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OPLOUSAS:

SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 1883.

CLUBBING RATES.

The Courier and Weekly Times-Democrat

one year for \$3.50;

The Courier and Weekly Capitolian-Advocate

one year for \$3.50;

The Courier and American Agriculturist

one year for \$3.75;

The Courier and Scientific American one

year for \$5.00;

The Courier and Our Little Ones and the

Banyon one year for \$3.50;

The Courier and American Farmer one year

for \$2.00;

The Courier and Demorest's Monthly Magazine

one year for \$4.25;

The Courier and The Breeder's Journal (50

pages monthly) one year for \$3.00.

Subscriptions taken for any of these publications

at publishers' rates.

Local items are scarce and all kinds

of business dull.

Immense freight trains pass daily

over the Morgan road.

See notice of entertainment at the

Presbyterian Church next Friday night.

Baptist services at usual hours to-

morrow (Sunday) at the Presbyterian

Church.

Land Register Richardson has resign-

ed. He will step down and out June

30.

There were seven cases of sunstroke

in New York last Tuesday—two fatal.

The thermometer marked 90 at 3 p. m.

The Levee Convention, called by

Mr. McEnery to consider matters af-

flicting the interests of this State, meets

in Baton Rouge June 18.

Every horse owner should have a

copy of that admirable work, "A Treatise

on the Horse," by Dr. Kendall. A

few copies for sale at this office at 25

cents per copy.

Last Monday Mr. Wm. Meyer was

elected Mayor of the town of Lake

Charles, and Jas. P. Geary, Dr. E. J.

Lynn, G. A. Fournet, James Howard

and David Bloch, aldermen.

Some children while out picking

blackberries near Big Oane last week

killed a "stinging snake" five feet

long and nine inches in circum-

ference. It had a sting apparently two

inches long.

The City Council of Alexandria has

accepted from taxation for ten years

of manufactories that may be erected

in that city. Besides the cotton seed

mill to be established by Capt. W. T.

Soudman, several gentlemen are rais-

ing money to establish a similar manu-

factory.

That valuable book—"A Treatise on

the Horse"—by Dr. Kendall, will be

given as a premium to every new cash

subscriber to the COURIER; also, to all

delinquents who will settle up arrear-

ages and pay one year in advance. The

book is worth ten times its price to any

horse owner.

The recently elected Town Council

of Bayne, St. Landry parish, organized

last Saturday by the election of Mr. J.

D. Bernard as Mayor, E. C. Fremaux

Clark, Chas. A. Perrodin treasurer, and

D. M. Bell constable. The members of

the council are Dr. J. F. Morris, M.

Ames, A. S. Chappin, Louis R. Deputy

and B. H. Harmon.

**WEATHER AND CROPS.**—For the past week heavy showers of rain have fallen daily, accompanied with considerable wind and electricity. The crops have grown rapidly; but the rain has become excessive and interferes seriously with farm work. Those who were not clear of grass are now embarrassed with it, because it grows rapidly and cannot be killed during such a wet season. The indications are that we will have showers for many days to come, which renders the apprehension of a visit from the cotton caterpillar almost a certainty in the near future.

The U. S. District Court was to have opened a session here last Monday, but owing to the failure to draw the jury in time, the session was postponed until next Monday, when it is expected the presiding Judge, Hon. Alex. Boardman, will be present, Mr. Wheaton, the clerk, and Mr. Beattie, the stenographer, have been here all the week. We understand that the docket is an important one, and that the term will last for several days.

The State Circuit Court, Judges Moore and Irion presiding, met on Monday last. There were eight cases on the docket. Several strangers from abroad, and quite a number of people from the country were in attendance at these Courts.

