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OPELOUSAS:

SATURDAY, : : : : : : OCT. 13, 1883.

The Democratic Parish Executive Committee will meet at the Court House on the 16th inst. See the call.

Mr. John F. Smith, one of the oldest and most highly esteemed residents of Grand Coteau, died last Thursday, aged about 68 years. He was a lawyer by profession.

Elections were held last Tuesday in the Republican States of Ohio and Iowa. The latter was carried by the Republicans by a reduced majority, and the former by the Democrats by a majority estimated at from five to eight thousand.

Preparations for the grand Firemen's Excursion to New Orleans on the 5th of November are almost completed, and our next issue will contain full particulars of this long looked-for event.

We understand that the Republicans split in twain, on last Saturday, in the election of delegates to a Parish Convention to meet on next Saturday, for the election of a new Parish Executive Committee. The faction led by Bernard Martin, Esq., elected a full set of delegates, as did the faction led by Mr. Louis Demarais.

Owing to continued bad health, our young friend A. J. Perrault, Esq., had to resign his position as minute clerk of our District Court. He left for his former home—Baton Rouge—on last Thursday, and will remain there for a few days. Thence he will go to San Antonio, Tex., to try that climate as a means to restoration to health and strength.

On Tuesday, Oct. 30th, a grand entertainment and ball will be given at Perrodin's Hall, under the auspices and for the benefit of Opelousas Fire Co. No. 1, which, according to the on *dits*, will prove a rare treat to our pleasure loving people. Some of our most popular and talented young amateurs are already diligently engaged preparing for the occasion, and we shall be enabled, next week, to give our readers full particulars of the coming event.

We direct the attention of our readers to the advertisement of Pizzini's Restaurant, 182 Canal street, New Orleans, which appears in another column. This house has been thoroughly renovated, repaired and refitted. Everything new—furniture, carpets, curtains, silverware, etc. Every room in the house fronts the street; good light and air. The services of the very best cook in the city have been secured, and the proprietors will leave nothing undone that will tend to the comfort of their guests.

In another column we publish an article from the N. O. City Item headed "A Surplus in the State Treasury," in which our contemporary makes an excellent suggestion as to how that surplus should be appropriated. For the first time in a long series of years we find a surplus in the treasury of $30,000. Just here the anti-administration papers may stick a little pin. A surplus in the treasury means that the government has been both honest and economical. The City Item recommends the appropriation of this sum to the support of the public schools, and adds that Gov. McEnery will recommend the same in his annual message to the Legislature. Who will object?

The following parties, all colored, convicted at the late term of our District Court, were sentenced by Judge Hudspeth last Saturday evening, as follows:

Alex. Brown, for burglary and larceny—18 months in State penitentiary;

Tress Pierre Jacques, horse-stealing—two years in State penitentiary;

Michel Charlot, cow-stealing—two years in State penitentiary;

Dave Slater, calf-stealing—twelve months in State penitentiary;

Martha Harvey, murder, plead guilty to manslaughter—5 years State penitentiary;

Theodile Lafleur, murder, found guilty of manslaughter—6 years State penitentiary;

Adolphe Joe, assault and battery—fined $100 and costs, or 12 months in parish jail.

The most important business transacted by the Police Jury last Monday and Tuesday was—1st, providing for the election of two magistrates in the 3d Police Jury Ward—Grand Coteau—and two in the 5th Police Jury Ward—Lepas Bœuf; 2d, establishing three polling places in the 6th Police Jury Ward—Chicot—and requesting the Returning Officer to select Chicot, Charles Dossman's and Thomas Morris' as said polling places; 3d, passage of a resolution requesting Hon. E. T. Lewis, M. C., to use his influence to prevent the Backbone Land Grant from passing to the New Orleans Pacific; 4th, relegating the Coulon bridge—because of its bad construction and having no approaches, and not being built in accordance with contract. The Jury accepted the report of the committee for opening a new road from Mopemine Ridge, passing by and between Simon and Bihm lands, thence through lands of Lastrapes and Gillespie to Bellevue road, through lands owned by Bouqui, Vezaie and Barr to the bridge over bayou Teason at the Southern extremity of town. This road to be established under Sec. 9 of the Road Law, to-wit: without incurring any expense to the parish for right of way, &c. We understand that several parties will not give the right of way for said road; and the probability is that the people will not secure this new highway to and from town, which is so much needed during the winter and rainy season.

