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OPLOUSAS.

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See notice of Postoffice News Depot.

The late elections in Ohio and Iowa resulted in favor of the Republicans.

Services by Eld. A. P. Scofield at the Court House to-morrow at 11 o'clock A. M. and at 7:30 P. M.

A colored woman named Celestine Vanhille died here last Monday, October 17th, aged 98 years and 2 months.

Choice and fresh groceries and other family supplies at bottom figures, at the Gilt-Edge Grocery, H. E. Estorge, proprietor. See the advertisement.

That veteran of the Louisiana press, Mr. Jona C. White, of the *Gretna Courier*, has lately had the misfortune to lose two sons. Our heartfelt sympathy is tendered him in his sore bereavement.

Gen. L. Jastreski, Mayor of Baton Rouge and editor of the *Capitolian*, was married last week in Shreveport to Mrs. Sallie L. Ashton, daughter of Judge Land. Accept our congratulations, General.

Mrs. Laas, Bellevue street, has just returned from New Orleans with a magnificent stock of millinery goods of every description, toilet articles, &c., and will have a grand opening thereof on Monday next. See advertisement.

Mr. A. Dimmick, living in Bellevue about eight miles from town, left a perambulator of the Japan species—at our office which measures about 9 1/2 inches in circumference. It is said to be a delicious fruit, and bears in a very few years after planting the seed.

In many of our exchanges we note experiments in the cultivation and growth of the jute plant. It has been successfully tried in St. Landry, and grows luxuriantly with very little cultivation. If a decorticating machine should ever be established here, by which the fibre could be economically prepared for the market, it would soon become a leading industry with our planters.

We take pleasure in calling the attention of our readers to the card of Messrs. Terrou & Pugh, cotton and sugar factors, 75 Carondelet street, New Orleans. All consignments to this well known firm will receive prompt attention at their hands, and the best interests of their customers consulted in sales and remittances therefor. Give them a call, or ship your cotton and sugar to their establishment.

Mr. W. W. Danson, who lives in Plaquemine Brulee, about 18 miles south-east from Opelousas, made 119 barrels of excellent rice from this year's crop. It did not need for the extreme dry weather, he would have made double that quantity. Now that we are to have a rice crop in our town—which will be the first since 1862—we predict that St. Landry will double the acreage in this important cereal in 1882.

For the past two or three days the weather has been quite cool and bracing, enough so to make thick clothing comfortable. As we have not had rain for sometime, the earth is very dry again; and should a heavy frost fall, just now, the grass would be killed to the serious damage of stock cattle. In some places the water is so scarce, that cattle are reported to be famishing and dying for the want of it. A thorough rain would be a great blessing now.

The news of Gov. Wiltz's death, received last Sunday morning, cast a gloom over our entire community; and the proclamation of the Mayor, recommending that all business be suspended between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M. on the day of his funeral (Monday), was generally observed in our town. In another column will be found a tribute to the memory of our lamented Chief Magistrate, recounting his brilliant services and virtues in a better and more comprehensive manner than we could have done, and we recommend to the reader its perusal.

NERVOUS AFFRAY.—On Wednesday morning about 6 o'clock, Joseph A. Casin was shot and seriously—if not fatally—wounded by a pistol shot fired by a young man, by the name of John Cox, who was working, or had been working, with the former in the carpenter's trade. The unfortunate difficulty, we understand, occurred about the settlement of a business transaction during which high words ensued, followed by a threatened assault of Casin upon Cox, when the latter drew a revolver and fired upon the former with the above serious result. Cox claimed that he acted in self defense, and immediately surrendered himself to an officer of the law to await his trial.

Proceedings of the Police Jury.

The Police Jury met on Oct. 10, pursuant to adjournment. Present: Albert Guidry, President; D. M. M. Hicks, E. Dubuisson, Sam. Haas, L. Young, T. C. Chacheré, B. E. Clark and A. Perrodin.

A committee was appointed to lay out a road starting on Bayou Bouff, on the line between lands of Garland and Huckaby, and leading to Garland station on the Morgan Railroad.

