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OPÉLOUSAS:

SATURDAY, : : : APRIL 16, 1881.

Sarah Bernhardt shoes at Sol. Isaac's.

Oyster gumbo every Saturday night at the Gem Restaurant.

The late census returns put down the population of New Iberia at 2,735.

The fish are biting well now. Craw fish are abundant, but turtles scarce.

Our young friend R. M. Littell has opened his soda fountain for the season.

Judge E. E. Mouton, of the 25th judicial district, died near Vermillionville on last Wednesday.

The goats have put in their appearance, and are very annoying to horses and cattle. No mosquitos and very few flies yet.

When Mr. Higgins shall have finished his plans, North street, with the new bridge across bayou Teason, will be the best thoroughfare in Opelousas.

Mr. Theodore Chacheré is making preparations for the erection of a rice mill in our town. Some of the building materials are already on the ground.

Cassebrout are biting in bayou Courtblanc bow. Some very fine ones have been caught in the past few days. Come, let us give them a trial to-day.

The net amount paid into the parish treasury by the tax collector for collections made during the month of March was \$164.08—all, or nearly all of which was in parish paper.

Mad dogs are reported in many parishes of Louisiana. Three are said to have been killed between Opelousas and Grand Coteau during the past two weeks. Where is our town ordinance for dogs?

More cold weather during the past week, but nothing hot. More rain, but not too much. Trade is rather dull in town, but it is from the fact of our farmers being very busy in planting their crops.

Clabbing is not generally considered an agreeable thing, but when it comes to clabbing the Chicago Weekly News and the Courier for \$3 a year, we find no objections. Try this clabbing—you'll like it.

A letter from our New Orleans correspondent will be found in another column. Owing to the late hour of its reception, we have been reluctantly compelled to mar its fair proportions by curtailing it considerably.

We understand that Capt. Bradshaw is now laying steel rails from Washington up the Bayou Rouge. The track is graded and ready for rails at a distance of eighteen miles above that point. The depot at Washington is not finished, but regular trains will begin running there to-day.

The agent of the Louisiana State Lottery, at the post office, informs us that two persons in our adjoining town—Washington—drew \$1250 each in prizes in the drawing on the 12th inst. Another party on bayou Boaf drew an appropriation prize of \$200. This will do for St. Landry awhile.

If you wish thoroughbred chickens, such as Cochins, Brahmas, Plymouth Rocks, Houdans, Games, Leghorns, &c., or if you wish Bronze Turkeys, Toulouse Geese, Pekin Ducks, &c., or eggs of any of these fowls, send to W. W. Garig, P. O. Box 170, Baton Rouge, La. See his advertisement in this paper.

Work on the cotton seed oil mill is going rapidly forward. The reservoir is finished and will hold about 238,000 gallons of water. The frame-work of the building is now being raised, and will be quite a large structure when finished. In connection with the oil mill, there will be a rice cleaning mill, and a bone meal and soap factory.

The carpenters are at work on the new hotel just opposite the railroad depot. We understand the main object of this enterprise is to furnish lodging and board at cheap rates to persons whose business calls them to the depot grounds. While nothing will be pretentious, yet comfort and abundance will be the rule of this hostelry.

The reports for the month of March, in the hands of Judge Fontenot, president of school board, show that there are 24 schools in operation in the parish, 27 of which are for whites, with 20 teachers and 900 pupils enrolled; 43 schools daily attendance is 742. There are also 77 colored schools with 20 teachers and 777 pupils enrolled; average daily attendance 627. Total pupils 1677, total daily attendance 1369.

The Excursion to Lake Charles.

Last Sunday morning the passenger train of the Morgan's L. & T. R. R. from this town left here with about 80 or 100 excursionists for Lake Charles, via the La. Western from Vermillionville. We reached the latter place at about 8, and after a few minutes delay, embarked on the excursion train, consisting of ten coaches, for Lake Charles, accompanied by a splendid brass band, and with about 900 passengers aboard.

We found the magnificent new passenger coaches of the La. Western road admirably arranged for comfort, and the officers attentive and polite, and entirely *à fait* in their respective departments—and we might mention particularly the efficient and affable Conductor, Pratt Mathews, Esq., who had charge of the excursion, and filled his rather difficult and trying position with ability and to the satisfaction of all,—not the least accident or *contre-temps* of any kind occurred to mar the pleasures of the trip, and the only complaint we heard of was the rather too crowded state of the cars—the crowd being evidently larger than anticipated, which fact, however, was ascertained too late to afford a remedy by the addition of more coaches. The train left Vermillionville comfortably full, but took on passengers at almost every station between there and Lake Charles, so that long before the arrival at that point a large number were compelled to stand, and in some cars even standing room was scarce.

