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OPELOUSAS:

SATURDAY, FEB. 21, 1885.

Buy your candies at the Star Grocery.

Get your valentines at the Star Grocery news stand.

Services at the Church of the Epiphany (Episcopal) to-morrow evening at 8:30, by the Rev. C. C. Cramer.

PERSONAL.—Mr. Gustie Mayo of Lake Charles, son of our jovial fellow townsman, Claudius Mayo, Esq., was on a visit to friends here, during the past week.

We acknowledge the receipt of an invitation to the Commencement Exercises of the Louisville Medical College, which take place on Feb. 26th, from Messrs. James O. Ray, Laurence Daly, and Gus E. Brooks, students of that institution from this parish.

Two mulattoes, Shaw Bowton and Frank Bruce, accused of the murder of Rance West, near Bayou Choctaw, a few days since, were captured near Lake Charles on the 18th, and brought to Opelousas. A dispatch to Sheriff Dason on the 19th stated that strong fears were entertained that the prisoners would be lynched before reaching the parish jail.

Mr. P. Cummings, agent of the Morgan road, informed us that he sold one hundred and sixty tickets at excursion rates to visitors going to the Mardi-Gras in New Orleans. This proves that a reduction of rates will increase travel, and the revenues of railroads. Now let us have a one-cent a mile rate to the Exposition, and that great enterprise will at once take a boom that will astonish the natives, benefit the railroads, and make the people happy.

We call the special attention of capitalists and other hunting good investments, to the list of property advertised for sale by Mr. Joe. Bloch, in another column. As will be seen this list embraces improved and unimproved property, both in town and country, and offers rare inducements for the safe investment of capital in valuable and desirable property; and the prices will be found extremely favorable and terms easy. Read the advertisement in another column.

WEATHER AND FARM NOTES.—The weather for the past week has been something like that of a fortnight ago, alternately warm and cold with some frost and ice. The rainfall has not been sufficient to interrupt farm work, and the industrious portion of our planters have broken a large area of land during the past three weeks. Many have begun planting corn, and much more of it will be planted within the next ten days, if favorable weather continues. Owing to the short yield of corn produced by the drought of last summer, we think that the corn crop will not only be planted earlier this season, but that the area will be materially increased. It would, at least, be a judicious course to pursue.

TEMPERANCE MEETING.—The managers of the Exposition have set apart the 12th, 13th and 16th days of March for a meeting of the National Temperance Society, headquarters 58 West St., New York, which is one of the most powerful and active temperance organizations in the world. The meetings will be addressed by some of the most eloquent and able speakers in the United States. It is desired that friends of the temperance cause will arrange to come in delegations and remain at least ten days, beginning on the 11th. Monday, March 16th, has been set apart especially as the Louisiana Temperance Day at the Exposition, and able speakers will address the meeting at the Music Hall, in the Exposition building.

ACCIDENT.—On last Sunday morning Willie Prud'homme came very near being run by his eyes from the careless handling of a toy pistol. Willie concluded that, bring blank cartridges was rather monotonous sport, and therefore procured himself some real leaden ones of the proper calibre to try target shooting. He fired one shot without mishap, but in loading the second time the cartridge did not go in well and when he attempted to drive it in with his knife, the cartridge exploded while the ball remained in the barrel and the copper shell flew back, imbedding itself in the young sportsman's eye. This is a repetition of many similar accidents from the same toy pistols, but it seems that boys can only learn prudence by bitter experience. The best way to do it is to let them have a few real ones. Nine times out of ten they only bring men and boys to the hospital.

Mardi-Gras at Washington.

In obedience to the summons of his Majesty, King Cotton, we as an honored member of his august household promptly repaired to his Carnival Capital on last Tuesday to pay our allegiance to his royal presence, as well as to share in the joys and pleasures of the 99th anniversary which was to be celebrated with such splendor and magnificence by the loyal subjects of his sunny realm.