A committee was appointed to lay out a road from Wilson's saw mill to Dubuisson station.

A committee was appointed to lay out a road from Mrs. McPherson's place to Darby station.

A committee was appointed to ascertain the cost of building a draw bridge over Bayou Têche where Coulon's bridge now stands.

Committees were appointed to ascertain the cost of building the bridge over Cany Creek and of repairing Deboillon's bridge.

Adjourned until Monday, Nov. 14.

We would remind our readers that that prince of Opelousas merchants and enterprising and clever business men—Joseph Bloch—has just returned from New Orleans with the largest and best assorted stock of dry goods, groceries, hardware, glassware, woodenware, &c., furniture, wagons, buggies, carts, bagging and ties, ever brought to this market. You will find everything at his mammoth store that you desire, and at the lowest prices. Read his advertisement in another column for a partial enumeration of what he offers to his customers; but to realize the value and immensity of his varied stock you must go to his establishment, which you will find packed from basement to attic with Aladdin stores of all the necessities and luxuries of life. More than this, his reasonable prices will astonish you.

Senator W. A. Robertson, president of the Senate, left here on the Sunday morning train for New Orleans, in response to a telegram from Governor McEnery, received the night before, stating that Gov. Wiltz was dying, and requesting his immediate presence at the seat of government. By the death of the governor, Senator Robertson becomes lieutenant governor, McEnery being promoted to the gubernatorial chair; and while he may be depended upon to foster the interests of his friends, we trust and believe that he will also prove a safe adviser to the new Governor in political matters as well as in matters relating to the public welfare.

NOTICE.—Fruit Trees from Rosebank Nurseries, Nashville, Tenn., will be at Opelousas, La., November 14th, 1881, and at Washington, La., November 16th, 1881, ready for delivery. Purchasers will please be on hand promptly, and receive the same, according to contract. ROSEBANK NURSERIES.

A Great Premium List.

THE NEW YORK WEEKLY EXPRESS, established in 1835, is not only one of the OLDEST and CHEAPEST but BEST of New York Weekly Family Newspapers. It is now making a great and successful effort to reach a larger and more general circulation than any Weekly Newspaper in the United States, and to this end is offered an attractive list of substantial and valuable premiums to single and club subscribers. The long established reputation and responsibility of the Publishers who not only publish the Weekly Express, but the New York Daily Evening Express, is a sufficient guarantee of the character of premiums offered and the good faith that will govern their distribution. Besides the many other attractions of the Weekly Express it publishes regularly, by authority, the Brooklyn Tabernacle Sermons of the Rev. E. DeWitt Talmage, D. D. The subscription price, One Dollar a year, places it within the reach of all. The office of the New York Weekly Express is 23 Park Row, New York.

VILLE PLATE, Oct. 19, 1881.

Messrs. Editors:—Last Monday at 3 P. M. a solemn service was celebrated in the Catholic Church of Ville Plate, for the repose of the soul of the late Gov. Wiltz. All the authorities of the corporation were represented, headed by the Hon. Z. T. Young, the representative of this section of the parish. In a short allocution, Rev. Father Penier spoke of the brief and patriotic career of Gov. Wiltz, and praised that life so full and so worthy of a good citizen. This service was held in advance of any proclamation, of any official communication, showing that for the popular cause the Catholic population of Ville Plate goes ahead in the right way.

Some of our popular merchants leave Ville Plate on Sunday next, to lay in a fresh supply of winter goods. Messrs. Ludeau and T. Rod are among the excursionists booked for the Crescent City. J. B. G.

Mr. G. Pandey, Superintendent, accompanied by other officials of the Morgan road, have visited our town during the past week, prospecting for a site upon which to build a depot. An Alexandria *We the People*, Oct. 17.

Louis Alfred Wiltz.

[N. O. Democrat, Oct. 16.]

The long, painful but heroic struggle is ended.

Louis Alfred Wiltz, Governor of Louisiana, whose every aspiration was for the good of his people, whose whole life had been passed in their service, and whose ambition was bounded by their approbation, closed his earthly career this morning at 12:30 o'clock, surrounded by the members of his family, and by near and dear friends.