We reached Lake Charles about noon and found the citizens of that pretty little city congregated en masse at the depot, about half a mile from town, to welcome us,—a large number of whom took charge of friends and acquaintances, and extended to them a hospitable reception. We regret however that the business portion—hotels in particular—had made but inadequate preparations for the demands that were to be made upon them, and very few of the excursionists were so fortunate as to secure a good dinner, though we have no right to enter any individual complaint on that score, as we had no lack of invitations from old friends to share their hospitality, and partook of abundant rations—and a first-class article at that—with mine host W. H. Haskell, Esq., the ever popular and genial proprietor of the Haskell House, who, though unprepared to do justice to the numerous demands made upon him, nevertheless entertained all he possibly could in his usual fine style.

Besides the beautiful lake, the places of interest visited by the excursionists were the various fine saw mills bordering the same, the rice mill, ice manufactory, and the numerous new buildings just erected or in course of construction—churches, opera houses, etc. A few of the excursionists managed to secure a boat and enjoyed a pleasant sail over the lake. However, we may observe, *en passant*, that the fact that the "Lake City" being now in the full flush of the Sunday law, and all places of business closed, left no opportunity of forming a correct idea of the extent of its business establishments; but one thing was evident: prosperity and enterprise, indicating beyond a doubt, a "boom" that if kept up, will make a large city of what was a few years ago but a small hamlet.

The train was to have left Lake Charles at 4 p. m., (giving about four hours to take in the town,) and at that hour the railroad depot and vicinity presented a scene of animated humanity which, we will venture to say, is not often witnessed there; besides the 900 or 1000 excursionists, there were perhaps as many or more of the citizens of the town and vicinity to see the train off. The return trip was made in a splendid run of a little more than three hours, reaching Vermillionville at about 8 o'clock; time of departure from Lake Charles, about 4:40, and several stoppages on the route. The road-bed is undoubtedly one of the smoothest in the country, and much of it being ballasted with shells, gives a firm, solid surface, remarkably free from dust.

The weather was all that could have been desired, just suited to the occasion, and the trip was enjoyed to its fullest extent by all; and notwithstanding that there was a bountiful supply of "tangle-foot" provided by the "boys" (which is unfortunately too often the practice on such occasions,) yet with the exception of a few instances of an overdose of said tangle-foot, nothing unpleasant occurred,—though in some cases the boisterous conduct of some of the members was by no means pleasant to the large number of ladies who formed so important and interesting a part of the excursion.

We hope that frequent opportunities for enjoying such recreations will be afforded our citizens by the Morgan road during the summer; the signal success of last Sunday's excursion is sufficient proof that it would not only be fully appreciated by the people generally, but would also be a paying business to the road. Let an excursion be given over our road to any convenient point on its route—either Vermillionville, St. Martin, New Iberia or Frankfort, and the fare put down at a liberal figure, and we guarantee a complete success for the venture.

New Orleans Gossip.

Greeting from our correspondent—Sewerage, Wharf and Railroad franchises—The Waring System endorsed—N. O. Ladies' philanthropic work—Important disclosures—The public kept in the dark regarding the existence of Small Pox—Summer in New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, April 13, 1881.

Editors of the COURIER:

The New Orleans correspondent of the COURIER doffs his hat to the people of the parish of St. Landry, and makes this his first appearance in the columns of the oldest country paper in Louisiana, feeling confident of being able to entertain its readers in a series of newsy, sparkling and interesting letters from the metropolis of the South—New Orleans. The principal topics which are now bothering, as it were, the municipal authorities of the Crescent City are the wharf, sewerage and railroad franchises, all of which are subjects of great public importance to the city. As regards the wharf question, public opinion is about evenly divided as to whether the city should resume control of the wharves, or whether they should be leased out as under the present system.

The sewerage question is absorbing a considerable amount of public attention; public opinion upon the subject being so far favorable to the adoption of the Memphis sewerage system. The council has evinced the utmost interest in the matter and after a lengthy deliberation have passed the ordinance granting Col. Waring, the inventor of the Waring system, the right to lay pipes, mains, etc., in the streets for sewerage purposes.