It was a threatening day, yet it seemed that the clouds withheld their showers in order to make the occasion grand, and the event pleasant to both King and subjects. Truly, it was a gala day to all who participated in or witnessed the brilliant pageant. At the bugle blast his Majesty's Royal Body Guard, composed of a score of armored knights, mounted on blooded steeds richly caparisoned, formed in columns of two and headed the cortège. Next his Majesty's Imperial Brass Band in a magnificent wagon, drawn by the finest horses from the royal stables. Then a large and splendidly upholstered float containing the glittering throne on which sat the King, magnificently dressed in his robes of State, with golden crown studded with diamonds on his royal brow, and around him stood his courtiers doing honor to their beloved ruler. Behind this followed a squadron of the Royal Guards attired in the glittering uniform of their honored rank. Next a splendid *coupe* in which sat ladies and gentlemen of the royal household, richly dressed, who served to illustrate the wealth and magnificence of his Kingdom. Then a large and appropriately decorated float, on which sat, in a striking tableau, thirty-eight little maidens, tastefully dressed, representing the different States which acknowledge the authority and pay tribute to good old King Cotton. Then followed more carriages containing subjects of the realm, a long retinue of horsemen, and a large number on foot, marching in orderly procession to testify their love to the King, and to give greater éclat to his triumphal passage through the limits of his capital city.

Although it was rumored that an assault was threatened by some crank upon the life of the beloved King during the day, yet the "Argus" eyes of his Royal Guards, and of his other devoted subjects, prevented any such criminal desperation during his glorious march through the streets of his loyal seat of empire.

At night a grand ball followed, which brought out all of the beauty and chivalry of the realm, and made the celebration a complete ovation to the King and a brilliant success by his loving subjects. *Vive le Roi!*

One of the greatest inventions of the present age, and one calculated to produce a complete revolution in the printing of newspapers, books, etc., is the recently perfected type setting and distributing machine. It is capable of performing the work of twenty or thirty compositors and will save as much hand labor and time as the Hoe perfecting press saves over the old time Washington hand press. The editor of the Washington Post, Mr. Hutchins, is interested in this invention and has arranged to demonstrate the practical operation of this truly wonderful machine in an appropriate manner. It will not be long before these machines will find their way in every large printing office in the country.

At the Star Grocery:
Mackerel, 3 for a time;
Salt Meat, 6¢ per pound;
Best Ham, 15¢;
Coffee, 10, 12 and 15 per pound;
Clarified Sugar, 7¢ etc.

Out Leaf and Pulverized Sugar, 10 cts.
Dates, dried apples, prunes, chow-chow in bucket, &c., cheap for cash.

China is getting it back up. Not content with putting forth its energies to stop the advance of the French troops, she intends stirring up a little unpleasantness with this country by claiming indemnity from the United States for the expulsion of the Chinese from Eureka California.

At the Star Grocery News Stand:
Harper's Weekly, Harper's Monthly;
Texas Siftings, Peck;
Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper;
Popular Monthly, Sunday Magazine;
Chatterbox, Sensitive Library;
Waverly Library, etc., etc.

Pens, Pencils, Ink, Stationery, Sewing Wax, Paper Pasteners, Ink and Pen-Holder, Slates, School Books, School Bags, etc., at the Star Grocery.

Every house owner should have a copy of that admirable work, "A Treatise on the Horse and His Diseases," by Dr. Kendall. A few copies—English or German—for sale at this office at 25c. per copy.

Country merchants are reminded that they can get their paper bags, wrapping paper and twine at N. O. prices at the Star Grocery.

Ex-Governor Mouton.

Ex-Gov. Alexander Mouton died on his plantation, near Vermilionville, in Lafayette parish, Thursday night, at the august age of eighty-two. Few men in the State have filled more important positions than Gov. Mouton. More than half a century ago, in 1827, he was elected a member of the House of Representatives of this State, and was frequently re-elected to that body, and finally chosen its Speaker. In 1837 he received still another promotion, being elected to represent the State of Louisiana in the United States Senate. He proved an able and worthy representative, at a time when the Senate was filled with the great men of the country. All his brother members have long since passed away, and Gov. Mouton, at the time of his death, was probably the oldest surviving United States Senator. In 1842 Senator Mouton resigned his place in Congress in order to become a candidate for Governor, but which position he was elected in 1843, serving until 1846. For awhile Gov. Mouton retired from the political arena to private life; but in 1861 he came to the front again, during that year, as president of the Secession convention. In all these various positions, as member of the Legislature, Senator and Governor, Mr. Mouton proved an efficient, capable and trustworthy officer, and left behind him the reputation of being one of the best governors the State ever had. Gov. Mouton was of Acadian origin, his father, Jean M. Mouton, emigrating from Acadia (now Nova Scotia) in 1753, and settling in the Attakapas the next year, where he married Marie Marthe Borda.—N. O. Times-Democrat, February 14.

