

The Opelousas Courier

Vol. XXIX.

Opelousas, Parish of St. Landry, La., December 10, 1881.

No. 10.

The Opelousas Courier.

Official Journal of Town of Opelousas.
PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY, BY
LEONCE & L. A. SANDOZ.

OPPELOUSAS:
SATURDAY, : : : DEC. 10, 1881.

Services at Court House will be held to-morrow at 11 a. m., and at 7 p. m., by Eld. A. P. Scofield.

Guiteau's trial still drags its weary length along. The assassin is either insane or is playing the insanity dodge to perfection.

Messrs. Bourdin & Dardeau advertise in another column that they will purchase rough rice. Their rice mill here will soon be in operation.

The Police Jury meets next Monday. Read Judge Fontenot's open letter to the President and members of that body, which is published elsewhere.

Several tracts of land and other property belonging to the estate of the late Michel Bihm will be sold at auction next Wednesday. See advertisement in another column.

The District Court convened here on last Tuesday. Up to Thursday night the grand jury had made no report, and therefore we have no items of interest to report therefrom in this issue.

Our National and State Legislatures have both settled down to business; the latter after the Senate had affirmed Dr. Robertson in his seat as President pro temp. of that body, and the former after King, of Louisiana, had called Van Vorhes, of New York, a liar.

PERSONAL.—We had the pleasure of a visit this week, from that old Democratic veteran, John I. Gardner, Esq., of Grand Coteau.

Mr. B. A. Salles, the popular traveling agent for Geo. D. Moffat, wholesale confectioner, 33 Tchoupitoulas St., New Orleans, was in town this week.

LARGE BALES.—Three of the largest and most valuable bales of cotton produced in this parish this season were shipped recently by Mr. Sol. Leob. One weighed 684 pounds; another 695; and the third 754! They were classed as fair, and sold in New Orleans at 102 cents per pound. The largest was raised on Mr. Hilaire Paillet's place, near Opelousas.

Mr. E. Latreute, the popular grocer and dry goods dealer, whose establishment is on Main street, opposite the post office, has made all needful arrangements for supplying his numerous customers with all articles in his various lines likely to be in demand during the holiday season, and invites all the little ones and their parents to call and inspect his assortment.

Mr. H. E. Latreute, the popular grocer and dry goods dealer, whose establishment is on Main street, opposite the post office, has made all needful arrangements for supplying his numerous customers with all articles in his various lines likely to be in demand during the holiday season, and invites all the little ones and their parents to call and inspect his assortment.

Messrs. C. A. Whitney, Pandey, and other officers of the Morgan Company, passed up the road on a special car on Sunday last. We were unable to ascertain any special significance in this trip, and could not learn whether they returned by rail or not. We are as much in the dark as to when trains will be run through to Alexandria as we were before the junction of the two roads was made at Cheneyville some weeks ago. The road from Eola to Alexandria is reported to be in a very rough condition, and if trains are delayed until the road is surfaced and ballasted, several weeks will yet elapse before Alexandria is in railroad communication with New Orleans. It would seem that railroad news is always doubtful, even from its most reliable sources of information.

Sweet, Sweeter, Sweetest.
He, ha, ha! You and I
Have no reason to grumble or cry!
Because Frank Brand, the jolly baker,
Has got more good things than the "Shakers."
Fats white bread as feathery as snow,
To suit the appetite of fast or slow;
Cakes and confections of such exquisite taste,
That the stingiest mortal will make haste
To lay a good supply of Christmas things,
Before they go off on fairy wings.

Frank says that the above is his attempt at poetry; but still that—
"He is no more a poet."
"Than a sheep is a goat!"

but he knows how to make the best kinds of all confections, cakes, ginger nuts, wafers, candies, &c., and that he will have everything nice and splendid for Christmas, from a simple lunch to a wedding supper. Go to Frank's during the holidays—and don't you forget him, py schimminy!"