For months he had lived with the full knowledge that his life was drawing to a close, that he stood momentarily in the presence of death, and the Christian resignation—the dauntless courage exhibited by him evinced the true nobility and grandeur of his nature. Our misfortunes follow each other with startling rapidity. It seems but yesterday that we were called upon to mourn the Chief Executive of the nation, and to-day we bow in profound sorrow beneath the blow which has removed from us the Chief Executive of our State, whom we have long regarded as one of the truest of Louisiana's sons, as her representative in spirits, ideas and thoughts, whose greatest glory was to make the State in which he was born great in the councils of the nation and in the history of the world.

Louis Alfred Wiltz was born in this city January 22, 1813, and at the time of his death was consequently only 38 years of age, in the very prime and vigor of manhood. He had but a limited education, for when he was a lad of only sixteen he found it necessary to leave the High School in this city in which he was studying and go into business. He had barely started in the commercial career he had marked out for himself when the war broke out. He was a boy of eighteen then but he did not hesitate, and was among the first to offer his services to the Confederacy, and march to the field of battle. Young as he was, inexperienced as he was in military affairs, he soon won such distinction among his comrades that he was chosen to the position of Captain before he had reached the age of twenty-one. His war history was that of sixty thousand other Louisiana men. He served throughout, from the first day until Johnston laid down his arms, with honor and distinction.

Returning to New Orleans, Captain Wiltz again embarked in commercial operations for which he showed a decided taste. During all this time, however, he had displayed a great interest in politics. He had always attended to his duties as a citizen, but he felt compelled by his natural energy to take a hand in the stirring politics of those days. His success in political life, when once he embarked in it, was encouraging, and he soon rose to prominence. A member of the Parish and State Central Committees of the Democratic party, Captain Wiltz became a member of the Legislature in 1868.

It is sufficient to say, that Capt. Wiltz greatly distinguished himself in that legislature. While many names, hitherto honored in the hearts of the people, were blackened by the terrible ordeal they had to pass through, Captain Wiltz came from the celebrated Legislature of 1868, unscathed, the recognized representative of the true people of Louisiana. In the attacks made upon Governor Wiltz it has always been admitted that he preserved during his legislative career the strictest and most uncompromising honesty in all trusts and through every temptation.

In 1868 Mr. Wiltz was elected to the Common Council of the City of New Orleans and was also made a School Director, and subsequently, in the same year a member of the Board of Aldermen and President of that body. It was while holding the latter office that he made himself acquainted with municipal affairs of this city, thus fitting himself for the position of Mayor he afterward filled.

The citizens of his ward, without consulting him, nominated and elected him a member of the Legislature of 1875, the first Democratic House that had met for years. It was universally recognized that Mr. Wiltz was the leading spirit of this body, and he was elected as Speaker to carry out its intentions and plans. The people expected much from it and from him, and they were not disappointed. When the fourth of January came around, under the leadership of Mr. Wiltz, a peaceful revolution was carried out in our State House which would have resulted in wresting the State from the hands of the Republicans then, as it was wrested two years afterwards, but for the intervention of the Federal troops under General De Trobriand.

There are few pictures in the history of Louisiana as worthy of representation as the scene which then took place in our House of Representatives on that memorable 4th of January. Chosen as Speaker by a *coup d'état*, Mr. Wiltz occupied the position despite the fact that the lobby was crowded with negro strikers, and the buildings filled with Metropolitan. The *coup d'état* was a success and everything tended to show that, within a few days, when Kellogg should have been swept from the office which he had usurped, Mr. Wiltz would be Acting Governor. Orders from Washington changed all this, however, and

the military, marching with clank of guns into the Legislative Halls of Louisiana suppressed its Assembly, as Cromwell had of old, suppressed the Parliament of England.

