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The Opelousas Courier,
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OPELOUSAS:

SATURDAY, - - DECEMBER 30, 1871.

The COURIER is published in the most populous Parish in the State, except Orleans, and has a

Larger Circulation

in that Parish than any other paper, and is one of the best advertiseing mediums in the interior of the State.

Transient advertisements 25 cents per square of eight lines (minion).

☞ Messrs. Griffin & Hoffman, Newspaper Advertising Agents, No. 4, South street, Baltimore, Md., are duly authorized to contract for advertisements at our *lowest* rates. Advertisers in that City are requested to leave their favors with this house.

"Subscription Free.—Every person advertising in this paper to the amount of twenty dollars, and paying the same cash at this office will be entitled to one year's subscription gratis."
Opelousas Journal.

We would, in the meantime, inform all interested that every person advertising in the COURIER to the amount of **Ten Dollars** at the *Journal's* regular rates, and paying the same cash at this office, will be entitled to one year's subscription to the COURIER gratis,—administrators of estates and others interested in judicial advertising not excepted.

The Public Road Question.

We were pleased to find in the last issue of the *Journal*, an article from the District Attorney of this District, in response to ours of the previous issue of the COURIER, on the subject of the public roads and the road law of St. Landry.

We look upon his article as a very clear, full and satisfactory statement of the situation. We are satisfied that neither he, nor the District Judge is responsible for the unsatisfactory condition of our public roads.

We did not, even before this article from the District Attorney, believe that either he or the Judge were liable to any fault-finding on that score; for the Judge's charges at at least two previous terms of his Court, on the road law, and the obligations of road overseers, to the Grand Jury, is fresh in our memory; nor have we forgotten the characteristic energy, earnestness and promptness displayed by the District Attorney at the time, in his efforts to render effective the charge of the Judge, and to enforce the law. His action in the premises was not lost upon us, any more than it was upon all who have the prosperity of our entire Parish at heart.

These efforts, we thought then, and now say, had an excellent tendency, and deserve well of the citizens of our Parish.

We are gratified now, to learn, through the article above alluded to, that the obstacles to an efficient and prompt execution of the road law, that formerly existed, have been removed; and the promises of the District Attorney in this connection give us unfeigned pleasure, for he must be assured that we have great faith in them, and entertain no doubt whatever as to their fulfillment, if that be possible.

We therefore, would add to *his, our* note of warning to road overseers, who may hereafter be found to be delinquent. Let them have a care that they do *their* whole duty, and do not fail to make others, whom the law subjects to their authority, for the benefit of the public, do their *whole* duty. Let them but emulate the example of fearlessness and energy in the discharge of duty, given them by the District Attorney, and St. Landry will yet get out of the "slough of despond" in which she has been "sticking" for some years past. With good roads, good bridges, and a rigid and stern enforcement within her limits of the laws, she will regain her lost position among the Parishes of the State.

We are pained to have to announce the death of one of the oldest and most respectable citizens of our Parish. Afflicted with a disease superinduced by an accident, to which he was enabled to resist for a long time, thanks to his robust health and iron will, Mr. Louis F. Lastrapes departed this life on the 27th inst, at the age of 71 years.

Mr. Lastrapes belonged to one of the oldest and most respectable families of this Parish. His impartial and sympathitic nature obliging, and well known uprightness, had won for him an enviable reputation, and he thus leaves to his descendants, and the present generation, an example worthy of imitation.

☞ The committee designated by law to contract for the publication of judicial advertisements in certain newspapers of the State, having revoked a portion of those contracts, and the official journal of this Parish, who had been awarded the contracts for publishing the laws and the parochial printing and advertising, being among the number of newspapers whose contracts were so revoked, we would inform our friends and the public generally of our parish therein interested, that there being no longer an "official journal" in St. Landry, administrators of estates and others having the disposal of advertising, of whatever nature, have now the "privilege" of choosing the paper in which they desire their publication to appear.

We therefore to-day, again solicit a share of the patronage of the public, and would in the meantime call the particular attention of those interested to our advertising rates, which are nearly 50 per cent. lower than those of the ex-"official" *Journal.*

☞ One of our *confrères*, speaking of the revocation of the printing contracts, regrets to see the pecuniary loss sustained by some of its neighbors by the measure. But it never expressed any sympathy with the public who were being ruined by means of this odious "law," nor with its excluded confrères. It is true that its ptoprietor was pretty well provided for, having a share of the "cake" and a seat in the Legislature.

☞ We were the recipients, on Thursday evening, of an elegant lunch, from the kind ladies under whose auspices the fair for the benefit of the Catholic Church was held here on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday last, for which they will please accept our thanks.