"Santa Claus is coming, and has appointed Camille Roos his agent, on Court street, corner of Landry street, to assist in the grand distribution of holiday goods. Here the children will find pretty dolls, laughing dolls, and singing dolls; monkeys cutting all kinds of antics; saddle and harness horses; different kinds of birds, sheep, goats, lions and tigers; torpedoes that explode with the noise of a gun, &c.; and candies and confections of the greatest variety, and of the best kind; many of which would make splendid Christmas presents for young gentlemen to their lady friends; all kinds of fruits, jellies, and canned goods to tempt the appetite; all kind of wines and fine liquors to grace the table for dinners, suppers or balls. Read advertisement in another column and go and examine his splendid array for the Christmas festi-

Proclamation of Santa Claus.

Be it known to all the young people of Opelousas and vicinity: That in consideration of Monsieur Louis Pucheu's fealty to my behests, and his lively interest in all objects which pertain to the enjoyment and pleasure of little children, I, Santa Claus, do hereby make and constitute him my principal representative, for the grand distribution of holiday goods, on Main street, at the Julien Claude stand, for the Christmas and New Year season of 1881 and 1882.

I have furnished him with every article of beauty, richness, variety and sweetness, that any little girl or boy, lassie or laddie, may, that old or young, could ask for during my festival of gifts, good cheer, and merry-making. Mons. Pucheu has specimens of every known toy manufactured by my wizard gnomes; confections made from every sweet extracted from the laboratory of nature; wines of the best vintage; fruits, fresh and preserved, of every kind and quality; and all of the more substantial things of life needed for holiday dinners, balls, and suppers.

Adjoining this grand emporium, the older people will find a well-appointed bar, which is supplied with the choicest beer, wine, liquor, and cigars. Also fresh oysters served in every style, during all hours of the day. Read advertisement in another column, and let old and young be sure to call and examine the magnificent display of holiday goods at Louis Pucheu's, Julien Claude's old stand, Main street, opposite M. P. Young & Co.'s drug store.

We would call the attention of our readers to the fact that Mrs. A. B. Chacheré is receiving daily accessions of choice goods to her millinery establishment, on Main street. She has made ample preparations for a full line of holiday articles, and the ladies will consult their true interests, both in styles, materials and prices, by calling and examining her well selected stock of ladies' wear. Mrs. Chacheré announces to ladies from the country, that in calling upon her they will all find a comfortable parlor adjacent to her store, where they can rest and feel at home. Ladies are invited to call and examine her extensive array of millinery articles, even if they do not feel disposed to purchase just now. They will find that she does all that she advertises to do, and is a clever and pleasant lady besides. Call and see her.

A MOST VALUABLE NUMBER.—The American Agriculturist for December 1st, excels itself even in its useful information, fine illustrations, etc. Besides a great variety of valuable, practical, instructive articles. Work of the Month, out doors and in doors, the exposures of humbugs and swindlers, excellent Household and Children's Departments, etc., etc., has contributions from Prof. Riley on the "Chinch Bug and Remedy"; Prof. G. C. Swallow on "Southwestern Agriculture"; Dr. M. Mileson on "Crop Rotation"; Prof. Atwater on "Value of Fish as Food"; Prof. Caldwell on "Feeding for Milk"; Hon. Geo. Geddes on "Farming as an Occupation"; H. A. Haigh, Esq., on "Laws for Farmers"; Dr. J. H. H. on "Pink Eye in Horses"; Prof. Cook on "Carbolic Acid for Insects"; Prof. Jordan on "Farmers and Science," etc. A new volume, the 41st, begins now, and all will do well to become subscribers: \$1.50 a year; specimen, 10c.—Orange Juice Co., New York, publishers.

THE TEETH.—Here are some good rules: 1st. Never crack nuts with the teeth, or bite very hard substances; it breaks or cracks the enamel and hastens decay.—2d. Always brush the teeth before going to bed, if not in the morning also, and use a wooden or quill tooth-pick (not pins or other metal) to remove any food from between the teeth. If left there overnight it ferments and injures the teeth. Use only a moderately stiff tooth-brush; a very stiff one injures the gums, and promotes decay.—3d. Do not use any of the "boughten" tooth-powders, unless it be finely powdered oyster roof. The most active tooth-powders, which whiten the teeth quickly, contain injurious acids or alkalis. Charcoal, however fine, is not good; it has the "grit" and wear of diamond dust.—4th. If the slightest decay begins on any tooth, have a reliable, skillful dentist plug it firmly at once. It will be one of the best possible investments of a small sum for the future.—American Agriculturist for December.

