THE OPELOUSAS COURIER.

OPELOUSAS:

SATURDAY, : : : JANUARY 2, 1869.

To Our Debtors.

Those who are indebted to the office of the OPELOUSAS COURIER are invited to come and settle, or make such arrangements as may suit both parties. Those who cannot pay us in money are hereby informed that we will accept in payment: corn, hay, fodder, cord wood, shingles, lumber, a fat beef or hog, and many other necessaries of which we are in daily need, and for which we must pay cash.

We hope our debtors will not forget this.

RAIL ROAD PROJECT.—During the past week, the project of building a railroad between our town and Washington, (six miles,) has been much agitated in our community. There are no doubt many inducements for the consummation of such a project, and we firmly believe that it can be easily carried out. A great many planters owning estates South of our town, would not hesitate to subscribe; and neither would the planters and merchants residing at, and in the neighborhood of, Grand Coteau. We will not venture a prediction as to the profits to be reaped in this enterprise, but we can clearly discern the immense benefits which our town would derive therefrom; and not Opelousas alone, for all that portion of our Parish lying South, East and West of our town, and in fact the entire Parish, would be benefitted by it. But we cannot see in what respect Washington would suffer by this enterprise, as some wise-acres contend; it seems to us, on the contrary, that Washington would likewise be benefitted by the completion of this road, though, probably, in a lesser degree than the Southern portion of the Parish.

Put the ball in motion, and then let's keep it rolling!

☞ An abundance of advertisements, brought in at the eleventh hour, has delayed the publication of our paper and invaded a large portion of the space usually reserved for reading matter. Our readers will readily understand that we could not possibly refuse to admit that kind of reading in our columns, for though it may be rather uninteresting to the general reader, it is of essential importance to the printer.

OUR DELEGATION TO BATON ROUGE.—The St. Landry delegation to Baton Rouge, appointed by our District Judge and the Petit Jury, left on Wednesday last by the Steamer *Cleona*, with the good wishes of our community. It was composed of 17 members, 3 of whom were whites and 14 freedmen. They will remain in the Penitentiary, some for 2 years, others for 5 years, one for ten years and another for fifteen years.

May they never return among us!

THE IBERIA JOURNAL. — Our readers are no doubt aware that the last Legislature created a new Parish, to which it gave the name of Parish of Iberia, which is composed of portions of the Parishes of St. Martin and St. Mary. The town of New Iberia is the capital, seat of justice, or county-seat of the new Parish.

A newspaper bearing the above title has just been established there, which is edited by T. Minvielle and published by E. M. Bonligny. It professes to be neutral in politics. We will soon see, however, for which side it has a *penchant*.

281 EAST 31ST STREET, NEW YORK.

DEAR SIR:—For three weeks past I have been using your PLANTATION BITTERS. For more than *four months past*, I have been suffering from what my doctor said was nervous prostration, being unable to endure hardly any physical or mental labor without great fatigue. But I had not used the Bitters a week before I was conscious of their benefitting me as nothing else had, and I have continued to gain very rapidly since, till now I am able to be about my usual household duties. To all who are afflicted with general debility, I can testify from experience that the Bitters are invaluable.

Yours, truly, MARGARET B. STONE.

MAGNOLIA WATER. — Superior to the best imported German Cologne, and sold at half the price.

☞ The New York Tribune has the following Washington special:

Lieut.-Gov. Dunn, of Louisiana, telegraphs to the Louisiana Senators in this city, that he apprehends difficulty on the reassembling of the Legislature next month (January). The New Orleans thugs and rebel plug-uglies threaten to clean out the Republican members of that body, if they attempt to meet and transact business. The Louisiana Senators will communicate with Gen. Grant and Secretary Schofield regarding this report to-morrow (December 24th).

RAMIE, OR CHINA GRASS.

(Extract from the Metropolitan Record.)

At the present moment, a new staple is exciting great attention in the industrial and commercial marts of Europe, and this new staple is procured from a plant that grows in wild luxuriance in the Gulf States. Louisiana, Texas, Mississippi, Florida and Alabama producing it to any extent. The fabric manufactured from it is as soft as cotton and as glossy as silk, and is known in Europe as "Japanese silk." The plant is called "Ramie," or "China Grass," and its value varies from £35 to £300 per ton. We have received from our esteemed friend, Alexander S. Macrae, of Liverpool, his produce statement for the week ending November 25, in which he calls attention to this new article of commerce and manufacture. We give it entire, for the benefit of capitalists North and South:

GOOD AS GOLD!

"RAMIE" OR THE SOUTHERN STATES, OR AMERICAN "CHINA GRASS."

How many Americans, how many Southerners especially, are aware that there is a valuable trade being conducted and augmenting under their own noses, of which they are scarcely perhaps cognizant? How many know that there is a plant growing and flourishing (to any extent) in Louisiana, Texas, Mississippi, Florida, Alabama, yielding a fibre so textile, yet so beautiful withal, that it can be treated to rival silk, and to supersede the finest cotton?