**ENTITLED TO THE PREMIUM.**—Mr. J. P. Smith, the wide-awake and progressive farmer who resides in Bellevue, five miles south of town, dropped in upon us last Wednesday evening and left us a basket of delicious fruit, consisting of two varieties of large early peaches and some splendid specimens of the Wild Goose plum, the latter being raised from seed brought from Texas. He has a number of trees bearing the above kinds of fruits, as well as a large assortment of trees bearing later fruits. Mr. Smith also exhibited to us the first cotton bloom of the season, which made its appearance on the 3d. He has large and well advanced crops of both corn and cotton. Who can beat him?

The painting of the Catholic Church is progressing satisfactorily and the work is being done in a very artistic manner. The ceiling is beautifully decorated with six large pictures, and some elegant scrolls, and will add much to the appearance of this fine place of worship. We notice also some very proper and necessary improvements in the Catholic Cemetery. New walks or alleys are being laid out therein; and though the work has not yet progressed very far, it is evident that the appearance of this "city of the dead" will be greatly improved and the identification of nameless graves greatly facilitated thereby. We may say here that we would like to see some attention given to our Public Cemetery also; the enclosure is broken in some places and rank weeds cover this once beautiful spot. A few dollars devoted to its rehabilitation would be money well spent.

Hon. H. L. Garland, chairman of the committee appointed for St. Landry to raise funds for the Charity Hospital of New Orleans, has received and forwarded the following sums, collected in this parish to aid in making some necessary improvements in that noble institution. St. Landry's contribution, up to date, is therefore \$1204.70—a very satisfactory result, considering the stringency of the times—and we are justified in saying to the committee and to the sub-committees appointed by them: Well done!

From Opelousas and vicinity: \$431.20  
Grand Cotean " 302.50  
Washington " 250.00  
Vile Plate " 221.00  
Total to June 7: \$1204.70

The Thibodaux Sentinel says Thibodaux Fire Co. No. 1 and Home Hook & Ladder Co. No. 1 will shortly begin the erection of a large ball on the Firemen's Fair Grounds, at Thibodaux.

Glanders still prevails among the horses in Natchitoches parish. To prevent further spread of the disease, the police jury has ordered all infected animals shot.

**HAASVILLE, (Avoynes), June 4, 1883.**

**WARM, showery weather for the past week.** Ground too wet to work cotton properly. Corn growing rapidly, and prospects for all crops very good. The health of the community is excellent.

There were several calls made by noted persons in our village last week. We mention Messrs. A. J. Perrault and E. W. Reynolds and Judge K. Baillio, of Opelousas. Mr. Suider, connected with Mr. Blackshear and the ill-fated saw mill that blew up some days since near Bayou Chicout, was here a few days ago and gave us an account of the disaster mentioned in your last issue.

The live inhabitants of this place intend that it shall move to the front and become as important in every respect in a few years as Dallas, Tex., if possible to do so. We are glad to have the five men of Opelousas call; they all go off delighted with our village and country, leaving us to hope—if nothing more—that they will soon become citizens of Haasville. Miss Corinne Gradecnik, of Washington, who has been visiting friends here for the last three weeks, left for home on the 2d inst. We hope Miss Coy will come again.

**Capt. Sam Haas has a new saw mill in full blast just west of us on Bayou Crocodile.** Another heavy shower last evening.

On Monday, June 11, the Texas and Pacific road will be open for through business, as the water has receded from the track and swamps. At present a number of work-trains are doing good service raising the road and ballasting the track along the line between this city and Shreveport. Work has been resumed on the bridge across the Atchafalaya River, and the builder says that he will have it finished and ready for trains within the next 90 days. The officials say that as soon as the bridge is completed there will be no interruption to traffic on account of high water.

**Baton Rouge Capitolian-Advocate:** Mr. J. B. Watkins, who has been entering large tracts of land in this State for the firm of J. B. Watkins & Co., of Lawrence, Kansas, states that the company's engineer is in New Orleans and will at once make a survey of the land entered with the view to the firm's commencing work in the fall. Those now located on some of these lands have their places in thorough cultivation with orange groves, &c. He intends to procure settlers of the best class of laborers from the North to populate the unsettled parts of these lands.