Cotton is selling at 9 to 9¼ cents per pound; rice at $3.50 per sack, 162 lbs., choice grade. The freight for cotton on Morgan's R. R. to New Orleans is $6.50, against $1.50 per bale before the boats stopped running; rice 60 cents per sack now, against 40 cents before navigation closed. Is there no protection against this odious monopoly for our people? Will our legislators hesitate any longer to enact laws regulating a tariff of charges to checkmate the extortion of unconscionable corporations? At the next election this should be made a direct issue in the choice of our senators and representatives. Vote for no man who will not pledge himself to this much needed legislation and just protection.

The collection of the poll tax in this Parish, for the month of September, amounted to over $11,00. The collection of the same for October is still greater, and when the whole of the poll tax is collected will be about $7000. This, being set aside for public school purposes, will materially aid the prosecution of the school terms.

Oh! when will this terrible drouth be broken? The ponds and coulees are all dry, the cattle have to be driven for miles to get water in some places, and many of our people are greatly inconvenienced to procure drinking water for family use. Everything is literally dry—dry.

The Hon. W. A. Robertson returned home last Saturday evening, and looks a great deal better from his sojourn in Texas, Mexico and Chihuahua. He represents the climate as delightful, and says that his health is improved a hundred fold in every respect.

A Surplus in the State Treasury

N. O. City Item, Oct 5.

For the first time in the recollection of anybody there is a surplus in the State Treasury to the credit of the general fund. The balance is not a very large sum, but it is something; and whatever it may be, is much more satisfactory than the ever-recurring deficits which have for so many years embarrassed the several State administrations. We have it upon sufficient authority that all the outstanding warrants payable out of the general fund for 1882 have been called in, paid and canceled, leaving a present balance in cash of $30,000, available for any proper purpose to which the Legislature may see proper to apply it. The Constitution has left the disposal of any surplus funds that may from time to time be reported to the discretion of the Legislature. It will be a new sensation to many of the old members—those who have represented their parishes for a number of years—to have to deal with a surplus. Heretofore they have had to deal only with deficiencies.

Whatever the amount may be, at this time, to the credit of the general fund of 1882, it is likely to be augmented by the collection of delinquent taxes of that year. The work of collecting will probably go on indefinitely, or at any rate for several years. And as with 1882, so we shall expect it to be with 1883. Another surplus may be looked for, and, with the careful financial management of the past two or three years, so on *ad infinitum*. It has been suggested as a very proper measure, an act of exact justice, that the Legislature should, at the earliest practicable moment, transfer at least $30,000 of the existing surplus to the free school fund, in lieu of that amount taken from it for the support of those important public institutions, the University and Agricultural College, the University in this city, and the University for the education of persons of color. It is well known that the sums of $10,000 each, taken for these institutions out of the current school fund, reduced the amount available for educational purposes, and greatly embarrassed the school officials throughout the State. We are informed that Gov. McEnery is in favor of such an act of restitution, and will probably recommend it in his message to the General Assembly when it assembles in May. In case there be a similar surplus for 1883, that could be applied in the same manner for the appropriations already made for 1884.

