to business entrusted to him.

ALSO,
as Real Estate Agent and Commission Merchant or Commercial Broker, will keep on registry, for sale, rent or purchase, Real Estate, and likewise for sale or purchase, goods, wares, merchandise or produce.

Office at Opelousas, corner of Main and Landry streets, Jewellery store of C. N. Ealer.
Opelousas February 17, 1865. 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.
137 Terms Invariably CASH.
Opelousas February 24, 1865.—37.

DOLBEAR COMMERCIAL COLLEGE,

Corner Camp & Common Streets, in the Spacious and Elegant "Story Building," New Orleans.

IS constantly in session under able Professors. It was founded in 1852, and is chartered by the State. Its former students may be found as Principals or Book-keepers in a large portion of the old houses of this city, and over the Southern States. Ladies and Gentlemen can attend the COMMERCIAL COURSE, or Book-keeping, Spanish. A business education, that enables one to earn \$2000 or \$3000 annually, is the best fortune parents can give their sons. Ladies and Gentlemen are invited to call. City healthy.

RUFUS DOLBEAR, President.
New Orleans, February 2d, 1865. 31—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. Calamia my agent during my absence.

S. GALEOTTI,
Opelousas, February 24, 1865.—4f.

DENTISTRY.

DR. P. M. LEE respectfully informs the citizens of Opelousas and vicinity, that he is prepared to execute all operations in the dental art in a skillful and satisfactory manner. He fills teeth after the most approved methods, while his manner of inserting artificial teeth combines the latest improvements, which, for beauty, utility and comfort, cannot be surpassed.

Terms Moderate and Cash.
Office on Landry Street, opposite Mr. Poirot's stable, in the house formerly occupied by Mr. H. Hayes.
[Nov. 18, 1865—3m.]

MARC HOLLIER,

Painter, Glazier and Paper-Hanger,
HAVING located himself permanently at Opelousas, offers his services to the public in executing all operations in the above branches. His charges will be moderate, and he will be exact and assiduous in the discharge of his duties.
[March 31, 1865—43f.]

High Water Arrangement

REGULATED BY

Opelousas, La., May 19, 1865.

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