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OPELOUSAS:

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Regular monthly meeting of Opelousas Fire Co. No. 1, next Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock, at the Court House.

Mr. H. Crawford has established an ice depot near Whitworth's lumberyard, and is prepared to furnish ice at low rates, in small or large quantities.

Deputy Clerk Mayo informed us last Wednesday morning, that he had received some new instructions about issuing marriage licenses.

Our young friend Homère Chacheré was awarded his diploma as M. D. at the commencement exercises of the Medical Department of the University of Louisiana, at New Orleans, last Wednesday, and will probably soon engage in the practice of his profession here.

GAME.—Mr. Harry Bloch is shipping a quantity of birds to the city now. He ships about 300 pairs spring teal every week, besides scores of snipe, papabottes, plover, &c. Our professional Nimrods are making money by their sport, and the game merchants are making a handsome profit also.

Deputy Sheriff Andrus left on the Morgan train, last Tuesday evening, with nine prisoners for Baton Rouge. There was one conviction for manslaughter, and the remainder for grand and petit larceny. One of the number was an escaped convict from another parish, arrested in this parish a few days ago.

At an election held last Sunday for three members of the Board of Wardens of the Catholic Church of Opelousas, Messrs. G. Raymond, V. Boagni and J. B. Sandoz were elected. The other members of the Board are Messrs. B. Martel, J. O. Chacheré, H. E. Estorge, E. Lavergne, B. Martin and L. A. Sandoz.

The card of Mr. J. Vergnole, importer of wines and liquors and manufacturer of cordials and syrups, No. 65 Decatur street, New Orleans, will be found in another column. Mr. Vergnole is an experienced buyer, having long been engaged in the business, and all orders entrusted to him will have his best attention.

WEATHER NOTES.—Mild and partly cloudy weather has prevailed during the past week. Some rain has fallen, but not enough to materially impede farm work.

Good stands of early corn are reported, sweet potatoes have been and are being planted, and cotton planting has been going on for several days past. With favorable weather rice planting will become general in the next few days.

EXCURSION.—Parties desiring a peep at the Exposition, at low rates of travel, will have an opportunity to-morrow morning. An excursion train leaves Alexandria at 6 o'clock, Sunday morning, and will reach Opelousas about 9 o'clock a. m., and New Orleans at 5 o'clock p. m. Excursionists will have Monday and Tuesday to spend in the city, leaving Wednesday morning at 8:30 o'clock. Fare for round trip from Opelousas, \$3.50.

LEFT.—The Lenten season closes to-morrow. To Christian denominations—particularly Catholics—it has been a solemn period; one of a strict religious observance, in which, by humiliation, confession, fasting and prayer, the hearts of pious people have been made better; their faith strengthened, and their souls brought into closer communion with Deity and the Christian hope of immortality.

To those persons who have neglected its sacred obligations, or disbelieved its binding sanctity and observance, it has passed without admonition and gone without any reward.

SAD ACCIDENT.—On Thursday the 26th ult., about 1 o'clock p. m., while the little 18 months old boy of Walter McBride, living near Church Point, was playing around the tin boiler of a stove, about half full of water, the unfortunate child fell head foremost into the vessel and was drowned before the mother knew of his absence. The boiler was outside of the house, and as the mother had not heard the child's voice for several minutes she went out to see about him, when she was horror-stricken to find her only little one dead, having perished, without her knowledge, within a few feet of its protector. The grief of the parents can well be imagined, and call for the greatest sympathy. We have read of several similar accidents, which should impel every household to be careful about leaving water in vessels where small children might fall into them.

The Greatest and Grandest.

The unvarying statement of every late visitor to the World's Exposition at New Orleans is that it is the greatest and grandest exposition ever held. In magnitude it is simply immense; while in variety of exhibits and comprehension of subjects it has never been rivalled. The earlier reports, based upon its incomplete and unfinished condition, and influenced by the execrable weather which prevailed for some six weeks after the opening, did the Exposition great injury, and will be a source of regret to many people who may not now have the opportunity. Notwithstanding the difficulties and disappointments which attended the opening and the first weeks of the Exposition, and the serious financial embarrassments which ensued, the work of completing and perfecting in every department has steadily progressed until now the Exposition is pronounced complete in every detail and exceeding in magnitude, scope and interest any exposition ever held.

When it is recalled that the different Exposition buildings cover ninety acres of space, and that all of this space is utilized by exhibits, and those of the richest, rarest and most perfect of their kind, our readers can form some idea of the attractions and interest of the World's Exposition. It will, probably, be the only industrial enterprise of this kind that the present generation will have an opportunity of visiting. The financial embarrassments attending the creation of this (now happily relieved by Congress), and the improbability of any future assistance by Congress to any similar enterprise, will undoubtedly discourage any effort in this age to establish another. Hence, the opportunity of visiting this ought not to be passed.

