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FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 1884.

The fishing has been very poor this season, owing to excessive rains.

Mr. E. Latreite has ice for sale by wholesale or retail.

Another pleasant hop came off at Perrodin's Hall last Thursday night.

A Smith & Wesson five-shooter can be bought cheap by applying at this office.

A large stock of Writing and Wrapping Paper, Paper Bags and Twine at the Star Grocery.

Mr. Jos. B. Young, an old citizen of the Prudhomme City neighborhood, died on the 22d ult., aged 63 years.

The State Circuit Court held a session here during the past week, Judges J. M. Moore and John Clegg presiding.

Preaching at the Presbyterian Church to-morrow (Sunday) at 11 o'clock A. M. and at 8 P. M., by Elder A. P. Schofield.

Table and Pocket Cutlery, Files, Monkey-Wrenches, Locks, Padlocks, etc., at the Star Grocery.

A Winchester Rifle—16 shooter, 44 cal.—will be sold cheap or exchanged for a good creole pony. Apply at this office.

While we regretted to see Col. E. E. Rogers displaced as Clerk of the Supreme Court, we were gratified to learn that E. Sumter Taylor, Esq., was appointed as his successor.

Why don't the overseer of the road west of town fill up those bog holes just beyond the railroad? There is a dangerous bridge there also, which should be repaired at once.

Catherwood's Old Stock and other Whiskies, Peach Brandy, Jamaica Rum, Cherry Cordial, Peach and Honey, Port, Sherry, White and Claret Wines, Porter, Beer, etc., at the Star Grocery.

Attention is called to the card of Dr. E. Fox a newly established physician of the vicinity. The professional reputation which Dr. Fox brings will doubtless insure for him a liberal share of the public's patronage.

Rev. T. J. Hough will preach at the Methodist Church to-morrow (Sunday) at eleven o'clock A. M. Subject: "Baptism of the Holy Ghost." Voluntary choir: "Tis the Old Ship of Zion."

We bear some talk of a Temperance Union being organized by the whites and of a grand liquor jug breaking to some of our young men.

As we have over supply of rail wood for just now, and the lumber is dirt cheap at the Star Grocery, this is no doubt the best time to start a reform.

The National Republican Convention met in Chicago on the 3d and organized by the election of John B. Lynch, colored, of Mississippi, as temporary chairman. Gen. J. B. Henderson, of Missouri, was chosen permanent chairman the next day, and the convention adjourned to Thursday, without transacting other business of importance.

Arthur and Blaine are the most prominent candidates for the presidential nomination, with the chances apparently in favor of the former.

WEATHER AND CROPS.—The weather for the past week has been warm, cloudy, and more or less showery, but not enough to retard farm work. Our planters have been hard at work striving to clear their crops of the grass and weeds which grew so luxuriantly during the flooded season; but it is safe to say that young corn has been damaged at least twenty per cent, and the rice crop forty per cent by the late protracted rainy weather. Yet, the rice will be replanted, and with favorable seasons may make good crops.

In the hurry of preparing for publication the minutes of the last meeting of the Democratic Parish Committee, the name of Dr. Z. T. Young was omitted. The Dr. was not only present, but voted for the resolution concerning Police Jurors, and doubtless knew these facts. The resolution providing the basis of representation was also given incorrectly, but inasmuch as the appointment was made on the true basis, no great harm has been done.

At a primary election for delegates to the Democratic Parish Convention, held here last Thursday, the following tickets were elected: Dr. E. H. Littell, Sol. Leeb, E. Pefferkorn, René Carrière, C. M. Thompson, E. Latreite, Ernest Roy, H. E. Estarce, Geo. Palford, E. D. Estlette. The above ticket was the only one out and received 126 votes. Dr. E. H. Littell was also voted for as the member recommended for the Police Jury for this ward—his being the only candidate recommended, who was voted for—and received about the same vote as the delegates.