When 1876 came around, Mr. Wiltz was a prominent candidate for Governor before the Democratic Convention. He found himself supported by nearly the entire delegation from New Orleans. He showed the greatest strength of any candidate on the first ballot. When Gen. Nicholls was selected Governor, Wiltz was unanimously placed second on the ticket. As President of the Senate, he displayed his abilities as a presiding officer which, however, were still more conspicuously shown as President of the Constitutional Convention that followed soon after. As head of this body which framed what is now the organic law of Louisiana, he won golden opinions. Members who had come to the Convention opposed to him were soon won over by the strict and judicial impartiality he displayed. It was his services as President of the Convention that undoubtedly made him Governor. He had possessed much popularity before—was the favorite son of New Orleans—but it was as President of the Senate and the Convention that he won the support of so many members from the country who went home imbued with the idea that the next Governor of Louisiana must be Louis Alfred Wiltz. They proved correct in their surmises, for when the Democratic State Nominating Convention met at Baton Rouge, after a warm and most exciting contest, he received the nomination for Governor and was elected by an overwhelming majority.

Of his course as Governor, it is unnecessary to speak here. It is sufficient to say, that he won over many who had hitherto opposed him, and appeared determined to see no good in him.

His health had not been good for some time—he had worn himself out in his political and official services—but it was never too bad, he was never too weak to attend to the duties of his office. He clung to these, even when the physicians advised rest and relief from duty. It became evident that this state of things could not exist much longer, and that the Governor Wiltz would fall a victim to his devotion to duty. A few weeks ago, a trip through Texas was resolved on. The change of air and scenery, it was believed, might work some improvement in his condition. He was very weak when he left the city, too ill for a change to do him good. The cars carried him from one point to another without any improvement in his condition and convinced that there was nothing to hope for there, the sad party set out for home again, with their dying friend.

Overtaken by his demise, in the very prime of his life, in the very height of his glory, the people of Louisiana mourn, honestly and deeply, for in Louis Alfred Wiltz they have lost one who was zealous in their cause, jealous of their honor, devoted to their interests and proud of their esteem and affection.

The revolution in Ireland appears to have been fully developed and brought into existence amid bloodshed and groans. The time for compromise seems to have passed without any desired solution of the questions at issue, and unless some happy turn to affairs is taken, the matter will have to be fought out to the end. England must maintain her supremacy in Ireland or retire from the rank of first-class nations. England can as well afford to give up India as Ireland. The loss of either would be a heavy blow to her progress. The Irish people seem bent on independence.—*N. O. Times*.

Suitable quarters have been erected on both sides of the river for the accommodation of the workmen engaged in the construction of the iron bridge, above town. The work is being prosecuted with a vim.—*We the People*.

Mr. T. Jay Lacy, of the Mount Hope Nursery will have a large quantity of Strawberry plants of fine varieties ready for planting about the first of November. Send him your orders early so as to have your plants in time.

Bargains at Theo. Chacheré's.

DIED.—In Opelousas, Oct. 14, 1881, Mrs. CELINA DEPUY, aged about 49 years.

The deceased had long been a sufferer from that dread disease, consumption, and her demise was not unexpected. She bore her wearisome trial with fortitude and resignation, and died in the confident hope of a blessed immortality. May the sod rest lightly over her grave, and the sweet balms of consolation be poured upon the hearts of her bereaved children and sorrowing relatives and friends.

LOOK SHARP AND BE LUCKY.

You can SAVE MONEY by purchasing your

GROCERIES,

Wines, Liquors, Tinware,

AND OTHER FAMILY SUPPLIES,

AT THE

GILT-EDGE GROCERY.

Next to Posy's Druggists.

ALREADY

Many families have tried it, and have been convinced of our statement.

Give us a Call and See for Yourself.

H. E. ESTORGE,

Proprietor.

FOR SALE.—3333 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 purchaser.—*cheap for cash.* J. J. BEAUCHAMP, Opelousas, July 24, 1880.

GRAND OPENING

FALL AND WINTER GOODS

JOS. BLOCH'S.

Having just returned from New Orleans with a complete and carefully selected stock of goods, making up perhaps the most extensive that was ever brought to this parish, I can safely promise to my numerous customers and the public that no better bargains can be found anywhere, and only ask a visit to substantiate this claim.