Yet it is so! Growing in the forenamed States, and exporting "silly" into Europe, is this splendid product, Ramie, or China Grass. "We think," our largest consumer says, addressing the writer, "this article will occupy a very important place in the exports of America, provided it is got up in a proper way. We are at present using a large quantity weekly."

Now, what is it?—what is it like?—how is it to be "got up in a proper way?"—what is its value, and what its application? I will reply to each of these queries in their order, subject to correction from those better informed.

Firstly—Ramie, or China Grass, is botanically named *Boehmeria Nivea*, belonging to the order *Urticacæ*, so that no one need mistake it on inquiry.

Secondly—Is it neither unlike jute or hemp, yet stronger than the latter, stronger, yet more pliable than the former.

Thirdly—To be got up in a proper way (speak of the raw material,) it should be dried when the green becomes white.

Fourthly—The value in the green state is £35 to £40 per ton of 2,240 lbs.; white, £50 per ton; dressed, for mixing with cotton and silk, £260 to £300 per ton!

Fifthly—Application. Any Americans who have visited this side the last year or two, may have seen our ladies wearing for morning and walking dresses, what might appear to be a splendid French lavender silk. American ladies, however, would not fail to observe that though beautiful to the eye, it lacked the inherent value of silk to the touch, though superior in every way to cotton. Did any one of these American visitors know that this silk-like material owed its base to their own soil—that it was chiefly made from Ramie, or China Grass—and is no other in Europe than the imitated, and so-called "Japanese silk?"

Sufficient, then, has been written to demonstrate that here is an enormous source of commerce open to the United States—that in production and process the thing is a veritable fact—that growing wild on the plains of the Southern States is a fibre, which from fruit to fruition, is of the magnificent value of £35 to £3000 per ton! More again.

☞ At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Opelousas railroad, it was decided to accept the propositions of Messrs. Price, Chouteau & Co., for building the road. Precisely what those propositions are, we are not informed; and, moreover, to "build the road" may mean much less than the people of this city have a right to expect. What New Orleans desires and needs is that the Opelousas road be extended to the Sabine river, there to connect with the Texas roads, and thus opening railway communication with the immense and fertile regions beyond the Sabine. To "build the road" may mean simply to extend it to Opelousas, which would be of some benefit, it is true; but which would be by no means what is needed. It is stated that Messrs. Price, Chouteau & Co. will not undertake to build the road unless the State, and city, and bondholders, display the same liberal spirit as that exhibited by the company. The city and State could not do better than to give up their nominal interesr in this company, provided any guarantee be given that the road will be extended to the Sabine; but they would be very silly not to use their interest for the purpose of assuring this result. It is to be hoped that some arrangement will be effected by which the road will be "built;" but by "building the road," we understand extending it to Texas, and not simply to the town of Opelousas. Of course, the city and the State will not sacrifice their interest in the company unless under this assurance.—*New Orleans Crescent, Dec. 25th.*

General Lee a Daring Soldier.

There is an impression on the minds of not a few persons that General Lee's character as a soldier was less bold, less daring, less rapid than that of Stonewall Jackson and some other commanders in the late war.

General Early, however—and he ought to know—testifies to the contrary. In a letter which he has lately written to the Savannah News, contradicting the absurd story of Pollard's respecting Stonewall Jackson and his proposition at a council of war, that a night attack should be made on the Federal army at Fredericksburg, in December, 1862, by men stripped naked and armed with bowie knives, we find General Early speaking thus of General Lee:

"There is another reason, which to me is a most potent one, and that is, because I know that the boldest man, in his strategic movements and his tactics on the field of battle, in all the Army of Northern Virginia—Stonewall Jackson not excepted—was Gen. Robert E. Lee. Yes, under that calm and dignified exterior, there beat one of the boldest hearts and dwelt one of the most daring minds that ever inspired the commander of an army. He required no councils of war to urge him to deeds of boldness, and I never heard of a council of war during the whole history of that army under his command. It is true that he often conferred with his corps commanders, and sometimes with subordinates entrusted with special duties; but it was not to catch inspiration from their counsels, but to instil into them a portion of his own daring spirit. Gen. Jackson had his confidence in a pre-eminent degree, because he was always ready to second with alacrity the plans of the commanding General, and no one felt the loss of that invaluable lieutenant more that General Lee himself did.

"To satisfy any one of what I say in regard to General Lee, it is only necessary for him to examine the yet unwritten history of that unparalleled campaign from the Rapidan to the James, of the operations on the line of defences around Richmond and Petersburg, and of the retreat for more than a hundred miles to Appomattox Court House—a place that will remain for ever famous, not as the scene of triumph of the invader with his untold legions, but as the scene of the struggle of that great heart and that great mind which so reluctantly surrendered the small remnant of less than nine thousand of the Army of Northern Virginia, with arms in their hands."

