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## The discipline of the Army of the Potomac.

We take the following from Wm. Swinton's History of the Army of the Potomac:  
"Had there been no McClellan," I have often heard Gen. Meade say, "there could have been no Grant; for the army made no essential improvement under any of his successors." It was common throughout the war to ascribe a high degree of discipline to the Confederate Army—even higher than that of the Army of the Potomac. But the revelations of the actual condition of that army since the close of the war do not justify this assertion. On the contrary, they show that the discipline of the Army of Northern Virginia was never equal to that of the Army of the Potomac, though in fire and clamor it was superior. "I could always rely on my army for fighting; but its discipline was poor." At the time of the Maryland invasion, Lee lost above twenty five thousand men from his effective strength by straggling, and he exclaimed with tears, "My army is ruined by straggling!" Nothing could better illustrate the high state of discipline of the Army of the Potomac than its conduct in such retreats as that on the Peninsula and in the Pope campaign, and in such incessant fighting as the Rapidan campaign of 1864.

The Vicksburg Journal says:  
"There is no more contemptible sight on the face of the earth, than a man who is false to his country; and depraved beyond all measure, must he be, who unblushingly proclaims himself so in the face of the world. The Southerner who can truly say that during the last four years, he never felt the first emotion of sympathy with the Confederate cause, that his heart never throbbled exultingly at the news of Southern victory, or beat high at the rumor of a Federal defeat, is a man we would not trust. He that could live in the very midst of a struggle; see the courage with which it was sustained and the sacrifices unnumbered endured, that it might prove successful; who could live amid the fluctuations of war, mark the tide of success ebb and flow; see society breaking up around him; feel the agitation and upheaval caused by the throes of the nation in its agony, and remain unmoved, his equanimity undisturbed, his pulses even beat unaccelerated or unretarded; is a moral phenomenon;—a man to be marked and avoided forever by the good and true.

Every one can remember, for himself, the absorbing interest with which he followed the course of this or that hero of ancient times. How he rejoiced in their triumphs, how he sympathized with them in the hours of adversity and defeat. And are the attributes which we admired in them to excite no enthusiasm among those found in our contemporaries? Are the virtues that elicited our reverence in the patriots of other times and other lands to be sneered at when illustrated in the deeds and lives of our fellow-countrymen? We say, without fear of contradiction, that the Southern man who took no part in the struggle of his section, who felt no interest in its result, and no pride in the noble qualities displayed, would never lead shouldered his musket in the revolution, never would have starred with Sumter or Marion, never have conquered with Washington. He would have been a parasite to Troy authority, and would have blazoned forth his loyalty to his king, by the betrayal of his people and kindred. And yet those men are commended in society. They lift their brazen fronts and talk glibly about their country and their rights. They swear at the d—n Yankee, and attempt to brow-beat the men whose influence is exerted for peace, and who, after facing the storm of a hundred battle fields, have accepted in good faith the issues of war, and whose voices are now for Union."

A Sponge Bath.—Kendall, of the New Orleans Picayune, relates the following, which occurred in his presence recently at Baden, in Germany: "At this juncture we were joined by an English party, when the subject matter brought under discussion was bathing. 'I take a cold shower bath every morning when at home,' said John Bull. 'So do I,' retorted Brother Jonathan. 'Water and summer,' continued the Englishman. 'My system exactly,' responded the Yankee. 'Is your weather and water cold?' inquired John Bull. 'Right chilly,' replied Jonathan. 'How cold?' inquired John. 'So cold that the water all freezes as it pours down my back, and rattles upon the floor in the shape of hail!' responded the Yankee, with the same clucking twinkle of the eye. 'Were you in the next room to me in America?' he continued, 'and could hear me as I am taking my shower bath of a cold winter's morning, you would think I was pouring dry beans down my back!' The Englishman shrugged his shoulders as with a chill, and marvelled.—Manchester Times.

A V-toe.—"Pa," said an interesting juvenile the other day, to his indulgent sire—"Pa, haven't I got a veto as well as the President?"  
"No, my child."  
"Yes, I have, pa, my fifth toe is a V-toe, I reckon."  
"Take that child to his mother—she's ruined."  
Gen. Washington and Gen. Butler.—Gen. Washington was "first in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen."  
Gen. Butler was—  
"Beast in war, Beast in peace and first in the pockets of his countrymen!"  
A young lady, being asked by a politician which party she was most in favor of replied that she preferred a wedding party.