**Donaldsonville Chief, 2d:** Last Sunday night the corner-stone of the St. Paul Catholic Church at Bayou Goula was taken from its position by some conscienceless scoundrel, who robbed it of a number of gold and silver coins which had been placed in it when the stone was laid some twelve years ago.

The value of pecan shipments from Indianola, Texas, before the war was \$100,000. Now it is estimated the crops annually gathered at that point are worth over \$2,000,000. In many localities trees from 50 to 100 years old are still bearing.

**APRESENT.**—A fine map of the United States will be given free of charge to every purchaser of a dollar bottle or package of M. A. Theford & Co.'s Liver Medicine or Black Draught, at W. O. Posey's. The map alone is worth more than one dollar.

**A Nibble of Salt.**

If horses, cattle, and sheep could have salt for them to lick or nibble at all times as they desired, while in stable, yard or pasture, they would escape various diseases and be more thrifty and useful than when deprived of it, or even given it irregularly. Swine and poultry are better for having a little pure brine mixed up with their food. Since we have never lost an animal from disease of any kind, and only a few fowls, and these latter would not have become sick, had they not unfortunately got at an uncovered sink-hole, where they picked out bits of decomposing bread and vegetables, a small quantity of which had got there from the dish-water. The rock salt that comes in large lumps, and may be bought at low rates, is excellent for live stock. Boxes for this salt may be arranged by the sides of the mangers and in the pasture. They will need filling only at distant intervals.

**The Characteristic American Book.** Webster's Unabridged Dictionary is now considered throughout the continent of Europe, not only the authority par excellence in English lexicography, but as the characteristic American book. It is better known and more widely circulated than any other. I have met with it at the Imperial Library in Paris, the Library of the British Museum, the Athenaeum and other London Clubs, and numerous other places. I have heard of it from Turkey, India, China, and even Japan. It is everywhere deservedly applauded for the elegance of its type, the distinctness of its impression, the beauty of the engravings, and the vast amount of information condensed within its covers. To the great talents of Dr. Webster it is in its present state a noble and meritorious offering. Paris Correspondent Boston Post.

The greatest deflection of the Brooklyn bridge on last Saturday, under the weight of 250,000 persons and 10,000 vehicles, was only six inches, being one inch greater than on the opening day, and about half that was allowed for by the plan of construction.

The St. John Fencing Club propose to erect in New Orleans a monument to the memory of Col. Charles Drexler, Louisiana's first victim in the late war.

**DEED.**—In Opelousas, June 7, 1883, L. B. GONOR, aged 29 years, 1 month and 10 days.

**FOR RENT.** A NEW town residence, neat and convenient, suitable for a small family, with two acres of land, enclosed. Will be sold cheap, or rented low to a good tenant. Apply at this office.

**ENTERTAINMENT** AT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. THE ladies of the Presbyterian Church will provide refreshments at the Church on FRIDAY evening, June 15th. All are invited to attend.

**KENDALL'S SPAVIN CURE** The Most Successful Remedy Ever discovered, as it is certain in its effects and does not blister. Read proof below. HERCULES'S RAYON, 12 miles north of Denver, Colorado, March 5th, 1883. Dr. B. J. KENDALL & Co.—Gents: For the past three years I have used Kendall's Spavin Cure. In every case of spavin, of which I have treated five, it has killed them all, and entirely cured them. One year ago a two hundred pound block of ice fell out of a wagon, striking my foot on instep and toes; it would be impossible to wash a foot without breaking any bones. I was taken home and carried to the house. I do not think amputation of the leg would cause any more pain. I went for Kendall's Spavin Cure, it was all I used, and in six days I could walk around. About three weeks ago my team ran away, threw me out of the wagon, the hind wheel struck my knee. After applying several highly recommended liniments without obtaining any relief, I went for Kendall's Spavin Cure. My leg was drawn up and my knee swollen badly. In three days I was able to walk to the barn. I could go into details more fully, and make this a very long letter, but will not weary you. I am very respectfully yours, OSCAR F. HERRINGMAN. P. O. Lock Box 2364, Denver, City, Col.