Gen. Early commanded a division of Jackson's corps at Fredericksburg. He says positively no council of war was held on that occasion, and he ridicules mercilessly Pollard's story.—*N. O. Bee.*

☞ Gen. Sherman's official report upon Indian affairs had been published. As the reader knows, he has command over about all the Indians we own. The General is greatly perplexed to get at the causes of the present war raging all along the frontier. But if he would speak a little more frankly, he would give us the truth, which is this: At the conclusion of every Indian war a treaty is made in which the United States gives the Indians a certain reservation of land, to be his forever. Now, the only value land has to the Indian is, the game upon it. In a year or two after the treaty, the white man gets up to this reservation in his advance westwards and commences to invade the red man's right. Then a war commences which is charged to the "savage nature" of the Indian. The Pacific railroads, now building on the plains have run rough-shod over a great many of these reservations without asking leave or license. The general war has thus been brought on, and—that's the whole truth in a nutshell.

☞ "Emma," said a little girl to her schoolmate, "wouldn't it be awful if somebody should shoot our schoolmistress?" "Yes," with the reply; "but then wouldn't it be nice not to have my school?"

The Spanish Minister to the United States, England, France, Italy, Bavaria, Austria, Prussia, Portugal, and Rome are all have been journalists.

For the N. O. Sunday Times.]

Sunset.

BY MARY WALSINGHAM.

The weary day declining,
The wintry eve begun,
Upon my wall is shining
The golden evening sun.
O, weary day of sadness,
O, welcome evening rest!
Our hearts at least can slumber,
And dreaming may be blest!

Sink, sink, thou dazzling day-star!
Thy glory's naught to me!
Go gild some realm of story
In lands beyond the sea—
Some pagan shrine of worship
In Persia's land of palms—
Some Hindoo temple hoary,
Or Arab tent of palms!

There, freer feet that wander,
And hearts that happier feel,
And eyes may gladly ponder
O'er all thy rays reveal:
Perchance, through Gihon's valley,
Up Israel's holiest shrine,
Thou lightest some pilgrim lowly
With heart less sad than mine!

Die, die, thou dazzling day-star,
Till morn, unwelcome, wakes:
And welcome, night, and emblem
The rest that never breaks!
Set, weary day of sadness!
Rise, wintry eve of rest!
When hearts at least can slumber,
And slumbering, may be blest!

☞ Spain says she is in want of a ruler, and the Louisville *Courier-Journal*, with characteristic liberality, offers her the present Congress of the United States.

The acorn and beech mast this year is abundant, and hogs rapidly fatten in the woods. Many milch cows are reported killed by eating the bitter acorn mast, some planters losing at the rate of half a dozen head a day.—*Baton Rouge Advocate, Dec. 10th.*

☞ We give the following puzzle for the benefit of subscribers to newspapers, to study and answer:

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MARRIED — At the residence of the brides mother, near Washington, on the 26th ult., Mr. ARMAND PITOT, JR., of New Orleans, to Miss BERTHE VANHILLE, of this Parish.

DIED—In this Parish, on the 24th ult., Mrs. AMBROISE VALIN, *née* Gonor, aged 22 years.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Almighty Architect of the Universe, in his inscrutable providence, to remove from our midst our dearly beloved Brother, ORAMEL HINCKLEY; and

WHEREAS, By this visitation of the All-wise Deity, the Fraternity has lost one of its brightest ornaments, the family of our deceased Brother an affectionate husband and indulgent father, and society one of its most sterling members; therefore, be it

Resolved, That while the surviving Brothers of this Lodge bow with humble submission to this decree of our Grand Master in the immortal Lodge above, we deeply deplore the untimely loss of our worthy and esteemed Brother from our fraternal association on earth;

Resolved, That in all our relations with our deceased Brother, we found him an honorable and upright citizen, and a devoted, practical member of our time-honored Fraternity;

Resolved, That Humble Cottage Lodge No. 19 wear the usual badge of Masonic mourning for thirty days, as a slight testimonial of our sad bereavement as Brothers, and as a token of our sincere condolence with the distress and sorrow of our deceased Brother's family;

Resolved, That copies of the foregoing resolutions be furnished the Opelousas COURIER and Opelousas *Journal*, for publication; that copies of said papers be sent the family of our deceased Brother, and that copies of said resolutions be filed in the archives of the Lodge.

T. C. QUIRK,
W. A. ROBERTSON, } *Com. on Resolutions.*
JOHN REED,

Opelousas, December 28th, 1868.

Special Notice.

We perceive that our neighbor, Mr. Phillips, is opening some very nice goods, which he received by the last steamer. Most of these goods are peculiarly suitable for Christmas and New Year's gifts, and all must admit that Mr. Phillips has evinced much good taste in his selections, and an intuitive aptitude to divine the necessities and fancies of our people. And as everybody cannot afford to make presents, now-a-days, Mr. Phillips will assist his customers in conforming to this time-honored usage, by disposing of these goods at much below their real value. By adopting this course, Mr. Phillips hopes to maintain the reputation which he has acquired of selling "cheaper than the cheapest."