☞ Our faithful Carrier is preparing his New Year's compliment to the patrons of the Courier, and may be expected radiant and happy on Monday morning at domicil.

☞ Auction sales by Jos. V. Roy & Co., on Saturday and Sunday of each week.

PLANTATION TO LEASE.—It is to-day, at 12 o'clock, at the Court House, that the richly productive and well-improved Pratt plantation will be leased for the year 1872, to the highest bidder. See the advertisement in another column.

☞ Try a cake of that celebrated SAPOLIO, it has no equal for general cleansing properties, and is far superior to soap for all purposes except washing clothes. Posey has it for sale.

☞ We learn that a man by the name of Louis Anding was shot and killed at a ball near Pamplville, in the south western part of this Parish, on the night of the 23d inst. There is no clue as to who perpetrated the deed, nor were we able to learn the particulars of the affair.

☞ A light running Seated Carriage, and very gentle horse for sale. Apply to Jno. Posey.

☞ Munzesheimer has yet on hand a pretty good supply of toys, Confectionery, fine liquors, &c. suitable for the holidays, besides his select stock of groceries, and choice flour particularly. See advertisement.

Attend the auction by Jos. V. Roy & Co., today and to-morrow.

☞ Capt. Pickett has withdrawn the "Selma" from our trade. The "Lessie Laylor" is now alone in the trade between our port and New Orleans.

☞ Saturday and Sunday next, the auction sales by Jos. V. Roy & Co., will be continued.

GUESS WHO IS THE NEATEST HOUSEKEEPER in our town? We know her. She cleans her knives china, windows, paint, oil cloths, tables and floors, and brightens her tin, brass and copper wares with Enoch Morgan's Sons' Sapolio. Ask for it. It is a good thing.

Don't forget the auction sales today and tomorrow.

☞ Men who don't believe in advertising are generally the first to rush to a printing office when they or their friends get into a scrape, not to have it mentioned, you know.

☞ There are now 601 convicts in our Penitentiary, and more are coming.

An Infalliable place to get Bargains:—Jos. V. Roy & Co's. auction Room.

The Parties.

[From the N. O. Picayune.]

It appears that the division in the Republican party in this State is but a reflection of its condition throughout the country. In every State a strong opposition is rising up, which is mainly dependent on hostility to the re-election of the President. Although differing widely in the pretext of separation, it is not improbable that the same antipithy to the Federal Administration has influenced the course of the party in this State, and Mr. Sumner in the Senate. Each assign a different motive for their action, but both concur in the common sentiment of opposition.

This antagonism has been industriously cultivated until, without an exception, it pervades the Republican party of all the States. Whether the opposition to the administration is increasing and has already formed the nucleus of an opposing element of strength and power, it is difficult to perceive. It involves, however, such men as Sumner, Trumbull, Blair and Schurz in the Senate, and some of the ablest Representatives in the House. So prominent, indeed, has it become, that the Democratic leaders are thinking seriously of a coalition. Should such a junction be formed, it will be the first time in the history of this country when the popular vote of the States without distinction of party are united, not in opposition to a principle, but in opposition to a man.

The disaffected members of the Republican organization have nothing to allege against the theory of the Administration; they do not object to the party policy it illustrates, and the practical issues it is designed to subserve; but they object to the President himself. They say he is an ambitious man, and meditates holding possession of the Presidential office as long as he lives; and some gentlemen in the party, including Mr. Wilkes, do not hesitate to say that unless he is disposed of our system of Government will pass away under his rule. Indeed, it is said that such is the power and patronage of the Chief Executive, that Mr. Lincoln, but for the accident of his assassination, would have been President as long as he lived. The present incumbent does not appreciate the advantages of official position less, and will doubtless use whatever means he can employ to prolong his lease of office.

And in this uncertainty and dismay of the Republican party the opposition are seeking to discern the best course for them to pursue. Some of the Democratic leaders advocate an open fusion of all hostile elements; others, perhaps more discreet, are in favor of the Missouri plan, which resulted last year so disastrously to the interests and policy of the President. Any way, this conflict of party interests presents an unusual spectacle, and is an anomalous condition of affairs in the eyes of the American people. It is, however, but the beginning of the fiercest political strife that has been witnessed in this country for many years, and in the bitter struggle to which it will give rise it is not improbable that the true theory of reconstruction will be found. It will then be the policy of all for every man to vote, and in the restoration of civil rights there will no longer be need for Federal interference with the affairs of sovereign States.