## Estate of Raphael J. Smith, Sr. Meeting of Creditors.

DISTRICT COURT, No. 2457. Parish of Saint Landry. 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. Guidry Esq. Recorder, at his office, in the Town of Opelousas, on the 30th day of May 1866, 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 28th, 1866.

## Metropolitan Record

NEW YORK VINDICATOR JOHN MULLALLY, EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR. Office 448 Broome Street.

THE RECORD AND VINDICATOR is published once a week, and contains a full and complete record of all the news, editorial matter, and interesting reading. It aims to be a truthful and unswerving exponent of State Rights and is fully 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 in the face of the 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 reasserted ere many years elapse. 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 without 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 must, if continued to be so sustained, result in the establishment of a centralized military despotism.

The Record and Vindicator shall continue as it has been, 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.

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F. W. & C. M. SMITH, Agents for the Metropolitan Record and New York Daily News, Mar 31 13 St. Charles Street, Room No. 2.

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

Notice. Any order for lumber will be immediately filled at my Saw-Mill, near Grand Coteau, at moderate prices.

CHARLES RICHARD. April 14th, 1866. 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, 1866. 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, 1866. 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 prices, 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 whole-sale will be allowed a discount of 5 per cent on cost price. MEYERS & CO. Main Street, below Courthouse. Opelousas, April 7th, 1866. 43—tf.

## For Sale at Private Sale.

A SMALL PLANTATION, Situated on the border of the Town of Opelousas, containing about 39 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. SUCCESSIONS TO J. L. MORRIS & CO. Commission and forwarding merchants, and dealers in staple and fancy dry goods, boots, shoes, hats and caps, saddlery, groceries, &c. &c. sept. 23d—15] BIG CANE, La.

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, choice tobacco, cigars, garden seeds, &c. His assortment of wines and liquors for medicinal purposes are of the purest quality.

Prescriptions carefully filled night and day with the best materials and at a moderate rate. JOHN POLSKY, Opelousas, January 27, 1866. 33—1y.

\$10,000 WANTED IMMEDIATELY, FOR the largest and best selected assortment of Drugs, Chemicals, Patent Medicines, Paints, Oils, &c. in the South.

The above stock has just been received and will be sold for cash at New Orleans prices. E. BOUCHEZ, Washington Drug Store, Washington September 9, 1865. 13tf.

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. Jewelry store of C. N. Ealer. Opelousas February 17, 1866. 6m.

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.

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 1832, 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 of refinement can attend the COMMERCIAL COURSE, or Book-keeping, Penmanship, Mathematics, English, French or Spanish. A business education, that enables one to earn \$200 or \$3000 annually, is the best fortune parents can give their sons. Ladies and Gentlemen are invited to call. City healthily. RUFUS DOLBEAR, President. New Orleans, February 24, 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. Cahain my agent during my absence. S. GALEOTTI. Opelousas, February 24, 1866—4f.

DENTISTRY. DR. P. M. LEE respectfully informs the citizens of Opelousas 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. Poiré'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 the above branches. His charges will be moderate, and he will be exact and assiduous in the discharge of his duties. [March 31]

## High REGISTRATION

OWING to the smallness of the community and plantation, the smallest possible consist mostly of HAMS, RICE, DRIED BEANS, CANNED GOODS AND OTHER LIQUORS, WINES, LIQUORS AND CORDIALS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION, &c. &c. &c. He also informs the public that he will continue the furniture repairing business, as he still has an excellent cabinet-maker in his employ. L. VATTER, Opelousas, February 24, 1866.—1f.

CHEAP! CHEAPER!! CHEAPEST!!! THE Steamer IRENE, Captain O. HINCKLEY, will make regular trips, leaving Washington every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, and New Orleans every Wednesday evening at 5.

All up freight by this boat will be stored in our Warehouse, (and charged accordingly) except positive orders to the contrary. To avoid all mistakes, from and after this date, the following will be the high water rates per Steamer Irene:

Wet barrels, \$1 00  
Dry do 75  
Per cubic foot, 25  
Per sack corn, oats, bran &c. 50  
Down freight—Cotton \$1 50 per bale.