Public Sale.

Estate of Céleste Doucet, deceased.

BY virtue of an order of the Hon. the Probate Court in and for the Parish of St. Landry, there will be sold at public sale, to the last and highest bidder, by the undersigned Administrator, or a duly commissioned Auctioneer, at the last residence of said deceased, at Point Plaquemine Brulee, in this Parish, on

Thursday, January 14th, 1869,

the following described property belonging to the Estate of said deceased, to-wit:

One milch cow and calf;
A lot of household furniture;
A milch cow and calf;
One old gig;
Kitchen utensils;
One ox, and
many other articles,
the enumeration of which
would be too tedious.

TERMS:—Cash.

JOS. L. CARRIERE,
Administrator.

January 2d, 1869.

COTTON! COTTON!

WE have purchased the Warehouse opened in Washington, under our Store, by Messrs. Guidry and Thompson, and as all freight consigned to us will be under our personal supervision, we can promise full satisfaction to our friends who may favor us with their custom.

Purchasers will always be found at the Warehouse, willing to pay New Orleans prices for cotton, less the actual cost of shipment.

We will also continue the Grocery and Commission business, making liberal cash advances on all articles consigned to us for shipment or sale.

W. A. ROBERTSON & Co.

Washington, La., Jan. 2, 1869. [tf.

Public Sale.

Estate of Marcelin Lafleur, Sr., deceased.

BY virtue of an order of the Hon. the Probate Court in and for the Parish of St. Landry, there will be sold at public sale, to the last and highest bidder, by the undersigned Administrator or a duly commissioned Auctioneer, at the last residence of said deceased, in Old Grand Prairie, in this Parish, on

Tuesday, February 2d, 1869,

the following described property belonging to the Estate of Marcelin Lafleur, Sr., deceased, late of the Parish of St. Landry, to-wit:

THE PLANTATION

upon which the deceased last resided, situated in Old Grand Prairie, in the Parish of St. Landry, with all the buildings and improvements thereon, having thirteen arpents front on Bayou de la Petite Passe, by forty arpents in depth, bounded above by land of Octave Fontenot, and below by land sold by deceased to Jean Pierre Stephen, freedman.

A Tract of Woodland,

situated in the Parish of St. Landry, being the same purchased at the successional sale of Louis Louaillier, containing eighty —— superficial arpents, more or less, bounded ——.

A TRACT OF WOODLAND,

adjoining the above tract, containing forty superficial acres, more or less, being the same purchased by deceased at the successional sale of Julie Baron, widow of Lastie Guillory, bounded, on the 6th of March, 1860, on the East by Bayou de la Petite Passe, West by Wid. Alexandre B. Fontenot, North by Marcelin Lafleur, and South by Joseph Guillory or his legal representatives.

A TRACT OF LAND,

situated on the East side of Bayou Boeuf, measuring ten arpents front on said Bayou, with the depth of forty arpents, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon, bounded above by lands of Philémon Bacon, and below by those of Lastie Frugé.

Four hundred arpents (more or less) of

SWAMP LAND,

adjoining and lying on the East side of the depth of the aforesaid tract of land.

A Tract of Land,

described as per patent No. [illegible] of the State of Louisiana, (bearing date Baton Rouge, December 31st, 1860,) as being Swamp Land and Lots 2, 3 and 4 of Section 3 in Township 4, South of Range 3 East, in the Southwestern Land District of Louisiana, containing eighty-five acres and fifty-two hundredths.

A Tract of Swamp Land,

described as per patent No. 5609 of the State of Louisiana, (bearing date January 25th, 1861,) as being the South half of Section 11, in Township 3 South of Range 3 East, in the Southwestern District of Louisiana, containing three hundred and twenty-two acres and twenty hundredths of an acre.

A Tract of Swamp Land,

described as per patent No. 9352 of the State of Louisiana, as being the fractional East half of Section, South-West quarter of Section, and South half of the North-West quarter Section, and Lot No. 5 of Section 34, in Township 3 South of Range 3 East, in the South-Western Land District of Louisiana, containing five hundred and forty-seven acres and thirty hundredths.

A TRACT OF SWAMP LAND,

described as per patent No. 9353, as being all of Fractional Section 35 in Township 3 South of Range 3 East, in the South-Western Land District of Louisiana, containing one hundred and seventy-two acres.

The Vacherie,

composed of about six hundred and fifty head of horned cattle, and one hundred horse creatures, and also the brand.

Terms and Conditions:—The Vacherie payable in two equal annual instalments from the day of sale.

The lands payable in three equal annual instalments, from the day of sale.

Purchasers to furnish their notes payable to the order of the Administrator, at the store of Dorsin P. Lafleur, in Prairie Chataigner, in this Parish, with good and approved security *in solido*, bearing 8 per cent per annum, interest from their respective maturity until paid.—The lands to remain specially mortgaged in favor of said succession, and said purchasers promising and binding themselves not to sell or incumber said property, to the prejudice of said succession.