The Parish Conventions will assemble to-day and select delegates to the State Convention, which meets at Baton Rouge on the 17th. This latter body will in turn select delegates to represent the State in the National Convention to be held in Chicago July 8, and will also designate Presidential electors.

Fans, Pencils, Ink, Stationery, Sewing Wax, Paper Patterns, Ink and Sewing Machines, Scales, School Books, School Bags, etc., etc., at the Star Grocery.

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## Too Good to Keep.

A certain gentleman in this town received a small sack of "Golden Millet" from the Department of Agriculture. As he let the sack of seed lie on the counter for several days without planting it, and not being a planter, two of his young friends—in the same established—asked him to give them the "Golden Millet" and they would plant it to see what kind of forage it would produce. He ostentatiously consented to give the seed to them, but the sequel will prove that he played a most unmerciful joke upon his amateur agricultural friends. He slipped the genuine millet seed out of the sack, and substituted pearl grits in the place thereof and gave the sack to them. Elated with golden visions of a golden harvest from the golden millet, they procured spades and began spading with a vim. They worked for several hours and prepared and pulverized a large plot of ground in first-class order. They then planted the seed (?) and reported the fact to their friend. With a broad smile on his usually sedate and dignified countenance he said: "Well, boys, you are beautifully sold! I have planted the golden millet seed myself, and you have planted—planted—a—pearl grits. I hope you will make a beautiful crop of mush." Jee-whillikens! what a state of amazement spread over the features of those young men, and the grave joker laughed until he bursted the buttons off his pants. Our informant told us not to say anything about it, but really the joke is too good to keep.

## PERSONAL.

Mr. Matt. Edwards and visitors of Bayou Boeuf, were among the visitors to Opelousas the first of the week.

Miss Belle Hawkins, daughter of Dr. J. E. Hawkins of Chicot, is visiting town this week.

Miss Constance, daughter of Capt. E. Sumter Taylor, who has for several months been a resident of New Orleans, returned home Monday last.

William Hall, Esq., a member of the bar of Marksville, and associate editor of the Marksville Review, a native and former resident of this parish, gave us a pleasant call on Wednesday last.

Among the latest arrivals in our midst, is that of Mr. Aaron Manzeschler, formerly of this place, but now of Dallas, Texas.

Mr. M. visits relatives and friends here who will be both to part with him when in a few days he leaves for home.

After the closing of the spring session of the public schools here, Miss Edie Ealer left on Saturday last for Dayton, Ohio, at which place she will spend the summer months. She was accompanied as far as New Orleans by her father, Mr. Charles N. Ealer.

Rev. A. P. Schofield, who fills the pulpit of the Baptist Church at this place and Alexandria, called at our office on last Wednesday. He has transferred his residence to Alexandria for the present, and reports the water as falling there, and the belief that the danger of further inundation is now over.

## The American Agriculturist

For June, 1884, is another convincing proof, that this journal feeds the world with the best thoughts on all Farm, Garden, and Household subjects. It contains over one hundred and twenty-five reasonable, instructive original articles, with nearly as many engravings of labor-saving devices, new plants, economical and common-sense methods, etc., etc. Among well known writers are: A. S. Fuller, Dr. Geo. Thurber, Col. M. C. Wald, Prof. S. R. Thompson, Dr. B. D. Halsted, Henry Stewart, Alfred Trumble, Prof. J. P. Roberts, Ethel Stone, and a score of others. All readers, and especially the young, will be pleased to see the liberal offer for short juvenile stories, which bespeaks a still greater richness and variety for the Boys' and Girls' Columns. Every department of the June issue is bristling with the best instructive reading. Published by the Orange Judd Co., 751 Broadway, N. Y. Price, \$1.50 per year; single number, 15 cents. Clipped with COURTESY, \$2.75 per year.