It is a hopeful symptom of the dawn of better times in Louisiana to be able to report the first surplus of receipts over expenditures for the general fund which has occurred since the war. It shows that a conservative economy has obtained in the matter of appropriating the public money, which has taken care to keep the expenditures well within the prospective receipts. This policy, supplemented by an efficient system of collection and prompt and faithful settlements by subordinate officers, has at last enabled the State to emerge from the chronic condition of insolvency in which it has struggled for twenty years, and take her place in the front rank of solid commonwealths. If we can fall into a permanent habit of finding a balance on the right side of the ledger every year, the public credit will respond, and, as an inevitable consequence, raise private credit with it. We hope soon to see the day when it will no longer be fashionable or popular to plead poverty as an excuse for the neglect of any duty, public or private.

HAASVILLE, Avoyelles, La., Oct. 8, 1883.

EDITORS OF THE COURIER:

To-day I will write up the locals from this district. First, it is hot and dry; roads dusty, air full of dust—dust everywhere; water for drinking purposes scarce; Bayous are as low as I ever saw them. Fine for the cotton planter; much cotton is being picked out and saved, and very clean; the crop, if it continues dry, will pan out better than expected a month past. We know of a few farmers who will get a bale to the acre, but the majority not near so much. The sugar cane is short; no seed cane put down yet that I know of—the ground is too hard and dry. Considerable pea hay has been cut and saved; we know of one planter that has stacked some two hundred large loads, and not done yet. Corn is selling at 50 and 60 cents per barrel, and there is not too much of it at that; it will be worth 75 cents or $1 next spring.

The colored people are becoming more and more religious—or apparently so; there was eight immersed here Sunday, 7th inst., in the Bœuf, by the Rev. H. K. Barrett, and more to follow soon. They seem very enthusiastic, and determined to wear the "heavenly crown as they march on to glory."

We note with interest that the N. O. Times-Democrat is adding new features to its already interesting colums, and coming boldly to the front with its news and cable dispatches from the continent. The T.-D. is really the leading journal of the great South, and its able corps of writers will bring, not only Louisiana, but the whole South, fairly before the world.

We see from late correspondence that the stock law is very favorably received in South Carolina, in which State it has become a law. From some 34 counties, and nearly 200 townships, the increase in acreage and crops has been very large—from 40 or 50 to over 100 per cent in some localities. Opposition to the law is still kept up, but reports say it is "gradually giving way." The Prairie Farmer says: "Our Southern friends may be sure they are on the highway of progress. Opposition to the law is nothing new. It has been met with in the Northern States, in former times, but the good effect resulting from its enforcement rapidly drowned prejudice."

Yours, &c., ILLINOIS.

Alexandria State Central Express, Sept. 22: The Times-Democrat has organized and equipped an expedition to explore the Florida Everglades. This expedition left New Orleans last Tuesday, and is under the command of Major A. P. Williams, a native of this parish and a son of Mrs. M. B. Williams, who is well known in the literary world. The expedition will proceed to Cedar Keys, and from thence go *via* Fort Meyers to Lake Okeechobee, where a camp will be established. The country to be explored is about 150 miles square, and the greater portion of this large territory has not hitherto been traversed on account of the obstacles the nature of the country presents. The enterprise displayed by the Times-Democrat is remarkable, and we have no doubt of the success of the expedition, and that we shall learn much of that country that will be both valuable and interesting.

The losses from overflow in the parishes of East Carroll, Ouachita, St. Mary, Tensas and West Baton Rouge during 1882 amounted to no less than $6,906,912, nearly two-thirds of the amount being in the parish of St. Mary. It is estimated that with proper levees more new land would be rendered available for cultivation in those five parishes than exists in the entire State of Rhode Island. It is therefore wise to look to our levees.—*N. O. City Item.*

Baptist services at the Presbyterian church to-morrow at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. by Elder A. P. Scofield.