The United States Commissioners for the different States in conjunction with the management have designated different days to be kept and celebrated as the special State days of the various States. Covering these dates the railroad companies have agreed to make a specially low excursion rate, lower than any heretofore given. This is done for the purpose of encouraging the fullest possible attendance.

The rates of accommodation and entertainment in New Orleans are said now to be as low and as reasonable as in any prior season, and as low as in any city of its size in the country. The weather is now perfectly charming, and every visitor returning from there expresses the utmost gratification and delight at his experiences. Our readers should consider well before they permit this opportunity to pass away.

General Notes.

The Republican caucus has decided to resist removals from office except for cause until the expiration of terms.

There appears to have been no material change in the condition of Gen. Grant. His death may be expected at almost any moment.

The belief is general in England that the Afghan affair will be settled in a few days.

It is reported that the Annapolis have risen against the French, encouraged by the recent reverses at Lang Son.

Our own S. B. Packard, who has been so long enjoying the comforts and luxuries of English life, as the American Consul at Liverpool, will now "step down and out" from his easy place, and make room for a good Democrat, in the person of Mr. Charles T. Russell, of Connecticut.—N. O. States.

In preparing to send reinforcements to Tonquin, the French Government finds itself embarrassed by the difficulty in procuring sufficient transportation, and it is found necessary to charter private vessels. Ten millions of dollars have been voted for immediate use, a reserve of \$30,000,000 to be held until the new Cabinet is reorganized. The French commander at Tonquin is earnestly asking for reinforcements. He has been ordered to Tonquin in response to the urgent appeal of Gen. De Lisle, and ten thousand men and four batteries will leave Marseilles in a few days. France is evidently in earnest now, and will pursue a vigorous and aggressive policy in its war upon China.—N. O. States.

Dr. Alex. Rocchi.
A graduate of the University of Rome, Italy, also of Laval University, Canada, the Five Universities of Central America; having passed before Bellevue College, New York and the Medical Faculty of New Orleans, announces his arrival in Washington. He offers his services to the citizens of the place, as Physician and Surgeon, and also to residents of the surrounding country. He devotes himself especially to female complaints. At present he can be found at the residence of Mr. Dan Quinn.

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

Preaching at the Presbyterian Church to-morrow (Sunday) at 11 o'clock A. M. and 7 1/2 P. M. by Rev. F. W. Lewis.

Convictions.

The following persons were convicted and sentenced as follows at the last criminal term of our District Court, to-wit:

Perry Horn, horse stealing, 5 years in penitentiary and costs of prosecution. Wm. Jones, manslaughter, 15 years in penitentiary and costs.

Arthur Turner, burglary, 5 years in penitentiary and costs. The same, larceny, 1 year in penitentiary, commencing from expiration of above sentence.

The same, wounding less than mayhem, 2 years in penitentiary, commencing from expiration of above sentence.

Alfred Rideau, horse stealing, 1 year in penitentiary. The same, larceny, 6 months in penitentiary, commencing from expiration of above sentence.

William Green, larceny, 2 years in penitentiary. The same, larceny, 2 yrs. from expiration of above sentence.

Steve Knowles, counterfeiting and forgery, 2 years in penitentiary.

Daniel Bossier, robbery, 8 years in penitentiary.

Robert Bowman, larceny, 2 years in penitentiary.

George Coleman, malicious mischief, fine of \$5.00 and costs.

Alex. Simien, refusing to work on public roads, fine of \$5.00 and costs with imprisonment of 10 days in parish jail. In default of payment of fine 30 days additional in parish jail.

Onetime Williams, maliciously killing a hog, fine \$5.00 and costs; in default of payment of fine 10 days in parish jail.

D. Johnson and G. Garricks, larceny; Johnson to be imprisoned in parish jail for 8 months and pay costs. The same, larceny, 3 months in parish jail from expiration of the above sentence, with costs.

Agripole Marcautel, petit larceny; new trial granted.

Frank Jones, assault and battery, \$2.50 fine and costs.

Anna Johnson, trespass, \$1.00 fine and 24 hours in jail and costs.

A. Trevisan, larceny, 8 months in jail from the day of his incarceration.

Lastie Benjamin, assault with intent to kill, \$5.00 and costs and imprisonment in parish jail for 24 hours; in default of payment of fine 10 days additional in jail.

Jack Bazil, assault and battery; not guilty.

Joseph Austin, horse stealing; mistrial.

Joseph Lemelle, administering drugs to produce abortion; mistrial.

James Alexander, (famous rail case), petit larceny; not guilty.

Appointments.

Washington, March 31.—The following nominations have been sent to the Senate:

Envoys Extraordinary and Ministers Plenipotentiary of the United States: Wm. R. Roberts, New York to Chili; Chas. W. Buck, Kentucky, to Peru; Richard B. Hubbard, of Texas, to Japan; Chas. T. Russell, of Connecticut, Consul at Liverpool, England; Henry C. Pearson, Postmaster at New York; Norman J. Coleman, of Missouri, Commissioner of Agriculture; Jno. T. McGraw, of West Virginia, Collector of Internal Revenue for the District of West Virginia; Henry T. Kerueban, of Louisiana, Naval Officer at New Orleans; Andrew J. Boyd, of North Carolina, Collector of Internal Revenue for the Fifth District of North Carolina; Wm. W. Lang, of Texas, United States Consul at Hamburg, Germany.