## In his recent message, Gov. McEnery

thus speaks of the Soldier's Home: "The General Assembly, at its last session, appropriated \$5,000 out of the revenue of 1883 and 1884 for the temporary support of a Soldiers' Home for disabled Confederate soldiers. This has become now a permanent establishment. A healthy and suitable location has been selected and comfortable quarters erected. I am sure it was not the intention of the original authors of this scheme or of the General Assembly, but a home, elegant and refined in its surroundings; not a charity, but a compensation to brave, worthy men who gave what the State cannot return—their youth and their manhood—to her defense. All classes of our citizens are interested in this home, and will approve of further appropriations to sustain it in a manner which will secure to the inmates a dignified retirement.

## The biennial report of the Auditor of

Public Accounts show the total outstanding bonded State debt (consols) to be \$11,931,754. This includes about three thousand dollars of fractional certificates, which are fundable. The total liability to be reached by the consols, is \$12,182,000, which it will require \$487,250 per annum to pay. About five hundred and some of it in thirteen feet of water, and it remains there a solid and irresistible barrier against the surging current, and thus the flow of water is gradually being shut out. Capt. Grant and other engineers have examined the work and expressed the opinion that it would be a success.—Iberville South, May 31.

## Fresh oatmeal, nutritious and cheap,

at the Star Grocery.

## Hardware, Tinware, Crockeryware

Glassware, Lamps, Wicks, etc., at the Star Grocery.

## Ice at E. Latreite's in large or small

quantities.

## The General Assembly

In the Senate, on the 3d, Senator Vence's bill requiring public carriers to settle at the point of delivery for all freight they may fail, refuse or neglect to deliver as per bill of lading, and providing for damages, etc., was read a third time and adopted.

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## The Situation in Iberia.

Louisiana Sugar-Bowl, May 29.

Last Saturday night Judge Fred L. Gates returned from Baton Rouge with his own and all other parish officers' commissions; and Monday he qualified, as did also Sheriff P. A. George, and the latter presented his bond to Deputy Clerk of Court L. D. Etie to be filed; but following the example of the Judge he has for several years served under, Mr. Etie took the matter under advisement, and thus it remained until Theo. Fontelieu and Jules Mestayer went to Lafayette and got injunctions signed by Judge DeBaillon of the 23rd Judicial District, restraining both Judge Gates and Sheriff Veazey from taking possession of their offices. Of course the injunctions were respected, and we believe will be tried next Monday. A decision of the Supreme Court bearing especially on this case, will probably dissolve the injunctions. As to what will follow we are not sufficient a prophet to predict. But while appealing to the Courts, endeavoring to prevent the duly elected and commissioned officers from taking their seats, Fontelieu, Mestayer, Viator and other leaders of the Court-House about 40 whites and 150 negro men under arms and it is proposed to prevent, by force, the officers from asserting their rights, and Fontelieu has upon several occasions declared that Gates would never be allowed to take his seat. For a time, a portion of the armed force were quartered in the Court-House building, but Monday morning they vacated the premises as a measure of policy. Judge Gates' supporters are determined to install him in his office, and it is possible that the home militia will be called out on the occasion to enforce the Governor's authority.

## When it is necessary to adopt such

measures in a supposed law-abiding community, it is certainly a sad commentary, but it is nothing more than the result of the total absence of justice in our midst for ten or twelve years past—if not more. Ten years ago the people voted down the evil, but with the Kellogg government in power the Kellogg people were thwarted. Again they have proclaimed that Fontelieu and his followers must go, and this time armed force is to be employed to give them a further lease of power. It cannot be possible that these men are in earnest and mean to even attempt to execute their threats. Such a policy would be as suicidal to the community at large as to themselves individually, and their gravest mistake and the ugliest feature of their armed force is to have enlisted in the ranks men who have been hanging around their quarters for a few days past. The fields are in the weeds and grass, and our advice to them is to cast aside the shot-gun for the hoe—their only legitimate weapon. It is bad enough for them to vote against the interests of their employers without attempting to summon enough courage to fight against them.