The following statement shows the presidential postoffices of Louisiana, the class to which they belong and the salaries as arranged to go into effect Oct. 1, as compared with the adjustment of 1882:

Office.	Class.	Postmasters' Salaries. July 1, '82.	Oct. 1, '83.
Alexandria	3	$1,400	$1,300
Baton Rouge	3	1,900	1,800
Donaldsonville	3	1,500	1,400
Franklin	3	1,100	1,100
Lake Charles	3	1,400	1,300
Monroe	3	1,700	1,500
Morgan City	3	1,200	1,000
Natchitoches	4	1,000	.....
New Iberia	3	1,700	1,500
New Orleans	1	3,700	3,700
Opelousas	3	1,100	1,200
Plaquemine	3	1,200	1,100
Shreveport	2	2,600	2,300
Thibodaux	3	1,300	1,300

One post office in the State, Natchitoches, falls below the Presidential rank, and will hereafter be placed in the fourth class.

The Great Empire of Brazil.

A glance at the map will show how large a portion of the earth's surface is covered by the territory over which the good Dom Pedro rules as emperor. The greatest river and some of the highest mountains on the globe, as well as vastest pampas or plains, are embraced within the limits of this enormous country. As yet, however, it is but thinly populated, having only 12,000,000 inhabitants, who occupy, for the most part, only a fringe of territory along the sea-coast. Its backwardness in this respect is due to its limited railway system. The United States has nearly 120,000 miles of railway; in Brazil there are only 426 miles of completed road; but these have paid so well that English capital has been atracted, and the next few years will see many thousands of miles of new railroads opening up fertile regions of immense extent to European emigrants. Eight new companies have been formed in London, and when their work is complete, nearly a million of square miles of productive country will be brought in direct relation to the Atlantic seaboard and to the markets of the world. The last of the cheap lands are rapidly being taken up in this country, but when the soil has been absorbed here, we may expect the tide of emigration from the Old World heading for the South American coast. It will take a century at least to exhaust the available land of the South American peninsula.—*Demorest's Monthly.*

What Eminent St. Louis Physicians Say.

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The next "World's Fair" of this country is to be held in New Orleans next year, and is expected to be a brilliant successor to Atlanta's initial display. The enormous extent of the cotton seed product alone is shown in the statement that 7,000,000 bales of cotton grown last year produced, besides this "lint," 3,500,000 tons of the seed. In addition to the oil contained in this former waste, the hulls, now used chiefly for fuel, are said to add another to the materials for paper-stock, though the method of manufactuning is still in its infancy. All these signs show that the enterprise of the new South is ready to grasp at all new industrial suggestions, and is fully alive to the pecuniary value in local returns of industrial fairs, under skilled management.—*Philadelphia Ledger.*

Alarming!

Colds that settle on the lungs soon become very dangerous if not promptly treated with *Hale's Honey of Horehound and Tar.* Sold by druggists.

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Senator Reagan, of Texas, has been interviewed. His first choice for President is Thurman; after Thurman, he prefers McDonald; Wm. R. Morrison, of Illinois, is next in his estimation. The Senator considers all talk about Butler running for the presidency perfectly preposterous, and says the South could hardly be expected to support him. As for himself, he certainly declines the honor of riding behind the Massachusetts statesman. He does not believe Holman is a candidate. His objection to Tilden is pronounced.

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Political.

To the Members of the Democratic Executive Committee of St. Landry:

Whereas, a meeting of the Democratic Executive Committee for the State having been called to meet in the city of New Orleans on the 22d instant.

And whereas, it is thought that there is a vacancy in the said Democratic State Executive Committee, which is to be filled by the Parish Executive Committee.

Now, as President of said Democratic Parish Executive Committee, I call it together, to meet at the Court House in Opelousas, at 12 o'clock, on the 16th instant, to consider this matter.

Opelousas, Oct. 6, 1883.

HENRY L. GAHLAND.

What Tom Moore Said.

"Wrinkles are democratic and flatter nobody." The same may be said of all blemishes of the skin, whether caused by sickness, age or accident. GLENN'S SULPHUR SOAP will at least retard the time when wrinkles make their appearance, by keeping the skin of a velvet softness, improving its elasticity, and preserving its healthful appearance. It gives a pearly aspect to the skin, which cannot be distinguished from the natural hue of a pure blonde complexion. Beware of counterfeits. See that "C. N. CRITTENTON, Proprietor," is printed on each packet, without which none is genuine. Sold by druggists and fancy goods dealers.