☞ The above described lands will be sold according to the Constitution and laws, by lots of no less than ten nor more than fifty acres, as will be described on the day of sale.

MARCELIN LAFLEUR Jr.
Administrator.

St. Landry, January 2d, 1869.

Sheriff's Sale.

State of Louisiana.

E. M. Millard, vs. Samuel C. McPherson, } District Court, Parish of St. Landry, No. 9745.

BY virtue of an order of seizure and sale, from the Hon. the District Court of the Eighth Judicial District of the State of Louisiana, in and for the Parish of St. Landry, in the above entitled suit, and to me directed, I will offer for sale at auction, to the last and highest bidder, at the Court House of this Parish, in the Town of Opelousas, on

Saturday, February 6th, 1869,

commencing at 11 o'clock in the morning and continuing from day to day if necessary, all the rights, titles, interests and demands of Samuel C. McPherson, unto the following described property, seized to satisfy said writ, to-wit:

A CERTAIN TRACT OR

PARCEL OF LAND,

together with all the BUILDINGS and IMPROVEMENTS thereon erected and thereto pertaining, situated near Grand Coteau, in the Parish of St. Landry, containing Four Hundred and ninety-six acres, (more or less,) bounded North by land of John Miller, East by land claimed by Raphael Richard, and land of Widow Julien Carnthers, South by Bayou Carancro, and West by land of John Fall, Dozité Léger and others, being the property on which the said McPherson now resides, and which he acquired at different times from Mrs. Mary E. Mudd, deceased, Patrick Woods, deceased, and other persons.

One American Mule, Three Creole mules, 5 creole horses, 7 creole mares (more or less,) 10 inferior ploughs, 1 american horse, 1 old carriage, 6 work oxen, Eight pairs harness and traces, 1 ox cart, 5 yearlings, 10 cows, 1 wagon,

One Buggy.

☞ In conformity with the laws and Constitution of the State of Louisiana, the above described land will be sold in lots of not less than ten nor more than fifty acres, as will be more particularly described on the day of sale.

CONDITIONS:—Cash.

JAS. G. HAYES, Sheriff.

Opelousas, January 2d, 1869.

Public Sale.

Estate of Jonathan Harris, deceased.

BY virtue of an order of the Hon. the Probate Court in and for the Parish of St. Landry, there will be sold at public sale, to the last and highest bidder, by the undersigned Dative Testamentary Executor, or a duly commissioned Auctioneer, at the last residence of Jonathan Harris, deceased, in the Town of Opelousas, on

WEDNESDAY, February 3d, 1869,

the following described property belonging to the Estate of the said deceased, to wit:

THE LAST PLACE OF

RESIDENCE

of said deceased, in the Town of Opelousas, with the lots included in the common enclosure of the same, bounded on the East by Court Street, South by —— Street, West by a lot of ground belonging to Frank Perret, and North by —— Street and the property of Lewis Andrus.

A TOWN LOT

situated in the Town of Opelousas, at the corner of Bellevue and Market Streets, bounded North by ——, South by Bellevue Street, and East by lot of C. L. Swayzee.

A STOCK OF

WILD HORNED CATTLE

and horse creatures in the Parish of St. Landry, with the branding-iron figured thus J-1, the stock supposed to number between 300 and 400 head, but the exact number of which will be made known on the day of sale.

One buggy and harness, one horsecart, one two horse wagon, one american horse, one small mule, one creole bay horse, one lot of ploughs, one lot of old cypress pieux, one hundred pannels of fencing around the lot near brickyard, 5 milk cows and yearling calves, One Bowie knife, One Spy Glass, one shot gun, one bureau, 1 toilette, one rifle, 1 sofa, one safe, one tent, Ten Chairs, 3 arm chairs, 1 lot of bedding, One lot of books, 1 surveyor's compass, two beds and bedding, 1 lot of books, 1 sideboard, a lot of silverware, 30 bottles of claret, one clock and mantle ornaments, 2½ kegs nails, 1 lot of crockeryware, 1 tool chest, one cooking stove, one wheelbarrow, one lot of pots, and many other articles the enumeration of which would be too tedious.

Terms and Conditions:—The moveables cash; the immoveables on a credit of twelve months from day of sale. Purchasers to give their notes with satisfactory security in solido, payable at the office of Messrs. Moore & Morgan, in the Town of Opelousas, and bearing interest at the rate of 8 per cent per annum from maturity until paid, and the property to remain specially mortgaged to said Estate, to secure the payment of principal and the interests which may accrue thereon.

R. H. LITTELL,
Dative Test. Executor.

Opelousas, Jan. 2, 1869.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

State of Louisiana.

Charles H. Mouton, vs. Jos. M. Carrière, Sr. } District Court, Parish of St. Landry. No. 9296.