## In the mean time, we are without a

Judge, and in the face of the commissions issued by the Governor, the action of Judge DeBaillon in granting the injunctions, is questionable. On the other hand, business is paralyzed and everyone hopes for an early solution of the trouble.

As we go to press we learn that Adjutant-General G. T. Beaneard has arrived in New Iberia to personally view the situation.

## Jackson's Best and other Chewing

Tobaccoes, Pipes and Cigarettes at the Star Grocery.

## To Country Belles.

Veils and sunshades cannot prevent the summer sun from embrowning your complexion; but GLEN'S SULPHUR SOAP will speedily restore it, and applied according to directions. The great charm of this article is, that there is not a suspicion that the effect it produces is artificial. Nothing can be more natural than the soft, moist texture of GLEN'S SOAP. "C. N. Crittenton, Proprietor," is printed on each packet, without which none is genuine. Sold by druggists and fancy goods dealers.

## Just as Good.

Many unscrupulous dealers may tell you they have remedies for Coughs and Colds equal in merit and in every respect just as good as the old reliable Dr. Bosanko Cough and Lung Syrup; unless you know this remedy and will take no other, you are liable to be greatly deceived. Prices, 50 cents and \$1. Sold by M. P. Young & Co.

## High Authority.

Dr. W. E. Scott, President of the College of Physicians, Montreal, writes: "I have recommended Golden's Liquid Beef Tonic as the best preparation used for debility, indigestion, dyspepsia, fever, and loss of appetite." (Take no other.) Of druggists generally.

## CURE FOR PILES.

Piles are frequently preceded by a sense of weight in the back, loins and lower part of the abdomen, causing the patient to suppose he has some affection of the kidneys or neighboring organs. At times, symptoms of indigestion are present, as flatulency, uneasiness of the stomach, etc. A moisture, like perspiration, producing a very disagreeable itching, after getting warm, is a common attendant. Blood Bleeding and Itching Piles yield at once to the application of Dr. Bosanko's Pile Remedy, which acts directly upon the parts affected, absorbing the Tumors, allaying the intense itching, and effecting permanent cure. Price, 50 cents. Address Dr. Bosanko Medical Co., Piqua, O. Sold by M. P. Young & Co.

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Refreshments at Moderate Prices.

Admittance 25 Cents.

Doors open at 7:30 o'clock, P. M. Performance begins at 8.

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## D. R. FOX, M. D.

PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON.

Office at Dr. Shute's former place.

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## C. MORNHINVEG, JR., Tailor,

ANNOUNCES to his friends and the public that he is prepared to make clothing in the latest styles and in a workmanlike manner, cheaper than the cheapest. Call on him and be convinced. He is also prepared to adjust and repair sewing machines of all makes and being sections 4, work guaranteed. Shop on Bellevue street, Joseph Gibbs' Old Stand, June 7, if

## NOTICE!

ALL persons indebted to the town of Opelousas, La., for taxes prior to the year 1884, are hereby notified, that unless the same are paid within 10 days from publication hereof, I will proceed to seize and sell their property for the collection of the same, together with interest and costs.

W. M. JOHNSTON, Tax Collector Town of Opelousas.

June 7, 1884-1c

## NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.

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 at 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.

Office hours from 10 o'clock A. M. to 3 P. M. Opelousas, May 17, 1884.

W. M. JOHNSTON, Assessor and Collector.

## ASSESSOR'S NOTICE.

ALL taxpayers owning property in the parish of St. Landry, are hereby notified that the assessment lists of property situated therein, have been completed, and the estimated value of same made according to law, and that said lists will be exposed in my office in the Courthouse in the town of Opelousas, for inspection and correction, for a term of thirty days, beginning Wednesday, June 11th, 1884.

FRANCOIS L. PITRE, Assessor.

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## Pointe-aux-Loups Springs.

Parish of St. Landry, La.