Queen Victoria is much prostrated from the effects of a severe cold and her anxious worrying over the sad events in the Sudan have prevented her speedy recovery. Age, too, is sapping her vital powers.—N. O. City Item.

The Canvasser, who reported Gordon's death to Welsley, was Gordon's servant who bribed his way out of Khar-toum. He says that all Europeans were killed, but that the women and children were spared. He estimates the Mahdi's force at 4000.

Bayard and Manning are pretty certain to be members of the Cabinet. President-elect Cleveland will not leave Albany for Washington until the morning of March 3, and it is now understood that he will not make known the list of his Cabinet before arriving in Washington.—N. O. States.

Wanaker, the great and successful Philadelphia manufacturer, joins the list of liberal-advertisers who declare that the newspaper is the only medium of communicating with the public that brings solid returns. Other methods of advertising are comparatively a waste.—N. O. City Item.

While the English are being harp-pressed in the Sudan, the French are having theirs their own way in Chinese waters.

Who the Mahdi Is.
Commercial Advertiser.

The Mahdi is really a dervish who professes to be a prophet; a being directly inspired by God who commanded him to chase the infidel out of Egypt. He sends his emissaries in bands of half a dozen each all over the country, and these envoys excite the people to make war on the foreigner. Wherever there are Bedouins there also are the Mahdi's soldiers; that is to say, the natives do so as long as Allah seems to fight on his side.

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Tribute of Respect.

(Extract from the minutes of the District Court, St. Landry, of Feb. 16, 1885.)
The death of the Hon. ALEXANDRE MOUTON having been brought to the knowledge of the Court, on motion of Judge B. A. Martel a committee of members of the Bar, with His Honor the presiding Judge as Chairman, was appointed, who reported the following resolutions:

Whereas, After a long and uninter-rupted life of usefulness and honor, the Hon. Alexandre Mouton has been called by an all-wise Providence to rest from his labors;

Whereas, In his death the State of Louisiana, and especially the Attakapas region, has lost one of its brightest ornaments, both in private and public life;

Whereas, His illustrious and patriotic career is a fit example for the emulation and admiration of all, and figures upon the brightest pages of our country's history; therefore, be it

Resolved, That as a mark of esteem and respect for this venerable departed statesman, a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Court and one transmitted to his family.

Respectfully submitted,
Geo. W. HUDSPETH, Chm'r.
B. A. MARTEL,
H. L. GARLAND,
LAURENT DORE,
THOS. H. LEVIE,
C. W. DEBOY.

MARRIED.—At the Episcopal Church, on Monday, the 16th inst., by Rev. ——— Dr. G. A. M. COOKE, of Washington, to Miss DORA WATKINS, of Opelousas.

At the Methodist Church, on Wednesday, the 18th, by Rev. T. J. Hough, Mr. H. CRAWFORD to Miss SARAH THOMPSON, both of Opelousas.

All of the above are among the most worthy of our gentlemen and ladies, and we join their many friends in wishing them a happy and prosperous voyage through this life.

The Star Grocery is in receipt of a fine lot of fresh goods, and offers extra inducements to cash buyers—choice groceries, low prices, honest weights and fair and square dealings. Call and see for yourself.

Central Fire Shells, Powder, Shot and Caps, at the Star Grocery.

School Books, at the Star Grocery.

Books Given Away.
Ladies' Guide to Fancy Work. Contains over 200 handsome patterns, 54 large 2 column pages, nicely bound. It is the only practical instructor in fancy work. With it, as a guide, you can make hundreds of beautiful things for adorning your home, or presents for your friends, at a trifling expense. Every lady is delighted with it, as there is no fancy work but that she can accomplish by its aid.