BY virtue of an order of seizure and sale from the Hon. the Court of the Eighth Judicial District, sitting in and for the Parish of St. Landry, in the above entitled suit, and to me directed, I will offer for sale at auction, to the last and highest bidder, at the Court House of this Parish, in the town of Opelousas, on

Saturday, February 6th, 1869,

commencing at 11 o'clock in the morning, and continuing from day to day, if necessary, all the rights, titles, interests and demands of Joseph M. Carrière, père, unto the following described property, seized to satisfy said order, to-wit:

A CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF

WOOD LAND,

lying and situated on Bayou Courtablean, measuring two hundred (200) arpents (more or less,) bounded North by the Bayou Courtablean, West by land of Ulger Roy, East by land of King & Cook, and South by land of Palmer.

In conformity with the laws and Constitution of the State of Louisiana, the above described land will be sold in lots of not less than ten nor more than fifty acres, as will be more particularly described on the day of sale.

CONDITIONS:—Cash.

JAS. G. HAYES, Sheriff.

Opelousas, Jan. 2, 1869.

Sheriff's Sale.

State of Louisiana.

C. H. Mouton, vs. Ann L. Quirk et als. } District Court. Parish of St. Landry, No. 9873.

BY virtue of an order of seizure and sale issued from the Hon. the Court of the Eighth Judicial District of the State of Louisiana, sitting in and for the Parish of St. Landry, in the above entitled suit and to me directed, I will offer for sale at auction, to the last and highest bidder, in front of the Court House of this Parish, in the Town of Opelousas, on

Saturday, February 6th, 1869,

commencing at 11 o'clock in the morning, and continuing from day to day if necessary, all the rights, titles, interests and demands of Thomas C. Quirk, unto the following described property seized to satisfy said order, to wit:

A CERTAIN

TRACT OF LAND,

situated six miles East of Washington, containing six hundred and sixty-six (666) arpents, (more or less,) with all BUILDINGS and IMPROVEMENTS thereon.

In conformity with the laws and Constitution of the State of Louisiana, the above described land will be sold in lots of not less than ten nor more than fifty acres, as will be more particularly described on the day of sale.

TERMS:—Cash.

JAS. G. HAYES, Sheriff.

Opelousas, Jan. 2, 1869.

State of Louisiana.

Probate Court, Parish of St. Landry—No. ——.

Estate of Jean Baptiste Castille.

AZELIE STELLY, of the Parish of St. Landry, Tutrix, &c., having filed a Tableau of distribution of the proceeds of the Estate of Jean Baptiste Castille, deceased, accompanied by a petition praying for the homologation of the same:—And whereas, the prayer of said petition has been granted by an order of Court dated January 1st, 1869;

Therefore, notice is hereby given to all interested to make opposition, if any they have, in writing, at my office, in the town of Opelousas, within thirty days from the date of the present notice, why said Tableau should not be approved and homologated.

JOS. D. RICHARD, Clerk.

Opelousas, January 2d, 1869.

FOR SALE.

A NEW WAGON, just finished, will be sold very cheap.

Also, a Spring Wagon, an uncovered Buggy, and another light Spring Wagon.

Apply to P. GOSSELIN.

Opelousas, April 4th, 1868.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

State of Louisiana.

Martin Richard & als. vs. Ann Martin, Widow, &c. } District Court, Parish of St. Landry No. 11005.

BY virtue of an order of seizure and sale issued from the Honorable Court of the Eighth Judicial District of the State of Louisiana, sitting in and for the Parish of St. Landry, in the above entitled suit and to me directed, I will offer for sale at auction, to the last and highest bidder, in front of the Court House of this Parish, in the Town of Opelousas, on

Saturday, February 6th, 1869,

commencing at 11 o'clock in the morning, and continuing from day to day if necessary, all the rights, titles, interests and demands of Anne Martin, Widow of François Richard, deceased, unto the following described property, seized to satisfy said order, to-wit:

The Plantation

where the said Anne Martin now resides, situated in the Parish of St. Landry, with all the buildings and improvements, bounded North by François and Amadet Richard, and others; East by lands of the N. O., O. & G. W. Rail Road, and Mrs. Giles Higginbotham; South by the heirs of Mrs. Prosper Martin, and West by Bayou Plaquemine, comprising the following tracts, to-wit:

The North-West Quarter and the North-West quarter of the North-West quarter of Section 21; Lots Nos. 3, 4 and 5, and the North-East quarter of the fractional South-East quarter of Section twenty, containing three hundred and fifteen acres and 89 hundredths, as per warrant No. 11[illegible] from the Register of the Land Office, dated Opelousas, La., 9th March, 1861, signed: James G. Fitzgerald, Register.

A Certain Tract of Land, situated in the Parish of St. Landry, on the East side of Bayou Plaquemine Brulée, having seven arpents front and forty in depth, bounded above by Louis S. Thibodeau and Veillant Chachere, below by land of said Anne Martin and by the same in the depth, and fronting Bayou Plaquemine—being land purchased at Sheriff's sale in the case entitled: "The heirs and legal representatives of Eléonore Comeau, deceased," according to notarial act recorded in Book G, pages 83 and 84, in the Recorder's Office, Parish of St. Landry.

