THE OPELOUSAS COURIER SUPPLEMENT.

OPELOUSAS, LA., SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18th, 1879.

He Never Drank.

In the early part of the late war, when Gen. Grant was in command of the army before Vicksburg, a number of officers were gathered at his headquarters, having a pleasant social time. One of them invited the party to join in a social glass; all but one accepted. He asked to be excused, saying that he "never drank." The hour passed, and each went his way to his respective command.

A few days after this the officer who declined to drink received a note from General Grant to report at headquarters. He obeyed the order, and was soon in the presence of the general. Grant says to him: "You are the officer, I believe," for their acquaintance was sight, "who remarked the other day that you never drank." The officer modestly answerod that he was. "Then," continued the general, "you are the man I have been looking for to take charge of the commissary department, and I order that you be detailed to that duty." He served his country faithfully until the close of the war, and was honorably discharged. Years passed, and Grant had come to be president. The officer had settled down to the duties of private life, and the little incident was cherished as a pleasant memory.

The trouble on the border between Texas and Mexico, along the Rio Grande, attracted the attention of congress, and a commission was ordered to ascertain the facts and report. Again President Grant remembered the man who "never drank," and appointed him chairman of the board. The place was accepted, and he entered faithfully upon the work; the report submitted shows the thoroughness with which the duty was discharged.

While engaged in this work he made the acquaintance of a gentleman who owned an extensive cattle ranch in Southern Texas. That acquaintance inspired confidence, and years after, when the Texan gentleman decided to sell his ranch, he placed it in the hands of the man who "never drank," and during the last month he has effected a sale, to an English company, of the ranch of 200,000 acres of land and several thousand head of cattle for an even million dollars; out of this he gets a commission that will be a snug fortune in these hard times. The company that bought will enter largely upon packing beef for foreign markets, slaughtering their meat on their ranch from their own herds. The superintendence of their business has been tendered to and accepted by the man who "never drank," and he goes in a few days to his new field of labor. This takes from Chiago one of her most esteemed and honored citizens, but it gives one to Texas who will always be found on the side of order and good government.

If somewhere we could touch this simple narrative with a bit of sentiment, and give but a word to woman, either as saint or sinner, we would then have the frame-work of a brilliant romance that would need only the pen of the artist word-painter to give it life and inspiration. But as it is, we can only draw the moral, "never drink."—*Alliance.*

It is a good thing to be deaf when a slanderer begins to talk.

GEORGE ELIOT.—Mrs. G. H. Lewes, née Marion C. Evans, the "George Eliot" of literature, wishes that when she is buried only the words "George Eliot" shall be placed on a slab above her grave. The daughter of a country curate, and the adopted daughter of another country curate, she with a good education, went to London at the age of tweaty-three and began to write for the magazines. She wrote most for the radical Westminster. She declined to marry her tutor, Herbert Spencer, the philosopher. She married Lewes, whose first wife had twice run away from him, and she lives in the house near Regent's Park, where about a year ago he died. She is fifty nine, is childless and has earned $250,000 with her pen. She is of medium hight, has large features, gray eyes, gray hair and a sweet voice.—*Boston Evening Journal.*

Retrenchment in a novel form has set in, and to the people's benefit. The Western Union Telegraph Company has commenced reducing its rates. This is encouraging. Some day we shall hear of some conscience-stricken gas company doing likewise. Then the millennium will come.

There are some men so exquisitely selfish that they go through life not only without ever being loved, but without even wishing to be.

TO THE PLANTERS OF ST. LANDRY.

THE "Gay & Mayer's Cotton Scraper and Sweep Attachment," patented Sept. 9th, 1879, for the cultivation of cotton, sugar and other crops, will be in the market by Nov. 1st, 1879.

Parties wishing to secure this great labor-saving implement will please order soon, to enable the proprietors to furnish the attachments in time for the next crop. Circulars describing the nature and use of this invention furnished free by addressing Rudolph Mayer, Main street, Opelousas, parish of St. Landry, Louisiana.

[Copy of original document signed by gentlemen having seen the implement used.]

Bellevue, St. Landry, May 1879.

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Sept. 13, 1879.

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ON liberal terms, one second-hand EIGHT-HORSE POWER ENGINE,
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All in good running order. Apply to the undersigned, BLOCH & ISAAC.

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Under the direction of the
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THIS Institution will be reopened 15th of September, under the dire the Marianites Sisters of Holy Cross. On account of the hardness of the ti most moderate prices are admitted.

TERMS.

Board and tuition, per month.....
Day scholars, $2, $3 or $4 per month, ac cording to age and class of the pupil.
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Washing of clothes for boarders, if do in the House, is charged extra.
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Plain and fancy Needle work. Em Tapestry, Lace work, etc., are also ta

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Instruction in English and French for beginners per month.....
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Opelousas, Nov. 25, 1877. tf

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