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Opelousas, Nov. 13, 1881. 3m

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Aug 18, 1883.

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JUDICIAL NOTICES.

Charter of Opelousas Merchants Exchange

STATE OF LOUISIANA. PARISH OF ST. LANDRY. Town of Opelousas.

Be it known that on this twenty first day of September, A. D. eighteen hundred and eighty-three, before me, William Charles Ferrault, a notary public in and for St. Landry parish, La., duly commissioned and qualified, and in presence of the witnesses hereinafter named and undersigned, personally came and appeared the several persons whose names are hereunto subscribed, who declared that, availing themselves of the provisions of the laws of the State of Louisiana relative to the organization of corporations for works of public improvement and utility, they have contracted and agreed, and do by these presents covenant and agree and bind and obligate themselves, as well as such persons as may hereafter become associated with them, to form and constitute a corporation and body politic in law, for the objects and purposes, and under the agreements and stipulations following, to-wit:

Art. First.—The name and title of this corporation shall be "*The Opelousas Merchants' Exchange,*" and by that name this corporation shall have power and authority to have and enjoy succession for the full term and period of ninety-nine years from and after the day and date hereof; to contract, sue, and be sued; to make and use a corporate seal, and the same to break and alter at pleasure; to hold, receive, purchase and convey, as well as mortgage and hypothecate, under its corporate name, property, both real and personal; to name and appoint managers, directors and officers, as the interest and convenience of said corporation may require; and to make and establish such by-laws, rules and regulations for the proper management and regulation of the affairs of said corporation as may be necessary and proper, and the same to change, alter and amend at pleasure.

Art. Second.—The domicile of said corporation shall be in the town of Opelousas, State of Louisiana, and all citations or other legal process shall be served on the President of this corporation, and in case of his absence on the Vice-President thereof.

Art. Third.—The objects and purposes of this corporation are declared and specified to be: the promotion of the commercial and manufacturing interests of the town of Opelousas; the furtherance of all measures requisite for the public utility and advantage attendant thereon; to provide and maintain suitable rooms for an Exchange in the town of Opelousas; to adjust controversies between members; to establish just and equitable principles, uniform usages, rules and regulations, and to acquire, preserve and disseminate information connected therewith.

Art. Fourth.—The capital stock of this corporation is hereby declared to be the sum of ten thousand dollars ($10,000.00), divided into or represented by one hundred shares of one hundred dollars each, which shall be paid in cash or in installments, as required by the Exchange. In case payment should be demanded by installments, any subscriber to the capital stock who shall fail to pay such installments within thirty days after the date fixed for such payments, shall forfeit all installments previously paid without any further notice or default.

Art. Fifth.—The business affairs of said corporation shall be under the superintendence and management of a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and three members, who together shall constitute a Board of Directors, and be elected annually on the first Monday in September of each year. Each shall own in his own name one share of the capital stock of said corporation, and they shall hold their offices until their successors are duly elected and qualified. All elections shall be by ballot, and conducted under the supervision of three members to be appointed by the President for such purpose. And in the event of any of said commissioners of election declining or failing to attend such election, the President shall appoint others to fill their places. A failure to elect a Board of Directors on the day named for that purpose shall not dissolve this corporation or forfeit its charter; but the directors in office shall continue to exercise their duties until their successors shall have been elected and inducted into office; and a new election shall be held within thirty days after the hereinafter specified date fixed for such annual election, and ten days' notice shall be posted in the rooms of the Exchange. Each member of the Exchange shall be entitled to one vote, and the majority of votes cast shall be requisite for an election. Four of the said directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Any vacancy that may occur in the Board, from any cause whatever, shall be filled by election by the members of the Exchange.