The trial of the conspirators against the life of President Lincoln was attended with the secrecy, mystery, swiftness, sternness and tragic decisiveness of a court martial. The trial of the murderer of President Garfield has been a boon show providing amusement and mirth for the idle mobs that haunt the Federal Capital.—N. O. Times.

Ducks are plentiful in our town. Sportsmen are bringing them in, by the dozens; they are selling at three for a quarter for the large species, and 10 cents a pair for the small ones. There are lots of oysters too and at moderate prices.—Abbeville Meridian.

The Egyptians understood the manufacture of perfumery so perfectly that some of their ancient ointment preserved in a vase in a British museum still retains a powerful odor, although it is more than two thousand years old.

All forms of impaired vitality, mental exhaustion, weakness, indigestion, etc., radically removed by using Brown's Iron Bitters.

How to Stop Your Paper.

It is just the easiest thing in the world, but, like most things, there is a right and a wrong way to do it. The right way is, to send to the publisher the amount due him for the time you have taken the paper, and ask for its discontinuance. The wrong way is, to take the paper from one to five years, and get your postmaster to return it, before you have paid for it. Always pay for your paper before you decline taking it out of the post office. It looks much more honest to do it in that way.

The Crowley Ridge branch of the Iron Mountain, from Knobel, Ark., to Alexandria, La., will be four hundred miles in length. It has all been surveyed except a gap of fifteen miles between De Witt and White rivers. The first section to Forrest City, a distance of about one hundred miles, is now under contract to be built by June 1, 1882. The line will pass through ten counties in Arkansas and six parishes of Louisiana. Connection will be made at Alexandria with the New Orleans Pacific for the Crescent City.—N. O. Times.

USES OF CHARCOAL.—Tainted meat, surrounded with charcoal, is sweetened; strewn over heaps of decomposed pelts, or over dead animals, it prevents an unpleasant odor. Foul water is purified by it. It is a great disinfectant, and sweetens the air, if placed in traps around apartments. It is so very porous in its "microscopic" pores that it absorbs and condenses gases most rapidly. One cubic inch of fresh charcoal will absorb nearly one hundred of gaseous ammonia. Charcoal forms an unrivaled poultice for malignant wounds and sores, often corroding away dead flesh, reducing it one quarter in six hours. In cases of what we call proad flesh, it is invaluable. It gives no disagreeable odor, corrodes no metal, hurts no texture, injures no color, is a simple and safe sweetener and disinfectant.—Southern Enterprise.

Before the Guiteau trial is ended it would not be surprising to hear that Guiteau himself had become disgusted and withdrawn from the case.

An Open Letter.
Opelousas, La., Dec. 7, 1881.

To the President and Members of the Police Jury of St. Landry Parish:

I address you these few lines before the next meeting of the Police Jury, in order to prepare you to this; that I intend, in behalf of the Board of Public Education of this parish, to ask your honorable body to assist in the maintenance of our public schools.

The limited means at our disposal are totally inadequate to carry on the schools to any advantage. In a great many instances, it is time and money lost. We have not in this parish a single school house adequate to accommodate the pupils we might bring there if a proper system were adopted.

My proposition to the Police Jury is this: that, if they can be induced to raise a number of years—say at least four years—the funds the parish will receive for taxes collected from the different railroads running through the parish, be used to build suitable school houses in the different parts of this parish—first in sections where the people show the most interest in public education, and gradually to other sections, until we have a great benefit to the parish. We would build every year new school houses, according to our means, and gradually educate our growing population up to a higher moral and intellectual plane than we can at present. Have you for one moment thought of the moral degradation that exists in this parish at our schools? We do not do this for our own sake, but for the sake of our children. We do not do this for our own sake, but for the sake of our children. We do not do this for our own sake, but for the sake of our children.