☞ City Constable Williams, of Selma, Ala., introduced the following resolution to the consideration of the National Police Convention during its recent session at St. Louis;

Resolved, That the Chiefs of Police in the Northern and Western States be respectfully requested to furnish the Chiefs of Police in the Southern States accurate photographs and descriptions of all thieves, scoundrels and penitentiary convicts, who escape from Northern and Western States, as it is believed they will be found either holding or seeking the different Federal State and county offices in the South, as leaders in the Radical party.

Auctions twice a week:—see advertisement.

Sapolio!—For sale at Posey's.

☞ Governor Warmoth, immediately after his triumph in the election of a President of the Senate, signalized his victory by annulling the contract with most of the country Radical organs which have lived off the public treasury without any corresponding benefit to the public. This is a step in the right direction. The printing bill is one of the greatest of all the Radical outrages and it is a wonder that the people have submitted to it as long as they have. Let Governor Warmoth follow up his reforms and he will find the people co-operating with him on all sides. Nor are the followers of Oscar J. Dunn wanting in their promises of reform. They have already given out that the infamous election bill, the Militia Bill, and the Constabulary bill shall be repealed at an early day in the next session. This will entitle them to a great deal of praise. With these odious bills off the statute book, the people can then have a fair election and the affairs of the State will then be placed in the hands of men who are competent to manage them.

We shall therefore, look forward with much interest to the assembling of the Legislature in January. We hope to see at least one session of a carpet bag Legislature spent in doing something else besides plundering.
Louisiana Democrat.

☞ The braggarts of the administration on the one hand, and the dispondent of the Democratic faith, on the other, are reminded by the Pittsburg Past, a journal that is opposed to passivism, that in 1837, the Democrats carried nearly all the States, and at the Presidential election in 1840, the Whigs elected General Harrison by an immense majority; that in 1843 the Democrats sustained defeat in most of the States, and in 1844 they elected James K. Polk; that in 1847 the elections were exceedingly favorable for the Democracy, and in 1848 the Whigs elected Taylor; that in 1851 nearly all the elections were Whig, and and in 1852 Pierce was elected President by the Democrats; that in 1855 the Republicans carried nearly all the Northern States, but in 1856 Buchanan was nearly unanimously elected; and that in 1859 the Democracy was successful everywhere, and in 1860 Lincoln was elected. The Post, hence, concludes that "the rule in 1872 will be sure to work."

☞ Magistrates' blanks for sale, and other job work done on short notice, at this office, cheaper and more neatly gotten up than in any other office in the Parish. Call and examine specimens and prices and see if this is an empty boast. We guarantee good workmanship at fair prices; indifferent or cheap(?) work not solicited nor bids made in *competition for inferior printing.*

Successional Sales.

Est. H W Rabinett—O S Smith adm'r, will sell on Jan. 10th, near Big Cane: 320 acres of land with improvements on Bayou Petit Prairie; mules, horses, cattle, hogs, sheep, furniture, tools, corn, &c. Terms—one-half cash, balance in 12 months.

Est. S W Quirk and Ann L Hargrove—Willis P Quirk, adm'r, will sell at the Court House on January 3d, for cash: a tract of 400 arpents on Bayou Boeuf; the undivided half of 111 acres of land on same bayou; another tract situated in same neighborhood, and all improvements &c., on above mentioned tracts

Est Chas. B Smith—Jno. F. Smith adm'r, will sell in Grand Coteau, on Dec. 26: a tract of land in said town containing 16½ arpents with improvements. Terms—one-third cash, balance in 1 and 2 years.

Sheriff's Sales.

C. S. Cozine vs. Jos. M. Beers:—Dom. Lalanne vs. Jos. M Beers—The Sheriff will sell, on 1 year's credit, at the Court House, on Jan'ry 26th: the barge "Green Horn."

H L Garland vs François Richard—The Sheriff will sell for cash, on January 6th, at the Court House: 160 acres of land with buildings &c.

Zelienne Lyons vs. Eliza Guidry.—The Sheriff will sell, at the Court House, on a credit of 12 months, on January 6th, 1872: a tract of about 80 acres of land; two of about 160 acres each; another tract of 79, and one of 91 acres: a tract of 200 acres on Plaquemine; a tract of 81 acres; the undivided half of 200 arpents in Mallet woods

L F Lastrapes vs. Geo. W Wykoff—The Sheriff will sell at the Court House on January 6th, for cash: a plantation on Bayou Boeuf containing 500 arpents, with buildings &c. thereon.

Wm Offutt, liquidator et al. vs. Eliza A Sutherland—The Sheriff will sell on Jan. 6th, at the Court House, for cash: a piece of land with improvements in Washington.