An End to Bone Scraping.

Edward Shepherd, of Harrisburg, Ill., says: "Having received so much benefit from Electric Bitters, I feel it my duty to let suffering humanity know it. I have had a running sore on my leg for eight years; my doctors told me that I would have to have the bone scraped or leg amputated. I used, instead, three bottles of Electric Bitters and seven boxes of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and my leg is now well." Electric Bitters are sold at 50 cents a bottle, and Bucklen's Arnica Salve at 25c per box by M. P. Young & Co.

Dr. Alex. Rocchi, a graduate of the University of Rome, with his family, have lately arrived in our town, and are now at the residence of Dan Quinn on Hill street. The Doctor is so much pleased with the surroundings of our town, that he has decided to locate permanently among us, and offers his professional services to the invalid in town and the surrounding country. Read his card in another column.—Washington Argus.

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.

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Wars and Rumors of Wars.

N. O. Times Democrat.
Not since the days of Fenimore Cooper's old sailor have there been so many "wars and rumors of wars" as now, while the last half century has not been destitute of them. They have, with the exception of the Crimean affair, been one nation against another. Russia fought Turkey, Germany France, Prussia Austria; and the attention of the world has generally been fixed on one single portion of the globe—the seat of war; whereas to-day the wars or rumors of wars, seem ubiquitous. There are actual hostilities, or preparations for them, going on in every quarter and one is compelled to study his atlas very carefully to keep up with all these affairs. Take the Englishman, for instance. He feels some slight interest in the Indian rebellion in Canada; more in the movement of the British force on the Nile and on the Red Sea; still more in the movements in India and Afghanistan.

France, which has not thoroughly quieted Tunis or subjugated Madagascar, is involved in a troublesome and expensive war in Cochinchina and Formosa. To the south of us the several Central American republics have got themselves in an ugly squabble, with the prospects of Mexico also becoming involved in it. Then we have the proposed division of Turkey by Russia, Austria and Greece; the second and jealous interference of Turkey, and a dozen other threatened "complications." It takes three columns and more of telegraph almost daily to give some idea of the European situation—the battles of the French with the Chinese, the English with the Soudanese, and to explain the military excitement which seems to be spreading over Europe. What does it all mean? We might fully credit all this news of threatened general European wars were it not the same old news that we have been receiving for twenty years past. They have, in fact, been a month in this period when we were not, according to the news mongers, on the very eve of a terrible conflict.

There have been so many cries of "wolf," that they no longer carry fear to our hearts, for it cannot be seen that these very warlike stories are coined mainly by persons who want a war, and who see some advantage to result to themselves from it. There is a very strong suspicion that much of this European news is engineered very much like stories of a short wheat crop in this country, to affect the market. At the same time that this is true, the big army mania which has struck Europe, the attempt of all the powers to organize and support, in time of peace, an immense force, after the fashion of Germany, to be ready in time of war, this new system of an armed neutrality is one of the chief causes of this general disquietude and fear of trouble. The jealousy which every European power feels toward all the others, the army which it supports in consequence of this jealousy has converted that continent into an armed camp, while rumors are magnified into war, and where trifles are sufficient to unsettle the everything and produce panics and financial disturbances. The present military establishment of Europe is not only sapping its resources, but rendering every kind of property unstable and uncertain.

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2. Twenty-six unimproved town lots, adjoining the above, at from \$75 to \$200 each; also two 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 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 \$60 to \$300; same terms.

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

7. A tract of wood land in Bellefleur's Cove, being Lots No. 2, 3 and 4 of tract section 14, T. 5, S. R. 2 east, measuring 141 arpents. Price \$4 per arpent, 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. White, J. O. Chacheré and J. M. Wiggins. Price \$6, one-third cash, balance in 1 and 2 years with 8 per cent interest.

9. A tract of wood land in Prairie Bassee lying between the Poplar Grove plantation the Port Barré road and the lands sold by Dr. Littell 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 Wax, formerly the property of Eliakim Littell; 233 arpents. Price \$4.50, one-third cash, balance in 1 and 2 years, with 8 per cent interest.

11. A small tract of improved land, 30 arpents, with ten arpents of wood land, at Fairview, in cultivation. Pays this year one bale of cotton rent. 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. 7 S. R. 1 west; 100 arpents. Price \$2 per arpent, 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. 7 S. R. 1 E. 143 arpents. Price \$4, one-third cash and two-thirds in 1 and 2 years with 8 per cent interest.

15. One tract of land in Faquetique Prairie, joining lands of Vilus Wilfert; 96 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. R. 4 east, measuring 275 arpents. Price \$2, one-half cash, and balance payable in one year.

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