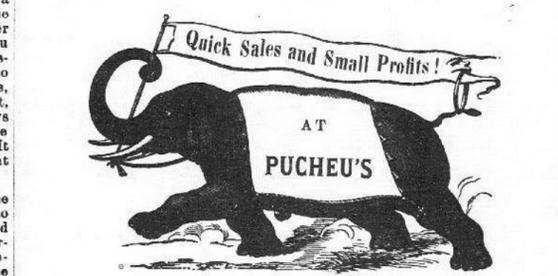
We do not ask you this to immortalize ourselves. We do not ask this for show. We ask it because our people need it. We ask it because the need of education is so great in this parish, and we know we cannot please everybody, but will do our best to educate our children; and to succeed in this endeavor is all we ask. Hoping that you will fully consider this matter, I remain, your obedient servant,
J. B. A. FONTENOT,
President Parish School Board.

WHITWORTH & CO.,
JEANERETTE, LA.,
Manufacturers of Cypress Lumber and Shingles.
Planing Mill Attached.
ALL ORDERS WILL HAVE PROMPT ATTENTION.

NOTICE.—My wife, Marie Melanin Andrus, having left my domicile without cause, the public is hereby notified not to sell her anything on my account, as I will not pay the same. W. M. BLOCH, President.
Cousin Croche, La., Dec. 5, 1881. 10-54

CHAS. FAZELIER,
Notary Public for Saint Landry.
Office at Léoville, La.

CLEAR THE TRACK!



SANTA CLAUS' HEADQUARTERS.

HOLIDAY SEASON OF 1881-1882.

—AT—

LOUIS PUCHEU'S,

Successor to Julien Claude, Main Street, Opelousas.

TOYS! } TOYS! TOYS! TOYS! } TOYS!

IN ENDLESS VARIETY.

THE LARGEST ASSORTMENT EVER BROUGHT TO OPELOUSAS.

—SUITABLE FOR—

HOLIDAY PRESENTS

For Old and Young, Rich and Poor;—Useful, Amusing and Instructive, to Please Every Taste, and Within the Reach of All,—in short a

GRANDE EXPOSITION UNIVERSELLE

OF HOLIDAY SUPPLIES.

—:—

GEORGE FAMILY GROCERIES,

Wines & Liquors—Domestic and Imported, Cordials, Preserves, Jellies, Canned Goods, Fish, Fruit & Vegetables, Confectionery, Cakes, Bonbons, Fireworks, &c

—:—

AN IMMENSE STOCK OF

Hardware, Tinware, Glassware, Crockeryware and Woodenware.

I desire to call the special attention of the public to the above line of goods, as my stock is unsurpassed in extent and variety by any other establishment here

—:—

Having just returned from New Orleans with my Stock of Holiday Goods—a small portion of which is enumerated above, I invite my customers and the public to give me a call, as I am satisfied that no other house in town can afford such a varied stock to choose from, as everything was selected with care and with special reference to the requirements of this Market.

—:—

Adjoining the Store is a well stocked BAR recently refitted throughout and where the purest and best Liquors will be kept and dispensed by experienced attendants. Also, an OYSTER STAND where fresh Oysters will be received daily, and served in every style, at moderate prices.

LOUIS PUCHEU, Claude's old Stand, Opelousas.

CAMILLE ROOS,

NEW CHEAP CASH STORE,

Theo. Chacheré's Old Stand, Opelousas.

I have just filled my Store with New Goods. I have everything but dry goods. I sell cheap, for instance—

Coffee at 9 1/2 to 13 1/2 cents per pound, and Flour at \$6.50 to \$8.75 per barrel. I have Hardware, Tinware, Canned Goods, Coffee, Meats, Flour, Candies, Liquors of all kinds, Cherry Bounce, Tobacco, Cigars, Cigarettes; and for the Christmas and New Year Holidays, I have a select stock of

BEAUTIFUL TOYS.

REMEMBER,—All these things can be had very Cheap, if taken within the next thirty days.

LUNCHES

Always ready for the hungry—prices moderate. Highest market prices paid for Cotton, Rice, Hides, Etc., and all Country Produce.

Be sure to give me a call. CAMILLE ROOS,
Dec. 10-4] Near Courthouse, Opelousas.

GRAND BALL

JUDGMENT JUDGMENT

MARY E. GLAZE, WIFE,

CHARLES J. THOMPSON, HUSBAND.

No. 12988.

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT COURT, ST. LANDRY, LA.

—ON—

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 1882,

By and for the Benefit of

Opelousas Rope Hook & Ladder Comp'y. No. 1.