Ladies' Private Companion.—A complete work on womanhood, touching upon every subject of interest to a wife, mother, or daughter. Gives the advice and information so many times desired by ladies, but which modesty prevents her asking a physician of the opposite sex. Worth its weight in gold to every one suffering from any of those weaknesses of the sex. Illustrated and bound in cloth. (Regular price \$1.00.)

Fun and Comedy.—A handsome 48-page book, telling how to make over 100 kinds of candies and other sweet things at home. Should be in every household. (Regular price 50c.)

The Housewife.—An illustrated domestic journal, devoted to "What the Women Want." "Fancy Work," "Household Matters," and every subject of interest to an American lady. (Regular price, \$1.00.)

Send 50 Cts. and receive The Housewife on trial for six months, and any one of above works on special terms, for one year, and all of above books free. This is for new subscribers only, who send no address. The HOUSEWIFE, Nunda, N. Y.

This Idea of Going West to Colorado or New Mexico, for pure air to relieve consumption, is all a mistake. Any reasonable man would use Dr. Bosanquet's Gough and Lung Syrup for consumption in all its first stages. It never fails to give relief in all cases of coughs, colds, bronchitis, pains in the chest, and all affections that are considered primary to consumption. Price, 50 cents and \$1.00. Sold by M. F. Young & Co.

Free to Farmers!
The National Agriculturist.—An American Farmer's Journal, will be sent free for one year to every farmer who sends us at once the names of ten friends, and two copies of stamps for postage, &c. It is the best farm and home paper in the United States, and it is made only to secure names to whom we will send a copy of the paper, and to give every intelligent farmer, who once sees the National Agriculturist, will subscribe for it. Regular price, \$1.00 per annum. Send to-day and secure this offer. Address,
NATIONAL AGRICULTURIST,
Nunda, N. Y.

Boys and Girls!
The National Youth.—A handsome illustrated 8-page paper, brim full of interesting stories, for boys and girls, will be sent free for one entire year to every one who sends us at once the names of 10 boys and girls of different families, and 12 two-cent stamps for postage, &c. This popular publication pleases both old and young, and is acknowledged by all to be the best youth's paper in America. Regular price, \$1.00 per annum; send now so as to secure next number. Address,
THE NATIONAL YOUTH,
Buffalo, N. Y.

At the Star Grocery News Stand:
N. Y. Family Story Paper,
N. Y. Fireside Companion,
St. Nicholas, Chatterbox,
Black Street & Smith's N. Y. Weekly,
Familiar, Brookside & Family Libraries,
Morning Pictures, Future Books,
Books of Travel, Adventures, Poetry, Fiction,
School Books, Blank Books, Slates, Pens, &c.

Try It Yourself.
The proof of the pudding is not in chewing the string, but in having an opportunity to try it once the source of Mr. F. Young & Co.'s druggists, have a free trial bottle of Dr. Bosanquet's Gough and Lung Syrup for each and every one who is afflicted with coughs, colds, asthma, consumption or any lung affection.

A fresh supply of Landreth's spring garden seeds at R. M. Little's!

LANDS AND TOWN LOTS

FOR SALE.

OFFER for sale the following properties:
1. A residence on Union street, known as the Campbell property, measuring 270 feet 7 inches on Union and running back 360 feet, with improvements, consisting of large and comfortable residence, stable, crib, 2 cigars, well, orchard, etc. Price \$2500—one-third cash, balance in two equal annual installments, with 8 per cent interest.

2. Twenty-six unimproved town lots, adjoining the above, at \$75 to \$200 each; also 10 improved lots, on Union street, measuring 102x121 feet, now rented at \$5 per month, at \$400 each; same terms as above.

3. A small residence on Market street, between Joseph Desbrest and Rosalie Sheuble's residence. Price \$400, one-half cash, balance in two equal yearly payments with 8 per cent yearly interest.

4. Fifty-two building lots, averaging about one superficial acre, adjoining the corporation of Opelousas, at from \$50 to \$100; same terms.