THE LADIES WILL FIND MY ASSORTMENT OF

Dress & Fancy Dry Goods

Far surpassing any other stock ever brought to this market, comprising

Poplins, Cashmeres, Mohair, Alpaccas, Deberges, Camel's Hair

Suitings, Plaids, Etc., All Stylish New Patterns.

House Furnishing Goods,

Damask and Huck Towels, Table Linens, Napkins,

Nottingham Laces, Quilts, Blankets, Etc.

STAPLE DRY GOODS,

Cottons, Sheetings, Casimeres, Jeans, Flannels, Ticking,

Cottonnade, &c.—All Astonishingly Cheap.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

For Ladies, Men and Children, from the best manufacturers, and all at the very lowest prices.

READY-MADE CLOTHING.

FOR MEN, YOUTHS AND CHILDREN.

Suits of every kind and description, for everybody, and at prices to suit every pocket,—from the stylish dress suit of finest material to the plain substantial suit for everyday wear.

MY STOCK OF

Hardware, Tinware, Crockeryware, Glassware, &c.

Will be found as near complete as can be had outside of the large cities.

FURNITURE! FURNITURE!

AN IMMENSE STOCK.

Just received direct from the factories, and which will be sold cheaper than ever, being offered at fully 25 per cent below ordinary prices!

GROCERIES.

In these times of high prices for all kinds of provisions, you should buy where you will get the most for your money. Call and see what I can do for you in that line. My stock is large, fresh and well assorted.

Wagons, Carts, Buggies, Etc.,

AT BOTTOM PRICES.

BAGGING AND TIES,

By the Car-load, Cheap.

It would require too much time to give anything like an enumeration of my stock, and nothing short of a personal inspection will give an idea of its immensity. Call and see for yourselves. YOU WILL SAVE MONEY THEREBY.

JOS. BLOCH.

Opelousas, Oct. 22, 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 Pictures, Perfumery, Notions, &c.—all of which she offers at very moderate prices.

GRAND OPENING

On Monday, October 24.

Opelousas, October 22, 1881.

NEWS DEPOT.

NEW ORLEANS DAILIES: All of the latest Fashion, Literary and Police Illustrated Weeklies; the Literary and Fashion Monthly; the Sundry and other Library Publications; a full line of Pens, Inks and Stationery; sole agents for the celebrated Mineraline Inks; subscriptions taken for all the newspapers and periodicals published in the United States.—At the

POST OFFICE.

A. TERROU, THOS. PUGH.

TERROU & PUGH,

COTTON AND SUGAR FACTORS

No. 75 Carondelet St.,

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

SCHOOL FOR YOUNG LADIES.

MY SCHOOL for the education of young ladies is now open in my dwelling at Opelousas. I intend this Institute to be permanent, and will endeavor to meet the wants of this community, by affording facilities for a thorough education.

TERMS:

Tuition in primary branches, per month, \$2 50

Tuition in Academics " " 3 00

French " " 2 00

Music with use of piano, " " 6 00

Drawing, (daily lessons), " " 5 00

Painting, (on weekly lessons), " " 8 00

Voice Music, gratis, " " 12 00

Washing, per dozen, " " 7 50

All dues payable monthly, in advance.

MRS. M. M. HAYES.

Opelousas, Nov. 25, 1879.

SCHOOL FOR BOYS AND YOUNG MEN.

At Franklin College Buildings.

CLASSES also taught at night. For terms of tuition, apply to

JOHN M. TAYLOR,

Oct. 22, 1881.

LOST.

ARTICLES of co-partnership of the firm of Bloch, Finberg & Co., of Opelousas, La., entered into March 1st, 1881. Any person returning the same to the undersigned will be suitably rewarded.

J. G. EUSTIS,

015-36 Carondelet St., New Orleans.

FOR SALE.—Two Hundred Acres of Woodland in Bayou Mallet Woods. Also, a fine Residence in the town of Opelousas, situated near the railroad; and a small residence on Court street. For terms, &c., apply to

at the Post Office.