—AT THE—

OPELOUSAS OPERA HOUSE.

Refreshments of all kinds.

Admission—Gents, \$1.00. Ladies, Free.

In case of bad weather on the date fixed above, the Ball will be postponed.

Tickets for sale at principal stores.

SECOND GRAND

Minstrel Entertainment,

—BY THE—

WM. A. ROBERTSON BRASS BAND,

At Opelousas Opera House,

Wednesday, Dec. 21, 1881.

Admission, 50 Cents.

Tickets for sale at the principal stores in Opelousas and Washington. dec10-34

OPELOUSAS PHILHARMONIC ASSOCIATION.

THE members of the O. P. A. are requested to attend a called meeting at their Hall, on Monday, December 12th, 1881.

JOS. BLOCH, President.

K. MAYER, Secretary pro tem. dec10-11

JUDICIAL NOTICES

PUBLIC SALE.

Probate Court, Parish of St. Landry, No. 4280

ESTATE OF MICHEL BIHM.

By virtue of an order of the Hon. the Probate Court in and for the parish of St. Landry, La., made 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, situated on Plaquemine Ridge, in the parishes of St. Landry, on WEDNESDAY, December 11th, 1881, the following described property, belonging to the estate of Michel Bihm, deceased, to-wit:

1. The plantation on which the deceased last resided, situated on Plaquemine Ridge, in this parish, containing about two hundred arpents of prairie land, more or less, with all the buildings and improvements thereon, bounded north by land of M. Concan and Felix Digeon, east by Felix Digeon, south by David Rous and estate of Wilson Bihm, and west by estate of Wilson Bihm and Therese Johnson.

2. A piece of wood land situated in Mallet Woods, containing about eighty-six arpents, bounded north by lands of Marco, south by Louis Bihm, east by Felix Digeon, and west by ———— Frazee, being a part of the original tract purchased at tax collector's sale as the property of Phil Lazaar, on December 14th, 1869.

3. Another piece of wood land as above, containing about fifty arpents, bounded north by P. Lejeune, south by M. D. Lavergne, east by Felix Digeon, and west by Jacob M. Bihm.

4. One note due Jan. 1st, 1882, by Jacob M. Bihm, for the sum of \$100.00.

5. Balance due on a note by J. J. Gaubert, dated June 29, 1874, for one hundred dollars, by the estate of Michel Bihm.

6. A lot of work horses, one pair of work oxen, one pair of young oxen, three young head of improved cattle, eight five bushels of corn, one ox cart, five live one and one half (10 head), one lot of fence pick (about 400), two shot guns, the crop of cotton, household furniture, kitchen utensils, barrels of lard, meats, and many other articles, the enumeration of which would be too tedious.

Terms and conditions.—The plantation will be sold in three lots, to-wit: the first lot, with all the buildings and improvements thereon, including all the fence on the place, to be sold in one lot; the remaining portion of the plantation to be sold separately.

All lands payable in one, two and three years from January 1st, 1882, in equal installments; purchasers to furnish the notes with two good securities to the satisfaction of the administrator, said notes to bear 8 per cent per annum interest after maturity and the lands remaining to be sold at public auction, until full and entire payment of principal and interest which may accrue thereon. Five per cent to be added for attorney's fee in case of sale. The balance of the purchase money will be sold for cash, payable immediately after each adjudication.

Nov. 12, 1881. LASTIE HUBB, Administrator.

PARTITION SALE.

District Court, Parish St. Landry, No. 12962

CORA L. SIMONS ET AL.

GUY MALCOLM KELLER ET AL.

By virtue of an order of the Honorable the District Court in and for the parish of Saint Landry, La., made at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, by the undersigned, sheriff of the parish of St. Landry, or a duly qualified auctioneer, at a front door of the Court House, in the town of Opelousas, on WEDNESDAY, January 4, 1882, the following described property, to-wit:

1. One hundred acres of land on Bayou Rouge, in Big Cane, bounded north by land of Mrs. Margaret E. Bell, south by lands of St. Landry, in the above entitled suit, and west by Bayou Rouge.