5. Twelve building lots, adjoining the RR depot at Opelousas, varying in size and improvements, at from \$50 to \$300; same terms.

6. A tract of land near the town of Rayne, on the RR, 210 acres. Price \$450; one-third cash, balance in 1 and 2 years, with 8 per cent interest.

7. A tract of wood land in Belleair's Cove, being Lots No. 2, 3 and 4 of Tract section 14, T. 3, S. 2 E. 2, measuring 141 acres. Price \$4 per acre, one-third cash and two thirds in 1 and 2 years, with 8 per cent interest.

8. 95 arpents of prairie land in Bellevue, lying between Major Wilson, Mrs. Jas. Whitaker, J. O. Chachere and J. M. Wiggins. Price \$6, one-third cash, balance in 1 and 2 years with 8 per cent per annum interest.

9. A tract of wood land in Prairie Basses lying between the Poplar Grove plantation on the RR, 6 arpents, and the land sold by Dr. Little to René Carrière and others; about 45 arpents. Price \$5, one-third cash and the balance in 1 and 2 years, with 8 per cent interest.

10. The undivided fourth of one tract of land on the Waxia, formerly the property of Elikon Little; 233 arpents. Price \$450, one-third cash, balance in 1 and 2 years, with 8 per cent yearly interest.

11. A small tract of improved land, 20 arpents, with ten arpents of wood land, at Pleasanton, in cultivation. Price \$300, one-third cash and balance in 1 and 2 years with interest.

12. The west half of S E quarter Sect. 14, T. 3, S. 2 E. 2, 100 arpents. Price \$2 per acre, one-half cash and the balance in twelve months with 8 per cent interest.

13. Eight arpents of land, being tract Sect. 2 and lot No. 1 Sect. 10. Price \$5 per arpent cash.

14. East half of tract Section 21 T. 3 S. 2 E. 148 arpents. Price \$4, one-third cash and two thirds in 1 and 2 years with 8 per cent per annum yearly interest.

15. One tract of land in Faquet's Prairie, joining lands of V. M. Willet; 68 arpents. Price \$2 per arpent, one-half cash and balance in 12 months with 8 per cent interest.

16. A tract of land on Bayou Cocodrie, formerly belonging to Dr. Thompson, being west half of section 8 and 9 T. 4 S. 2 E. 4, measuring 275 arpents. Price \$2, one-half cash, and balance payable in one year.

I have also a pair of second-hand cylinder boilers, 28 feet long, 32 in. diameter, wrought iron heads, fire front, steam gauge, mud drum, safety valve, all necessary cocks, and everything in complete order and as good as new, with 200 feet 2 inch cast iron pipe. Price \$350 cash.

The titles to all the above properties are perfect. All tracts of lands will be sold in smaller lots if desired.

Plats of the above lots may be seen at the "Courier" office or at the store of the undersigned.
JOSEPH BLOCH,
Feb. 21, 1885.

LOST OR MISLAIN.
A stock note signed by Thos. C. Anderson, dated New Orleans, December 22, 1870, for \$250, amount loaned on 300 shares, now reduced to 280 shares of the mortgage stock of the Citizens Bank of Louisiana, payable on the 1st April, 1871, payable or renewed according to the protest and the annexed, secured by mortgage on the said mortgage stock and by a special mortgage on a plantation in the parish of St. Landry, by act dated March 13, 1869, before J. D. Broussard, notary, and by act of December 22, 1870, before Felix Grima, notary, N. Y. The first note was renewed December 22, 1870, subscribed and endorsed by Thos. C. Anderson for \$250, payable one year after date at the Citizens Bank of New Orleans, with eight per cent per annum interest from date until complete payment, with the right to prepay the same, during the three years, secured by mortgage pursuant to above act of December 22, 1870, before Felix Grima, notary, N. Y. The first note was renewed April 1, 1872, for \$280, and the second note December 12, 1872, to \$1050.

JAMES J. TARBELTON, Cashier.
Feb. 21, 1885—St.

Application for a Pardon.
NOTICE is hereby given that an application for a pardon for Hildebert Carrière has been made by His Excellency Governor St. D. Mouton, Feb. 21, 1885—St.