**KENDALL'S SPAVIN CURE.** Price \$1 per bottle, or 6 bottles for \$5. All druggists have it or can get it for you, or it will be sent to any address on receipt of price by the proprietors, Dr. B. J. KENDALL & Co., Kansas Falls, Vt. Send for Illustrated Circular.

**GREAT AUCTION SALE OF LANDS**

SITUATED IN THE PARISH OF ST. LANDRY, LA. I WILL offer for sale at public auction, on MONDAY, JULY 2, 1883, at the Court House in Opelousas, at 10 o'clock A. M., several bodies of lands situated in the parish of St. Landry, in the different settlements of said parish, which were acquired by me at tax sales made by C. C. Dixon, Sheriff and Tax Collector of St. Landry, and which were sold as the property of Ursin Bourque, V. Richard, H. N. Lusk, Mrs. P. Sternemus, Silas Talbot, Jacques A. D. Turand, Henrietta Ulrich, G. Sloan, Louis Simons, Ernest Holley Heirs of J. D. Wright, Heirs of Pierre Landry Wm. Smith, C. Roach, Wm. McDaniel, J. Lynch, Pauline Hudson, J. V. Guidry, Achille Gaubert, Thomas Green. Mrs. H. Fontenot, Onézime L. Guidry, Joseph A. Bourque, J. B. Conret, Appoline Fontenot, Mrs. Margaret Alexander, Octave Bellard, Louis A. Young W. W. Whittington, Armande Solenne, Louis W. Joseph, Edgard Sarrat, Jacob Cash, J. L. Carr, A. Barnes, K. D. Horn, Isaac Charley V. C. Brodie, J. Buckley, J. H. Henriques, D. N. Head, Mrs. G. Gallagher, George Dela-plomme, Joe A. Pratt, Mrs. M. E. Brandon A. Malloy, S. B. Wright, Woodson & Heirs, Felicien Guillou, Benjamin Sarvant, J. F. McClendon, Zephirin Doucet, B. Noltean, Hy-polite Miller, Mrs. Joseph P. Pirre, T. H. Weightman, P. Leloux, L. Sydney, Mrs. George Simon, Alfred Simien, John Therese IF Fontenot, Isaac Young, Benjamin Lessard John Louis Miller, Honoré Brossard, Baptiste Simien, Estate of J. F. Moulié, Alphonse Manuel, Jean Baptiste Solenne, Louis Lavergne, Louis Hébert, Onézime Fontenot, Pierre Pital, Jean L. Guillory, Doralice Guillory, Oval Jack, Jean Louis Miller, Julien Guillory Louis Lejeune, Valentin Ledé, François Lavergne, Louis Bellard, Mrs. E. Head, Jesse John, Joachim Esprit, Jean Allain, Louis Perrodin, Mrs. F. Whittington, Louis Joseph J. C. Bourque, Linton August, Marie Ledé Trasmont Solenne, Ursin Miller, Louis Young & Bro., Heirs of M. Lafleur, F. M. Cresswell E. Simon, Augustin Simon, T. Louvrier, Onézime H. Fontenot, H. N. Lusk, Louis Simon, W. H. Pierre Verret, Jules Leblanc, Augustin Corcier, Phillip Woods, Henry Van Vleck Marcelin Fontenot, Onézime P. Fontenot, Edmond Manuel, Mrs. Louis Mendel, Mrs. Marie Pierrot, Estate of James H. Githaure, John Lee, E. Mayers, J. A. Pechaud, E. Delipite, etc., etc., a description of which will be given on the day of sale.

Attest: C. MATO, Clerk.