Another subject that has occasioned considerable talk in the Crescent City is the street Railroad war just terminated. "What's the matter with the iron work?" is the query on all sides, from those who are anxious to see the work proceed actively toward the completion of the Capital. All else is kept back awaiting the arrival of the iron.—B. E. Capitaine.

A Gun Club has recently been formed at Cheneyville. We have now four Sporting clubs in the parish.—On Tuesday last a son of Mrs. Gotlieb Walker, aged 13 years, was drowned in Red river, opposite this town by the upsetting of a skiff.—Alexandria Express.

Col. Thomas A. Scott has given \$50,000 to the Washington and Lee University, at Lexington, Va. Lieut. Peabody, he was debarred of the advantages of a collegiate training, and, like him, he is showing his interest in education by munificent donations.

A telegram from Constantinople dated April 12 says that earthquakes of considerable violence have begun again in China. It is estimated that barely twenty houses remain habitable in the whole island. Forty-five villages have been totally destroyed, and the population in many localities has absolutely disappeared.

Within a month Assistant United States Fish Commissioner Pierce has filed at Washington nearly 200 applications for the food carp to be distributed this season by the government. Nearly one-fourth of the applications are from citizens of Philadelphia who own places near the city. A large number of persons are making elaborate preparations for carp culture in various parts of the country.

The new cotton factory, of which we some time since made mention, has completed its preliminary arrangements, and will proceed forthwith in the construction of the building. The capital of \$300,000 is all taken, Frank T. Howard and the brothers J. H. and A. A. Maginnis being the principal projectors. There will be 10,000 spindles and three hundred looms, run by a Corliss engine of three hundred horse power. It is expected that the mill will be in operation by the first of December.—N. O. City Item.

A correspondent of the N. O. Democrat gives the following description of the mammoth new railroad hotel at Vermillionville: "The building is 148 by 120 feet; two and a half stories high, though one would think it a full grown three-story building at the first glance. The dining room is forty by sixty feet, and capable of seating 300 persons; the kitchen and pantry are simply magnificent, and the tables fairly groan under their heavy weight of timely prepared viands spread upon them. The long, airy halls are well laid with oiled marble, and upon the sides of the walls can be seen the conqueror of infant fires—the Baboecas. The ladies' parlor is gorgeously furnished from floor to ceiling, and the large upright piano is one of the best of that make. The innumerable sleeping apartments are fifteen feet square, and extravagantly furnished in black walnut. The family rooms are fitted up in a style that is truly astonishing. The rooms of the entire building are bountifully supplied with water pumped into the 6000-gallon tanks, elevated some fifteen or twenty feet above terra firma, and the forced through pipes by the same agency—an Eclipse wind mill. The laundry and bath-houses are also supplied in the same manner as the offices and the hotel. All around the building is a six-foot gallery, and there is nothing prettier or more enjoyable than to lounge there; to have the heated brow soothed by the cooling gulf breeze and inhale the sweet odor of the prairie flowers, and to gaze as far as the natural eye can penetrate. For ten or twelve miles the Louisiana Western railroad trains can be seen approaching the depot, and from the north the Morgan trains, coming at lightning-like speed. All of these scenes are visible from the gallery of the hotel.

The Central Express, of Alexandria, says a prominent lawyer of that city is about to abandon the practice to enter on the practice as a veterinary surgeon. The hard times are putting great stress on the lawyers—we know some of them who have to go to editing.—Baton Rouge Advertiser.

News Items.

An excursion of colored people is to be given from Thibodaux to New Iberia on the 23d of April. The cotton seed planted recently has been killed by the frost, and, consequently, the planters are under the necessity of putting in new seed.—Iberia Star.

South Carolina judges are quite generally enforcing the State law against carrying concealed weapons, for which offense many persons have been sent to the penitentiary.

The Czar's murderers have been convicted and sentenced to death by hanging. Sophie Pleofsky's sentence will have to be confirmed by the Czar, as she is of noble birth.

Mrs. Charles Ballou, of Michigan, known as the Mammoth Queen, died on last Saturday. She weighed 375 pounds. Her coffin was 6½ feet long, three feet wide, and twenty inches deep.

We understand it is the intention of the members of the Benevolent Association of this town to give an excursion to Lake Charles and back about the first of May.—New Iberia Sugar Bowl.