For Sale or Rent.
ONE of the most desirable residences in Opelousas, a simple granite-veneered lot, orchard, garden and small well—comprising, together, about 14 acres of land, all under fence. Improvements consist of two-story dwelling, brick basement, containing nine rooms; outbuildings, kitchen, servants' rooms etc., in good order. This property will be sold very low for cash, or on favorable terms. For further particulars apply at this office.

Improved Cotton Seed For Sale.
A LIMITED quantity of the celebrated Alabama prolific long staple cotton seed, grown in this parish. This cotton always brings one cent or more per pound over the cotton usually raised here. Apply at this office, or to E. S. DARY, Esquire, Opelousas, La., Feb. 21, 1885.

100,000 BRICKS FOR SALE.
AT \$10 a thousand, one mile from Couleux's Bridge, Bayou de la Riviere, in said Township, there is a large tract of land, containing 100,000 bricks for sale. Apply at this office, or to J. A. THIBODEAU, Feb. 21, 1885.

Oranges, apples, cocoanuts, cabbages and bananas at the Star Grocery.

MARCH BLIZZARD

The United States Government Census Volume, published by the "BUREAU OF STATISTICS," containing the "MARKETABLE SUCCESS" attending our "unique and unifying efforts," in publishing the American Agriculturist, is now on hand. The able corps of Editors, who have made the American Agriculturist a well-known visitor to thousands of Southern homes for a quarter of a century, are now heading all their energies to make the journal, if possible, more interesting and valuable than ever to Southern readers. And you may rightly conclude that

IS COMING

to Louisiana, where it already has so many subscribers and friends, to quadruple its circulation. For who will fail to embrace this unparalleled opportunity?

Personal. — Any person subscribing to the American Agriculturist (English or German) for 1885, whose subscription is promptly forwarded to us, together with the subscription fee of \$1 per year, and 15 cents extra for packing and postage on the Cyclopaedia—making \$1.15 in all—will receive the American Agriculturist for 1885, and a copy of our new and improved Cyclopaedia, just out, 700 pages, 1,000 engravings.

Two Months Free.—Every new subscriber (and only new subscribers) who forwards his subscription in accordance with these conditions, can have his year's subscription date from March next, receiving free the number of the American Agriculturist for January and February.

Two Magnificent Engravings Free.—Every such subscriber will be so presented, post-paid, with the magnificent "Cyclopaedia of Engravings," and "Poes or Friends," of which over eighty thousand have been sent for by our subscribers.

Cyclopaedia, Engravings and a Dictionary Free.—To argue promptly forward to the issue of the Cyclopaedia to the American Agriculturist with \$2.00, we will send Webster's Practical Dictionary, just published, 1000 words, 100 engravings, and the new subscribers will send the American Agriculturist for 1885, and also the Family Cyclopaedia, post-free. Furthermore, on receipt of notice, you can live at home and work in spare time only, or all the time, of both sexes, of all ages, grandly successful 50c to \$5 daily earned every evening. That all who want work will find the business, we make this unparalleled offer. To all who are not well satisfied with our terms, we will refund the money. We will send you \$1 to pay for the trouble of writing us. Full particulars, directions, etc., sent free. Immense pay absolutely sure for all who start at once. Don't delay. Address,
ERISSON & CO., Portland, Maine 19.

Proposals for Building Bridge.
THE contract for building the bridge over Bayou Cocodrie, at Taylor's Ferry, will be sold at public sale to the lowest bidder, at the stand of Philip Jacobs, in Washington, La., on Tuesday, March 10, 1885. Plans and specifications shown on the day of sale.

JOHN FAHEY,
J. M. MARTIN,
J. M. BRIDGES,
J. M. EVES,
E. GANTT,
Commissioners.

Feb. 7, 1885.

NOTICE OF TABLEAU.
District Court, Parish of St. Landry, No. 2369
ESTATE OF W. H. NIXSON.

Whereas, Elizabeth C. Rothen, of the parish of St. Landry, administratrix of the estate of William H. Nixson, has filed a petition 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.

And whereas, notice of filing of said petition has been 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.

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