S Bloch vs Bloch, Dupré & Co., in liquidation The Sheriff will sell at the Court House on Jan. 6th, for cash: a lot of ground with buildings &c, thereon in Opelousas.

Wm G Johnson vs. S Medlock—The Sheriff will sell at the Court House on Jan. 6th, for cash: a tract of 80 acres of land on Conlée Croche, and one of 40 acres in Plaquemine Brulée, with all the improvements &c. thereon.

Administrators' Tableaux.

Est Sam C McPherson—Virginia Basset, test. ex'tx., has filed a final tableau of distribution of funds which will be homologated Jan. 9th, if no opposition is made.

Est J. B. Léger—Corinne Smith widow, tutrix, has filed a final tableau and distribution of said estate, which will be homologated December 25, if no opposition is made.

Est. Geo. R. King—Ann E. Winn, adm'x. has filed a tableau of classification of debts of said estate, to be homologated Dec. 25 unless opposed.

NOTICE.

PUBLIC notice is hereby given to all who are indebted to the Estate of Patrick Keough, dec'd., to come forward and make payment of their indebtedness, and those who have claims against said Estate, to present them for classification if approved to the undersigned.
MARIEL RICHARD.
Dec. 30, 1871.—1m Administratrix.

The Season of Gifts and Rejoicing!

WOULD you make glad the heart of your Old Druggist?—Come and settle your account without delay; And if in your day of need you have found him obliging, remember the trite but true old saying: "One good turn deserves another." JOHN POSEY.
Opelousas, Dec 23, 1871. 1m

For Rent For The Year 1872.

That richly productive and improved plantation, the property of the Estate of the late John G. Pratt and Mrs. C. W. Pratt, situated in the Bellevue Prairie, about five miles south of Opelousas. The lands heretofore in cultivation have been entirely enclosed during the current year with a new and strong fence, and repairs made on the residence.

These premises will be let to the highest bidder, at the Court House in this town at 12 M., on

Saturday December 30th, 1871,

One-third of said rent payable cash, and the residue payable on or before the first of December, 1872, for which said amount a satisfactory obligation will be required.

Public act of lease to be executed at the expense of lessee. J. H. OVERTON,
Test. Ex'r. and Agent.
Opelousas, Nov. 25th, 1871.

FOR RENT.

A DESIRABLE BUSINESS LOCATION, on Main Street, in the center of Opelousas. Apply to CHAS. N. EALER.
Opelousas March 25, 1871. 28—tf.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

BLOCH & DUPRE

Being too busily engaged in opening their

IMMENSE STOCK

—OF—

FALL AND WINTER GOODS

to write off even a partial enumeration of same, would invite purchasers to call and examine for themselves, being convinced that they are enabled to give—in each and every instance—

ENTIRE SATISFACTION!

GROCERIES and PROVISIONS

Of the best kind, such as

FLOUR,	PORK,
BACON,	RICE,
COFFEE,	SALT,
SUGAR,	MOLASSES,

At prices to suit the times, constantly on hand At BLOCH & DUPRE'S.

FINE LIQUORS:

COGNAC,	PORT WINE,
SHERRY,	CHAMPAGNE,
CLARET,	KIRSCH,
ABSINTHE,	VERMOUTH,
BOURBON WHISKY,	

&c., &c., &c.

All genuine and cheap, wholesale and retail, at BLOCH & DUPRE'S

A LIBERAL DISCOUNT allowed wholesale purchasers of any kind of goods, At BLOCH & DUPRE'S.

SINGER'S SEWING MACHINES, with latest additions and improvements, at manufacturer's prices, always on hand At BLOCH & DUPRE'S

HATS of all sizes, styles and qualities, for Ladies and Misses, Men and Boys, can always be found at BLOCH & DUPRE'S

A GOOD ASSORTMENT of Hardware and Saddlery, at very reasonable rates, At BLOCH & DUPRE'S

CROCKERY of all sorts, sold by the piece and by the crate, to suit merchants, At BLOCH & DUPRE'S

CHEAPEST and BEST Men's and Boys' Clothing always on hand and made to order at the Clothing Manufactory of BLOCH & DUPRE

SHOES and BOOTS, the best quality, of all sizes, at BLOCH & DUPRE'S.

GRAND OPENING!

GOODS OF ALL KINDS

AT

AUCTION!!

SALES TWICE A WEEK.

Without reserve whatever—all goods to be sold to the highest bidder. Commencing at 10 A M on

Saturday, December 16th, 1871.

And from that date, Saturdays and Sundays of every week. *No Show*, DRY GOODS, BOOTS, SHOES, HATS, CAPS, CLOTHING, &c., to be sold at what they will bring—we intend to give every purchaser a chance to get full value for his hard earned money.