Fresh fish is abundant, at five cents per pound, and Lake Charles and the Calcasieu river are alive with trout, perch, bar fish, gaspego, mullet, catfish, buffalo fish, and other varieties of the finny tribe.—Lake Charles Echo.

G. T. Hawkins, Internal Revenue Collector, is in town and will make this his headquarters.—The next session of the Legislature, whether a regular or extra session, will positively be held at the Capitol at Baton Rouge.—B. E. Advocate.

Within the past few weeks there have been destructive fires in Shreveport, Donaldsonville, St. Joseph, Morgan City and Delhi. Infact, Shreveport has averaged one fire week for the past month. Opelousas has, so far, escaped from anything like a serious conflagration, but we would again suggest to our city fathers the expediency of providing a better fire engine, than the one now depended on in time of danger. Let us have a two horse Babcock Extinguisher, and then our company will be on a good fire footing.

There has been some trouble at Decatur, Ill., owing to the fact that a number of negroes have been allowed to buy reserved seats in the Opera-house. The white patrons of the theatre have informed the manager that unless the practice is stopped they will not attend his theatre. The manager then issued orders that no more tickets should be sold to negroes, and this action on his part brought forth a lusty howl from the colored people and their white friends, but the manager remained firm and said he did not intend to have his business injured on account of a few blacks.

Hugging and kissing parties, for the benefit of churches are now all the rage in the southern counties of this State. The prices range as follows: Girls under sixteen, 25c for hugging and kissing twenty minutes; from sixteen to twenty years of age, 50c; from twenty to twenty-five, 75c; another man's wife, \$1; widows, according to looks, from 10c to \$2; grass-widows, but few offered but in active demand; old maids, 3c a piece or two for a nicker, and no limit to this.—Illinois Ex.

A FAST LOCOMOTIVE.—The locomotive which is to make ninety miles in ninety minutes, between New York and Philadelphia, has been finished at Altoona, and made a trial trip, in which a mile was made in no more seconds less than a minute that the engineer said he could make the ninety miles in less than ninety minutes and leave the furnace doors open.—Exchange.

A THOROUGHLY competent sugar-borer, with first-class recommendations, desires an engagement to take off the next crop. Apply to J. C. LEBLANC, Apt 9-5m Barry's Landing P. O. La.

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FRANK THE BAKER Has made special preparations for supplying his customers and the public with all the usual Extras in his line for the Easter Holidays—Including Fresh Bread and Cakes, DYED EGGS, SUGAR EGGS, CONFECTIONERY, Fine Pastry a Specialty, also

ICE CREAM & SODA WATER, AND LUNCHEON AT ALL HOURS.

A Brief Retrospect. But let us put on our thinking cap and what a change comes over the spirit of our dream! Eighty-four years ago when John Dryden, Charles P. Clinch and Thurlow Weed were born, there was not a railway nor a locomotive engine on the earth. Lighting by gas was faint and feeble; there were no lucifer matches soda; water and cigars were recent innovations and newspapers—the present necessity of civilization—were scarce and dear. Politically eighty-four years ago seems as far away as the age of bronze. In America there was no Cincinnati, no Chicago and a very little New York. In Europe Napoleon was thundering at the gates of kingdoms; Belgium was an appendage of Holland; the pope held temporal power; Greece had no existence; Athens was governed by pashas, and Wallachia, Moldavia, Servia and Roumelia had not their apparently eternal sleep broken by any wild dreams of independence. Pillory and whipping posts still stood for women in England.—New York Hour.

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JUDICIAL NOTICES.

NOTICE OF TABLEAU. Probate Court, Parish of St. Landry, No. 4043 ESTATE OF FELONIE YVIRINE. Whereas, André Deshalets, Jr., of the parish of St. Landry, administrator of the above entitled estate, has filed a tableau of classification of debts of said estate, accompanied by his petition praying for the homologation of the same; And whereas, notice of filing of said petition and tableau has been ordered by an order of court bearing date March 30, 1881; Now, therefore, notice is hereby given to all persons interested to make opposition to said tableau, in writing, at my office in the town of Opelousas, within the time required by law, why said tableau should not be homologated and confirmed. JAMES O. CHACHERÉ, Clerk. April 2, 1881.