Art. Sixth.—Whenever this corporation shall be dissolved, whether by limitation, forfeiture, act, or otherwise, its affairs shall be liquidated under the superintendence of (3) three stockholders to be appointed for such purpose by the Exchange, who shall remain in office until the affairs of said corporation shall have been finally settled and liquidated; and in case of any vacancy from any cause whatever the remaining members shall continue to act.

Art. Seventh.—This act of incorporation may be modified, changed, or altered, or said corporation may be dissolved, with the assent of three-fourths of the members of the Exchange, at a general meeting, convened for such purpose, after thirty days' previous notice of such meeting shall have been given in the newspapers published in the town of Opelousas.

Art. Eighth.—No stockholder shall ever be held liable or responsible for the contracts or faults of said corporation in any further sum than the unpaid balance due to the corporation on the shares of stock owned by him; nor shall any mere informality in organizing have the effect of rendering this charter null, or of exposing any stockholder to any liability beyond the amount of his stock.

Art. Ninth.—The first Board of Directors, to serve until the first Monday in September, 1884, (or until their successors shall have been elected and inducted into office,) shall be composed of the following named persons, to-wit: Joseph Bloch, as President; Chas. N. Ealer as Vice-President; Etienne Latreyte as Treasurer; Henry E. Estorge as Secretary; together with Joseph Lassalle, Théodore Chacheré and Alphonse Levy.

Thus done and passed at my office, in the town of Opelousas, La., in presence of Jas. O. Chacheré and Jules Gil, competent witnesses, who sign hereunto with said parties and me, said notary, on the day and date aforesaid.

(Original signed.) R. MORNHINVEG, SOLOMON LOEB, H. E. ESTORGE, THEODORE CHACHERE, CHAS. N. EALER, E. LATREYTE, J. LASALLE, ALPHONSE LEVY, J. BLOCH, C. DIETLEIN.

Witnesses: James O. Chacheré, Jules Gil.

W. C. FERRAULT, Not. Pub.

Having carefully examined the foregoing act of incorporation, and finding all its provisions legal, and not contrary to the laws and Constitution of Louisiana, I approve the same. Opelousas, La. Sept. 24th, 1883.

F. FERREOL PERRODIN, District Attorney Thirteenth Jud. Dist. of Louisiana

State of Louisiana, Parish of St. Landry.—I, Gustave E. Fontenot, Dy. Clerk and ex-officio Dy. Recorder, in and for the above State and parish, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original act of incorporation on file and of record in my office, duly recorded September 24th, 1883, in Miscellaneous Book No. 8, at pages 22, 23, 24 and 25. Witness my hand and seal, of office at Opelousas, La., this 25th Sept. 1883.

GUS. E. FONTENOT, Dy. Clerk, & ex-officio Dy. Recorder.

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NOTICE TAXPAYERS.

I WILL be prepared to collect the taxes of 1883, on the 1st day of Sept. All parties interested will please take notice and make prompt payment.

In 30 days from the first day of Sept. I will begin to collect taxes on personal property by seizure and sale.

C. C. DUSON, Sheriff and Tax Collector.

PUBLIC SALE.

Probate Court, Parish of St. Landry, No. 1396

ESTATE OF LASTIE PITRE.

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 administratrix or a duly qualified auctioneer, at the last residence of the deceased, on Plaquemine Ridge, parish of St. Landry, on *THURSDAY,* November 15th, 1883, the following described property, belonging to the estate of Lastie Pitre, deceased, to-wit:

1. One piece of land situated on Plaquemine Ridge, in this parish, containing forty acres, more or less, bounded north, south and west by land of Onézime Mêche, and east by lands of the estate of Chaudet.

2. The half interest in a piece of land adjoining the plantation on which the deceased last resided, containing 100 arpents, bounded north by land of Lewis Bihm, south and east by above mentioned plantation, and west by land of Siphrogen Boudreau.

3. A piece of wood and prairie land situated in Mallet Cove, containing fifty arpents, bounded north by A. Godeau, east by A. St. André, south by ——— and west by Elisha Boudreau.