CONSIGNMENTS SOLICITED,

and prompt and careful attention given to same.

SALESROOM: under the Opelousas *Courier* office.

JOREPH V. ROY & Co.,
JOSEPH V. ROY, Auctioneer.

Opelousas Dec. 9, 1871. tf

STAPLE & FANCY GROCERIES

—AT—

POPULAR PRICES!

I Would respectfully inform my friends and customers that I have just returned from the city with a choice assortment of groceries, which I will sell at *Very Low Prices for CASH!!!*

The following is a partial enumeration of my stock: Flour, Coffee, Tea, Sugar, Chewing and smoking tobacco, imported cigars, pipes, pickles, preserves, hermetically sealed goods, butter and cheese, cordials, choice wines and liquors, best brands of whiskeys, and a full assortment of

FANCY ARTICLE

Embracing every variety of Confectionery, fireworks; sky-rockets, Roman candles, &c. &c. &c. secured expressly for the holidays, and to be sold

CHEAP for CASH.

W. R. COCHRAN,
cor. Court and Bellevue sts.,
opposite Big Mortar.
Opelousas, Dec. 9, 1871. [13—1y

NEW GROCERIES!

JUST RECEIVED!!

HAVING just returned from New Orleans with as complete and well selected stock of Staple and Fancy Groceries as can be found in the market outside of New Orleans, I am prepared to accommodate the citizens of Opelousas and vicinity with anything in my line at most reasonable prices. My present stock embraces

EVERYTHING

Usually kept in a well-regulated Grocery, including Tinware, Crockeryware, Willowware, &c. A large and varied assortment of

NOTIONS

For the holidays, Confectionery, in endless variety, Children's Toys—made of sugar, tin, wood, paper, &c.; Choice Liquors, Wines, Whiskeys, Chewing and Smoking Tobacco, Cigars, &c.

—ALSO—

200 Barrels Choice Flour!

All of which will be sold *as cheap as the cheapest*. Call and examine and satisfy yourselves of the fact. F. MUNZESHEIMER.
Dec 2tf] Main Street, Opelousas.

NEW RESTAURANT!

The undersigned has established a saloon at the corner of Court and Bellevue Streets, a Restaurant where he will always have all the game, the best beef and veal the market can afford, and such vegetables that can be had.

He has made such arrangements that will keep him constantly provided with *Oysters* of the very best quality, either fresh or for cooking purposes. Prices moderate. Trials solicited.
MAURICE VILLASECA.
Opelousas, Nov. 4, 1871.

CABINET-MAKER.

THE undersigned, cabinet-maker in Opelousas, announces to the public of this Parish that he is prepared to execute all work entrusted to him. He will make cisterns, window sashes, counters and shelves for stores, &c. He will repair old furniture on reasonable prices. Armoirs, Tables Cupboards, &c. &c. made to order. Musical instruments, pianos, violins, flutes, gun stocks, &c. revarnished with French varnish. D. SOUYEUX.
Dec. 16th 1871—tf. Main St.

To Lease.

That convenient and centrally located business stand on Main Street, under the Office of the Opelousas COURIER. The room is large, and well situated for any kind of business.

Possession given on the 1st of January, 1872. Apply at the Courier office.

SAPOLIO

Is for sale at Posey's.

SPECIAL NOTICES

CONSUMPTION.

ITS CURE AND ITS PREVENTIVE.

By J. H. SCHENCK, M. D

Many a human being has passed away for whose death there was no [illegible] known and in painfully [illegible] of cure. Those who are still spared to take the [illegible] are sleeping the sleep of death [illegible] into which had they [illegible]

DR. JOSEPH H. SCHENCK'S SIMPLE [illegible]

[illegible]

CONSUMPTION.

The Mandrake [illegible] of Nature [illegible] They [illegible] of Nature [illegible] Respectfully [illegible]

"LEAVE NO STONE BEHIND."

The work of cure [illegible] Medicines [illegible] Mandrake Pills [illegible] It would upset [illegible] stomach [illegible] to find [illegible]

A SUPPLY OF GOOD BLOOD.

The Schenck Tonic [illegible] Pills [illegible] satisfactorily [illegible] Pills [illegible] and the results [illegible] Dyspepsia [illegible] Constipation [illegible]

[illegible]

GIVEN UP AS LOST.

The [illegible] a warrior [illegible] Mandrake Pills [illegible] Pills [illegible] Mandrake Pills [illegible] Pills [illegible] Mandrake Pills [illegible] Pills