JUDICIAL NOTICES

PUBLIC SALE.

Probate Court, Parish of St. Landry, No. 3824

ESTATE OF ANN MARTIN.

By virtue of an order of the Honorable the Probate Court of the Parish of St. Landry, there will be sold at public auction to the last and highest bidder, by the undersigned administrator or a duly qualified auctioneer, at 11 o'clock, A. M., on Wednesday, November 23, 1881, the following described property, belonging to the estate of Ann Martin, deceased, to-wit:

1. The north-east quarter of the north-west quarter of section twenty-one, and the south-east quarter of the north-west quarter of section No. 21, and the south-west quarter of section No. 21, and the north-west quarter of section No. 21, and the south-west quarter of section No. 21, containing one hundred and sixty acres, more or less.

2. The undivided half of fifty arpents of land, more or less, situated in St. Landry parish, La., and bounded north by land of heirs of Francois Richard, his, south by heirs of Richard, east by widow Giles Higginbotham, and west by the heirs of Francois Richard, &c.

Terms—Cash. FRANCOIS RICHARD, JR., Administrator.

October 22, 1881.

PUBLIC SALE.

Probate Court, Parish of St. Landry, No. 4288

ESTATE OF JEAN LOUIS PHILIPPE FONTENOT.

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 auction, to the last and highest bidder, by the undersigned administrator or a duly qualified auctioneer, at the last residence of the deceased, at Tate's Cove, in the aforesaid parish of St. Landry, on WEDNESDAY, November 2, 1881, the following described property, belonging to the estate of Jean Louis Philippe Fontenot, deceased, to-wit:

1. A tract of land situated in Tate's Cove, in the aforesaid parish, containing four hundred and forty-eight arpents, more or less, and bounded north by the bayou Crocodile swamp, east by Gerard Forest, south by Milite Beau, and west by Mrs. Gerard Fontenot.

2. Eleven head of horned cattle with the branding iron, three head of hogs, household furniture, kitchen utensils, &c.

Terms and Conditions.—Every adjudication of ten dollars and under payable cash on delivery; every adjudication for an amount over ten dollars payable in two equal annual installments from the day of sale; purchasers subscribing their promissory notes, made payable to the order of the administrator, with two solvent securities to the satisfaction of the administrator; said notes to bear eight per cent yearly interest from their maturity, and in case of sale to mature at any unpaid notes at their maturities an additional interest of ten per cent shall be added as attorney's fees. The privilege of vendor and special mortgage on the land until the same shall be finally paid.

OLIN JEAN LOUIS FONTENOT, Administrator.

October 1st, 1881.

PUBLIC SALE.

Probate Court, Parish of St. Landry, No. 4270

ESTATE OF HYPOLITE P. L. FONTENOT.

By virtue of an order of the Hon. the District Court in and for the parish of St. Landry, there will be sold at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, by the undersigned administrator or a duly qualified auctioneer, at the last residence of the deceased, in Prairie Mamouth, parish aforesaid, on TUESDAY, October 25th, 1881, the following described property, belonging to the estate of Hypolite P. L. Fontenot, deceased, to-wit:

1. One hundred and ten arpents of unimproved prairie and timbered land, including the plantation upon which the deceased last resided, situated in Prairie Mamouth, parish of St. Landry, bounded north by land of Zélie Guillory, east by land of Mr. Jean Saraut, south by land of P. Daite, and west by Joseph Thompson.

2. Three horses, three wild mares, one cow, one beef, one buck, one horse cart, two double-barrel slot guns, one branding iron, household furniture, kitchen utensils, farming implements, &c.

Terms and conditions.—All adjudications under twenty dollars payable cash, and all above payable one-half in the month of January, 1882, and the other half in the month of January, 1883. Purchasers furnishing their notes with two good securities to the satisfaction of the administrator, and the land remaining specially mortgaged to him by the administrator, with two solvent securities to the satisfaction of the administrator; said notes to bear eight per cent per annum interest from maturity until paid, if not paid at said maturity.