**POINTE-AUX-LOUPS SPRINGS.** PARISH OF ST. LANDRY, LA. THIS favorite summer resort, celebrated for the curative powers of its waters in a large number of diseases, including Dyspepsia, Rheumatism, Kidney and Liver Diseases, Neuralgia, Paralysis, Diseases of the Blood and Skin, and many other diseases both acute and chronic, is now open for the season. The accommodations are all first-class, and the fare is of the best. Prices of board and lodging, with use of baths and waters, \$1.50 per week, \$10 per month, and \$20 per season. Physicians will always be in attendance in case of need. Hacks may be had at all times at Mermento station by those coming by way of the La. Western R. R. G. MILLER, Proprietor. May 26, 1883.

**NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS.** THE tax-payers of the town of Opelousas are hereby notified that the listing and estimation of the valuation of all real and personal property situated within the corporate limits of the town of Opelousas has been completed, and is now exposed in my office in the Courthouse in the town of Opelousas, for inspection and correction, and that the same will so remain exposed for the space of thirty days from this date. W. M. JOHNSTON, Assessor and Collector. my26-3t

**500,000** Ft. Choice Seasoned Atchafal. Cypress Lumber AT COST. COME and see for yourself and your wagon will not go away empty. MT. PLEASANT MILLS, Washington, La. T. D. COOKE, Clk. my19-3t

**EVERY FARMER** Needs a reliable Live-Stock Journal, and we have made arrangements to furnish to our subscribers just such a journal. The Courier and the Breeders' Live-Stock Journal will be sent one year for the small sum of \$3. Every subscriber will receive a large and fine engraving of the famous HEREFORD CATTLE. Call at our office and examine this journal, and we are certain you will want it.

**NOTICE OF TABLEAU.** DISTRICT COURT, Parish of St. Landry, No. 13303. ISOLVANT ESTATE OF LOUIS C. COZINE. Whereas, Simon Perkon, of the city of New Orleans, syndic of the insolvent estate of Louis C. Cozine, of the parish of St. Landry, having filed a tableau of distribution of funds thereof, 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 May 11, 1883; 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, which said tableau should not be homologated and confirmed. JAMES O. CHACHERE, Clerk. May 12, 1883.

**NOTICE OF TABLEAU.** DISTRICT COURT, Parish of St. Landry, No. 4405. ESTATE OF JOSEPH D. GONOR. Whereas, Théophile Roy, 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 her 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 May 11, 1883; 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, which said tableau should not be homologated and confirmed. JAMES O. CHACHERE, Clerk. May 12, 1883.

**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION.** DISTRICT COURT, Parish of St. Landry, No. 4436. ESTATE OF ALFRED HENRY. Whereas, Martin Jones, of St. Landry, has applied by his petition to be appointed administrator of the estate of Alfred Henry, 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 notice. JAMES O. CHACHERE, Clerk. June 2, 1883.

Proceedings of the Board of Police of the Town of Opelousas

**OPLOUSAS, April 30th, 1883.** The Board of Police of the Town of Opelousas met pursuant to call of the President, Present: James Ray, President; A. B. Chachere, L. A. Sandoz, Felix Leostier, B. Martin, and S. Bioroté. The President announced that the Board had been called for the purpose of receiving the reports of the Collector and Treasurer, and transacting any other business brought before the Board.

**AN ORDINANCE** To prevent and punish driving of carts and wagons over the bridges within the corporate limits of the town of Opelousas in any other than an ordinary walk, and to provide penalties for violation of the same. Whereas, the large number of bridges required in the corporate limits of Opelousas necessitate a heavy expense on the corporation treasury; and Whereas, the driving of carts and wagons at a faster gait than an ordinary walk tears up said bridges, making it necessary for the town authorities to regulate same; Be it therefore resolved, That it shall hereafter be unlawful for any one to drive any cart or wagon over any bridge within the corporation limits of the town of Opelousas in any other than an ordinary walk; that it shall be the duty of the Constable or any special officer to arrest any one violating this ordinance, and to take possession of any and impound said vehicle and team.