NOTICE OF TABLEAU. Probate Court, Parish of St. Landry, No. 4047 ESTATE OF SIREY GULLORY, JR. AND WIFE. Whereas, Francis Gullory, of the parish of St. Landry, administrator, having filed a final tableau of distribution of funds of said estate, accompanied by his petition praying for the homologation of the same; And whereas the prayer of said petition has been granted by an order of court bearing date March 29th, 1881; Now, therefore, notice is hereby given to all persons interested to make opposition to said tableau, in writing, at my office in the town of Opelousas, within the time required by law, why said tableau should not be homologated and confirmed. JAMES O. CHACHERÉ, Clerk. April 2, 1881.

NOTICE OF ACCOUNT. Probate Court, Parish of St. Landry, No. 4181 ESTATE OF CLAUDE PITRE. Whereas, Emile Lejeune, of the parish of St. Landry, natural tutor, having filed a final tableau and account of tutorship accompanied by his petition praying for the homologation of the same; And whereas the prayer of said petition has been granted by an order of court bearing date April 1st, 1881; Now, therefore, notice is hereby given to all persons interested to make opposition to said tableau, in writing, at my office in the town of Opelousas, within the time required by law, why said account should not be homologated and confirmed. JAMES O. CHACHERÉ, Clerk. April 2, 1881.

MEETING OF CREDITORS.—Thomas McCarly vs. his creditors.—No. 13025.—District Court, St. Landry.—By virtue of an order of the Hon. the District Court of St. Landry parish, and a commission to me addressed, bearing date the 26th day of March, 1881, signed by B. F. Stegubly, Deputy Clerk of said Court, and a meeting of the creditors of the said Thomas McCarly will be held before the said Court, at my office, in the town of Opelousas, in the parish of St. Landry, on SATURDAY, the 7th day of May, 1881, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of determining what disposition should be made of the property of said Thomas McCarly. JULES GILL, Notary Public. April 2, 1881-5c.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION. Probate Court, Parish of St. Landry, No. 4182 ESTATE OF SIMON LEBLANC. Whereas, Damon Leblond, of the parish of St. Landry, has applied by his petition to be appointed administrator of the estate of Simon Leblanc, deceased, late of the parish of St. Landry; Therefore, any person intending to make opposition to said appointment will file the same in writing, in my office, in the town of Opelousas, within ten days from the present date of this notice. JAMES O. CHACHERÉ, Clerk. April 9, 1881.

MADAME DOROTHY LAAS, MILLINER, Bellevue St., Opelousas, Has just returned from New Orleans with a most elegant assortment of MILLINERY GOODS SUCH AS Hats, Bonnets, Trimmings Feathers, Laces, &c. Also, Scrap Books, Scrap Book Covers, Perfumery, Stationery, &c., all of which she offers at very moderate prices. Opelousas, March 12, 1881.

THE BAY STALLION W. H. BEGG'S PLANTATION ON BAYOU BOUFE, FOR \$13 during the Season PEDIGREE of 1875, the property of Peter Kelly, of New Orleans, La., got by Imp. Gentry. 1st. Dam by Bill Chashton, 2d. Dam by Imp. Sovereign, 3d. Dam by Imp. Lexington, 4th. Dam by Old Bedford, son of St. Archy, 5th. Dam by Imp. Star-bell, 6th. Dam by Telemachus, son of Meade's Color. 7th. Dam by Meade's thoroughbred mare. (See Breck's Stud Book, vol. 1, page 525.) I certify that the foregoing pedigree is correct. Gallatin Temple, August 16th, 1877. J. R. BARRY.

At the spring races of 1879, at Louisville, Ky., made a mile heat in 1:41, against the most noted horses in the country. W. H. BEGG, Owner. March 12, 1881.

GEORGE W. MORIARTY, GUNSMITH. (Successor to the late Sol. D. Vay.) ALL work warranted. Terms moderate and strictly cash. Shop on Bellevue Street, between Main and Court. oct2-5m

OYSTERS. BRECKEN'S Bay Oysters received daily and served in any style. Families supplied at moderate rates. M. VILASCA, Corner Market and Bellevue sts. Opelousas, October 30, 1880.

FOR SALE. A FINE lot of JAPAN PLUM TREES, of different sizes. Apply to JOSEPH HOLLIER, Usher Street. Jan. 15, 1881.

FOR SALE.—3383 acres of land, wood and prairie, near the line of the La. Western R. R., in the south-western portion of this parish. Will be sold in lots to suit purchasers—cheap for cash. J. J. CHACHERÉ, Opelousas, July 21, 1880.

For the present at the residence of Dr. P. J. Parker, on Main Street, Opelousas. 11c 20-3m