O. HINCKLEY & SON, Agents. Washington March 10, 1866. 3m.

PITRE & CARRIERE, Warehouse Keepers, Receiving and Forwarding House, Steamboat Agents, WASHINGTON, LA. MESSRS. PITRE & CARRIERE hereby inform their friends and the public that they have resumed their former line of business, and that they are prepared to receive and forward the produce and merchandise entrusted to their care. They hope that their long experience in business will be an assurance of satisfaction for those who would honor them with their confidence. [August 5—8tf.]

Office Asst. Special Agent, TREASURY DEPARTMENT, Washington, La., October 19th, 1865. PURSUANT to authority vested in me by the Hon. O. H. Burbridge, Supervising Special Agent, Treasury Department, the undersigned hereby assumes the supervision of collecting, capturing and abandoned cotton and other property belonging to the Government of the United States within the Parish of St. Landry, Avoyelles and Pointe Coupee, in the State of Louisiana.

All persons found embezzling the Government property under pretence of being sub-agents, will be arrested and dealt with as the circumstances in each case may justify; and whilst the undersigned will not interfere with the shipment of private property within the said Parish, it is announced that persons engaged in the traffic of the above-mentioned class of property either by purchase or sale, are presumed to know the same to be private property; and if found attempting to embezzle Government property, will be prosecuted as felons.

Persons having in charge captured or abandoned property will be held responsible for its delivery to the undersigned, or the value of the same in money or other property, the valuation to be at the rates of the New Orleans market; and persons who shall have possession of such property will report at once to whom the same was delivered, the place to which the same was shipped, upon what vessel and to whom consigned.

Liberal compensation will be paid to persons having in charge captured or abandoned property, upon their forwarding the same to this office; and all contracts relating to such property within the Parish named, must be made directly with the undersigned.

W. F. McLEAN, Asst. Special Agent, Treasury Department. Office in the building Head Quarters Commander of this Post. 20—tf.

Special Notice. FOR the better information of parties who have had, or at present have captured or abandoned property, it is necessary to quote an abstract of the law embodied in the regulations.

ARTICLE III. Paragraph I. Abandoned property is that which has been or may be deserted by the owners, or when the lawful owner thereof shall be voluntarily absent therefrom and engaged, either in arms or otherwise, in siding or encouraging the rebellion.

W. F. McLEAN, Assistant Special Agent, T. D. October 28th, 1865. 20—tf.

HERE'S THE GROCERY. WE have the honor to inform our friends and the public in general, that we have opened a Grocery in the house opposite Mr. Gibbs' old stand, corner of Court and Bellevue Streets, Opelousas, where we will keep constantly on hand a full supply of Groceries, such as FLOUR, BACON, BULK PORK, Smoked Shoulders and Sides, Potatoes, Soap, Salt, Beans, Lobsters, Cheese, Candies, Raisins, Sardines, Sweet Oil, Coal Oil, Rice, Coffee, Macaroni, Vermicelli, Core Oysters, Jellys, Chocolate, Preserves, Beer, Wines, Port, Madeira, WHISKY, &c. &c.

Our prices will be as moderate as circumstances will permit. Terms—Cash. FERAY & RAULIN. Opelousas, March 10, 1866—39.

Mr. Louis Desbréux HAS the honor to inform his numerous clients and the public in general that he has just arrived from New Orleans with a fine and large assortment of DRY GOODS, Ready made Clothing, HARDWARE, GROCERY, PERFUMERY &c. &c. &c. Having made his purchases mostly at the Auctions, he is thus enabled to sell his goods at a price far below the present prices. His store is still on Main street, opposite J. & A. Perrodin, Opelousas. April 7th, 1866. 43tf.