4. 14 head of gentle horned cattle, 2 pairs of work beeves, a lot wild horned cattle, two gentle mares, three gentle horses, one wild creole horse.

5. One gentle mare and colt, four cows and one bull, one log chain, one mowing machine and rake, &c.

Terms and Conditions.—Movables cash on day of sale; immovables on a credit of one, two and three years. Purchasers to furnish their notes with solvent securities to the satisfaction of the tutrix and administratrix; special mortgage retained in favor of the estate on all lands sold; notes to bear eight per cent yearly interest from their respective maturities, to secure payment of purchase price and interest that may accrue, and in default of payment ten per cent penalty for fees of collection will be charged.

AZELINE BIHM, Administratrix.

Oct. 13, 1883.

Judicial Sale to Effect a Partition

—OF—

ESTATE OF CELESTE LASTRAPES

Widow Rice Garland.

BY virtue of a judgment rendered by the District Court of St. Landry in case No. 13612, entitled H. L. Garland vs. Céleste Garland, I will proceed to sell, on

Monday, November 19, 1883,

at the Court House in Opelousas, upon the following terms and conditions, the following described property, to-wit:

1. The property upon which the said Céleste Lastrapes, widow Rice Garland, last resided, near Opelousas, near the Railroad depot, containing about six hundred arpents, bounded north by Gabriel Déjean, Henry L. Garland, C. Comeau and Vincent Boagni; south by lands of Mrs. D. C. Sittig, public road leading to Prairie Ronde, and by lands of R. Mornhinveg; east by lots of J. Heurtevant, Jos. Bloch, and V. Boagni and Franklin College; and west by H. L. Garland.

This property will be sold in small lots, to suit purchasers, according to a plat of survey which was made by Joseph Haggerty, and which is on file in the Clerk's office.

There are many lots adjoining the town of Opelousas, included in extensions of Grolée, North and Bellevue streets, and fronting on public road leading from Opelousas to Prairie Ronde.

The balance of the property is subdivided into lots of 10, 20 and 30 acres.

Terms.—One-tenth cash; balance of the price payable in ten equal instalments from day of sale, with eight per cent yearly interest from day of sale, the interest on each instalment payable annually. Purchasers to execute notes for each instalment, with two securities. Mortgage to secure payment of these notes and of attorneys' fees, at ten per cent, in case of suit to enforce their payment, will be reserved. The purchaser not to transfer property purchased without the consent of holder of notes given for the price. Acts of sale at the costs of the purchaser, if act is required.

GILBERT L. DUPRE, Auctioneer.

Sept. 29, 1883.

PUBLIC SALE.

Probate Court, Parish of St. Landry, No. 2559

ESTATE OF NATHANIEL OFFUTT.

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 administratrix, or a duly qualified auctioneer, at the last residence of deceased, in Washington, parish aforesaid, on *WEDNESDAY,* November 21st, 1883, the following described property, belonging to the estate of Nathaniel Offutt, deceased, to-wit:

Two lots of ground with all the buildings and improvements thereon, situated in the town of Washington, La., and bounded north by Carrière street, south by Emile Lalanne, east by E. Gantt's property, and west by Wm. Tesson.

Terms—Cash, with benefit of appraisement.

ANN E. HARDY, Administratrix.

Oct. 13, 1883.

For Sale.

THE old Pierre Comeau Plantation, situated on Plaquemine Ridge, St. Landry, containing one hundred and fifty arpents of land, of which about eighty-five are fenced in, with one good dwelling house about 40x40 ft., in good condition, and one tenant house.

This place is reputed very fertile, is in a good neighborhood, and labor plentiful.

Also, the undivided third of a tract of first-class woodland, containing about 160 acres.

And the undivided third of another tract of well timbered land, containing about 50 acres.

For terms and other particulars, apply to JEAN BAPTISTE COMEAU,

Sept. 1-tf Opelousas, La.

Town Property for Sale.