**NOTICE OF TABLEAU.** DISTRICT COURT, Parish of St. Landry, No. 13433. ISOLVANT ESTATE OF LOUIS C. COZINE. Whereas, Simon Perkon, of the city of New Orleans, syndic of the insolvent estate of Louis C. Cozine, of the parish of St. Landry, having filed a tableau of distribution of funds thereof, 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 June 1, 1883; 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, which said tableau should not be homologated and confirmed. JAMES O. CHACHERE, Clerk. June 2, 1883.

**NOTICE OF TABLEAU.** DISTRICT COURT, Parish of St. Landry, No. 4325. ESTATE OF JOSEPH COLOMBE UNDECEASED DAIGLE. Whereas, Marie Céline Cormier, of the parish of St. Landry, administratrix, has filed a final tableau of the above entitled estate, accompanied by her 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 May 11, 1883; 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, which said tableau should not be homologated and confirmed. JAMES O. CHACHERE, Clerk. May 12, 1883.

**NOTICE OF TABLEAU.** DISTRICT COURT, Parish of St. Landry, No. 4408. ESTATE OF ADELE JOUBEY. Whereas, Charles Pirre, of the parish of St. Landry, administrator of the above named estate, having filed a tableau of classification of debts of said estate, accompanied by her 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 May 8, 1883; 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, which said tableau should not be homologated and confirmed. JAMES O. CHACHERE, Clerk. May 12, 1883.

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JUDICIAL NOTICES

UNITED STATES MARSHAL'S SALE. In the United States Circuit Court for the 5th Circuit and Eastern District of Louisiana. No. 9060. CHARLES NEWMAN VS. W. C. JOHNSON.

By virtue of an alias writ of seizure and sale to me directed in the above entitled suit, I will proceed to sell to the highest bidder, on SATURDAY, the 30th day of June, 1883, at 11 o'clock a. m. of the main entrance to the Courthouse in the town of Opelousas, parish of St. Landry, Louisiana, the following described property, viz:

1st. A certain tract of land situated in the parish of St. Landry, on Bayou Teche, having seven acres front by twenty-two in depth, bounded north by Bayou Teche, west by Louis Vantrot, south by Heaven Stelly, and east by Joseph Rayson, being the same property purchased by said W. C. Johnson from Dr. Vincent Bangui, on the 23d day of May, A. D. 1873, and recorded in Book 4, of the Orleans Parish, at page 108, and in the Recorder's office, in and for said parish and State.

2d. A certain plantation of the left descending bank of Bayou Teche, having a front of fourteen arpents on said Bayou, eleven of which have a depth of twenty-two arpents, and three of which have a depth of eighteen arpents, bounded north by the property of W. C. Johnson, south by land of vendor, Amelia Durleigh, and Louis Vantrot, and the depth of Durleigh, widow of François Vantrot, dec'd., and also the undivided half of a certain tract of wood land, supposed to contain two hundred and thirty arpents, situated on Bayou Teche, bounded above by lands just above described, and below by lands of Hilaire Dupluchain, being same property acquired by said W. C. Johnson, and recorded in Book 360, and acknowledged at the Recorder's office, in and for said parish and State, on the 25th day of March A. D. 1874, and recorded in Book 16, No. 3. Aliquotation Record, page 360, and acknowledged at the Recorder's office, in and for said parish and State, on the 25th day of March A. D. 1874, and by act of exchange between W. C. Johnson and Louis F. Vantrot, dated October 16th, 1874, recorded in Book 10, No. 2, at page 250, of Recorder's office, in and for the parish of St. Landry.

Seized in the above entitled suit. Terms—Cash on the spot. Deputy United States Marshal's office, Opelousas, La., May 23d, 1883. THOMAS B. BROOKS, Deputy United States Marshal of the Western District of Louisiana. my26-3t

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