## NEW ORLEANS CARDS.

HARDWARE! A. ROUSSET, Successor to Rousset & Vochies, HAVING received his spring stock of Hardware, solicits a call from his old customers in St. Landry and adjoining Parishes, and would call their attention to the following list of goods:

- 5 Casks Sad Iron, ass. id. sizes.
- 5 " Corn Mills, "
- 5 " Planter's Hoes, all Nos.
- 19 " Trace Chains, "
- 2 " Table Cutlery, all qualities,
- 1 " Pocket Cutlery, "
- 50 coils ass. id. Man. Rope, all sizes,
- 25 " Cotton Plough Lines, "
- 50 doz. best Chopping Axes, "
- 10 Shingling and Ctd. Hatches,
- 10 cases 2 1/2 Handles, good and common,
- 25 gross Nail Cutlery, "
- 25 " Blind Bridles, "
- 25 " Mice and Horse Tames, "
- 50 " best Cotton Cards, No. 10, "
- 20 " " Wool, " 6 and 8, "
- 25 " Long Handle Spades, "
- 25 " " Shovels, "
- 10 " Long and Short Handle Spades, "
- 20 " Garden Hoes and Rakes, "
- 20 " Manure and Hay Forks, "
- 25 " Coffee Mills, all sizes.

Also A Complete Stock of Shelf Hardware, such as Locks, Files, Bench Planes, Saws, Hatches, Pocket and Table Cutlery, Spoons and Forks, Corkscrews, Gun Tubes, Percussion Caps, Guns, Pistols, Caps and Shot, all of which will be sold at the lowest Market price for Cash.

A. ROUSSET, No. 17, Old Levee Street, Opposite Custom House.

J. A. Bonnafon, GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANT, and direct Importer of Wines, Brandies, Cordials, &c. No. 20, Canal street, between Chartier and old Levee Streets. New Orleans. St. 30]

P. J. Pavy, COMMISSION MERCHANT, formerly P. J. Pavy & Co. and P. J. Pavy, Lobit & Co. offers his services to his friends and to the planters in general. Produce insured in New Orleans. Feb 3—6m] No 8 Royal street.

Darby, Mouton & Co. S. M. Darby, C. H. Mouton, Ado. A. Mouton. COTTON FACTORS and General Commission Merchants, No. 11, Carondelet St. January 1, 1866. 1y New Orleans.

J. L. COURET, COMMISSION MERCHANT, No. 19 Conti St., between Chartres and Levee, New Orleans, La.

WILL take charge of the sale of all products entrusted to him, and will make advances of bagging and rope on cottons which are to be consigned to him. [July 22d, 1865.]

A. DESMARE, Commission Merchant AND COTTON FACTOR, No. 16, Union street, between St. Charles and Carondelet streets, NEW ORLEANS. July 1st]

BELLOCO, NOBLEM & Co. Commission Merchants, No. 61, CAROL DELBT STREET, NEW ORLEANS.

Advances in bagging and rope will be made as herebefore, to planters and other holders of cotton. [24th Jan 1866.]

Geo. H. Vinten, PAPER Warehouse, No. 140 Poydras street, between Camp and St. Charles streets, New Orleans. Agent for the sale of R. Hoe & Co's Printing Presses, the Liberd, Job Presses, and James Conner's Son's Printing types. [Jan. 27]

S. BLOCH, J. BLOCH, Bloch Brothers, COTTON FACTORS and Commission Merchants, No. 18 Carondelet street, New Orleans will punctually attend to all business entrusted to their care. All business left at the House of J. Bloch & Co., in Opelousas, will receive immediate attention. [Dec 9—26.]

RICH NUGENT, J. M'SHERRY, A. H. ISAACSON. Richard Nugent & Co. COTTON FACTORS and General Commission Merchants, No. 192 Common Street, NEW ORLEANS.

Refer to Lucius J. Dupré, James M. Porter and C. L. Swazey, Opelousas. [Oct 21]

Continental Clothing Store. A. ROOS, wholesale and retail dealer in Men's, Boys' and Youth's Clothing, and furnishing goods, Nos. 23, 25 and 27, Exchange Alley, corner of Custom House, New Orleans. A large and well selected assortment always on hand. [Feb 3—6m]

Auguste Broue, HOTEL, PILGRIM'S RESTAURANT, FISHERMEN'S FRIEND, Furnished Rooms. Madison St., No. 15, opposite the Meat Market [July 3] NEW ORLEANS.

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Louisiana Hat Manufactory. R. F. DUNN & Co. MANUFACTURERS, IMPORTERS AND WHOLESALE DEALERS in Fur and Wood Hats and straw goods, Nos. 17 and 19 Magazine street, New Orleans. H. C. WALKER. [April 7—6m]