MY RESIDENCE in Opelousas, two-stories with five rooms and hall, brick kitchen and pantry attached, servant's house, cistern, well, stable, crib, etc., and half square of ground with tenement house, subdivided into yard, garden and lots—buildings all new, and of cypress. **Price, $3500**—$1500 cash, balance on terms to suit purchasers.

May 19. C. C. DUSON.

For Sale.

A RESIDENCE in Opelousas, with one, two, three or four lots of ground attached. Good well, fruit, nut and shade trees.

For particulars apply to W. A. Sandoz, at Littell's Drugstore. Sept. 29tf

For Rent.

THE eligibly situated business stand at the corner of Court and Landry streets, near the Court House, lately occupied by Camille Roos. Possession given immediately.

Apply to P. J. LEFEBVRE.

Opelousas, June 2, 1883. tf

For Rent.

THE spacious and commodious Residence lately occupied by the undersigned, on Union street, Opelousas.

For terms, &c., apply at once to JOSEPH BLOCH.

Aug. 11, 1883. Opelousas, La.

Cane Mill for Sale.

CAPACITY two hogsheads per day; horse-power; in good order. Original cost $300; will be sold for $100 cash.

Apply at this office. ag4tf

FOR SALE.

5000 BARRELS Coarse Grain SAND. Sample to be seen at this office.

au11-3m Apply to P. MICHEL, JR.

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PUBLIC SALE.

Probate Court, Parish of St. Landry, No. 4434

ESTATE OF EDMOND SIMON.

By virtue of an order of the Honorable the Probate Court in and for the parish of Saint Landry, there will be sold at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, by the undersigned administratrix or a duly qualified auctioneer, on the hereinafter described premises, where the deceased last resided, on the Bayou Nez Piqué, in the parish of St. Landry, on *WEDNESDAY,* October 31st, 1883, the following described property, belonging to the estate of Edmond Simon, deceased, to-wit:

1. The plantation which was the last residence of the deceased, situated on the Nezpiqué, in Prairie Mamou, consisting of a dwelling house, barn, fencing and other improvements, situated and erected on public school land.

2. A tract of unimproved land situated on Nezpiqué Woods, Prairie Mamou, parish of St. Landry, containing one hundred and sixty acres, bounded north by Bayou Nez Piqué, east by land of Augustin B. Fontenot, south and west by public land or school land.

3. A tract of land containing about twenty arpents, situated at Pot Cove, St. Landry parish, adjoining the lands of Joseph and André Follin Gaubert; other boundaries to be given on the day of sale.

4. A lot of horned cattle—about forty-five head—ranging in Prairie Mamou and the pine woods, parish of St. Landry, together with the brand; five work oxen, about fifteen head of wild mares and horses, five gentle creole horses, a lot of wild hogs, one buggy, one grist mill, one double barrel shot gun, household furniture, kitchen utensils, farming implements, etc., etc.

Terms and Conditions.—The wild cattle for cash, and the other property payable in three equal annual installments from day of sale; purchasers to furnish two good and solvent sureties to the satisfaction of the administratrix. The lands to remain specially mortgaged and vendor's privilege retained, and notes to bear eight per cent interest from maturity, and the notes to be made payable to the order of the administratrix.

ESTELLE GAUBERT, Administratrix.

Sept. 29, 1883.

PUBLIC SALE.

Probate Court, Parish of St. Landry, No. 4437

ESTATE OF SYLVAIN SONNIER.

By virtue of an order of the Honorable the Probate Court in and for the parish of Saint 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 deceased, at Mallet, parish of St. Landry, on *WEDNESDAY,* October 31st, 1883, the following described property, belonging to the estate of Sylvain Sonnier, deceased, to-wit:

1. A certain plantation, situated in Mallet, St. Landry parish, La., with all the buildings and improvements thereon, containing one hundred and forty acres, more or less, bounded north by land of Don Louis Gedeau and Léon Miller, south by land of J. B. Young, east by land of H. L. Garland, and west by land of François Car