2. A tract of swamp land containing forty acres, more or less, in the Big Cane neighborhood, bounded north by land of John D. Collins, south by lands of owner unknown, and west by lands of W. D. Godwin.

Terms—Cash. C. C. DUSON, Sheriff of the parish of St. Landry, Opelousas, Dec. 3, 1881.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

WILLIS PRESCOTT, Adm., vs. MARTHA BELL SELANE, Wife, et al.

District Court, Parish St. Landry, No. 12928.

By virtue of a writ of fi. fa. issued by the Hon. the District Court in and for the parish of St. Landry, in the above entitled suit, and to be directed, I will proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder, at the principal door of the Court House, in the town of Opelousas, on SATURDAY, December 17th, 1881, at 11 o'clock A. M., the following described property, to-wit:

One building house with buildings thereto attached, situated on the lands of St. Landry, at Moundville, in St. Landry parish; said land being twenty acres; the said property being the property of the late Mrs. W. W. Webb. Also, a lot containing two acres, more or less, with the mound thereon being.

Also, a lot of land on the north side of the Bayou Rouge, in the parish of St. Landry, of Thomas Quirk, and supposed to contain sixty acres, more or less.

Seized in the above entitled suit. Terms—Cash. C. C. DUSON, Sheriff of the parish of St. Landry, Opelousas, November 12, 1881.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

District Court, Parish St. Landry, No. 13062

JOSEPH BLOCH ET AL. vs. MARSHALL RUSSELL HAYES.

By virtue of a writ of fieri facias issued by the Hon. the District Court in and for the parish of St. Landry, in the above entitled suit, and to be directed, I will proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder, at the principal door of the Court House, in the town of Opelousas, on SATURDAY, January 14th, 1882, at 11 o'clock A. M., the following described property, to-wit:

All the right, title and interest of Marshall Russell Hayes in and to the estate of Sarah Elizabeth Hayes, deceased wife of Jesse B. Clark.

Terms—Cash. C. C. DUSON, Sheriff of the parish of St. Landry, Opelousas, December 10th, 1881.

NOTICE OF TABLEAU.

Probate Court, Parish of St. Landry, No. 4262

ESTATE OF GEORGE BELL.

Whereas, Grand Jurors of the parish of St. Landry, natural tutor in the above entitled estate, has filed a final tableau 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 November 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. CHACHERE, Clerk. December 3, 1881.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION.

Probate Court, Parish of St. Landry, No. 4293

ESTATE OF CHARLES BELPOUR.

Whereas, Vile Rideau, of the parish of St. Landry, natural tutor in the above entitled estate, has filed a final tableau 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 November 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 ten days from the present notice.

JAMES O. CHACHERE, Clerk. Dec. 10, 1881.

JUDICIAL NOTICES

PUBLIC SALE.

Probate Court, Parish of St. Landry, No. 4156

ESTATE OF GEORGE H. GARDINER.

By virtue of an order of the Honorable the Probate Court in and for the parish of Saint Landry, La., made at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, by the undersigned natural tutor, or a duly qualified auctioneer, at the last residence of the deceased, in Bellefleur, parish of St. Landry, on WEDNESDAY, January 11th, 1882, the following described property, belonging to the estate of George H. Gardiner, deceased, to-wit:

1. Three lots of ground in the town of Grand Coteau, parish of St. Landry, bounded north by Burleigh street, south by land of Wm. Burleigh, east by lots of A. H. Castille and west by lot of Mrs. Benj. S. Haw, with the buildings and improvements thereon.

2. One lot of ground situated on Burleigh street, in said town of Grand Coteau, bounded north by Burleigh street, south by land of Wm. Burleigh, east by land of John Schrewe, and west by lots of A. H. Castille, with all the buildings and improvements thereon.

3. One lot of ground situated in said town of Grand Coteau, bounded north by Main street, south by land of John Schrewe, east by Napoleon Robin, and west by lot of Maurice Pouligne.

4. About twelve arpents of wood land near Grand Coteau, in said parish, bounded north by land of Mrs. A. H. Castille, east by land of John H. Smith, (1867), east by widow Dossie Legé, and west by land heretofore owned by the late M. Bihm.

5. Seventy-eight arpents of improved prairie land, situated on Plaquemine Ridge, in