A Tract of Land, situated in the same Parish, measuring five arpents front and forty in depth, bounded above by land of Defendant, and below by land of the heirs of Mrs. Prosper Martin, deceased, being the land acquired by the said Anne Martin of Louisa Lavergne, Widow Bonaventure Martin, as per act of Donation passed 23d October, 1858, before Louis F. Cain, Notary Public in New Orleans, and recorded in Book I J, pages 468 and 469, in the Recorder's Office, Parish of St. Landry.

A Tract of Land, situated in the Parish of St. Landry, having three arpents front and forty arpents in depth, bounded above by Hypolite A. Guidry, and below by Widow Etienne Latiolais, fronting on the West side of Bayou Plaquemine, on the ——— and in the depth bounded by the public land, being the land acquired by the said Anne Martin of Eléonore Comeau, Widow of Pierre Hébert, as per act of Donation before Celestin Lavergne Notary Public, on the 23d of December, 1820.

The Undivided Half of a Certain tract of land, situated in the woods and quarter known as Bayou Plaquemine Brulée, in this Parish, containing four hundred and thirty superficial arpents, bounded North by land of the United States or its purchaser, South by Joel West and the lands of Jean Baptiste Leblen, and West by lands of the United States, being the same land purchased by François Richard, père, on the 13th of June, 1827, at Sheriff's sale, in the suit of Charles Bourque vs. the heirs of Lejeune, recorded in Book T, page 646, in the Recorders' Office, Parish of St. Landry.

The aforesaid tracts of land are situated in Township No. 7, South of Range No. 3 East, except the last tract.

In conformity with the laws and Constitution of the State of Louisiana, the aforesaid tracts of land will be sold in lots of not less than ten nor more than fifty acres, as will be more fully explained on the day of sale.

CONDITIONS:—Cash.

JAS. G. HAYES, Sheriff.

Opelousas, January 2d, 1869.

Sheriff's Sale.

State of Louisiana.

Zenon Broussard, vs. Maria McCauly, et als. } District Court, Parish of St. Landry. No. 9862.

BY virtue of a writ of Fieri Facias issued from the Honorable the Court of the Eighth Judicial District of the State of Louisiana, sitting in and for the Parish of St. Landry, in the above entitled suit and to me directed, I will offer for sale at auction, to the last and highest bidder, in front of the Court House of this Parish, in the town of Opelousas,

Saturday, Febraary 6th, 1869,

commencing at the hour of 11 A. M., and continuing from day to day, if necessary, all the rights, titles, interests and demands of James H. Kimball, Administrator of the Estate of the late Stephen D. McCauly, James Harman and William Offutt, unto the following described property, seized to satisfy said order, to wit:

A Certain Piece of Land,

situated in the Parish of St. Landry, being the North-West Quarter of Section No. 9, in Township No. 3 South of the thirty-first degree of North latitude of Range No. 4, East of the basis meridian in the South-West District of the State of Louisiana, containing one hundred and sixty-two acres and sixty-three one-hundredth of an acre, and the same purchased by William Offutt at the Land Office Opelousas, on the 24th December, 1838, as per certificate No. 2249 of the Register of the Land Office.

☞ In conformity with the laws and Constitution of Louisiana, the above described land will be sold in lots of not less than ten nor more than fifty acres, as will be more particularly described on the day of sale.

CONDITIONS:—Cash.

JAS. G. HAYES, Sheriff.

Opelousas January 2d, 1869.

Public Sale.

Estate of Adelaide Bernard, Widow of Tréville Guidry, both deceased.

BY virtue of an order of the Hon. the Probate Court in and for the Parish of St. Landry, there will be sold at public sale, to the last and highest bidder, by the undersigned Administrator, or a duly commissioned Auctioneer, at the last residence of said deceased, on Plaquemine Brulee, in this Parish, on

WEDNESDAY, January 20th, 1869,

the following described property belonging to the Estate of said Adelaide Bernard, deceased, Widow of Treville Guidry, also deceased, late of the Parish of St. Landry, to wit:

Two Tracts of Land,

situated on Plaquemine Brulée, in this Parish, containing about 200 arpents each.

1000 Pannels of fencing,
1 Dwelling house, 1 kitchen,
Store houses, corn
Houses, and
cabbins,
five work oxen,
1 lot of silver spoons,
Household and kitchen furniture, farming implements, two horses, 32 head of gentle horned cattle, with many other movable effects.

Terms and Conditions:—The movable property and one-third of the lands payable cash on the spot, the balance on a credit of one and two years from the day of sale; notes to be given with security in solido to the satisfaction of the administrator, bearing eight per cent. interest from maturity, payable at the office of John F. Smith, in Grand Coteau. The lands to remain specially mortgaged to secure the balance of the purchase money.

LOUIS GUIDRY,
Administrator.

December 19th, 1868.

For Sale.

6,000 NINE FEET PIEUX. Apply to Mr. Pousson Bertrand, at Chataigner. [Aug. 29th, 1868.

Public Sale.

Estate of Ida Plaisance, deceased.

BY virtue of an order of the Hon. the Probate Court in and for the Parish of St. Landry, there will be sold at public sale, to the last and highest bidder, by the undersigned Administrator, or through the ministry of a duly commissioned Auctioneer, at the last residence of said deceased, near Barry's Landing, in this Parish, on

Wednesday, January 13th, 1869,

the following described property, belonging to the Estate of said Ida Plaisance, deceased widow of Jacques Donadieu, late of the Parish of St. Landry, to wit:

THE PLANTATION

where the deceased last resided, situated near Barry's Landing, on the left bank of Bayou Courtablean in descending said bayou, measuring one hundred and fifty acres and sixteen hundredths, (superficial measure,) fronting on said Bayou Courtablean, bounded on the upper side by the land of Joseph R. Melancon, on the lower side by Michel Théophile Hébert, and in the rear by land of Jean Bte. Déjean, fils, together with all and singular the BUILDINGS and IMPROVEMENTS thereon erected:

One yoke of work oxen;
Four milch cows;
Three mules;
Five sows;
Five goats;
One lot of plough harness;
Six ploughs;
One skiff;
One horse cart;
One lot of lumber;
1 corn sheller;
1500 bundles of fodder (more or less);
200 barrels of corn (more or less)
About 6125 pounds cotton in seed;
1 chest carpenters' tools;
2 wheelbarrows;
1 cooking stove;
1 cistern;

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE;

Kitchen Utensils,

and many other articles, the enumeration of which would be too tedious.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

In conformity with the deliberations of a family meeting, all the moveable property will be sold for cash; and the landed property, buildings and improvements, payable one fourth cash, and the balance in one, two and three years from the day of sale; purchasers furnishing their notes with good personal securities in solido, to the satisfaction of the Administrator and payable to his order, and bearing interest at the rate of 8 per cent per annum from maturity until paid; the property remaining specially mortgaged unto said Estate until full and entire payment of capital and interest which may accrue thereon; and moreover, the purchasers promising and binding themselves not to sell or alienate said property to the prejudice of the Estate.

☞ The lands will be sold according to law, that is to say in lots of no less than ten nor more than fifty acres, as will be specified on the day of sale.

AUGUSTIN GUIDRY,
December 12th, 1868. [Administrator.

Public Sale.

Estate of Betsy Irwin, deceased.

BY virtue of an order of the Hon. the Parish Court in and for the Parish of St. Landry, there will be sold at public sale, to the last and highest bidder, by the undersigned Administrator or a duly commissioned Auctioneer, on the premises in the town of Washington, on

Tuesday, January 26th, 1869,

the following described property belonging to the said Estate, to wit:

A CERTAIN

LOT OF GROUND,

situated in the town of Washington, Parish of St. Landry, bounded North by land of Mary Gardner, East by Gardner St., South by Bayou Carron, and West by land of A. Deshotels, containing one superficial arpent (more or less,) with the

Buildings and Improvements.

A lot of household furniture, &c.

Terms and Conditions:—The moveable property cash, the landed property payable one-half cash, and the balance in one year from the day of sale, with interest at 8 per cent per annum from maturity until paid, and the landed property remaining mortgaged until final payment of capital and interest.

WM. S. READ,
Administrator.

December 26th, 1868.

C. ASHER,

MAIN ST., OPPOSITE C. HOLLIER'S OLD STAND,

OPELOUSAS, LA.,

HAS opened a Dry Goods Store where he will sell his Goods at New Orleans prices, for Cash. His assortment is large and consists of

Ready-made Clothing,

For Men and Boys,

DRY GOODS, BOOTS & SHOES,

HARDWARE, CROCKERYWARE,

GROCERIES, &C..

And, in fact, every kind of merchandize usually found in a well assorted country Store.

The public generally are earnestly requested to come and examine his Stock and price his Goods before purchasing elsewhere, as the undersigned is determined to sell his Goods at as small a profit as possible.

C. ASHER.

Opelousas, Oct. 17, 1868. 19tf.

ANDRUS & BLUM,

HAVE just received extensive additions to their already large and varied stock of GROCERIES, consisting of WINES, LIQUORS, &c., which they are offering at very low prices for cash.

They guarantee their groceries to be fresh, and that their assortment is as select and complete as a family grocery can be.

Main Street, corner of Bellevue.

Opelousas, Dec. 12, 1868. 27tf

SADDLERY!

William Perry,

SADDLE MAKER AND HARNESS MANUFACTURER,

HAS opened a shop on Main Street, opposite Johnston's Livery Stable, where he is prepared to do all kinds of work in his line, such as harness making and repair